

Wednesday, June 17

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up), 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up), 1 p.m. program: program: "Going On A Treasure Hunt" with Major Jean Dlugose, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, June 18

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m.: indoor picnic (call for reservations), 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Tunes at Twilight, free public concert: Trouble City Allstars, 6 to 8 p.m., Sun Inn Courtyard, 556 Main St. No outside alcohol allowed.

Friday, June 19

Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission free music in the Sculpture Garden, Enerjazz featuring Vicki Doney, 6 to 8 p.m., east side of City Hall. Rain location: city hall rotunda.

Music in the Park, Bethlehem Legion Band, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden.

Sunday, June 21

Music in the Park, Marine Band of Allentown, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden.

June 21-27

Restaurant Week, Historic Bethlehem and South Side. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Visit www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/summerrestaurantweek.

Monday, June 22

Sweet Adelines, four part a cappella barbershop. Guest program, every Monday night (except June 29) through July 13, 7 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, 735 Delaware Ave., Hellertown. Call 610-395-2997 or email sing@lehigvalleychorus.com.

Tuesday, June 23

Salvation Army, calling all bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, June 24

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, no meeting due to Bible school. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, June 25

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. program: Phyllis Hamm and her life experiences, followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

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Flowers in bloom at Rose Garden



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Kathleen Acevedo-DePinto shows her daughters Arianna and Giuliana some blooms at Bethlehem's Rose Garden recently. The family lives nearby and visits the Bethlehem park about once a week.

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BASD
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the spirit of the law," he said. "These are the kinds said. "These are the kinds of deals public schools would be skewered for, but may be perfectly OK."

Both sides will be searching for clarification before a June 22 regular board meeting when the topic will be discussed again.

In other business, the Board Facilities Committee, which meets just prior to the Board Curriculum Committee, authorized the administration to purchase security camera hardware for slightly more than \$122,000 for East Hills Middle School.

The cost includes three years of software maintenance and managed services from Communication Systems, Inc. of Allentown.

The cameras will not be continually monitored, but will be used in events that need to be investigated.

"It's for both property and to investigate," Dr. Roy said. "If something happens, we're aware of it, we investigate and see if video is available."

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Anna T. (Sabara) Hall
open hearth mold cleaner



Anna T. (Sabara) Hall, 89, formerly of Treichlers, died June 5, 2105, at Cedarbrook-Fountain Hill Annex, Bethlehem. Born in Northampton, she was a daughter of the late Lewis and Anna (Marks) Sabara. She was the wife of the late Monroe G. Hall. She was a floor lady for the former Scotty's Fashions, Palmerton, for 40 years until she retired in 1980. She was a mold cleaner in the open hearth at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. during World War II and was a member of the L.V. Rosies.

She was a member of Queenship of Mary Catholic Church, Northampton. She was a member of

the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and of the Copley Saengerbund.

She is survived by three sons, Glenn M. and his wife Debra of Allentown, Gary E. and his wife Robin of Danielsville and Jeffrey J. and his wife Sara of Walnutport; six grandchildren, Heather, Holly, Rebecca, Michelle, Michael and Andrea; eight great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, L.V. branch, 617A Main St., Hellertown, 18055.

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

MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, June 17

Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m., 4225 Easton Ave.

Fountain Hill Borough Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St. (unconfirmed)

Thursday, June 18

Bethlehem City Redevelopment, 4 p.m., 10 E. Church St.
Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, June 22

BASD, regular board, 7 p.m. East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

Northampton County Gaming and Economic Redevelopment, 5:30 p.m. third floor, room 3116, Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem Twp. Planning Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, June 23

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Mayor's South Side Task Force, 4 p.m. Forte building 1337 E. Fifth St.

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

Wednesday, June 24

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

Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m., 10 E. Church St.

Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26

Salvation Army, "Conquering Challenges With God's Mighty Power," ages five through 11; free, Bible lesson, songs, lunch, crafts and games; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, "Journey Off The Map," 9 a.m. to noon. 3100 Hecktown Road. To register, call 610-868-5501 or visit www.aplaceforyou.org by June 7.

West Side Moravian Church, 9 to 11:45 a.m., ages three through 12; free; open house and program (open to all), 7 p.m. June 25. 402 Third Ave. Call 610-865-0256.

Christ U.C.C. and Grace Deliverance churches, "Camp Discovery," free; bring a plain T-shirt (any color); 6 to 8:30 p.m. 74 E. Broad St. To register, call 610-865-6565 or visit www.christucc.org.

Monday, July 12 through Friday, June 16

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bible Camp KIDS, 5:30 (dinner) to 7:30 p.m.; ages 3 through those completing fifth grade; free. 474 Vine St. Call 610-867-1579 for information.

Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 24 (Monday through Friday only)

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, "SonSpark Labs," ages four through 12. 67 W. Washington Ave. For information, call 610-865-0601.

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AAUW-BETHLEHEM CHAPTER

29 scholarships presented



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Student recipients, their high schools and colleges: (Front) Helen Hsu, Freedom HS-Senior Women's Club Award-Cornell University; Emily Barbella, Liberty HS-Kings College; Emily Ledyard, Liberty HS-Quinnipiac University; Chelsea DeFrancisco, Liberty HS-DeSales University; Sienna McNett, Liberty HS-Penn State University; Caitlin Kennedy, Lib-

erty HS-St Joseph's University; Elizabeth Bucchin, Liberty HS-Dickinson College; (back) He Lee (Kelsey) Ko, Freedom HS-Johns Hopkins University; Paula Escott, Liberty HS-University of Maryland; Emily Kessler, Liberty HS-Moravian College; Allison Kundrik, Liberty HS-Lehigh University; and Lilla Feher, Liberty HS-Wilkes University.



Women continuing in college following an interrupted education are: Christina Monroig of NCC and Gabriella Papuc of DeSales University. Two other non-traditional students were unable to attend the award ceremony: Melissa Kaye, DeSales University, and Jodi Tocci, Cedar Crest College.

AAUW-Bethlehem made scholarship awards to a record-breaking 29 college-bound high school seniors and four women returning to college following an interruption in their education. Awards were made from the proceeds of the AAUW-Bethlehem Book Fair. This year's event grossed more than \$43,000.

Year-end awards announced

AAUW-Bethlehem made gifts to AAUW National's endowment fund in honor of Stacey Zaremba and Linda Robertson. AAUW Funds is one of the world's largest sources of fund-

ing for graduate women. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities.



Stacey Zaremba, PhD, is the recipient of the AAUW-Bethlehem Outstanding Woman Award, which goes to an individual who has demonstrated special devotion to branch programs and activities as well as to the community. Zaremba is a professor of psychology at Moravian College, serves as faculty advisor to the Moravian College AAUW Student Affiliates, and is co-vice president of programs for AAUW-Bethlehem.



Linda Robertson is the recipient of the Branch Spotlight Award, which is given to a member who exemplifies the spirit of AAUW. Robertson is communications chair and is retiring as newsletter editor having produced 101 issues of "Bethlehem Bylines" since 2003. She has also coordinated the branch's charitable giving program through which members have made financial contributions to area nonprofits totaling \$20,000 since 2006.



Skoglund

Retiring president honored

The Board of Directors of AAUW-Bethlehem acknowledged Ruth Skoglund as she completed a term as branch president. Skoglund was instrumental in expanding the organization's community outreach with visits to area legislators here and in Harrisburg, a voter-registration initiative in the fall of 2014, and support of the Moravian College AAUW Student Affiliates. She collaborated with the Allentown and Easton branches and with the NAACP of Bethlehem on projects emphasizing food insufficiency and equal justice and offered the support of AAUW to other community organizations such as Communities in Schools-Lehigh Valley at Lincoln ES. She also oversaw the celebration of AAUW-Bethlehem's 85th anniversary. Cathy Kotanchik succeeds Skoglund as branch president. Kotanchik is manager of the Pa. Closing Department at Weichert Realtors. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. For information visit www.Bethlehem-pa.aauw.net.

Food bank director honored

AAUW-Bethlehem recently presented Ann McManus, the director of Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania, with its highest community honor, the Gateway to Equity Award. Ann has served as the director of Second Harvest for 16 years. Second Harvest provides food and grocery products to more than 70,000 individuals each month through a network of over 200 member agencies, including emergency pantries,



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY AAUW

AAUW-Bethlehem President Ruth Skoglund with recipient Ann McManus.

soup kitchens, shelters, child care, rehabilitation and senior citizen centers. Last year, Second Harvest

distributed approximately seven million pounds of food to low-income families.

POLICE

Conduct

A 38-year-old Bethlehem man was seen interfering with Upper Macungie Township Police Department equipment at around 8:30 p.m. June 9.

Officers saw James E. Grieshaber Jr. of Laufer Street exiting his vehicle and tampering with the speed timing equipment which had been placed alongside the shoulder of the roadway. He was cited for disorderly conduct.

Harrasment

A 24-year-old man was arraigned after harrasing a woman at her apartment.

At around 5:15 p.m. June 1, the man came to the victim's apartment with a gun and pushed her away from the door when she attempted to get away. She said he unloaded the gun, pointed it at her and said that "it only takes one bullet."

An arrest warrant was obtained for Derrick Black of Leithsville Road, Allentown, and he was taken into custody. He was arraigned and committed to Northampton County Prison on \$50,000 bail.

Infraction

A 21-year-old male fled from the 7700 block of Main Street, Fogelsville, when an officer attempted to stop his vehicle for a traffic infraction.

At around 1 a.m. June 8, the driver of the vehicle fled the scene on foot, allowing the vehicle to continue for several feet before striking a curb and stopping.

Sebastian Kennedy of State Street, Alburtis, was later located in the vehicle owner's residence and the appropriate charges were filed with District Court in Allentown.

Retail theft

Angel Fuentes, 50, of Bethlehem, was taken into custody May 27 at South Mountain Cycle for a theft that occurred May 20 at the store. Fuentes allegedly concealed cycle clothing upon his person and left the store. Upon returning to the store he was identified. He was committed to Lehigh County Prison in lieu of bail.

STATE POLICE

Deceptive theft

Nicholas Lee Doyle, 38, of Schuylkill Haven, was charged with theft by deception and theft by unlawful taking after he allegedly took more than \$3,000 from Gamestop, 1042 Mill Creek Road, Lower Macungie Township, between Nov. 1, 2015 and May 27, 2015, when he was employed as a store manager at the store. Doyle allegedly had been making fraudulent transactions to obtain the money. Charges were filed through District Court 31-3-02.

Device fraud

Reported in the 4600 block of Berwyn Lane, Lower Macungie Township, unknown actors accessed a bank account and attempted to withdraw money between May 4 and 8. The investigation continues.

LV CHARTER HS FOR THE ARTS - JUNE 11, 2015



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Graduates pour from a steamy Packer Chapel into the thick crowd of teachers, administrators, family and friends awaiting personal moments of tenderness and encouragement.

'Embrace the differences'

By KATYA HRICHAK
Bethlehem Press intern

The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts celebrated the class of 2015 at the school's 12th commencement ceremony June 11 at Packer Chapel on Lehigh University's campus.

One hundred-five seniors filed into the chapel to music performed by the brass quintet, taking their seats before Executive Director Diane LaBelle rose to speak.

"In my experience, I have found that there are two types of people in the world," LaBelle said. "There are those who make excuses for why something didn't happen and then there are those who figure out a way to make something happen. Not just for themselves, but for their community and their world. Which one are you?"

LaBelle urged the graduates toward the proactive path by using the skills they practiced and learned at Charter Arts to make the world a better place.

Principal Sharon Fehlinger-Ricker took the podium to discuss the seniors' accomplishments, including the total of \$1,916,952 awarded in scholarships and grants, as well as how an education in the arts has enhanced their high school experience.

"We hold a common understanding that the arts are what tie us together as humans. I couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments," she said. "In a building where there are no windows, our kids thrive."

She then produced a shovel withheld from the groundbreaking ceremony in 2013, which was presented to LaBelle by Amanda Hodes on behalf of the senior class as a representation of the magic students felt and will continue to feel at Charter Arts.

Words of advice to "embrace the differences you encounter" at the end of Fehlinger-Ricker's speech were echoed by student speaker Natalie Claire Vega.

"Our differences, those make us all unique and special, may have caused friction between us at times," Vega said. "It's been important for us to reconcile these differences."

She reminded her peers that this important skill of putting aside differences to work toward a common goal learned at Charter Arts is one that must be carried forth throughout their lives. She urged them to take these skills and use them for integration and activism, through the vehicles of education, invention, art and love.

"Change starts with the youth inside each of us and



PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The Charter Arts Touring Choir with additional senior vocal majors sing composer Stephen Paulus' "The Road Home."

our time is now," Vega said. "As part of the upcoming generation, it is our turn to rise to the occasion using the creativity and compassion that we have learned here at Charter Arts."

Student speaker Albert Nelthropp chose to discuss "the reality of our space" rather than the various talents and characters of members of the senior class, speaking about how what once was a factory has become a residence for the arts.

"Our vacant factory was a wonderful foundation, our school was a blank canvas ready to be painted by the colorful minds, the vibrant personalities ... We were able to create so much something from nothing," Nelthropp said. The class of 2015 was acknowledged as the final class to graduate from the vacant factory that was transformed to house Charter Arts. As future classes inhabit the new building on Third Street, Nelthropp said he hopes that it will be used merely as an accessory because "a building cannot create art."

Before the graduates were presented and the tassels turned, each of the department heads presented the outstanding achievement awards. The seven students and their awards were Kyla Makovsky, dance; Chanel Brace, figure skating; Daniel Syvret, instrumental music; Sarah Bauch, theater; Thomas Marzella, visual art; Lauren Kostelny, vocal music; and Amanda Hodes, academics.

"You are graduating from a very special place," LaBelle said. "You have opened the door to your future and the future of the new Charter Arts."

"I look forward to all of you coming back and performing at our new school. Now go forward and make your life a work of art."



Class speaker Albert Victor Nelthropp II celebrates the imperfect reality of the soon-to-close building that was once a filthy old factory. "To us it was a school, and we created some of the best art in the Lehigh Valley. Our school was a blank canvas."



Many graduates decorated their mortar boards with the names of their intended colleges. This youngster's message has more universal appeal.



Student speaker Natalie Claire Vega stresses the need for people to bring their differences together into a richer whole. "Collaboration is more than just a platitude," she says.

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SALVATION ARMY
Parking lot party set for June 20

The Salvation Army will hold a free Parking Lot Party for all ages from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20 at their building, 521 Pembroke Road.

There will be a bouncy house, carnival games, door prizes, face-painting and clowns; sodas, hot dogs and chips. For information, call 610-867-4681.

STEELWORKERS
Summer tours start June 27

Minibus tours, sponsored and guided by the Steelworkers' Archives Inc. and the South Bethlehem Historical Society, will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on various Saturdays and beginning at St. John's Lutheran (Windish) Church, 617 E. Fourth St. The church will host a free open house from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and a church tour at 12:15 p.m. on the dates listed below.

The tours include steelworker neighborhoods and churches, interpretation of work at and a tour of the Bethlehem Steel site, a church, and a steelworker's overtime lunch bag. The dates and the churches visited are Incarnation of Our Lord Parish (formerly Sts. Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church), and Packer Chapel, June 27; Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Church and St. John African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, July 25; Concordia Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Aug. 22; Fritz Memorial United Methodist Church and Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Sept. 26; and St. Michael's Cemetery and Holy Infancy Roman Catholic Church, Oct. 31.

Reservations are required; visit www.steelworkersarchives.com or call 610-861-0600.

BETHLEHEM

Golf outing benefits veterans

The Bethlehem Detachment of the Marine Corps League will hold a golf outing June 20 to benefit Project Healing Waters fly fishing, at Willow Brook Golf Course, 1364 Howertown Road, Catsauqua.

The event will begin with registration from 7-7:45 a.m. There will be a shotgun start, scramble format, at 8 a.m. There will be an awards dinner at 1 p.m. Sponsorships are available through June 13.

Call 610-231-0285 for more information.

LEHIGH VALLEY

Pet adoptions on June 20, 27

Forgotten Felines and Fidos animal shelter, 6022 Mountain Road, Germansville, will be having a cat and kitten adoptions noon to 4 p.m. June 20 and 27.

To adopt that day, vet records from past pets would be helpful in completing the adoption. For more information, call 610-760-9009.

MACUNGIE

Gallery show through June 30

Drawn to Politics: Editorial Cartoons by Ed Courier, a gallery show of published political cartoons created by Lehigh Valley-based cartoonist Ed Courier has been scheduled by the Parkland Art League to run through June 30 at the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main St.

The gallery show will be open 7 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m.

SAUCON VALLEY HS - JUNE 12, 2015



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Class of 2015 members are officially recognized as graduating seniors of Saucon Valley HS by changing the position of the tassels from one side of the mortarboard caps to the other.

'Make memories along the way'

By KATYA HRICHAK
Bethlehem Press Intern

Dressed in caps and gowns of red and black, the Saucon Valley HS class of 2015 slowly filled the six rows of chairs waiting on the stage in the auditorium as the familiar tune of "Pomp and Circumstance" was played and repeated.

The 183 students recognized at the commencement ceremony were invited by various speakers over the course of the night to recall memories from their years at Saucon Valley.

Before discussing what Saucon had taught him over the years, both inside and outside the classroom, Class President Christopher Magan began his welcome address by creating a new memory by using a "selfie stick" to capture a picture of his classmates.

"We all knew that one day we'd be up on this stage in our caps and gowns. We also knew that some of us may never see each other again. But that doesn't mean we didn't make memories along the way," Magan said.

Class-selected faculty speaker Jeremy Kittek reflected on his time as senior class advisor, sharing his thoughts on what the journey meant to him before giving the students a few last pieces of advice.

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly," Kittek said, quoting St. Francis DeSales. He encouraged the students to take risks, take their time finding a major and not be afraid to change their minds.

Rather than preparing a speech, co-salutatorians Kelsy Lysek and Allen Meadows continued the theme of memories with a video, chronicling the seniors' lives from kindergarten through their final year of schooling, passing along the message that they are all not a finished product, but a work in



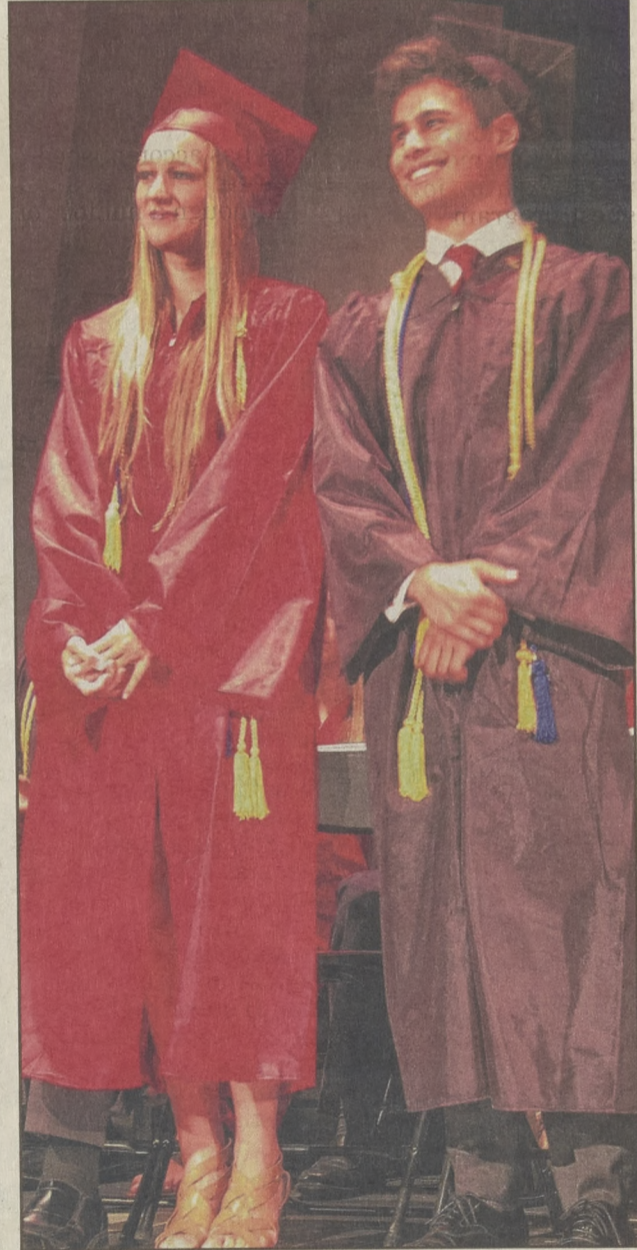
Rhythm section musician Rowan Carey performs with the seniors of the SVHS Challenge Choir, which has performed at Carnegie Hall.



Valedictorian Matthew Cherry delivers his speech.



Saucon Valley HS Principal Eric D. Kahler hands out the class of 2015 diplomas. Lauren Morrissey was one of the many recipients.



Co-Salutatorians Kelsy Lysek and Allen Meadows stand by for the start of their innovative video about life at SVHS.

progress.

When Valedictorian Matthew Cherry took the podium, the reality was that the following day the familiar faces of the students and walls of the building seen in the video would no longer be part of his peers' everyday lives.

The accomplishments of the senior class were then celebrated when Principal Eric Kahler asked each recipient of a graduation award to stand. In total, the class was granted 73 awards.

The audience rose in a standing ovation after Kahler spoke about Jose Angel Mojica, a member

of the senior class who lost his life to leukemia at age 16 but would always be remembered as a part of the class of 2015. The calling of Mojica's name during the presentation of diplomas was met with the same response.

In final remarks before the class was presented and the Alma Mater was sung, Kahler left the graduating class with a message about the inner strength found within each of them: "Mountains are meant to be climbed. Wounds are meant to be healed. Problems are meant to be learning experiences. ... We can look at mountains as being in the way or as 'the way' to growth," he said.

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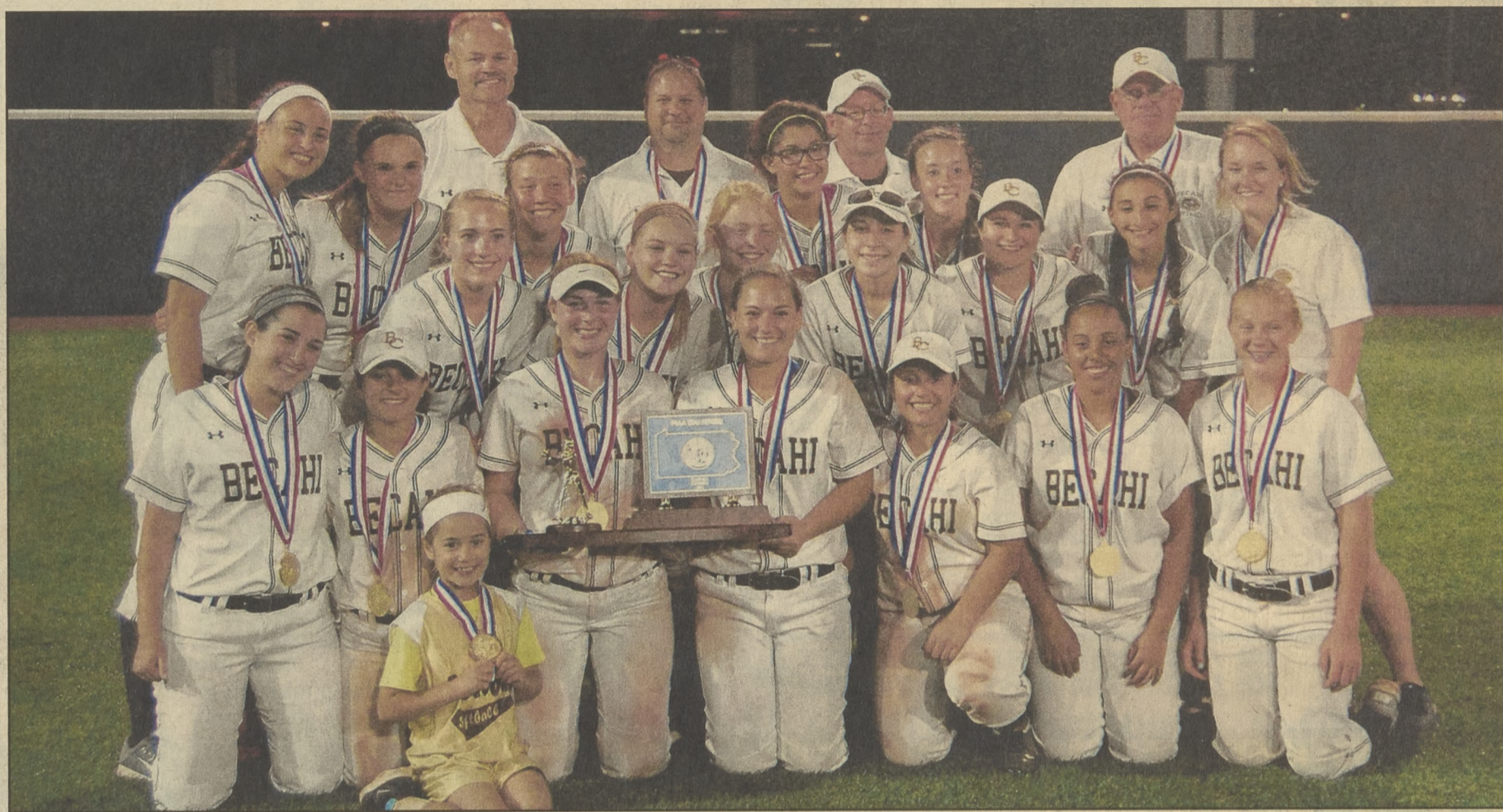
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State Champions!



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The 2015 state champion Bethlehem Catholic softball team poses with their trophy after winning 2-0 in the finals at Penn State last Friday.

This time, Hawks bring home gold

By KATIE MCDONALD
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What do you do when you win a PIAA State Class 3A softball title?

"You say a little prayer; then you jump up and down," said Bethlehem Catholic High School softball coach Rich Mazza, after the Hawks clinched the state softball championship by defeating Trinity High School 2-0 last Friday at Beard Field, Nittany Lion Softball Park in University Park, Pa.

The 3A state final, which started an hour late due to a rain delay in the Class 4A final won by Parkland, was halted for over an hour after 5 1/2 innings due to thunderstorms.

"We basically just messed around and made sure we kept our spirits up," said Becahi second baseman Angelys Cotto.

Apparently it worked, and at the end of the night, Becahi right fielder Brooke Rau made the catch that would end the game for the Hawks and the Hillers.

Becahi's first run didn't come until the fourth inning. Courtney Shupp hit a one-out double, and a wild pitch to Bethanne Brandstetter got courtesy runner Bailey Deschler to third base. Brandstetter proceeded to knock the ball past Trinity shortstop Olivia Gray for an RBI single, scoring Deschler.

"I knew I had to get it to the outfield for the score," said Brandstetter. "I was

super excited."

With pitcher Elyse Cuttic up to bat, Brandstetter stole second base, less by choice than anything else.

"I thought it was a walk and when they threw to first base, I booked it," she laughed.

Cuttic eventually did walk but was out on a double play when Trinity first baseman Delaney Elling made a catch off the bat of Julia Sledz.

Becahi's second run came in the fifth inning. Shortstop Jess Indelicato hit a two-out triple, after having been left stranded on third base in the first inning.

"It felt amazing coming off the bat. I was hoping to come up with a big hit. I was dreaming about that the whole time. I was going all out and giving my all [to get to third base]," Indelicato said.

Cotto followed with a fair ball past first base for the RBI single, bringing Indelicato home.

"There's definitely always pressure to get the RBI," Cotto said. "I just wanted to make contact. Their catcher was setting up before the pitch was being thrown."

Trinity's best scoring opportunity came in the bottom of the fifth, but the Hillers left the bases loaded as Cuttic got Kaci Hott out on a third called strike to end the inning.

It appeared as though the Hawks would score an insurance run or two

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PRESS PHOTOS BY KATIE MCDONALD

The girls celebrate the state title after the final out.



Following the game and celebration, it was time for the state trophy.

There was always something to overcome

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Sometimes you just know. It's as simple as that.

Despite a season during which the Hawks appeared to be down and out, there came a time when Bethlehem Catholic High School softball coach Rich Mazza had a feeling their season would end much better than it had been.

"We had so much adversity. Every day there was another problem. Then you wonder what's going to happen next. It changed the atmosphere a little, but our juniors were tremendous with that," Mazza said.

Those juniors - Angelys Cotto, Bethanne Brandstetter, Brooke Rau, Maria Talpas, and Yanesca Rodriguez - were the ones who kept the Hawks'



PRESS PHOTO BY CHUCK HIXSON

Head coach Rich Mazza and the girls had their share of adversity this season, but overcame it with a state title.

morale up while two other juniors, Elyse Cuttic and Courtney Shupp, had to sit out for most of the season due to injuries and illnesses. That isn't to say that Cuttic and Shupp didn't do their

share of morale boosting when they could.

Around the middle of April, Mazza brought up freshman pitcher Alexa Panuccio from junior varsity to replace Cuttic while she

recuperated, and paired her with freshman catcher Julia Sledz, already on the varsity roster, while Shupp rehabilitated.

The Hawks rallied around Panuccio, and together they

defeated Allen 8-0 and Freedom 3-0 on the Patriots' home field.

No sooner had Cuttic returned to the pitcher's mound when she was forced out by appendicitis, so back came Panuccio. Shupp eventually returned too, but played first base, initially.

"There were times when we were down and out. Things looked bleak," said Mazza.

By the end of the regular season, the Hawks had two losses to Liberty, and one loss to Freedom, and the last thing a Bethlehem team wants is a loss to a city rival, never mind three.

The Hawks finished fourth in their division, and lost in the first round of conference playoffs to, of all teams, the Hurricanes.

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Cuttic, Shupp return to help the BC get to finals



PRESS PHOTO BY CHUCK HIXSON

Elyse Cuttic, shown here in the state final, started for the Hawks in the semis.

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Bethlehem Catholic pitcher Elyse Cuttic and catcher Courtney Shupp were aching to get back to their respective positions after sitting out a large portion of the season due to injuries and illnesses.

Coach Rich Mazza complied, and the two juniors led the Hawks to a 5-0 victory over Nanticoke in the PIAA State Class 3A softball semifinal last Tuesday at Blue Mountain High School.

"During practice, I told him I wanted the ball," Cuttic said.

Shupp, who most recently had been playing first base, wasn't as direct, but she got her message across.

"We'd been talking about switching back. That's my home," she said.

Cuttic had 11 strikeouts and gave up only three hits against the Trojannes.

"Their top three hit over .400, so I had to keep them off balance and play my game. My riseball and

my screwball were working," said Cuttic.

Shupp was responsible for Becahi's first two runs with a bases-loaded hit past the shortstop in the first inning.

"I was really excited to come out hitting-wise. Their pitcher brought it a little bit. She hit the outside spots," Shupp said.

In the fifth inning, outfielder Tosh Miner led off with a line drive, later scoring on Cuttic's hit to left field.

"I knew I needed to wait on it," said Miner. "Our defense has been

strong all season so we weren't too nervous. It's just amazing to think we only have to go against one other team."

The Hawks loaded the bases in the sixth inning after hits by Jess Indelicato, Angelys Cotto, and a walk to Miner. Shupp was out on a fielder's choice while Indelicato scored the final run of the night.

Becahi reached the state final last year, but lost to Springfield-Delco.

"Now we know what to expect," Cuttic said. "This feels so good."

Champs

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in the top of the sixth inning when Shupp led off with her second double of the night.

Brandstetter singled, getting courtesy runner Deschler to third base, but Deschler was thrown out at home on a fielder's choice.

Sledz would also reach on a fielder's choice as Brandstetter was out at second. After Rau's fly ball was caught for the third out, game officials evacuated the park, and within ten minutes, storms struck.

"After the rain delay, we wanted to try to get some insurance runs," said Cotto.

As it turned out, what

the Hawks had was all they needed.

"This was the biggest game of the year," Shupp said. "I went back to my hitting coach last week, and I went home, and I swung. I was feeling good. This is the best feeling. I feel like my high school career is complete, but I have one more year, so maybe we'll have two gold medals."



PRESS PHOTO BY CHUCK HIXSON

Outfielder Brooke Rau fires a ball back to the infield during the state title game. Rau caught the final out in the Hawks victory.



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Courtney Shupp returned to her spot behind the plate during the state finals.



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Jess Indelicato tripled and scored the Hawks second run of the game.

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NORCO LEGION

Bath eyes another title

By PETER CAR
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Bath had a remarkable summer a year ago in NORCO Legion baseball, but replicating those results might be a difficult task.

After winning the NORCO championship last year, as well as finishing third in the Region 2 tournament to cap off their summer with a 21-8 mark, Bath now sets its sights on their encore this summer.

Off to a 4-3 start this summer, head coach Alex Specht has the team sitting in fourth place in the standings and is con-

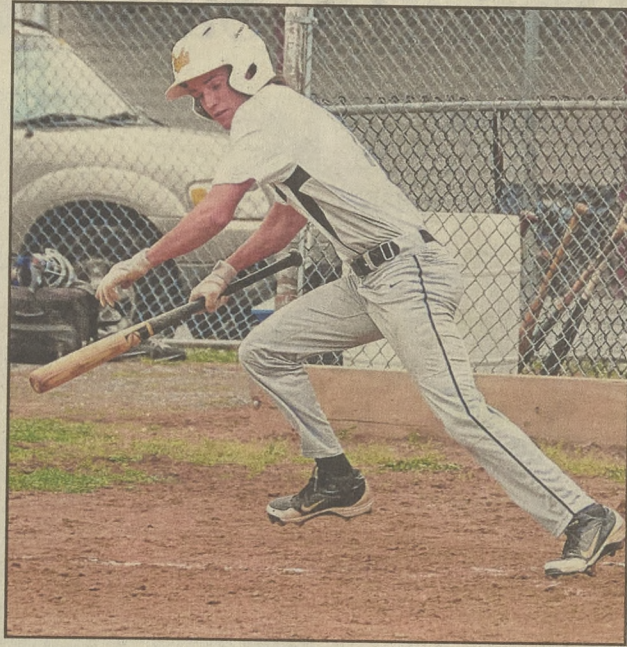
fident what this year's group can do on the diamond.

"If we can put a well rounded team together we should be good," said Specht. "I don't have the names like Leon, Epsaro, and Matt Unangst anymore, but I have plenty of talent to step in and take over. Very young team, but I am confident in their abilities."

Back in the fold for Bath includes Sammy Kraihanzel (Liberty, 3B/P), Ryan Wescoe (Liberty, CF), Jared Burcin (Liberty, C/OF), Mike Horvath (NCC, P) and Jimmy Downey (NCC,

P). With wins over Northampton, Wind Gap, B & M and Roseto, Bath looks to keep its momentum going this week, as they took on Big Pocono Tuesday night.

"We are a young team with a good sense of the game," Specht said. "We're going to be a gritty team all year that tack runs on throughout the game. We've scored runs in a few different innings each game and if we continue to hit the ball well and if our pitching comes through and catches fire, it will get interesting."



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Ryan Wescoe is hoping to help Bath to another NORCO title

B & M looking for progress

By PETER CAR
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Scott Phillips isn't expecting a run to the NORCO title for this year's B & M Provisions club, formerly known as the Jeffs.

But Phillips does see potential in what they're building in Bethlehem.

B & M entered this week at 1-5 overall and the team is battling so far this season, despite the wins not coming as Phillips had hoped.

"Unlike last year, we're competing in every game so far," he said. "We're a young team and we're probably two years away from really challenging to make a run at the league."

B & M have given up six runs a game in their losses, as their lone win was a 5-0 victory over Freemansburg.

Headlining the B & M roster are Abner Santana (C), Ben Kraihanzel (RF) and Andy Rivera (SS/P).

Monday's contest against East Stroudsburg was rained out, but they were supposed to be back in play on Tuesday against Nazareth.

With a tough slate of games in NORCO this year, Phillips is remaining realistic, as well as positive about his teams chances to finish out the season.

"I'm hoping we can finish around .500," he said. "It's going to be tough to make the playoffs. We're just trying to keep the kids together for the long-haul because this group has a bright future."

Freemansburg starting to warm up

By PETER CAR
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Freemansburg may be off to a slow start in NORCO play, but don't let their 1-4 record fool you.

Head coach Chris Medei is used to this sort of thing, as starting off

slow in the summer has been the norm in legion play during his tenure.

"I'm not really worried at all about where we are right now," said Medei. "This is how it starts every year. You have new kids, different systems. It usually takes four or five

games for us to play at the level we're capable of and for me to find out what we have."

After an 0-3 start, Freemansburg registered its first win of the season on June 5 following an 8-3 victory over Northampton. It may be a sign of

better things to come down the road as the team gels together.

Led by Freedom players Dan Corvino (SS), TJ Czerwinski (2B), Zach Gagnon (P) and Dan Knerr (C), Medei has plenty of returning players. Also back is Bethlehem

Catholic's Ryan Kokolus (P).

"We should be able to make a run this year," Medei said. "We have enough pitching to do it. We always want to shoot for a championship, but our primary goal is to make the playoffs."

SUMMER HOOPS

Young Pates fall to a tough Emmaus squad



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Najee Cash is the lone senior on the Patriots this season.

By TODD KRESS
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Freedom opened last week's slate of summer basketball with one of their toughest games to date. Despite seemingly everything stacked against them, the Patriots didn't waver.

A quick 8-0 deficit to one of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference's (EPC) top teams in Emmaus didn't doom Freedom. The fact that they had just one incoming senior suit up compared to a Hornet squad full of talent from the winter didn't faze the Patriots, either.

And while the Patriots did end up a few points short — a 51-45 defeat last Tuesday at Cedar Beach's Court 1, coach Marc Corsi was pleased with his team's effort on both ends of the court.

"I thought that was one of the better games that we played," Corsi said. "I'm hoping we can build off this game, and continue to play like that. I think they're one of the better teams in the league, and we went blow for blow with them I thought."

Najee Cash, the lone senior in black and gold, figured to play in key role in the Patriots' success. He scored five points in the opening half, and along with Tyrese Stewart's eight-point first-half effort, the Patriots turned a 19-10 deficit into a one-point margin at halftime.

"He [Cash] is going to be one of the guys we rely on," Corsi said. "We have a couple of other guys that we're missing. Nicholas King is a guy we're going to rely on, and he wasn't here today. He [Cash] is a senior and his third year on varsity, so we're going to expect a lot out of him."

Cash and Stewart (who finished with a team-high 18 points), an incoming junior, handled the soring load for the Patriots all night. The duo scored all but one bucket for Freedom in the second half, keeping the Patriots within striking distance until the final whistle.

"He [Stewart] is tough," Corsi said. "He played a lot of minutes tonight, and we didn't have a lot of big guys there. We got everything we could get

out of him."

Trailing 24-23 at the break after Daevon Quick's buzzer-beating three-pointer, Emmaus went on a 10-2 run to open the second half. Freedom, however, quickly got back to within three points on a Stewart bucket. Moments later, the two teams were tied at 41 on Cash's three-point play.

But the Hornets closed out the game on a 10-4 run to send Freedom to 2-4 in the Stellar Construction summer basketball league.

The Patriots were able to use their defense and benefit on the offensive end of the court with transition baskets and high-percentage shots.

"We've been working on our defense," Corsi said. "We think we can get our offense started with a lot of defensive sets. We played a lot of 1-3-1, and I think we got a lot of steals out of that. That's probably the best it has worked this summer."

"The biggest problem with this team right now is we go in spurts without scoring the basketball. That's something we have to focus on."

Young to play two sports at Columbia

By PETER CAR
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Freedom's three-sport star athlete Jake Young will continue his multi-sport theme in college as well.

The Columbia University wrestling recruit will add football to his list of endeavors this fall, as Young made the football end of things official last week.

Young had literally wrestled with the idea of juggling both sports in college and outside of Columbia's outstanding academics, they also were one of the only schools on his list that would have allowed him to participate in both sports at the collegiate level.

"It's something that I've thought about doing and is one of the benefits of choosing Columbia," said Young during a Freedom press conference for college-bound athletes this spring. "It was a tough choice picking which sport I wanted to play in college and who knows, I may still end up playing football too."

That now is a reality for Young, who starred on the football field for the Patriots last fall, racking up 58 tackles, and two interceptions for touchdowns as a defensive back.

He also caught 44 balls for 585 yards and five touchdowns as a wide receiver.

Young appears to be heading to the offensive side of the field for Columbia as a slot receiver.

Keystone tryouts set

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Tryouts for the Keystone State Games baseball team will begin this weekend and run through the middle of July for this summer's tournament in York, PA, which will run from July 30-Aug 2.

The Keystone Games feature competition in two different divisions: Junior (grades 9-10) and Scholastic (grades 11-12).

Last year's Lehigh Valley teams took home medals in both divisions, as the Junior side won bronze

medals, while the Scholastic group took silver medals.

Tryouts get under way on June 20 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Limeport Stadium. Tryouts will continue on June 27 at Limeport at the same time.

Stroudsburg will host two tryouts on June 28 and July 11, both from 9 a.m.-noon.

Laurys Station gets their batch of tryouts on July 1 and July 8 from 6-8:30 p.m., capped off by the final tryout on July 12 at DeSales University from 9 a.m.-noon.

McDonald's All-Star Classic Thursday

By PETER CAR
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The 2015 McDonald's All-Star Football Classic will kick off its 45th edition this Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Nazareth's Andrew S. Leh Stadium.

The Gold team (Northampton County, Palisades and Phillipsburg (NJ) will be coached by Phil Stambaugh (Pius X), while the Red team (Lehigh, Carbon and Mon-

roe) will be led by Stroudsburg's Jim Miller.

In last year's contest, the Red team took down the Gold 55-21 in a contest that was never really in question, as the Red led 28-0 at halftime in aerial affair that featured nearly 1,000 yards of passing offense.

It was the first win by the Lehigh County led team since 2008, as both teams settled for a 7-7 tie in the 2010 affair.



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Go USA!

Lehigh Valley United U-15 Girls soccer team Xplosion players Sydney Steere, Nicole Freeman, Lindsay Reightler, Jessica DelCorso and Maggie Motolese celebrate USA's 0-0 tie with Sweden after the recent Women's World Cup June 12 game. The young soccer fans were part of a large crowd at SteelStacks which watched the game on several large outdoor screens. ArtsQuest officials reported more than 3,000 visitors at the free SoccerFest viewing party. The next game is USA versus Nigeria scheduled for Tuesday, June 16.

DAVINCI
Special summer dates announced

Students from Broughal MS will have, on June 21, free Da Vinci Science Center visits, including National Geographic's Earth Explorers. The program is made possible through support from National Penn Bank. Students must be accompanied by an adult and may add up to three additional family members. Busing is provided on a first-come-first-served basis with limited seating. Visit www.davincisciencecenter.org or call 484-664-1002 for details. The Da Vinci Science Center is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

SLOVENIANS
Flag-raising set for June 19

The Bethlehem/Murska Sobota Sister Cities annual flag raising ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 19 on Payrow Plaza, 10 E. Church St. The event will celebrate the 24 anniversary of Slovenia's June 25 independence day. The guest speaker will be Ambassador Dr. Bozo Cerar. Bethlehem's first Slovenian and current mayor, Robert Donchez, will participate. Following the ceremony, there will be a luncheon at Saucon Valley Acres. Call 610-691-0580 for information.

VCOLV
Food drive success news

The Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley partnered recently with the L.V. Phantoms, Giant Food and Easton Area School District in food drives to feed Lehigh Valley children. The center's global youth service day collected more than 2,000 pounds of food, or 2,400 meals, through food drives conducted at the L.V. Phantoms and in the Easton Area School District. Giant Food donated \$500 to match the collection hosted at the Phantoms game. Food was distributed to Safe Harbor shelter, Easton Area Neighborhood Center and Easton Area Community Center; all in Easton; and to Second Harvest in Allentown.

BETHLEHEM
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PENN STATE
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The Lehigh Valley Writing Project (LVWP), a National Writing Project site, will hold several credit and non-credit courses for local educators beginning June 22 at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. Tuition is at the state rate. No prerequisites. LVWP will offer graduate credits on specific courses. For information, call 610-285-5239, email dba117@psu.edu, or visit www.lvwp.org.

Dorothy Saby remembered by board

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Housing Authority Executive Director Gene Gonzalez calls former BHA commissioner Dorothy 'Dot' Saby someone who "said it like it was and who had a heart of gold." Chairman of the BHA Board of Commissioners Joe Long called Saby "his sidekick." So when the long-time BHA resident of Bartholomew House and six-year resident commissioner passed away in May, plans were put into effect that would remember and honor Saby in a way that reflected her influence.

Long and Gonzalez turned their attention to the Bartholomew House's quiet room, a meeting space that is now used for computer literacy and English language classes.

At the BHA Board of



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Bethlehem Housing Authority commissioners Rogelio Ortiz, Dave Sanders, Valerie McClendon and Chairman Joe Long commemorate Dot Saby's service and commitment to the authority by dedicating the Bartholomew House Quiet Room in her memory. As a resident of Bartholomew House, she was instrumental in introducing the programs for computer literacy and language classes that are held there.

Commissioners meeting June 8, the 81-year-old Saby was remembered through the installation of a plaque that dedicated 'The Quiet Room' in her memory.

"We thought it was a great idea," Gonzalez said. "The quiet room ... was perfect in that it represents to us her passion for helping her neighbors at the Bartholomew House."

Gonzalez said BHA residents from throughout the public housing community and Saby's Bartholomew House neighbors have availed themselves of the programs offered, and that by dedicating The Quiet Room in her memory, her efforts would forever be tied to it.

Saby was only the third resident commissioner in BHA history.

Zoning explained: Residents get free tutorial

By MICHELLE MEEH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City zoning officer Suzanne Borzak and Darlene Heller, director of planning and zoning, explained the process and purpose of the city's zoning code to a group of about 30 residents at city hall June 11. Laying out the "ground rules," so to speak, Heller said the meeting was not to discuss particular properties but rather zoning in general. Residents who have questions or complaints about specific properties are invited to contact the zoning officials directly.

The city's comprehensive plan, developed in 2008 and formally adopted in 2009, is a guide for future development. "We want to guide development within the city," Heller explained. The com-

prehensive plan details "the kind of development we want" as well as where certain development should be restricted.

"We want to encourage more appropriate yet flexible development in the urban core," Heller said, noting the goal is to "maintain existing healthy neighborhoods and protect sensitive areas."

The plan indicates what use of a property is permitted in certain areas, whether commercial, industrial or residential. Heller also explained that when a property owner wishes to do something not in the permitted use in the zone, it is possible to apply for a use variance. A property owner wishing to build closer to the property line or higher than permitted in the zone may apply

for a dimensional variance.

The zoning officer reviews the variance, looking for residents to show hardship if the variance is not granted. Approval of neighbors is also a part of the variance process. "We have to look at them case by case," Heller said.

If a resident is not satisfied with the zoning officer's decision, he or she may appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. The board consists of five members who are nominated by the mayor and must be approved by city council.

Borzak explained the process of handling complaints of zoning violations. She personally checks on each reported violation and will first make a phone call to the resident regarding a violation.

Often, Borzak said, a phone call is enough to get the resident to comply with any zoning codes.

If not, Borzak said she will send an enforcement notice, and the resident will have 30 days to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. If the resident is still not in compliance, a civil complaint is filed with the local magistrate.

Heller said the comprehensive plan combines plans for future development with the need for historic preservation. The plan also integrates the city subdivision and land development ordinance, capital improvements plan, and the zoning ordinance. Since its adoption in June 2012, the zoning ordinance has had eight amendments. Amendments are an important part of keeping the ordinance current, she said.

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Monthly meeting set for June 18

Lehigh Valley Beekeepers Association will meet at 7 p.m. June 18 at the Trexlertown Grange, 1183 Grange Road, Lower Macungie.

"Getting ready for the harvest and mite treatments" will be presented by a panel of association's beekeepers.

Meeting is open to public. For information, call 610-298-3254 or email annawertman@verizon.net.

GREENAWALDS
Buffet breakfast on June 20

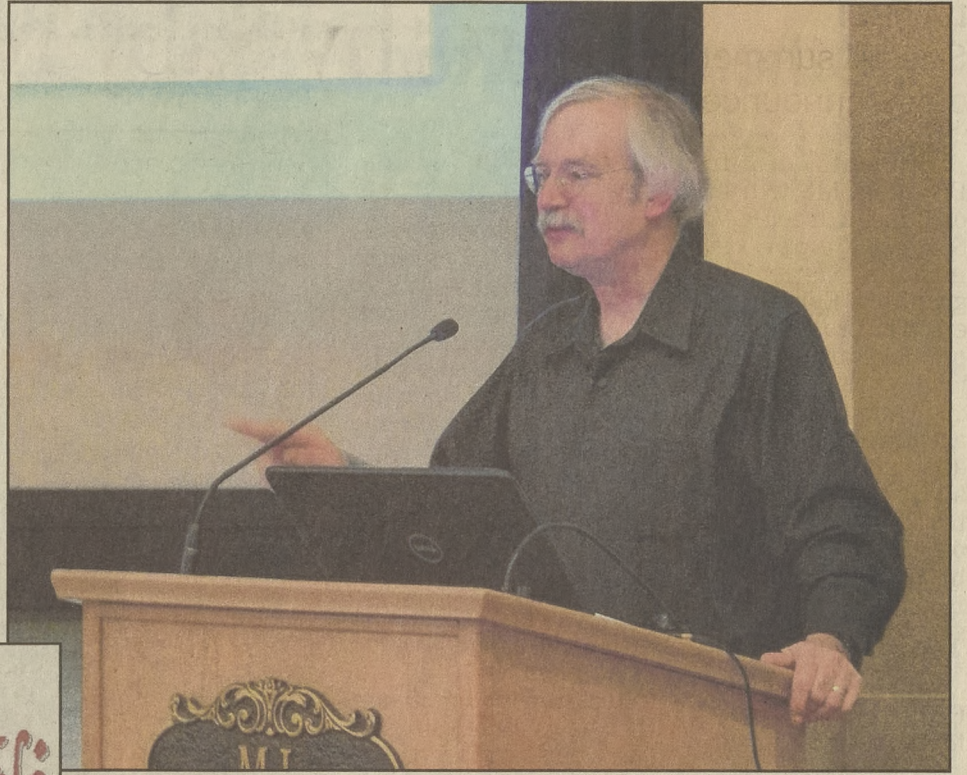
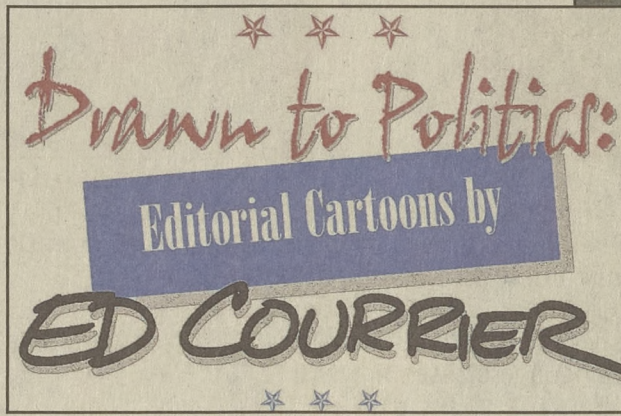
Greenawalds United Church of Christ, 2325 Albright Ave., South Whitehall, is hosting a pancake buffet breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon June 20.

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, homefries, fruit, pastry and drinks.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

Proceeds benefit the church summer fund and Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County.

Press cartoonist gives history lesson



PRESS PHOTO BY MELISSA LOPEZ

Cartoonist Ed Courrier presented a brief history of political cartoons, followed by a discussion of his own work, much of which has been published in the Bethlehem Press and the East Penn Press. The PowerPoint presentation, followed by a workshop, was held May 17 at the Macungie Institute. Courrier's editorial cartoons will be on display at the Macungie Institute through June 30. For hours and directions: www.macungieinstitute.com. This exhibition is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. **Above:** Editorial cartoonist Ed Courrier fields questions from the audience at the conclusion of his gallery talk at the Macungie Institute.

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Maureen "Mo" Jerant, Bethlehem, Greg Geist, Allentown and Colleen Zajacik, Bethlehem, part of the popular 60s band Large Flowerheads relax post-concert at the Mayfair Festival of the Arts.



Maureen "Mo" Jerant and Billy Trexler, Allentown, of the Large Flowerheads rock the Liberty stage at the Mayfair Festival of the Arts in May at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

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Wetherill, Wharton and Lehigh Zinc Co.



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

In the early 1800s, Andrew K. Wittman, a surveyor, observed a strange mineral that he thought might be gold on the Jacob Ueberroth farm, located in Friedensville. In 1845, Wittman brought a specimen of the mineral to William T. Roepper. Roepper was a local metallurgist who identified it as zinc, in the form of calamine ore. Roepper later became the first professor of mineralogy and geology at Lehigh University.

In the 13th century, zinc ore was used for making brass in India and zinc oxide for healing wounds and sore eyes in Persia. The metallurgist Andreas Libavius identified the pure metal of zinc in 1597. Modern day uses for zinc are glazes, enamels, galvanizing steel, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

The word spread about the Friedensville zinc deposit, which soon attracted Samuel Wetherill (1821-1890) to the site. Wetherill had received a patent for a new process for making zinc oxide from calamine ore. He planned to use zinc oxide as a substitute for lead in his paint manufacturing business.

Wetherill leased the Ueberroth property and erected zinc oxide furnaces on the south side of the Lehigh River, four miles from the mine. The furnaces were built in 1853, less than a hundred yards from the South Bethlehem entrance to the Fahy Bridge. This was the first large enterprise established in South Bethlehem.



Joseph Wharton was a prominent Philadelphia merchant, industrialist and philanthropist, who was involved in mining, manufacturing and education.

The site was chosen because the Lehigh Valley Railroad was laying tracks at that time in the area. In 1855, the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Company was chartered, with Wetherill as superintendent. The ore was transported from the mine to the South Bethlehem furnaces by wagons or pack mules.

Wetherill was a talented inventor but lacked management skills. He soon found his process of extracting zinc oxide to be too expensive.

Joseph Wharton (1826-1909) was born to Philadelphia Quaker parents, William and Deborah Wharton. At age 21, with his older brother Rodman, he entered the business of manufacturing white lead. Two years later, Wharton started a business manufacturing bricks.

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Fountain Hill organizations award scholarships

The Fountain Hill Exchange Club held its Scholarship and Officer Induction Dinner recently at the Republican Club in Fountain Hill. This year the Fountain Hill American Legion co-sponsored the scholarships given to students, which enabled an increase in the amount of the scholarships to \$2,000

each. The scholarship winner sponsored by the Exchange Club is Lilla Feher, a student at Liberty HS. She will attend Wilkes University with a major in business and would like to become a financial manager or advisor. The scholarship winner sponsored by the Fountain Hill American Legion is Peyton Bates,

also a student at Liberty HS. Peyton will attend Penn State University but has not decided on his major. The Fountain Hill Exchange Club is a community service organization which recognizes how important and expensive it is for students to further their education. The induction of club officers was performed by Robert

Hunter, past district president. Officers for 2015-16 are Norm Blatt, president; Mike Redding, treasurer; and Richard Metzger, secretary. The board of directors includes Richard J Milkovitz, Robert Hunter, Jeff Fink, Ed Foley, Dorene Blatt and Dr. Robert Barnes.



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Fountain Hill Legion members Judge Advocate John Spadacia, Financial Officer Jim Taglang, and Post 406 Commander Gerhart Basset with scholarship recipient Peyton Bates, Liberty HS.



Scholarship recipient Lilla Feher, then a senior at Liberty HS, with Dick Milkovitz, chairperson of the Exchange Club's Scholarship Committee.

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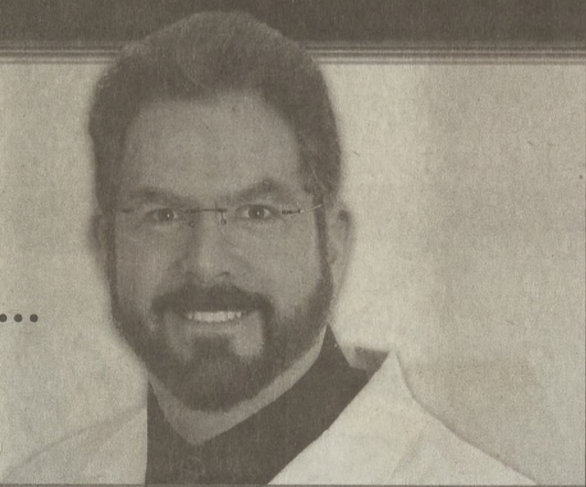
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HEALTH & FITNESS

How to overcome excuses and commit to working out

Staying healthy requires a daily commitment. It is not always easy to get out of bed for those early-morning workouts or jump on the treadmill at the end of the night when you finally have some free time, but such efforts are a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle into your golden years.

Many men and women know there are plenty of excuses to skip workouts. Overcoming such excuses can sometimes be difficult, but there are ways to ensure you stay on the right track toward a healthy lifestyle.

Excuse #1: I don't have enough time to exercise. Shortage of time is a factor for many busy individuals. The Department of Health and Human Services recommends the average person get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity. Thirty minutes per day can easily be broken up into three, 10-minute sessions. Take the stairs, jog on your lunch hour or do deep-seated squats while preparing dinner. It's easy to fit in daily exercise if you're willing to be creative.

Excuse #2: I'm too out of shape. Getting back into shape is a prime motivator for exercise. However, fear of being able to keep up or personal body image issues sometimes keep people from exercising. There are workout routines for all fitness levels. Starting slowly and building up intensity can help spur endurance and results.

Excuse #3: Gyms are too expensive. You don't necessarily need a gym to get in shape, but the programs and guidance offered at health centers certainly make it easier. Gyms may have different price plans based on members' needs, and many gyms are willing to work with prospective members operating on tight budgets. Check with your health insurance provider, too, as you may be eligible for rebates or discounts if you make a predetermined number of visits in a given time span or use an in-network gym.

Excuse #4: Working out is boring. Performing the same routine day in and day out can be monotonous. That's why it is important to vary your exercises and try new things. If you're usually on the machines at the gym, try a group class instead. Enlist a friend to come along and it can make the workout more interesting.

Excuse #5: I'm too tired to workout. Routine exercise wakes up the senses and gives you energy, and daily workouts promote a more restful slumber. Over time you may find that you feel more rested and energized.

Working out regularly promotes good mental and physical health. It's easy to avoid exercise with a series of excuses, but now is the time to stop avoiding exercise and commit to a healthy lifestyle.

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Andrew Sinai

Freedom HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Dad, Mark; Mom, Laila, sister, Natalie

Favorite subject: Environmental science (Mr. Baltz)

Activities: Reading, writing

Next steps: Going to college, finding a home

Career goals: Computer science major; wife, three kids

Heroes: Jack Nicklaus, Walter Duncan, Jordan Sonnenblick

Hobbies: Tennis, programming, Minecraft, running, reading

Current job(s): Northwood Racquet & Fitness Club

Likes: Sleeping, Panera

Dislikes: Early mornings, McDonalds

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Creating a full website I maintain and run



Advice for peers:

School is important, but it's important to enjoy your time and have good experiences as well.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.



Appropriately themed "Seize the Day," the gala featured musical performances and an 1890s atmosphere based on the hit Broadway musical "Newsies."

SCHOOLNOTES

BASD News

A note from BASD superintendent

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be a part of the Bethlehem Area School District. We are fortunate to have such committed students, staff and caring and involved parents and community members. I thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout this school year.

I wish you a summer filled with everything that makes you happy. Take this time to relax, read a good book, and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Dr. Roy

District: New start date reminder

The first day of the 2015-16 school year is August 3.

ES, MS: Logo design winners

Congratulations to the three winners of the Summer Technology Academy Logo Design Contest. They are Gavin Dougherty, Grade 7, Nitschmann MS; Aryana Valentin, Grade 5, Fountain Hill ES; and Amanda Johnson, Grade 4, Fountain Hill ES.

Thomas Jefferson: All-Star winner

Thomas Jefferson student Lily Shi has been selected as a 2015 Scholastic READ 180 All-Star winner. The finalist submission video may be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/126147237>.

William Penn: Math project

William Penn students of Mrs. Schellhaas' fourth grade math class have completed a yearlong mathematical project which required the students to establish, design a business plan and successfully run a business.

The students held interviews and filled out job applications to determine profit outcomes and establish financial goals. After researching charities, they choose to start a company, Linked Together Forever, with all profits donated to the Dream Come True Foundation.

After conferring with the foundation, a fourth grade girl was chosen as the recipient. The donation was made to the foundation on June 3. The students, who surpassed their financial goal, were also honored.

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

COLLEGENOTES

Northampton Community College

The "Art as a Way of Learning" exhibit, developed in conjunction with Binney and Smith, will be open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 15 through July 24 at Northampton Community College's Gallery, Communications Hall, Main Campus.

The works are by children, aged six weeks to 5 years, who are enrolled at NCC's Reibman Children's Center at the Main Campus and the Hannig Children's Center at the Monroe Campus. An opening reception for the artists, their families, and the community will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. June 16 at the Gallery.

For more information, call 610-861-5062 or 610-861-5477.

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

DEAN'SLIST

Bucknell University

Several Bethlehem area residents have been named to the Bucknell University spring 2015 dean's list. The following students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.: Audrey Amoroso, Jack Dealtry, Justin Manhoff, Gareth Messman and Peter Puleo.

Elizabethtown College

Four Bethlehem full-time undergraduate students have been named to the Elizabethtown College spring 2015 dean's list. The residents earned a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work.

Those named are Jensen L. Appleman, senior accounting major; Jenna C. Nguyen, senior, health and occupation major; Autumn V. Reichard, senior, elementary/middle education - language and reading major; and Amanda N. Long, senior mathematics major.

The stars came out recently as the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) presented its second annual School 2 Life (S2L) gala at Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Talented local high school students and younger performers heard the news and traveled from throughout the Lehigh Valley to provide an evening of entertainment.

But the real highlight of the evening came with the dramatic finale performance by the S2Lers (as they call themselves), when they ended the event with a rousing rendition of "Seize the Day."

In addition to the live musical performances, the gala included a basket raffle to raise money for S2L.

Joshua Moore, a 20-year-old from Bethlehem, has been an active member of LVCIL for three years. He graduated from Centennial School this year.

"I also attend a work program at Liberty HS," said Moore who works in the kitchen at Marvine



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Bethlehem resident Joshua Moore presents his mom, Jacqueline, with a corsage at the S2L gala.

ES and in the summer is part of the janitorial staff at Liberty.

Moore was instrumental in setting up the raffle to help raise funds at the gala. His mom, Jacqui, said of Josh, "He helped to go out into the community and get donations. He even donated a gift card himself."

The gala was sponsored

by Wells Fargo Community Relations Group, Wells Fargo Investment Advisors, and McDermott Investment Advisors, LLC. Other sponsors included Highmark, Inc., The Jeremy Carroll Foundation, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Carol Walck & Associates and the Frederick H. Bedford, Jr & Margaret S. Bedford Charitable Foundation, as well as a host of others.

In 2009, the organization started the S2L program to support young adults with their transition from high school to the "real world" and teach them essential job skills.

In its 25-year history, LVCIL has encountered many young adults with disabilities who have graduated without the necessary supports or skills to find a job, live independently, or be self-sufficient.

Seth Hoderewki of Whitehall Township is the current director of transition services at LVCIL. He also heads the efforts of the S2L program.

'As Time Goes By'



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The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts held its annual Figure Skating Showcase at the Steel Ice Center recently. This year's show, titled "As Time Goes By," featured 17 figure skating students performing to music from the 1920s to the present. The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts is one of only a few high schools in the nation that offer a figure skating program as an artistic major. Six of the students performing in this showcase recently passed their United States Figure Skating Association tests. Categories included: Senior Freestyle, Intermediate Moves in the Field, Juvenile Freestyle, Preliminary Freestyle, Intermediate Free Skate and Novice Moves in the Field. **Above:** Five senior figure skating students enjoy a special performance during a rehearsal for the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Figure Skating Showcase.



Grace Moyer performs during the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Figure Skating Showcase at the Steel Ice Center.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Isolated T-storms	Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
	84 / 65 Light winds	82 / 66 5-10 mph NW	85 / 63 9-14 mph W	83 / 65 6 mph W	87 / 65 6-10 mph S	88 / 69 5-7 mph S	86 / 68 5-10 mph SW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 84°, humidity of 61%. The record high temperature for today is 96° set in 2008. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 65°. The record low for tonight is 42° set in 1913. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 60% chance of showers, high temperature of 82°, humidity of 78%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 66°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high temperature of 85°. Skies will remain partly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 83°.

Weather Trivia

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WEEK

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 Through these endeavors, although some of them failed, he gained valuable business experience.

In 1853, Joseph Wharton visited the zinc mines at Friedensville in the course of a horseback riding trip with friends. Soon after, Wharton, his brother Charles and associates bought the controlling inter-

est in the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Company. From 1853 to 1863, Wharton guided the company to become the first successful producer of zinc in the United States.

The company removed as much as 17,000 tons of zinc ore a year from the Friedensville mine. In 1860, the company changed its name to Lehigh Zinc Co. Wharton risked his entire personal estate in assuming control of the

company. He mortgaged all his property in Philadelphia to fund the building of new furnaces and mining operations. The new furnaces were modeled on the Belgian process, which incorporated redistillation to remove the impurities from the ore. Wharton's gamble paid off as he made a large fortune from the proceeds of the zinc company.

During his involvement with zinc, Wharton lived in several rooms at the Sun

Inn. He could not convince his wife, Anna Corbit Lovering Wharton, whom he had married in 1854, to move to Bethlehem. Anna was the younger sister of his brother Charles' wife. Their daughter, Joanna, was born 1858 and suffered periods of illness. Anna's concern for Joanna's health and her close relationship with her parents, who also resided in Philadelphia, persuaded her to remain in their Philadelphia home.

This was a stressful time for the Whartons, and their marriage suffered due to their long separations. In 1863, Wharton sold his interest in Lehigh Zinc Co. and established a nickel refining works in Camden, N.J. This was the first nickel works in the United States. Wharton returned to his family in Philadelphia and never again lived apart from them.

During the 1870s, Wharton invested in the

Bethlehem Iron Works and also served on the board of directors for the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Pennsylvania New York Canal and Railroad Company. In 1874, Wharton donated the land for the erection of St. Joseph's Chapel, currently the Holy Bethel Pentecostal Church at 1224 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem.

In the early 1911, Bethlehem Steel Corporation took over the property of the Lehigh Zinc Co. for the production of steel. The zinc company moved to Palmerton to establish a larger facility. The Friedensville Zinc mine closed in 1983 due to the high cost of running the pumps to remove water from the mine. There is still a large reserve of ore at the former mine.

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ZONING

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 The comprehensive plan also covers workforce housing incentives for low and moderate income, as well as green building provisions and design guidelines. The plan also covers environmental concerns such as flood planes, open spaces and steep slopes.

In addition, the comprehensive plan addresses historic resources that are not in the city's three historic districts, as well as parking, home offices and streetscapes, such as those on Broad Street. Existing buildings prior to the adoption of the plan are exceptions, Borzak said.

Zoning of a particular lot within a zone can be changed, either by property owner request if approved, by the planning commission or by city council, Heller said.

BRIEFLY

ALLENTOWN BAND Concerts on June 20, 21

The Allentown Band will be performing an "Art in the Park" concert 1:30 p.m. June 20 at West Park, Allentown.

The band will also be performing a "Remember This" concert 6:30 p.m. June 21 at Luthercrest Retirement Community, 800 Hausman Road, South Whitehall.

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BUD'S VIEW
By Bud Cole



It's been several years since I've written about our neighborhood problems. I hope you are free from troublesome neighbors: Neighbors who steal and damage possessions and show no signs of guilt.

We try our best to put up with these annoyances, but they continue year-round. As much as we try to ignore these situations, with the goal of being good neighbors, it grows more and more difficult. We don't want a feud like the infamous Hatfields and McCoys, but eventually we lose our patience and fight back.

The neighborhood youths are just as bad as the adults. Occasionally, I become so angry I run outside, followed by our springer spaniel, Blue, yelling at the top of my voice and chase the scheming neighbors from our property. Blue enjoys the barking and chasing, but the situation doesn't help my blood pressure. It's fruitless to call the police. They will not do anything about our unending problems.

In case you have not figured out by now, I've been describing the actions of our neighbors, the gray squirrels. My previous "Squirrel Wars" columns generated the most feedback from readers. Readers shared accounts of skirmishes and subsequent mental battle scars.

The stories have been enjoyable and fun to read. Their descriptions of efforts to outsmart the gray squirrels have filled several "Bud's View" columns. It's not "Fifty Shades of Grey." It's "Fifty Tales of Gray Squirrels."

The Bertsch-Hokendaqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association holds a free public nature program, 7 p.m. July 10, meeting hall, Blue Mountain Fish and Game Association 4190 Wood Drive, Walnutport, Lehigh Township.

A family-oriented wildlife program will be presented by the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Education Center. Attendees will learn about local animals. There were mammals, raptors and an



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Let the "Squirrel Wars" begin. Send Bud Cole your "Fifty Tales of Gray Squirrels."

albinos on display.

During a previous program, Kathy Uhler, founder and director of the education center, discussed several methods for observing flying squirrels. One way is to provide a peanut butter treat illuminated by a red light. The red light provides enough light to observe the flying squirrels. A regular light will frighten them away.

There are four squirrel species in Pennsylvania. The flying squirrel is the only nocturnal (active at night) one. Gray, red and fox squirrels are diurnal (active during the day). Although flying squirrels are quite common, they're rarely observed because of their nocturnal activities and their arboreal preferences.

Pennsylvania has two flying squirrel species: the northern and southern. The northern species is designated "threatened status" because of its dwindling populations. The smaller southern species has extended its range northward, creating problems for the northern variety. When the southern species moves in it tends to take over the habitat and in some cases hybridize or interbreed with the northern species.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's "Wildlife Notes" describes the flying squirrel as 8 inches in length, including its 3-inch tail. The eyes are large and well-adapted for night vision. Fur is

soft with the majority of the pelt grayish-brown with white underparts.

Bats are the only flying mammals. Flying squirrels do not fly. They use a loose flap of skin (patagium) to glide. The patagia is between the fore and hind legs. This skin stretches and becomes taut when the legs are extended, allowing the squirrel to soar or glide through the air. The broad flat tail is used as a rudder to steer while airborne. Flights vary from 20-to 40-yard glides in a downward direction, usually from tree to tree. A surprise glide-by can be quite a chilling experience.

Flying squirrels nest in hollow tree limbs and vacated woodpecker cavities. Two to six young are born in April and May. The gestation period is 40 days. They eat insects, acorns, beechnuts, berries, hickory nuts, walnuts, mushrooms, pine seeds and the seed embryo of corn kernels. Dogwood, wild cherry and black gum fruits are consumed in season and acorns are often stored for winter survival.

I took Uhler's advice. I purchased a red spotlight and attached it to a Japanese maple branch at the corner of our patio. Then I filled a suet feeder with suet and peanut butter and attached the feeder to the trunk of the white ash tree growing about six feet from the red light. A timer turns the light on shortly after sunset and off at sun-

rise.

No flying squirrels have been observed thus far, but each morning most of the peanut butter is gone. We are hoping the offered treat has been eaten by at least one flying squirrel. Staying awake most of the night to watch has been our major problem.

Gray squirrels have also been fighting for peanut-butter eating positions. They chase one another round and round and up and down the ash tree trunk. None will give up on the chase, so the peanut butter has remained intact.

Additional grays have approached with their beady eyes, arched tails and coy smiles during the day, but none has established control over the feeder. They are too greedy to share.

I know one of the grays carrying the genius gene and Olympic gymnastics gene will figure out how to keep his/her relatives away while munching on the flying squirrels' treat. For now I will add peanut butter as needed and we will continue to wait for the gliders' nocturnal visits. I will keep you posted.

Please share any flying squirrel stories for a future column. Contact me at the email listed below.

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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Drive to "Avenue Q:" "Avenue Q," which opened the 35th season of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre, continues through June 28, Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theater and Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. The storyline, which sends up "Sesame Street," follows a group of 20-somethings, people and monsters alike, including George Primavera, above left, with Princeton, and Kate McMorran, above right, with Kate Monster, as they struggle to find their purpose in big-city life and the world at large. The Broadway production received Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book (the "Tony Award triple crown") and ran for 2,534 performances from 2003 to 2009. The show features music and lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, based on their original concept, with a book by Jeff Whitty. Lopez collaborated with "South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker to write and compose "The Book of Mormon," and he collaborated with his wife, Kristen Anderson-Lopez, to compose the songs for the Disney blockbuster animated film "Frozen." Bill Mutimer directs MSMT's "Avenue Q." Ed Bara is music director. Tickets: Muhlenberg College box office, Trexler Pavilion for Theater and Dance, 2400 Chew St., Allentown; muhlenberg.edu/main/academics/theatre-dance/smt; 484-664-3333.

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Reading "Renewable": Author Eileen Flanagan, above, reads from and signs copies of her book, "Renewable: One Woman's Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope," 2 p.m. June 20, Barnes & Noble, Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley, 2845 Center Valley Parkway, Center Valley. "Renewable" is called "A wise and delightful tale, reminding us not only of the need for simplicity, but of the need to follow our heart's calling" by Bronnie Ware, author of "The Top Five Regrets of the Dying." Flanagan, a granddaughter of Irish immigrants, was raised in a working-class family outside Philadelphia. Through the Girl Scouts and her high school Outing Club, she fell in love with camping and the outdoors. For more than 22 years, she has found spiritual community among Quakers. Her concern for social justice and sustainability was sparked by two and a half years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. Then came marriage, children and a few years of caring for elderly relatives while writing and teaching. At age 49, she looked around her three-story house filled with electronics and wondered how her life had moved so far away from the simplicity and civic engagement of her youth.

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Proper pruning and mulching for trees

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Keep mulch away from the bark of the tree. Never mound mulch high around the trunk.

Tree health can be difficult to determine, but checking your tree yearly may help you notice problems as they appear.

Is this year's growth much less than past years' growth? Fast growth does not mean good health, but a dramatic reduction in growth rate may be an indication of poor health.

Here's a tip: Look at the branch tips or tree top. A year's branches will typically be smaller in diameter and a different color.

Also, inspect the size, color and distribution of the leaves. Look at individual leaves, as well as the whole crown for differences between branches or sections of the crown.

Inspect the base of the trunk for damage from rodents or string trimmers.

Maintain a ring of mulch around the tree (the wider the better). Organic materials like wood chips and leaves are best. Wood chips will take longer to break down and, therefore, will not require replacement as often.

Newspaper kills grass. If there is grass in the area that needs to be mulched, put a five-page layer of newspaper over the grass and then add mulch on top. This will help keep the grass from growing up through the mulch.

Mulch becomes soil. There should never be more than four inches of mulch over the roots. Too much mulch or soil can prevent oxygen from reaching the roots.

Many professional landscapers have been incor-

rectly mounding up soil and heavy layers of mulch around the base of deciduous and evergreen trees. This practice seems to be catching on with more landscapers, but it is a practice that is a waste of money and harmful to the tree.

The tree trunk should always be above ground to where the root flares out at the soil line. Soil or mulch around the trunk encourages rodents and disease damage that can kill the tree. Also roots need to breathe and heavy mulch

inhibits oxygen from getting to the roots.

When putting on new mulch always fluff up the mulch layer before adding new mulch. The entire mulch layer should not exceed two to four inches.

Topping is not pruning. Topping is the indiscriminate removal of branch ends. Topping injures and ultimately results in early failure or death of a tree.

If the end of the branch must be removed, cut it back to a side branch that is at least one-third (preferably one-half) the diameter of the branch being cut.

It is a myth that topping will make the tree easier to maintain. The truth is that topped trees can regain their original height quickly, often in two years. A topped tree will require more attention.

A wiser alternative to topping is careful selection and training of your young trees. Allow your trees to realize their full potential for health and beauty in the landscape.

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Father's Day is right around the corner, and the time has come once again to begin searching for a gift for dear old dad. Father's Day gift shoppers have long since abandoned the notion that a new necktie is what dad really wants, but finding a gift that expresses your love and appreciation for the old man can still prove somewhat challenging.

Oftentimes, the best gifts are the ones that fulfill a need or want, and Father's Day gifts are no exception. The following are a handful of Father's Day gift ideas for dads whose hobbies run the gamut.

• **THE SPORTS NUT** - Dads who can't get enough of their favorite teams would no doubt appreciate some new gear or even tickets to see their favorite teams play. If you opt to buy tickets to a ballgame, make it a family affair, as dad would no doubt appreciate an afternoon at the ballpark with his kids and/or grandkids. For a father who no longer lives in the market where his teams play, consider purchasing a streaming service or television package that allows the old man to see his favorite team no matter where he's living.

• **THE MOVIE MUGGUL** - Some dads simply can't get enough of the silver screen, and a streaming service that allows dad to watch many of his favorite movies on demand from the comforts of home might make the perfect gifts for film-loving fathers.

• **THE OUTDOORSMAN** - Fathers who love the great outdoors might appreciate some new camping gear, a new fishing pole or even some comfortable hiking boots. When shopping for the outdoorsman in your life, consider which outdoor activity is his favorite (i.e., boating, fishing, kayaking, etc.) and try to find the latest useful gadget or newest product made for such enthusiasts. If you don't share the same passion for the great outdoors and are hesitant to buy something you're unsure about, a gift certificate to an outdoorsman or sporting goods store will suffice.

• **THE DOTTING GRANDFATHER** - Some men simply want to spend more time with family, especially grandfathers who never tire of afternoons with their grandchildren. If dad has retired and moved away, a trip to see his grandkids might make the ideal gift this Father's Day. Arrange the dates with mom so you are not surprising dad with a trip at a time when he already has plans, and make sure to schedule some fun activities for those days when dad is in town.

Father's Day is a time each year when dads are told how much they are loved and appreciated. This year, a gift that implies both those sentiments is sure to make dad smile.

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THEATER REVIEW

'Avenue Q' a comedic delight at MSMT

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It's open season on comedy with "Avenue Q," opening the Greater Lehigh Valley summer theater season and the 35th season of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT), where the show continues through June 28. It's a comedic delight.

This is not your kiddie's "Sesame Street." This is a puppet show for adults, with adult themes, adult humor and a number of expletives undeleted.

And yet, "Avenue Q" underscores family values. It's not typical families. When did you have puppets living next door?

"Avenue Q" is a loosely-plotted musical of close encounters of the emotional kind, from the obligatory Broadway boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy and girl reunite, Kate Monster (puppeteer Kate McMorran) and Princeton (George Primavera); to "Odd Couple" male roommates, Rod (Luke Taylor) and Nicky (Sean Skahill), to an ethnically-diverse couple, Christmas Eve (Lilly Randall) and Brian (Dan Dobro).

MSMT's "Avenue Q" is a fully-realized production, from the wacky, whimsical and wily direction and choreography by Bill Mutimer, to the jaunty, precise and humorous music direction and conducting by Ed Bara of six musicians on 11 instruments, with sound design by Patrick Moren, to the brownstone Brooklyn street by scenic designer Curtis Dretsch, to the lighting design by John McKernon, to the costume design by Lex Gurst, which utilizes black so that the puppeteers don't distract from the puppets.

The puppets are hand puppets, so they've got no strings, and only the torso portions are depicted. It's what you would see if the puppets were behind a raised stage and the puppeteers were below, out of view.

However, the conceit and much of the fun with "Avenue Q" is that the puppeteers are in full view. You see the puppeteers' and the puppets' mouths



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"Avenue Q," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre, continues through June 28, Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theater and Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown.

move when they talk and sing. Instead of being distracting, this adds an extra dimension.

For instance, there's the performance of McMorran, who creates eye contact with her puppet, as though providing a dialogue, and bringing forth a parallel or, in some instances, contrasting, inner emotional life.

McMorran has a beautiful singing voice, especially in her spotlight song, "There's A Fine, Fine Line." She also creates a vibrant character voice for Kate Monster. Her facial expressions are delightful. Primavera creates a nicely reserved characterization for Princeton and is in fine voice throughout, no more so than in the topical-humorous, "What Do You Do With A BA In English."

The 24 songs (including three reprises) with music and lyrics by Robert Lopez ("Frozen") and Jeff Marx, with the book by Jeff Whitty vary from outrageously funny ("Everyone's A Little Bit Racist" by the 12-member company, which has superb choral singing and harmonies) to sweetly sentimental (the concluding anthem "For Now," a guaranteed cabaret classic).

This is a very strong and impressive cast. Cameron Silliman is amazing as Gary Coleman, yes, that Gary Coleman, here as a TV star turned apartment building superintendent.

Silliman has dynamic facial expressions, body language and a great voice (the brilliant "Schadenfreude") with Nicky (Sean Skahill).

Other standouts among the cast of standouts are Lily Randall (Christmas Eve) in the very silly "The More You Ruv Someone"; Morgan Reilly (Lucy), who really sells it in "Special," and Luke Taylor (Rod), who is in terrific voice and character.

David Forbes and Meredith Kate Doyle (Bad Idea Bear No. 1 and 2, respectively), Christian Dessler (Trekkie Monster) and Mariah Dalton (Mrs. T) round out the wonderful cast.

The dexterity of the actors, their timing and their flawless performance is impressive in this rollicking production of zany cheerfulness.

What's more, "Avenue Q" in some ways is like puppet therapy. It's educational. It's energizing. And it's fun. Talk to the hand. Get your tickets now.

Tickets: Muhlenberg College box office, Trexler Pavilion for Theater and Dance, 2400 Chew St., Allentown; muhlenberg.edu/main/academics/theatre-dance/smt; 484-664-3333.



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Renaissance for Arts Ovation

The recipients of the 2015 Arts Ovation awards presented May 14 at Renaissance Hotel, Allentown, are from left: Outstanding Philanthropist: Scott Fainor, President & CEO, National Penn Bank; Outstanding Service to the Arts: Jane Brown Heft, City Center Vice President & Director of Project Design and Corporate Branding; Emerging Artist: Bryan Tuk, Executive Director & CEO, Performing Arts Live; Emerging Artist: Morgan Reilly, Muhlenberg College theater graduate; Sharon Glassman, President, Allentown Arts Commission, Arts Ovation presenting organization; Outstanding Achievement in the Performing Arts: Karen Dearborn, Dance Program Chair, Muhlenberg College, and Outstanding Achievement in the Visual Arts: Gregory Coates, Visual Artist.

Canal Cruises set to launch

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor begins its series of five "Conversations on the Canal" dinner cruises and beer and wine tasting tours on the newly-renovated Josiah White II canal boat, 5:30 - 8 p.m. June 20. "The Corridor's Irish Past" is the theme for the first in the series aboard the mule-drawn Josiah White II on the Lehigh Canal in Hugh Moore Park, Easton.

National Canal Museum archivist Martha Capwell-Fox will present a program on the contributions of Irish immigrants in the 18th century in eastern Pennsylvania, particularly the Irish impact on canal-building and coal-mining.

A traditional Irish dinner featuring corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, black velvet chicken and potato leek soup will be served by Chef Glenn Miller of Culinary Experts,

Allentown. Traditional and contemporary Irish music will be provided by Ed Saultz of Phillipsburg, N.J. "Conversations on the Canal" are held monthly and include a speaker, music and dinner related to authentic themes related to the historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Philadelphia to fuel America's 19th century industrial revolution.

June 27: "Weyerbacher Beer-Tasting Cruise," 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be food pairings to match different beers in celebration of the brewery's 20th anniversary.

July 18: "Life on the Old Canal," 5:30 - 8 p.m. Stories and music by Matthew Dodd, commemorating the Lehigh and Delaware canals.

Aug. 22: "Sock Hop," 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. DJ: Steve Capwell. Dinner and dance to music of the 1950's.

Aug. 29: "Wine Tasting Cruise," 5 - 7 p.m. Wines from Bucks County's Sand Castle Winery. There will be food pairings for each wine served. Each passenger will receive a commemorative wine glass.

Sept. 12: "From Naples with Love," 4 - 6:30 p.m. Italian immigration of the 1850s and its impact on industries in the greater Lehigh Valley.

Oct. 3: "The Original People," 4 - 6:30 p.m. Stories about the Lenni-Lenape Indians of the Lehigh and Delaware Valleys.

Each cruise is limited to 80 people and will be held rain or shine. Passengers will be provided with directions to the boat and a detailed cruise agenda upon registration.

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