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Two charged in Parkhurst trash fire homicide

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Police Chief Mark DiLuzio announced in a release Friday that two M.R.E. gang members are now charged in the stabbing and burning death of a young man in a trash bin at the Parkhurst apartment build-

BETHLEHEM POLICE

ings at Nicholas and Barbara streets in April 2018.

Money Rules Everything members Miles Harper, 20, or Allentown, and Yzire Jenkins-Rowe, 22, of Bethlehem, are facing charges of kidnapping, possessing instruments

of crime, criminal conspiracy and homicide in the death of 18-year-old Tyrell M. Holmes.

Jenkins-Rowe is currently already incarcerated in SCI-Phoenix – a Pennsylvania prison – on a corrupt organization charge.

DiLuzio said the investigation is still active.

Police are asking anyone with information about this homicide or who know any information about these individuals, to please contact Bethlehem detectives or Lead Detective Blake Kuntz at 610-865-7187.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Liberty/Freedom class of 1969 members were asked at their 50th reunion, "What was your most memorable high school experience?"



"All of the dances I went to. I think I hit every dance there was."

Tom Keifer
Bethlehem



"Transferring into Liberty HS as a junior."

Diane Plunkett
Doylestown

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State rejects voting challenge

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Under Pennsylvania's Election Code, 10 or more citizens have the right to challenge the Department of State's certification of a voting system. That's exactly what happened to the Express-Vote XL voting system, a hybrid combining a voter-verified paper trail with the simplicity of a touch screen. This system was certified by both the federal and state governments in November 2018. Eight months later, a consortium of paper ballot purists filed a challenge. This triggered an automatic re-examination, See **VOTE** on Page A2



Kim Miller of Hamburg brought her pet pig Harley to the festival. Harley does tricks – he'll climb up on stairs, open a door on the top stair, then close it – provided Kim gives him treats.

Something for young and older

Apple Days 2019

BY DOROTHY GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Small wonder that the sixth annual Apple Days Sept. 6 and 7 at Bethlehem's Burnside Plantation was teeming with children. There were so many fun and interesting things to see and do.

In one tent, Jennifer Purcell invited children (and adults) not just to see, but to pet, if they wished, a skunk named Cabbage, a corn snake named Carolina, and a barn owl named Tyto. At another venue, Pat Belliel introduced Harley, her 5-year-old pet pig. At yet another venue there were sheep, alpacas and a pair of 22-year-old miniature donkeys.

Children could take a ride on a pony or in a donkey-drawn wagon. There was also face painting and apple bobbing.

For older visitors, there was a chainsaw carving demonstration, a donut-eating contest, a



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Volunteer Barbara Hollenbach tempts a passerby with a beautiful slice of apple pie. In addition to assisting at Apple Days, Hollenbach is the chair of the board of trustees of Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites, the festival's sponsor.

beekeeper presentation, a culinary competition and a weaving demonstration, to name a few

attractions. A variety of refreshments were available, including, appropriately, assorted

apple treats. More photos appear on page A2.

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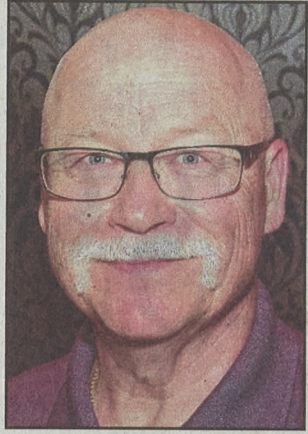
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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Liberty/Freedom class of 1969 members were asked at their 50th reunion, "what was your most memorable high school experience?"



"Playing in the last Thanksgiving Day game between William Allen and Liberty."
Ben Stefanavage
Asheville, NC



"Having acid thrown on me by my lab partner and a field trip to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia."
Mary Nelson
Bethlehem



"I loved singing in the Glee Club."
Sandy Cooley
Eagle Rock



"My group of friends."
Donna Kromer
Hellertown

APPLE DAYS 2019



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

A beautiful, cool day attracted many people to the Saturday opening of Apple Days. Guests wait patiently to pay the entrance fee.



Many families attended Apple Days, attracted by the activities for children. Ian and Morgan Dell said they were looking forward to the festival, but their kids – daughter Charlotte, asleep in her mother's arms, and four-month-old twins, Lincoln and Colton – decided to take a nap.



Bright red T-shirts identified the many Apple Days volunteers. Here the Hutchinson family – dad and kids Elizabeth and Andrew – demonstrate an 1869 Buckeye apple press from Springfield, Ohio, which still makes cider as well as when it was new.

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The Bend in the Road

On May 26, 2002, near Webbers Falls, Oklahoma, the Alleys – an elderly couple – were on their way to a church service. They had traveled the I-40 route many times, crossing the bridge that spans the Arkansas River.

On that Sunday as they approached the bridge, Mr. Alley remarked to his wife, "I don't remember there being a hill here." The next minute their truck was flying through the air and then plummeted 60 feet to the edge of the river below.

Unbeknownst to them, a barge had slammed into the bridge's support causing it to collapse. Fourteen people died that day as the Alleys watched cars plummeting off the Interstate into the water before emergency help arrived. The Alleys' vehicle was the only one that didn't go into the water; their truck had landed on a broken part of the bridge. Mrs. Alley suffered cracked ribs and bruises and her husband had bones broken in his back, but they survived. In an interview Mrs. Alley said, "You didn't have time to think. Let me tell you, you better be ready at all times. When something happens that fast, you're trying to figure out what happened." Scripture says it this way, "Prepare to meet thy God." (Amos 4:12)

Their story is a reminder that we don't always know what is coming down the road, but as Mrs. Alley advised in her interview, "Stay close to God and always keep prayed up." We may not recognize the warning sign of a new "hill" in our path and be thrown into a tragic situation, but God's promise to those who look to Him is found in Isaiah 43, verse 2: "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee..."

-Submitted by Grace Lundmark, sister-in-law of the late Pastor Daniel E. Lundmark



Jennifer Purcell, a naturalist from Wildlands Conservancy, thrilled a large audience of children with several unusual pets. Carolina the corn snake was a particular hit.

VOTE

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which was conducted off-site in August.

On Sept. 3, the Department of State rejected the challenge and has maintained the ExpressVote XL certification.

This petition for re-examination was signed by 200 citizens in "Free Speech for People," "National Election Defense Coalition," and "Citizens For Better Elections." With a full quiver, they launched 10 separate attacks.

Seven of these arrows were immediately batted away because "they amount to purely legal arguments which do not apply to the re-examination or certification of an electronic voting system." This left three arguments.

The first argument considered is that it's possible to tamper with the machine. Independent examiners had no success after two days of testing.

Second, paper ballot purists complained that the paper ballots cast into a secured black box are in chronological order, making it possible to determine how someone voted. This attack was rejected because the votes go into a sealed black box never seen by poll work-



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Northampton County Voter Registration employee Richard Kessler with the voting machine county voters will use in the next election.

ers. Also, when the ballot boxes are returned, the paper ballots are commingled by the county elections office before the canvas (official count).

Third, if a voter decides he is unhappy with his paper ballot, he can "quit" and ask for a new ballot. Because an elections worker must retrieve the spoiled ballot, the "better elections" people complain a poll worker might see the spoiled ballot. Well, they might see a spoiled paper ballot too. Moreover, the ballot is located on the far right side of the machine and

is very difficult to review unless a concerted effort is made. And it's a spoiled ballot that goes right into a spoiled ballot envelope, not the actual vote. So there's no privacy violation.

"We appreciate that the DOS conducted its due diligence and we respect the right of anyone who wants to ask questions and learn more about our voting machines," said Election Systems and Software Vice President Steve Pearson. "Many counties throughout the Commonwealth have already been

experiencing positive results with demonstrations and trainings. We look forward to working with all counties utilizing our systems and ensuring that they have the tools necessary for proper education and outreach."

This system worked flawlessly in Warren County in November and in Delaware in May.

"Accessible and secure elections are our goal in Northampton County, and we have a system that's passed the test twice!" said Executive Lamont McClure.

The county has been demonstrating the machine at various locations, as well as at the courthouse.

The following dates are still left:

Sept. 25; noon - 2 p.m. Old York Road Senior Center, 720 Old York Road, Bethlehem

Sept. 28; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Easton Public Market, 325 Northampton St.

Sept. 30; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bethlehem City Hall, 10 East Church St.

Oct. 3; 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Cherryville Senior Center at Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Dr., Cherryville.

Oct. 5; noon - 2 p.m. Hanover Township Community Center- Fall Festival, 3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem.

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Wednesday, September 18

Tips & Tidbits II with Lenora Lee, 1 p.m. Drop in center, 10 a.m. Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon; Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, September 19

Part 2: Holocaust Survivor and view of Israel with Eva Levitt, 1 p.m. Seniors age 50 and up. Drop in center, 9 a.m. Tai Chi, 9:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities schedules: call 610-867-4681.

Friday, September 20

Eastern PA Healthcare Executive Network and presenters fall symposium, "New Frontiers in Care Delivery." Cost. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St. Visit <http://epahen.ache.org/local-events/symposium/>.

Saturday, September 21

Northampton County, old growth forests program, 9 a.m.: talk in Alumni Hall, Gates Center at the North Entrance, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. 11 a.m.: Matson's Woods dedication, Louise Moore Park farmhouse, 151 Country Club Road, Easton. Free but must register; call 610-829-6404 or email jwilson@northamptoncounty.org.

Harvest Fest, noon to 7 p.m. Food, wine and beer trail until 6 p.m. Live music, food for purchase. Morris J. Dimmick Park, 570 Durham St., Hellertown, 18055. Visit www.sauconharvestfest.com.

The Chemo Bag's third annual Rock the Bag with Scott Marshall & Marshall's Highway. Food, fun, silent auction and raffle items. All proceeds go to providing care bags to those undergoing chemotherapy treatments in the Lehigh Valley. 6 p.m. Cost. The Clubhouse Grille, 400 Illick's Mill Road. Visit www.facebook.com/Thechemobag.

15th Annual "Night of Heroes" celebration, 6 p.m. to midnight. Honoring heroes from hospitals, emergency medical services and departments throughout St. Luke's University Health Network. Musikfest Café SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. For information, visit www.steelstacks.org/event/9171/st-lukes-15th-annual-night-of-heroes/.

Sunday, September 22

Free band concert: David Neith, 7:30 p.m. Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and Broad Street.

Monday, September 23

L.V. Food Policy Council with local valley food movement leaders talk about changing the food system in a community. Meet Mark Winne, author of "Food Town USA: Seven Unlikely Cities Changing the Way We Eat!" 5 to 7 p.m., Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts, 321 E. Third St.

Tuesday, September 24

Salvation Army, bridge players program, seniors 50 and up, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, September 25

Major Martha Wheeler, 1 p.m. Drop in center, 10 a.m. Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon; Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, September 18

Hellertown Borough Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St.

Fountain Hill Borough Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St. Northampton Co. Personnel Committee, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. Finance Committee, 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee, 6 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Thursday, September 19

City of Bethlehem Redevelopment, 3 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Northampton Co. County Energy, Environmental and Land Use, 5 to 8:30 p.m. 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. County Council, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 669 Washington St., Easton.

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PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

The oldest section of the historic farmhouse at Camel's Hump Farm dates back to 1722. Victoria Bastidas, president of the Friends of Johnston Inc. and caretaker of the property at 1311 Santee Mill Road, is appealing a denial of a use permit for Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate.

Camel Hump Farm issue resumes

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Three hours was not enough time to resolve a zoning decision appeal at the Aug. 28 meeting.

Victoria Bastidas, president of the Friends of Johnston Inc. and caretaker of the property at 1311 Santee Mill Road, was appealing a denial of a use permit for Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate.

The appeal, continued from May, contained two issues: Whether the appeal should be granted because the proposed use of the property falls within its already defined use, or otherwise, asking for a variance for the proposed use of an environmental education center/childcare facility. Bastidas and the Friends of Johnson were represented by attorney David Berger.

Bastidas presented her case with several exhibits. She described the property's three buildings, detailed her educational credentials and offered examples of other such centers.

Attorney James Preston, representing a neighbor opposed to proposal, objected on the grounds of hearsay.

Bastidas said the information was being presented because there is no definition of an environmental education center in the zoning code.

Bastidas' plans for the property center around a school year operation for children ages three to six. Tuition from the preschool would potentially go to the upkeep of the entire property, and she suggested expanding a summer camp to 14,000 students as an al-

CITY ZONING BOARD



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Victoria Bastidas presented her case with several exhibits. She said the information was being presented because there is no definition of an environmental education center in the zoning code.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

Left: Neighbor Howard Goldstein questions the traffic and safety of the proposed center. **Right:** Lorraine Lidon of Easton, speaks in favor of the Environmental Education Center.

ternative fundraiser. Preston then represented an opposing view by one Allen Smith, asking about complaints and activities at 1311, to which Bastidas responded the only complaint was made on Facebook by Smith himself, regarding acres beyond the scope of the hearing, and the only activity in the past two years has

been building restoration and birdwatching. Certificates of occupancy were issued in 2017 and 2018, and Bastidas lives on the property with a roommate.

Preston pointed out that if you go to the Friends of Johnston website, there is a link to the Camel's Hump Farm Nature Preschool.

The preschool page lists operating hours and tuition rates for full-time and part-time students. Bastidas said that the page was set up by a volunteer, and the preschool is not yet in operation.

"What are the state requirements?" Preston asked. Bastidas said there were no state regulations governing summer care.

"Your center qualifies as a daycare center," Preston said. Bastidas replied that daycare centers do not have a curriculum, and her center provides curriculum.

Bastidas then answered an array of questions from board members.

She said she has completed the coursework, but needs a certificate of occupancy and inspection before she can receive her license to operate a school year center, and her curriculum is not regulated by the state, but was written "in line with Pennsylvania standards for environmental education," following guidelines for early childhood education and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Bastidas was emphatic that her center will be an Environmental Education Center and not a traditional preschool or daycare.

Public questions came next.

Colleen Lidon of Easton asked what plans existed for the property prior the Bastidas' purchase.

"A strip mall; no land trust wanted this project," Bastidas responded.

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Raymond J. Sagl, 86, of Center Valley, died September 7, 2019. Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late August and Emma (Feichtel) Sagl. He was the husband of Elsie R. (Bauer) for 61 years.

He was a Central Catholic HS graduate.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was an accountant for the United States Postal Service until he retired.

He was of the Catholic faith.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Leonard and his wife Lily and Raymond and his wife Teri; two daughters, Pamela Smith and Kathryn; a sister, Lenore Albenzi; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Paul and Robert.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

Arrangements were made by Stephens Funeral Home Inc., Emmaus.

Nancy C. Ihle

SVSD food service manager



Nancy C. Ihle, 78, of Bethlehem Township, died Sept. 11, 2019. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Frances (McGoldrick) Kametz. She was the wife of the late Robert Rackawack and the late Leonard Ihle.

She waitress for many years at different restaurants, including Twin Lakes Country Club, Collins and the Bushkill Center Hotel. She was an integral part in the startup of the former Candlelight. Later she was a food service manager for the Saucon Valley School District until she retired in 2008 after 22 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Donna Jesberger and her husband Kurt and Linda Derrico and her husband John; a sister, Jean Yanik; four grandchildren, Ryan M. Kisner, Brett VanBilliard, Danielle M. Derrico and Michael Derrico; two great-grandchildren, Bailey VanBilliard and Jordan Kisner; two step-children, Carol Williams and Michael Ihle; and three step-grandchildren, Shelley Mines, Shane Ihle and Sarah Ihle.

She was predeceased by a son, Michael Rackawack; two siblings, John and Janice Kametz; and a step-son, Leonard Ihle.

Contributions may be made to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation or Smile Train.

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POLICE

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DUI

Joshua A. Neto, 29, of Hastings Road, was arrested very early Sept. 7 for allegedly driving under the influence after exiting the Fahy Bridge and plowing his Honda through the Bethlehem Police Fallen Officers Memorial.

Responding officers found car and driver in the grass nearby, and Neto was taken to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Neto is charged with DUI, possession of cocaine and paraphernalia, and an array of driving infractions.

Engineers are being consulted to estimate the cost of damage and reconstruction to the memorial.

BOARD

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Monday, September 23

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

Bethlehem Twp. Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, September 24

SouthSide Task Force, 4 p.m. Room 623, Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St.

Freemansburg Zoning, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St. Hanover Twp. NorCo Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

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

Wednesday, September 25

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

Bethlehem Zoning Board, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

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

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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Contentious gate, fence proposal passes

BY ED COURRIER Special to the Bethlehem Press

After much discussion, the Historical and Architectural Review Board awarded a certificate of appropriateness for a new gate and fence at the side rear of the house owned by Madeline Peters at 251 E. Church St. The gate proposal had been tabled at the previous meeting for want of more detailed plans. Representing the property was Dan Ault, who returned with a revised proposal that included the fence and gate with more accurate measurements. The vote was six "ayes" and two "nays."

Peters' next-door neighbor, Cheryl Dougan, owner of 253 E. Church St., returned as well, to request another delay in voting for approval for the project, citing unresolved issues between her and the other property owner. She also argued the angle of the new gate would be "inappropriate," as it wouldn't be perpendicular to the houses.

Vice Chairman Philip Roeder reminded her it would violate city zoning laws for the gate to straddle the property line. This would make it impossible for the gate to be installed perpendicular to the houses, as the space between them is only 41 inches, with the property line 31 inches away from 253 E. Church and 10 inches to it from Dougan's rear addition.

During the public comment forum prior to the vote, Dougan's husband, Anthony Viscardi, said, "We would be open to design alternatives for a fence that could be easily mounted so I can have access to the wall."

Approved was a three-foot wide by six-foot high solid wood cedar gate with black wrought-iron hardware, hung between two four-by-four premium kiln-dried posts with wooden caps. It is to be connected to a 15-foot wide by 6-foot high solid wood cedar fence six inches inside the property line. Within a year,



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

From left, Dan Ault representing 251 E. Church St. and his next-door neighbor Cheryl Dougan during another contentious HARB hearing Sept. 4. Ault's gate proposal had been tabled at the previous meeting after Dougan argued against it.



At right, Charles Lieb fields questions about his proposal to replace deteriorated slate with GAF slateline shingles on a shed roof at 46 E. Church St. Across from him, from left, are Vice Chairman Philip Roeder, Marsha Fritz, and Derrick Clark.

the wood could be sealed with a clear finish.

Marsha Fritz told Ault the posts and crossbars should face his patio, and not Dougan's property. Chairman Fred Bonsall supported this by citing the city's traditional "Good Neighbor policy."

Dougan, joined by Viscardi, complained that the proposed fence would make access to maintaining the siding on the rear addition of their home difficult, as

the space between their building and the fence would be tight.

Bonsall and Fritz told them that this is something they should take up with the zoning office. It doesn't fall under the purview of HARB. The COA is only a recommendation. They could also attend the city council meeting to provide input before a final vote is cast.

In other action, the commissioners ap-

proved Charles Lieb's proposal to replace deteriorated slate with GAF slateline shingles on a shed's roof behind his house at 46 E. Church St. Vice Chairman Philip Roeder mentioned he had visited the property and found the shingles on the roof were "flaking away" due to the low slope of the hip roof. The new shingles will be slate gray with hip ridge shingles for the top of the former carriage house.

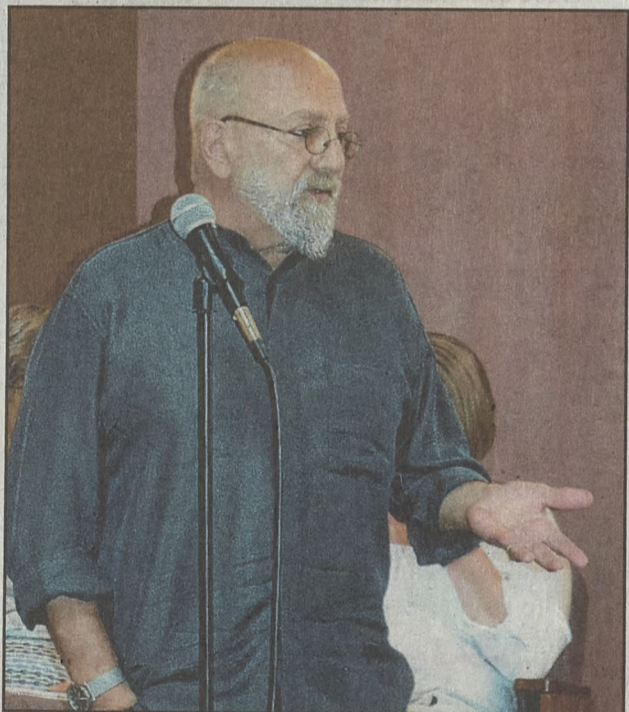
A well-prepared Louis Cinquino scored a COA for window replacement for his row house at 56 E. Wall St. He informed the board that he was employing the same contractor to install the same style Andersen Woodwright double-hung units his neighbor in the same row had been previously approved for in June. Historic officer Joseph Phillips quipped, "You're a quick learner," as he mentioned the proposal was similar to the neighbor's. Cinquino was allowed to replace two double-hung windows with a grouping of three for the back of his house.

Cinquino lives in one of four stone and brick faced townhouses built in 1978 on the site of the old Neisser school. His home has a "Germanic Stone" facade.

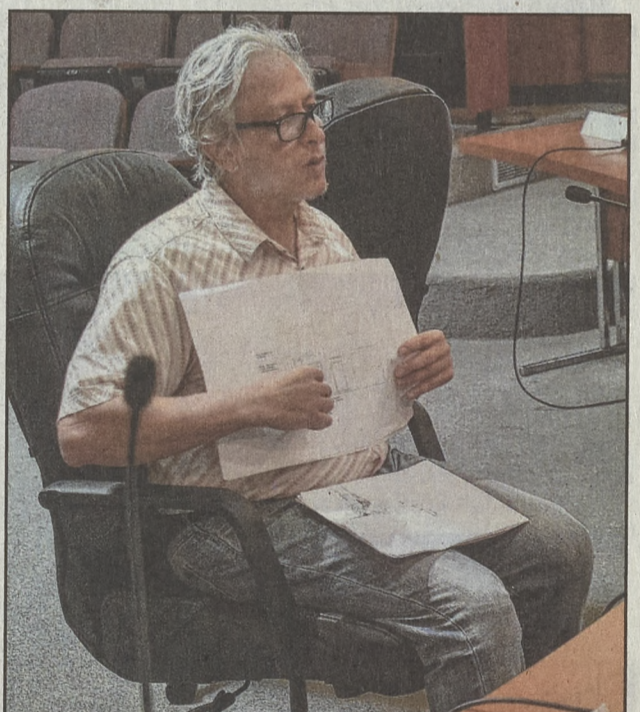
The voting for the last two successful proposals was unanimous.

The Historical and Architectural Review Board regularly meets the first Wednesday of every month to review all exterior changes proposed to buildings in the Bethlehem Historic District north of the Lehigh River. When a proposed project receives a certificate of appropriateness from the board, applicants must wait for City Council to vote on it before proceeding.

The city plans to eventually digitally record these hearings and post them on YouTube. A new start time of 5 p.m. is to begin with the January 2020 meeting.



During the public comment forum prior to the vote, Dougan's husband, Anthony Viscardi said, "We would be open to design alternatives for a fence that could be easily mounted so I can have access to the wall."



Louis Cinquino presents his proposal to replace windows at his row home at 56 E. Wall St.

ZONING

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Howard Goldstein, of Santee Mill Road, asked if Bastidas recalled conversations with him about her dog and goats. Bastidas responded that new gates are being installed. Goldstein also brought up traffic concerns.

Deborah Goldstein asked about a lack of communication about the center's plans with neighbors. Bastidas explained there were yard signs and flyers and information on the website. "An Environmental Education Center is very different than the

daycares, by definition, 50 percent of a child's time is spent outside ... a ton of benefits," said Lorraine Lidon of Easton. "We need to change what we are doing (to educate children) and that is what Vicky (Bastidas) is doing."

Katie Taylor, owner of a small farm in Bethlehem, spoke of her work with children at the center.

"I have two students with autism; no broken bones, amazing improvements in interactions with friends," she said.

The board asked for a legal definition of the issue at hand.

"The reason we are here is to consider zoning relief that will allow Ms. Bastidas to operate a daycare," said Preston. "This is relevant because it (the property) is in an RR district. To provide for low density neighborhoods, single family dwellings. A daycare is not permitted under RR. I don't believe the ordinance allows it. Concerning a use variance, when you consider what to follow, what is relevant is the ordinance."

"The problem we have here is there is no definition of an environmental education center, said attorney Berg-

er. "The accessory use is a daycare. She [Bastidas] has gone through the city every step of the way. We are asking you to define what an Environmental Education Center is."

Following nearly 40 minutes of discussion, Board Chair William Fitzpatrick announced that deliberations were terminated for the evening and would resume Sept. 25. Both sides' attorneys were asked to submit supporting case law for composite use, when no definition was present in ordinance, by 4 p.m. Sept. 11. A final decision would be issued 30 days after Sept 25.

**BRIEFLY
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Oct. 12 police position tests

The Colonial Regional Police Department will conduct a test for the position of police officer Oct. 12. Applications are available from the Colonial Regional Police Department, 248 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18017, by calling 610 861-4820 or online at www.colonialregion-alpd.org.

Completed applications must be returned no later than 4 p.m. Sept. 27. Minimum Requirements: 21 years of age on test date, High School Graduate / GED, U.S. Citizen, Valid Driver's License, Act 120 certified by Dec. 30. Starting Salary: \$57,934. Anticipated openings in 2020. EOE.

ROADS

Center Street west road now closed

In conjunction with the current bridge construction, Illick's Mill Road has been closed to westbound traffic at Center Street. Local traffic will be able to access the Main Street extension and driveways, but no westbound traffic will be allowed beyond that until after the bridge.

Eastbound traffic from Schoenersville Road will remain open. This configuration will be kept in effect 24 hours a day until the end of the month, when traffic will be flipped.

Emergency services will continue to have access as needed.

VALLEY

Pediatric Cancer gala set for Nov. 9

Tickets are now available for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of Lehigh Valley's Hearts of Gold Gala 5-11 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Centennial Event Center in Center Valley.

This sparkling evening will feature a silent auction, cocktail hour, music, dancing and the much-anticipated live auction featuring artwork created by local cancer kids.

All proceeds go toward helping local pediatric cancer patients and their families.

For more information, call 610-297-7292.

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

Executive's predicted tax increase arrives in 2020 budget proposal

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Perhaps hoping that wearing a purple shirt would predispose Lehigh County Commissioners into thinking that his 2020 proposed \$514.6 million budget is bi-partisan, County Executive Phillips Armstrong unveiled his fiscal plan on Friday to department heads and staffers, attending commissioners and the public.

Speaking in the public hearing room of the Lehigh County administration's Seventh Street headquarters, Armstrong's budget raises taxes to 5.5 percent, which translates into a 3.84 millage rate that will generate \$115 million. That would be a \$771.84 tax per year on a \$201,000 home, according to information provided by Armstrong. That is about \$3 more per month than families currently spend on taxes.

The new millage rate is where Armstrong predicted it would be as a result of the Republican-dominated board of commissioners cutting his proposed 2019 budget last year.

"People elected me to do the right thing," said

LEHIGH COUNTY



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Lehigh County District Attorney James Martin exchanges pleasantries with General Services Director Richard Molchany while waiting for the 2020 budget presentation ceremony to start.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong hands an official copy of the 2020 budget to Commissioner Dr. Percy Dougherty.

Armstrong, attributing the phrase to Commissioner Marc Grammes, who was in the audience.

"We're trying to be responsible to the taxpayer. The [budget] process was long, with tough decisions. It's been 15 years since an executive presented a balanced budget," Armstrong said. "Only 26 percent of the budget is paid for with property taxes."

Lehigh County pays a smaller percentage (1.26 percent) of household income, according to Armstrong, than does Northampton County (3.76 percent) or Berks County (2.41 percent).

Sixty-four percent of the budget is paid for with grants and reimbursements; 64 percent of the 2020 budget expenditures are for nursing homes (\$46.7 million for construction of a new wing at the Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center) and the Human Services Department.

The balance of the budget pays for the courts (\$1.3 million for court security upgrades and \$9.6 million for courthouse renovations), jail, District Attorney's office, Sheriff's

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BRIEFLY

HELLERTOWN

Yard waste collection

starts Sept. 23

The Borough of Hellertown will be making a community-wide, curbside yard waste collection during the week of Sept. 23. Collections will generally follow the weekly trash collection schedule, and placed at the normal collection location the evening before the usual trash pick-up date.

Yard waste should be separated from garbage, bundled with string, bagged or contained and of reasonable weight. Only leaves, small brush (up to four feet in diameter, no longer than six feet), hedge trimmings and garden plant residue (no garbage) will be accepted.

The Yard Waste Compost Center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, through Nov. 23, at 2011 Springtown Hill Road. This is a joint project of the Borough and Lower Saucon Township, and is available to residents of both communities.

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MJ is a 3-month-old female, domestic long hair kitten. She is looking for a place to call home.



Betsy, a female terrier/hound mix puppy, is playful, loving, full of energy and ready for her forever family.

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

Nurses aide program begins Oct. 9

The Nurse Aide Program at Northampton Community College (NCC) is an intensive 128-hour course that prepares participants with the skills needed to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program Competency Examination (NNAAP) for placement on the Pennsylvania Nurse Aide Registry and begin a successful career as a nurse aide in a long term care facility, hospital or other healthcare setting. To enroll, participants must be Pennsylvania residents, at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Residents of locations outside of Pennsylvania should contact their State Licensing Board about reciprocity.

Classes at the Fowler Family Southside Center will run from Oct. 9 - 31. Requirements are due by Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Classes at the NCC Monroe Campus will run from Nov. 11 - Dec. 5. Requirements are due Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For registration and more information on requirements, go to northampton.edu/HealthcareCourses.

Learn how to serve alcohol responsibly

There will be a RAMP certification course on serving alcohol responsibly from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St.

RAMP was created by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) and is taught by an approved PLCB trainer. Upon completion of the program, students are required to complete a course examination with an 80 percent or higher score to receive a certificate. There is a fee. To enroll, call 610-861-5068 or visit www.northampton.edu/lifelearn.

College gets EPA award

Northampton Community College has received a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2019 Green Power Leadership Award at the 2019 Renewable Energy Markets Conference in San Diego, California Sept. 5.

The annual award recognized NCC for commitment and contribution to helping advance the development of the nation's voluntary green power market. NCC was one of only seven organizations nationwide to receive an Excellence in Green Power Use Award.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally-preferable renewable resources, such as wind, solar, geothermal, biogas, eligible biomass and low-impact hydro. NCC is currently purchasing almost 11 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually, which is enough green power to meet about 86 percent of the organization's electricity use.

College welcomes international student

Northampton Community College welcomed Sunil Kumar, a new international student, to campus as part of the U.S. Department of State's Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Pakistan.

The Global UGRAD-Pakistan program, which places participants at U.S. colleges and universities for one semester of non-degree academic study, is part of a broader U.S. Department of State effort.

Since the program's inception in 2010, Global UGRAD-Pakistan has provided nearly 1,800 undergraduate students from underserved populations across Pakistan with the opportunity to study at a U.S. college or university.

Moravian College

College ranked among top colleges

Moravian College announced Sept. 12 it has been ranked 136th in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 rankings of National Liberal Arts Colleges (top 10 percent nationwide) and 60th in Top Performers on Social Mobility. The U.S. News & World Report rankings, which were released Sept. 9, are the latest in a list of national media outlets recognizing Moravian, including The Princeton Review, Forbes, Money Magazine and the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings for 2020.

"U.S. News has once again recognized Moravian College for our commitment to a high level of academic quality and for providing educational opportunities for students from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds," said Bryon Grigsby, president of Moravian College. "This ranking, along with others from national media outlets, is another validation of the hard work and dedication we see from our students, faculty, and staff every day."

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Nitschmann MS, located at 1002 W. Union Blvd. in Bethlehem, was certified LEED Gold because of its high energy efficiency and sustainable design. The project made use of a \$2 million state grant.

Nitschmann certified green

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

The agenda was short on items, but long on celebration at the meeting of BASD facilities and curriculum committees Sept. 9. Chief Facilities and Operations Officer Mark Stein joined partners from Breslin Architects and D'Huy Engineering in unveiling the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certificate awarded to Nitschmann MS, and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Silva and CTO Marie Bachman provided details on the successful deployment of 3,300 laptop computers during the first week of school.

Nitschmann earned its LEED Gold designation by meeting the requirements established by the nonprofit US Green Building Council in 2009 and undergoing a verification by Green Business Certification, Inc. LEED-certified buildings are more energy-efficient and have better air quality than similar buildings that have not earned this designation. D'Huy principal M. Arif Fazil noted that although Nitschmann had a score of 74 points (on a 100-point scale) and could have earned plat-

inum certification by adding a few additional features such as a rainwater capture system, his team worked with the district to focus instead on features, that would provide a payback in terms of energy cost savings.

By September 2020, all middle and high school students in the district will have their own BASD-provided computing devices, the bulk of which are Lenovo and Samsung Chromebooks. The first wave of deployment took place in August of this year, with students in eighth grade through 10th grade receiving Chromebooks and the district laying the groundwork to lend students Kajeet mobile hotspots (known as SmartSpots) to access the internet when away from wi-fi networks. The first student borrowed a mobile hotspot over the weekend of September 6-9; the district uses software to monitor students' site visits and bandwidth usage. Parent technology instruction nights are being planned in conjunction with community partners, including the

Hispanic Center and Ilesia Esperanza, to help students' families make the most productive use of the newly deployed devices.

Other facilities committee items included an update on the projects completed over the summer and a notification that next summer's HVAC renovation projects at Asa Packer ES and Spring Garden ES will be put out to bid in October.

Other curriculum committee items included plans to apply for the fifth consecutive year for a "Ready to Learn" block grant from the Pa. Department of Education to fund all-day kindergarten and a recommendation from the committee that the board approve a \$34,000 contract with Colonial IU 20 to provide professional development to Freedom and Liberty HS teachers as part of the second phase of its Learner-Centered Instruction (LCI) initiative.

Student services director Vivian Robledo-Shorey presented the district's comprehensive kindergarten

through high school counseling career program. Chapter 339 of Pa. education law mandates that each district create and implement a plan of this nature to support students' academic achievement and emotional and social growth. Chapter 339 plans are also intended to help students develop awareness of their interests and plan to develop their skills so that they can pursue post-high school paths of their choice. The board will vote on the plan at its Sept. 23 meeting.

Local resident Stephen Antalics used the "courtesy of the floor" portion of the meeting to follow up on his previously expressed concerns about concussions among high school athletes. BASD health services supervisor Kathleen Halkins not only provided answers to Antalics's questions about concussions, but has also been working with nationally recognized concussion expert Brenda Eagan-Johnson to review the district's "return to learn" policies for athletes suffering head injuries.



BASD school board members and district superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy with the LEED Gold certificates and D'Huy Engineering project posters prepared as souvenirs of a successful building project. D'Huy Engineering principal M. Arif Fazil noted that the project was completed at \$3 million less than the budgeted amount.



Celebrating a successful energy-efficient project at Nitschmann MS are (from left) Dr. Jack Silva (BASD); Jared Bilsak, Gwen Breslin and Robin Breslin (Breslin Architects); Andrew Mather, M. Arif Fazil, and Mike Spadafora (D'Huy Engineering); Mark Stein (BASD); and Nitschmann principal Dr. Peter Mayes.

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 department, the public defender and the coroner. Also paid for from the budget are General Services, which include bridges, parks, trails, the Velodrome (\$420,000 for track resurfacing) and for historic sites, Coca-Cola Park, Trexler Nature Preserve, emergency management and the farmland preservation program (\$3 million).

It also pays for salaries, benefits and the pension plan (\$15 million to the employee retirement plan which is 86.5 percent funded); it pays for administration, which includes Lehigh County veterans' affairs, human resources

and election process. "We made \$638,000 in cuts prior to this presentation," Armstrong explained. "We're trying to predict 18 months ahead. If there is a surplus, I agree with the board that it should go into the Capital Fund."

The proposed budget retains the Capital Fund at \$25 million.

"This 2020 budget is fiscally responsible and adheres to the Five-Year Fiscal Strategic Plan," said Armstrong. "It prioritizes the protection and security of the most vulnerable among us. It makes a significant investment in our infrastructure and ensures a balanced budget."

The executive said the 2020 budget is critical to

ensuring that, "we stay within Government Finance Officer Association standards."

"It prevents further cuts that would undermine our ability to provide services, promote public safety and to serve the people," said Armstrong. "It ensures our bond rating remains stable, saving taxpayers money in the long run, and it protects Lehigh County taxpayers from a more painful and severe tax increase."

"And it keeps the stabilization fund at \$25 million through 2023."

Armstrong said his administration has made every effort to be transparent, accessible and open with the board. "We've invited them to the budget

[meetings]. We've worked to remove politics from the budget process."

While all commissioners were invited to attend, Commissioner Amy Zanelli said in an interview that she was alone among them who attended all of the budget input and planning meetings.

"This budget was the result of simply looking at the numbers, and making realistic decisions base off of them," said Armstrong. "This is about ensuring we maintain a strong bond rating and leave Lehigh County in a strong position for the future."

The proposed budget presentation ceremony was simultaneously uploaded to the Lehigh County website.

GRADUATION

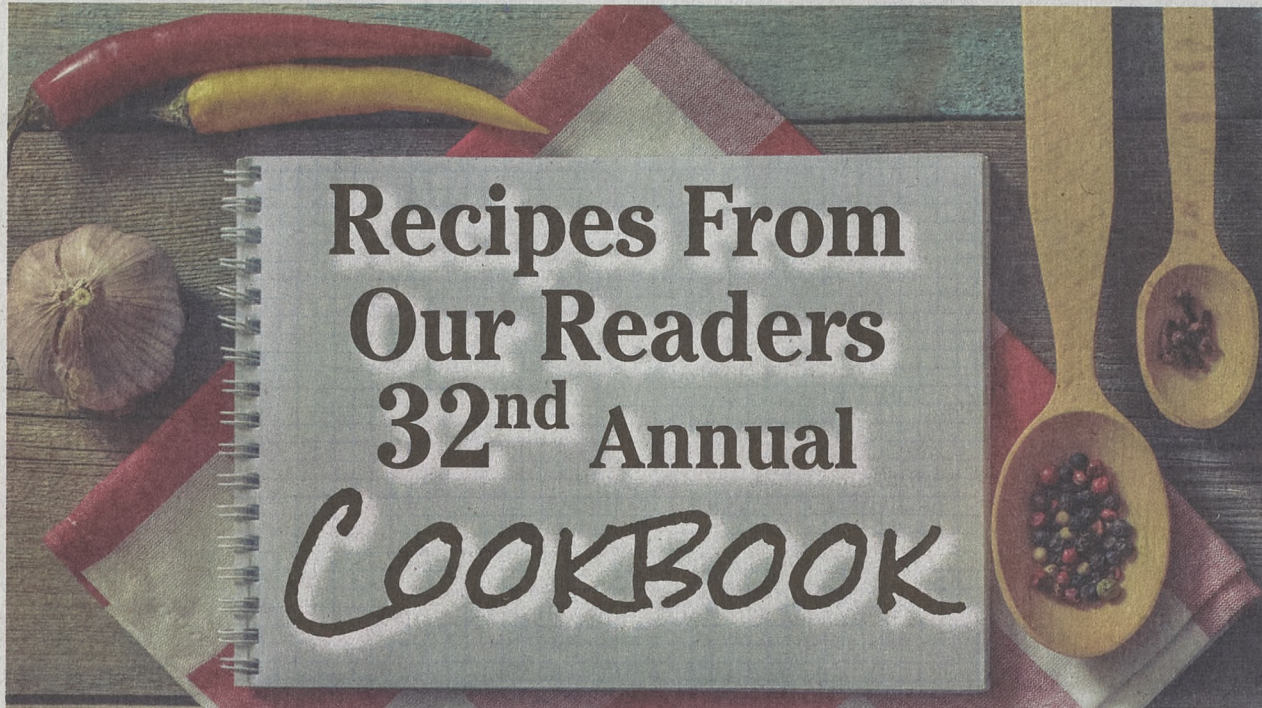
Wilkes University

Wilkes University awarded 10 local residents with master's degrees at the summer commencement ceremony held Sept. 8. The graduates and their degrees are, from Bethlehem: Stacey Barrow-Barker, Master of Science in Nursing; Courtney Bathgate, Master of Science in Education; Karla Erdman, Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing; Rachel Eshbaugh, Master of Science in Education; Katie Gould, Master of Science in Education; Maureen Hart-Fritchman, Master of Science in Nursing; Rebecca Hines, Master of Science in Education; Catherine Murray, Master of Science in Education; Thomas Vazquez, Master of Science in Education; and, from Freemansburg, Mary-Rebecca Truchan, Master of Science in Education.

DEAN'S LIST

Lehigh Carbon Community College

Lehigh Carbon Community College has announced the students with an academic grade point average of at least 3.50, who were named to the summer 2019 semester Dean's List. They are, from Bethlehem, Jonathan Fitzmaurice, Jennifer Gross, Stephenie Mathis, Ashley Sabol, Rebecca Siegfried, Destiny Soto, Kate Taylor, Katey Vandergrift and Joanna Vazquez; from Fountain Hill: Mark Crimaldi; and from Hellertown: Jillian Beck.



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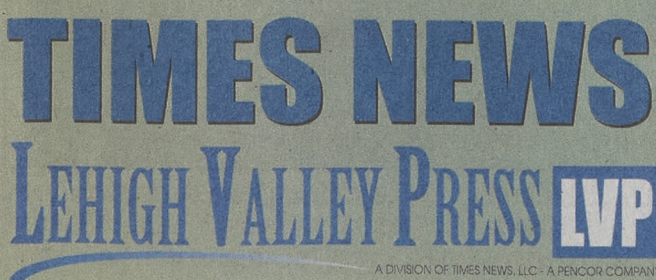
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32nd festival opens Sept. 27 with music, dance, food, fun

The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) announces the 32nd presentation of the Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival Sept. 27-29. The U.S. National Highland Games Championship, Celtic music, Irish dance and Celtic culture are all part of the largest free Celtic festival in North America, which takes place in historic downtown Bethlehem. From the traditional Highland Games events and bagpipe competitions to five stages with live Celtic music, Celtic Classic provides an abundance of fun activities to entertain festival-goers of all ages.

"Our volunteers and sponsors have worked diligently over the past year to present a fantastic 32nd festival," said



Jayne Ann Recker, executive director of the Celtic Cultural Alliance. "We are all excited for this year's dynamic line-up of musicians, athletes and cultural activities."

At Celtic Classic, the men's U.S. National Highland Games Championship features the top 10 professional Highland Games' athletes in the United States, who compete for the title of U.S. Champion. This compe-

dition tests agility and strength through the caber toss, hammer throw, stone throw and other events.

Celtic music and Irish dance will help bring a beat to your step throughout the weekend. Twenty different bands or solo performers from around the world will perform a variety of traditional Irish music, Celtic fusion, and Celtic rock on five stages throughout the festival.

New this year to Celtic Classic is Kennedy's Kitchen, a seven-piece traditional Irish band from Indiana.

Bagpipe music can be heard throughout the festival and, especially, at the Grades 3 and 4 Competitions, which take place on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday at 11:30 a.m., the Showing of the Tartan Parade kicks off with bagpipe bands, local high school bands, local dignitaries and several Scottish, Welsh and Irish clans and societies.

One major change at Celtic Classic is tickets will no longer be required to purchase food or beverages.

"Our goal is that the visitors to Celtic Classic will have an even more enjoyable experi-

ence by eliminating the need to stand in one line to purchase tickets and another to buy food and drinks," Recker said.

Bring your appetite as so that you can taste the delicious array of food and beverages. Hand battered fish and chips, pasties, bridies, meat pies and haggis are available for the traditional enthusiast. There will be something for everyone, including pretzels, kettle corn and strudel.

The Celtic Heritage Hollow celebrates the Celtic heritage through ethnic clans and societies, live performances, and a children's activity tent.

For more information, directions, volunteering opportunities and the weekend's schedule, log on to www.celticfest.com.

Boscola announced affordable housing investment

State Senator Lisa Boscola announced recently that four low-income housing projects in the 18th Senatorial District have been approved for up to \$2,784,285 in tax credits and funding through the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency's Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund (PHARE).

"Allocating funding

to provide affordable housing opportunities is a critical function of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency," Boscola said. Both the tax credit and PHARE initiatives can be distributed into our local communities who are in desperate need to provide affordable housing opportunities. By doing so, the Commonwealth can make a positive impact in revitalizing local communities," she added.

The four projects approved for funding are:

- PIRHL's The Mill at Easton (620 Coal Street in Easton) project was approved for both Low Income Housing Tax Credits (\$1,234,285) and PHARE (\$1,000,000);
- New Bethany Ministries was approved for PHARE funding (\$75,000) for its Rapid Rehousing Project;
- Optima Durant Group, LLC, was ap-

proved for PHARE funding (\$225,000) for its Gaurite Lofts project in the City of Easton.

County of Northampton was approved for PHARE funding (\$250,000) for its Conserve, Preserve, and Revitalize Northampton County project that will provide numerous opportunities to improve affordable housing opportunities in the county.

"All of these awards are incredibly important to the Lehigh Valley, but I must note that

Mill at Easton project funding is a great opportunity to redevelop a major eyesore for Easton's South Side," Boscola stated. "The need to provide significant affordable housing unit

is a tremendous need in

the City of Easton and this funding will aid in bringing approximately 60 units to this former silk mill site."

Known as the Black Diamond site, the proposed Mill at Easton site, which occupies nearly a full block in the center of Easton's South Side neighborhood, was originally used as a silk mill in 1898, with buildings being constructed between 1898 and 1929. Once the mill closed, the buildings were occupied by various businesses, and most recently a manufacturer of kitchen equipment. The site was deemed blighted in 2011, having sat vacant for several years, and was damaged by a fire in 2016.

Both the City of Easton and Northamp-

ton County have made the redevelopment of this brownfield site a priority. The Easton Comprehensive Plan 2035, which was adopted in February 2017, specifically pinpoints the Black Diamond site as an impediment to further reinvestment in the neighborhood. The redevelopment of this site by PIRHL is seen as the catalyst needed to drive the revitalization of the South Side of Easton and to meet an urgent need within the city for safe, decent affordable housing.

Funding was approved by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency in Harrisburg.

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A look at how locals runners did in recent meets.

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Becahi wins unofficial city championship in tennis action.

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"How do we handle our bus ride home, our weight room sessions and practice next week. Our mindset is always about what we can control and this one is in the books. Let's see how they come out next week."

Jason Roeder

FHS head football coach

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Parkland's total offensive output against Bethlehem Catholic last Saturday.

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Nazareth upends FHS

BY PETER CAR
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Jason Roeder made sure his players remembered a barrage of Nazareth students storming the BASD turf last Friday night.

In the aftermath of a 35-33 victory by the Blue Eagles on Freedom's home turf, the Pates brass was left ruminating in their first loss of the season to an upstart Nazareth squad that traded blows all night and made a final defensive stop on a two-point conversion to preserve victory.

That victory came largely on the shoulders of senior quarterback Anthony Harris, who spearheaded the Nazareth (4-0) attack with 235 yards passing and two scores to go along with 73 rushing yards and TD, becoming the school's all-time TD passing leader in the process with the 61st of his career.

Despite Harris' night under center and a 35-20 lead early in the fourth quarter, Freedom (3-1) did not give up.

Jared Jenkins hooked up with Matthew Russin for a 29-yard TD with 10:18 left in the game to cut the lead down to 35-27. After holding Nazareth on its next drive, Freedom continued to show its championship mettle with a six-play, 71-yard drive, capped by a 49-yard TD run by Jalen Stewart with 1:53 to go to make it 35-33.



Freedom's Gabriel Caton hauls in a catch and runs it in for a touchdown during Freedom's game with Nazareth last weekend.

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Just as all the momentum was on Freedom's side, the Blue Eagles came up with a defensive stand on the two-point conversion when Jenkins rolled to his right only to see his throw get batted down to preserve the two-point

lead. Still, Freedom had all three timeouts left and forced Nazareth into a 3rd-and-1 situation from its own 19, only to move their linemen out wide for a swinging gate, which saw Jaden Cabrera pick up 14-yards to ice

the victory. "You got to give credit to them because they were the better football team," said head coach Jason Roeder. "I'm not sure if we were missing a gear tonight. Nazareth just did a better job." Roeder has always

used losses to galvanize the troops and he hopes that this setback will give the team a spark moving forward. "We'll see what happens," he said. "I know how we've responded See **FHS** on Page A13

Becahi has convincing win vs. PHS

BY STEVE ALTHOUSE
Special to the Press

After a tepid first quarter, the Bethlehem Catholic Golden Hawks (3-1, 2-2) pounced on, and all over, the Parkland Trojans (2-2, 1-2) in a 44-7 mercy-rule ambush at BASD Stadium. The victory raised as many questions as it answered.

"What you saw tonight is what we are capable of," coach Joe Henrich told his team after the contest. "Our ceiling is so high...We hold our destiny in our hands."

Last Saturday night, Becahi's ceiling was the heavens. The Golden Hawks played a nearly flawless football game. They outplayed the Trojans on both the offensive and defensive lines of scrimmage. Their ability to stuff the Parkland rushing attack reduced the invaders into a finesse team sputtering all night on two cylinders.



Tavion Banks and the Hawks had an easy time with Parkland.

PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

For the game Parkland amassed just seven first downs and 154 yards in offense. They consistently struggled to sustain drives, con-

verting only two of 14 third-down plays. Some of those failures were self-inflicted, with dropped balls and mental mistakes.

Parkland also uncharacteristically committed 94 yards in penalties. "We made them make the mistakes tonight,"

Henrich told his squad. Even when the Golden Hawks made a mistake, Parkland was unable to capitalize.

Case in point, on three separate occasions, Bethlehem Catholic botched kickoffs with the ball traveling only to around midfield. Yet Parkland's offense sputtered and stalled with three anemic offensive possessions producing only one first down.

Whereas the Parkland rushing attack was MIA, the Golden Hawk running game was awesome. They torched the Parkland defense for 233 yards. Running backs Tavion Banks and Malik Thomas made good yardage throughout the night, often cutting back against the grain for large, consistent gains. On spectacular touchdown runs, they weaved their way through a myriad of Parkland arm tackles to reach the promised land. Banks See **BC** on Page A13

Pete's Top-10: Eagles soar to top

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We have a new team at the top of the poll following Nazareth's 35-33, thrilling win over Freedom last Friday night.

It was one of the best high school games the area has seen in a while and now the Blue Eagles have the task of upholding their status at the top by hosting Bethlehem Catholic Friday night. It could mark back-to-back weeks where Nazareth is involved in the top contest in the area and those things tend to happen when you have the best quarterback in

the region with Anthony Harris under center.

Emmaus hosts Easton this week in another big EPC South showdown, while Parkland looks to stop a two-game losing streak when they visit Liberty this week. The Trojans have lost to Freedom and Becahi thus far, but could Liberty hand them the trifecta?

Here's a look at this week's top 10.

1. Nazareth (3-0)

Last week's rank: #2
Fresh off a big win, can the Blue Eagles top a soaring Hawks squad?

The Pick: Nazareth 31 - Bethlehem Catholic 28

2. Freedom (3-1)

Last week's rank: #1
Pates didn't look like themselves last week, but should get back on track against a desperate Whitehall team.
The Pick: Freedom 42 - Whitehall 14

3. Bethlehem Cath (3-1)

Last week's rank: #3
Becahi embarrassed Parkland last week, but might face its toughest task of the season.
The Pick: Nazareth 31 - Bethlehem Catholic 28
See **TOP10** on Page A13



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Will anyone be able to trip up Nazareth for the rest of the season?

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Jobs first at PV, 3rd at DeSales

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's Emily Jobs and Belle Weikert scored a one-two finish in cross country last Tuesday at Pleasant Valley where Liberty, Bethlehem Catholic, and Freedom competed against Pocono Mountain East, Pocono Mountain West, and Pleasant Valley.

Jobs' time was 20:25 and Weikert was right behind with a time of 20:35.

"Belle and I worked together at a comfortable tempo pace, so we stayed together for practically all of the race except for at the end," said Jobs. "My body felt good so I picked it up a little."

Tuesday was the first EPC cross country meet of the season.

"It was great. We feel strong. We just didn't know [the course] as well as we thought we did," said Weikert. "I was in a boot this summer with a stress fracture so I'm excited to be back running."

In her EPC cross country debut, Becahi freshman Margaret Burke took fourth place with a time of 20:45.

"It was really exciting. I'm always a little bit nervous but once I get started, I'm fine," Burke said. "I went out pretty fast. I was first for the first little bit and then a couple people passed me. Two weeks ago I ran a little bit faster but it was a flat course."

The Hurricanes picked up sixth, seventh, and eighth places with Camryn Bortz in 21:53, Madison Drager in 22:00, and Ella Scott in 22:21.

Freedom's Eliza Fihlman came in ninth in 22:28.

In 12th place was Liberty's Mikallyn Matacavage in 22:54, in 13th place was Freedom's

Julia Heineman in 22:59, and in 14th place was Becahi's Marcela Banelos in 23:01.

From Liberty, Abby Mack was 17th in 23:14 and Madeline Mumma was 18th in 23:21.

In girls' team results, Freedom lost to Pocono Mountain East, 23-34, beat Pocono Mountain West, 23-32, and lost to Pleasant Valley by just one point, 28-29.

Patriot junior Lauren Charboneau was injured and did not run, which likely made the difference against Pleasant Valley.

Liberty defeated Pocono Mountain East, 18-43, Pocono Mountain West, 15-48, and Pleasant Valley, 18-43.

Bethlehem Catholic lost to Pocono Mountain East, 23-36, beat Pocono Mountain West, 22-35, and beat Pleasant Valley, 25-30.

The Liberty girls finished third at the DeSales meet Saturday. DeSales will be this year's site for the EPC and District 11 races.

Emily Jacobs took third overall for the Hurricanes.

GIRLS Team

1. Emmaus 79, 2. Exeter 97, 3. Liberty 159, 4. Mount St. Joseph Academy 201, 5. Southern Lehigh 223.

Individuals

1. Olivia Haas (Blue Mountain) 18:28.5, 2. Reagan Pender (Northern Lehigh) 19:00.5, 3. Emily Jobs (Liberty) 19:21.0, 4. Meredith Glunz (Villa Joseph Marie) 19:46.1, 5. Kat Kerchner (Exeter) 19:58.7, 6. Maggie Murphy (Mt. St. Joseph Academy) 20:01.1, 7. Brianna Jucewicz (Central Bucks South) 20:01.3, 8. Sara Smith (Exeter) 20:15.7, 9. Hailey Reinhard (Emmaus) 20:18.2, 10. Isabella Lees (Emmaus) 20:20.0.



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Cole Frank was first overall for the boys in the DeSales meet on Saturday.



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Casey Frank, shown here in the DeSales meet, was just behind his brother during a recent meet last week.

Cole Frank finding success

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty senior Casey Frank had his brother Cole's back as they finished second and first, respectively, at last Tuesday's cross country meet at Pleasant Valley.

Cole Frank's time was 16:35 in the Hurricanes' meet against Pocono Mountain East, Pocono Mountain West, and Pleasant Valley. Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic also competed against the Pocono teams.

"I went out easy today. I just wanted to feel comfortable. I started off in 20th and then I was like, I feel good so I started going a little faster. At half a mile, the pace was slow so I wanted to haul it. I'm happy, but I can definitely improve a lot if I wear the proper equipment," said Cole Frank, who was wearing trainers on Tuesday. "I'm excited to see what I can do the rest of the year."

Casey Frank finished with a time of 17:20.

"Our coaches told us to go out smart, like a 5:45 pace to start it off, but I ended up going 5:35ish. The course is

really flat, so I like that, but it's a little rocky at parts," said Casey Frank. "Second mile, I tried to run a similar pace, maybe a little faster. I was with Pleasant Valley and Pocono Mountain East for a decent amount of time, but I wasn't really concerned. In the back of my head I knew they were there so I had to push."

Pleasant Valley's Evan Fisher-Perez came in third in 17:21 and Pocono Mountain East's Jack Hollar was fourth in 17:32.

Liberty's Philip Bezas placed fifth in 17:50.

Three runners from Freedom took the next four places with Alex Heidemann in sixth in 17:56, Eric Mann in seventh in 17:57, Alex Hume in eighth in 18:07, and Matt Parkin in ninth in 18:15. Eli White was 20th in 19:17.

"I was up in top five and then there was a sharp turn and someone stepped on my left shoe, and I kicked it off and had to run the rest 2.85 miles barefoot with my left foot," said Heidemann. "There's a cinder path and that was pretty painful to run on. It

wasn't a terrible race, considering I didn't have a shoe."

Mann tried to kick past Heidemann at the last 100 meters, but Heidemann hung on. All things considered, if Heidemann had to do anything differently, he would have kicked off his other shoe.

"At Moravian [Academy], I ran a similar time, 17:51, and today, 17:54, so next race I'm expecting a pretty good draw."

From Liberty, Andrew Layne placed 10th in 18:18, Jacob Orrieco was 11th in 18:24, Sam Graybeal was 12th in 18:31, Caden Hosfeld placed 14th in 18:40, Hayden Shiban was 16th in 18:47, and Gavin Evans-Gartley was 17th in 18:58.

From Bethlehem Catholic, Matt Millen came in 13th in 18:36, and Daniel Smith finished in 15th in 18:42.

In boys' team results, Freedom beat Pocono Mountain East, 20-40, Pocono Mountain West, 16-47, and Pleasant Valley, 21-34.

Liberty beat Pocono Mountain East, 18-45, Pocono Mountain West, 15-50, and Pleasant Valley, 18-45.

Bethlehem Catholic beat Pocono Mountain East, 25-30, Pocono Mountain West, 22-34, but lost to Pleasant Valley, 24-35.

In the DeSales meet held Saturday, Cole Frank took first place with a time of 16:11.4. DeSales will be the site of this year's EPC and District 11 meets this season.

BOYS Team

1. Downingtown East 62, 2. Twin Valley 102, 3. Central Bucks South 135, 4. Emmaus 148, 5. Southern Lehigh 148.

Individuals

1. Cole Frank (Liberty) 16:11.4, 2. Alex Kane (Southern Lehigh) 16:26.8, 3. Noah Taylor (Twin Valley) 16:28.5, 4. Shane Artis (Salisbury) 16:38.4, 5. Brendan Flynn (Downingtown East) 16:42.1, 6. Kevin Haas (Blue Mountain) 16:49.3, 7. Luke Seymour (Schuylkill Valley) 16:51.5, 8. Sean McDonald (Downingtown East) 16:51.7, 9. Jared Fenessy (Central Bucks South) 16:57.0, 10. Caiden Leen (Downingtown East) 16:57.9.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Emily Jobs took third at the DeSales meet Saturday.

BC claims the unofficial 'city title'

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Bethlehem Catholic's girls' tennis team won the unofficial city championship after defeating Liberty last Wednesday, 6-0, and Freedom on Friday, 6-1.

In the Lady Hawks match against the Patriots, Shannon Stewart won at number one singles against Isabella Barberis, 6-0, 6-0.

At two singles, Cara Magliochetti defeated Isabella Szmodis, 7-6,

6-2, and at three singles, Taylor Adams defeated Dymea Schippers, 6-2, 6-1.

Freedom's victory came at number one doubles where Devon Ulmer and Aliyah Corrado defeated Isabella Bautista and Maddie Lennert, 8-7.

In number two doubles, Caitlin Maloney and Alexa Schoenfield defeated Olivia Taylor and Keri Saulino, 6-4, 6-3.

Patty Superka and Cecile Szollas won at three doubles against Gabrielle Brandt and Anna Isbell, 6-2, 6-2, and at four doubles, Siobhan Koons and Grace Hartman defeated Eesha Gudoor and Annika Katchur, 6-2, 6-2.

In the Lady Hawks match against the Hurricanes, Stewart won at one singles against Veronica Lynn, 6-4, 6-4, Magliochetti won at two singles against Angie Ronca, 6-3, 6-4, and Adams won at three singles against Margeaux Donchez, 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles play, Maloney and Schoenfield defeated Sruti Tekumalla and Emily Masters, 6-0, 6-0 at two doubles, Su-



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Bethlehem Catholic singles tennis players are Shannon Stewart, Cara Magliochetti and Taylor Adams.

perka and Szollas won over Shivani Patel and Gabby Palermo, 7-5, 6-3 at three doubles, and Hartman and Koons defeated Jess Long and Atman Ali, 3-6, 6-4, 12-10 at

four doubles.

This week, Becahi will host Dieruff on Thursday and Southern Lehigh on Friday before traveling to Easton on Monday.

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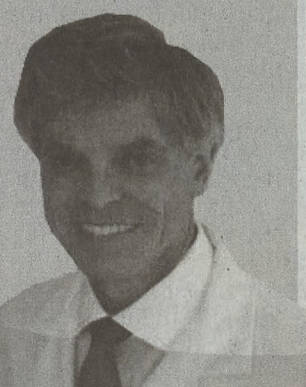
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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Truex Jr. at Vegas; who might end victory drought at Richmond?

GODSPEAK: How about Brad Keselowski? He got the last of his three wins in early May.

KEN'S CALL: Kyle Busch hasn't won since June 2, Joey Logano since June 9. If they aren't the best bets, who is?

If a non-playoff driver was to win a playoff race ...?

GODSPEAK: I had a premonition that Matt DiBenedetto would win Richmond, so I got that going for me.

KEN'S CALL: Austin Dillon at Talladega, unless Jimmie Johnson beats him to it at Charlotte's Roval.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

KYLE BUSCH VS. LAPPERS: Kyle Busch was not happy with some of those drivers affectionately known as "lappers." He ran into one of them in the closing laps at Las Vegas. "It killed our day," he said.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Busch made a strong point after the race. "We are in the top echelon of motor sports and we've got guys who have never won late model races," he said. "It's pathetic."

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR RICHMOND

WINNER: Kevin Harvick
REST OF TOP 5: Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr., Chase Elliott

FIRST ONE OUT: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

DARK HORSE: Jimmie Johnson

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Harvick wins just to avoid having to post a solid finish on the Charlotte Roval.

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RICHMOND

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Lotta work

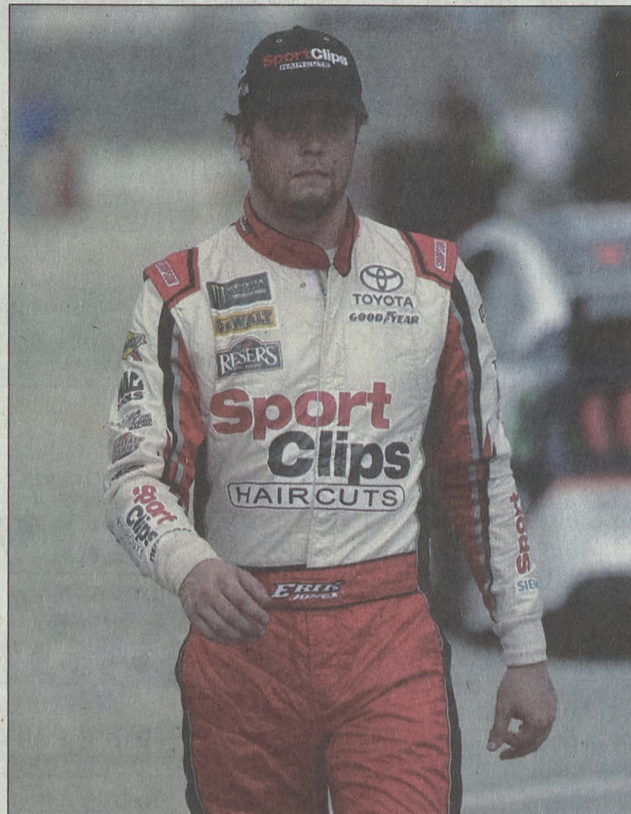
Erik Jones, Clint Bowyer and Kurt Busch will have to double their efforts in the next two starts to stay in the NASCAR playoffs. Jones brings up the rear in the playoff standings, 75 points behind Martin Truex Jr. Just ahead of Jones are Bowyer (minus 70) and Busch (-63). "I think we can still get in on points," Jones said. "The gap is not too big to climb out of. We need to run well, no worse than top-fives."

2. Spread it around

Richmond Raceway has a tendency to spread wins around to different drivers. Since 2014, nine drivers have won at Richmond, but if you're looking for a trend, Kyle Busch swept both races in 2018, and Martin Truex Jr. won the spring race there this year. Since Truex became the first driver to advance to Round 2, he has the luxury of being able to take more chances without suffering a knockout.

3. Restart madness

Because of the 2019



Erik Jones has a long walk ahead if he hopes to advance in the NASCAR playoffs. [AP/JOHN RAOUX]

aero-engine package, restarts have become a valuable factor to gain track position. It will likely come into play at Richmond. Brad Keselowski used restarts to nab third place at Vegas after starting 18th in the No. 2 Ford.

"Typical playoff restarts," he said after Vegas. "Everything is on the line and everyone is trying to get all they can get. That is part of the fun."

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

So much for momentum?

Actually, so much for lack of momentum. Martin Truex Jr. hadn't won since late June, and had finished between 13th and 27th in his last three regular-season starts. And he wins Vegas. Joey Logano hasn't won since early June, has largely been off the rails since then, yet finishes second at Indy and leads the most laps at Vegas. It's almost as if some of the bigger teams know where to reach in the toolbox when the stakes are higher. Hmmm.

RIP Mike Stefanik

NASCAR's reach goes deep into the short-track heart of American racing. That includes the many modified tracks and series, where Mike Stefanik was practically royalty. Stefanik, 61, died Sunday in a single-engine plane crash near the Rhode Island-Connecticut border. You'll find many longtime race fans, particularly from the Northeast, who swear there's no racing like modified racing. And no modified racer like Mike Stefanik, a seven-time national modified champ who will eventually land in NASCAR's Hall of Fame.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Martin Truex Jr.	2082
2. Kevin Harvick	2079
3. Joey Logano	2075
4. Kyle Busch	2063
5. Brad Keselowski	2058
6. Chase Elliott	2057
7. Denny Hamlin	2056
8. Kyle Larson	2044
9. William Byron	2040
10. Ryan Blaney	2039
11. Alex Bowman	2037
12. Aric Almirola	2033
13. Ryan Newman	2027
14. Kurt Busch	2019
15. Clint Bowyer	2012
16. Erik Jones	2007
17. Daniel Suarez	672
18. Jimmie Johnson	635
19. Paul Menard	598
20. Chris Buescher	573

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Federated Auto Parts 400
SITE: Richmond Raceway (.75-mile oval)

SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, coverage begins at 7 p.m., green flag, 7:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Go Bowling 250
SITE: Richmond Raceway
SCHEDULE: Friday, race (NBC Sports Network, 7:30 p.m.)

LAS VEGAS

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. 52 percent

How good is Joe Gibbs Racing? With Martin Truex Jr.'s playoff victory at Las Vegas, JGR has won 14 times through 27 races, or more than half the total. All four drivers have posted wins and advanced to the playoffs. Truex now has five wins this season and 24 in his career.

2. Where you start

Clint Bowyer went into the Vegas race on a performance high after he won his first pole position in 12 years. After making contact with Daniel Suarez on Lap 1 (of 267), Bowyer finished a lap down in 25th place. "We just weren't very good," he said.



Martin Truex Jr. burns his rear tires after winning for car owner Joe Gibbs at Las Vegas. [AP/CHASE STEVENS]

"We were just off — in all areas."

3. Vegas strip

Las Vegas is the hometown of Busch brothers Kyle and Kurt. The Speedway hasn't been kind to the Busch boys. Kurt

slapped the wall and finished last in Sunday's race, and Kyle tagged the wall on Lap 4, then tangled with a lapped car. They have one Vegas win — Kyle, who won in 2009.

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2019 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

- Feb. 10: Clash at Daytona (Jimmie Johnson)
- Feb. 17: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
- Feb. 24: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Brad Keselowski)
- March 3: Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
- March 10: TicketGuardian 500 at Phoenix (Kyle Busch)
- March 17: Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Kyle Busch)
- March 24: STP 500 at Martinsville (Brad Keselowski)
- March 31: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Denny Hamlin)

- April 7: Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch)
- April 13: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Martin Truex Jr.)
- April 28: Geico 500 at Talladega (Chase Elliott)
- May 5: Dover 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
- May 11: Kansas 400 (Brad Keselowski)
- May 18: All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kyle Larson)
- May 26: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 2: Pocono 400 (Kyle Busch)
- June 9: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Joey Logano)
- June 23: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)

- June 30: Camping World 400 at Chicagoland (Alex Bowman)
- July 7: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Justin Haley)
- July 13: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky (Kurt Busch)
- July 21: Foxwoods 301 at New Hampshire (Kevin Harvick)
- July 28: Gander Outdoors 400 at Pocono (Denny Hamlin)
- Aug. 4: Go Bowling at Watkins Glen (Chase Elliott)
- Aug. 11: Consumers Energy 400 at Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 17: Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at Bristol (Denny Hamlin)
- Sept. 1: Southern 500 at Darlington (Erik Jones)

- Sept. 8: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (Kevin Harvick)
- Sept. 15: South Point 400 at Las Vegas (Martin Truex Jr.)
- Sept. 21: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
- Sept. 29: Bank of America 500k at Charlotte
- Oct. 6: Delaware 400 at Dover
- Oct. 13: 1000Bulbs.com 500 Talladega
- Oct. 20: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
- Oct. 27: First Data 500 at Martinsville
- Nov. 3: AAA Texas 500
- Nov. 10: Can-Am 500k at Phoenix
- Nov. 17: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami

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BC boys soccer falls to Eastburg North

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's boys' soccer team is hoping that the second half of the Hawks' game against East Stroudsburg North will be a turning point heading into the rest of the week.

The Hawks lost to the Timberwolves, 2-0, on Monday at home, but had 18 shots on goal in the second half.

"I feel like the second half, we did play much better, and I think we can capitalize on that this week," said Becahi coach Mike Reilly. "Tomorrow we're going to work on some shooting and then we'll move into Pocono Mountain West and try to get a win there and then Northampton on Friday."

Becahi is currently 2-5, having defeated Allen and Dieruff, but something is holding the Hawks back from more wins.

"It's been a rough go so far because I feel there's a lot of talent on this team and we haven't capitalized on that," Reilly said. "We all need

to get on the same page."

The Timberwolves' first goal came on a free kick by Tanyonn Hanson at 13:53 in the first half.

Becahi forward Teo Filingo had some early chances, working in sync with Trent Talipan, and just missed a goal right before the first half expired.

"I was trying to get it to curve and from the outside it was a bad angle and there's not much I could do about that. You know, he was a good keeper. I thought if I kicked it down low he wouldn't get to it but he got to it," Filingo said.

Nick Paredes made 13 saves for the Timberwolves, and in the second half, he leapt to steal a goal from Jacob Sledz and then saved another shot by Jacob Manhardt.

Becahi forward Zach Reilly also came close in the 10th minute of the second half.

"I tried the best I could to take the ball down the wing and play it back in. Our whole philosophy is outside, back inside, but we didn't have any-

one there crashing the box," Zach Reilly said. "I know in the first half we came out probably having four or five shots, which is not good, but second half we had 17 or 18 shots, which is a huge step up and more opportunities to score."

East Stroudsburg North's Kelvin Lewis scored the Timberwolves' second goal at 9:04.

"I think we lack chemistry but that's something that will come. We've just got to get together and talk things out a little, I guess. They were pretty good, they were attentive with the ball, they were on us. We gave up," said Filingo.

"If we come out with the energy we had in the second half, I think we have a chance of toppling Northampton. They won't be ready for us, we're coming off a bad season, we have real talent on this team and the second half showed how we can play."

Becahi will take on Northampton under the lights on Friday night at Northampton.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Jaleesa Lanier and the Hawks are gaining momentum this season.

Hawks gaining momentum

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's field hockey team has been on a surge as of late, but can the Golden Hawks keep the momentum going into this week?

The Hawks were riding a four-game win streak into this week and pushed their record to 5-3 overall to have them ranked second in the District 11 Class A rankings.

Wins over Notre Dame, East Stroudsburg North, Pleasant Valley and Pocono Mountain West evaporated a 1-3 start, which saw them lose three straight to the likes of Easton, Liberty and Emmaus.

With the team rolling at the moment, head coach Luke Wilde hopes they can continue to string wins together.

"The year has been going pretty well so far," Wilde said. "We

had a tough three game stretch with Easton, Liberty and Emmaus. We took Liberty to OT, but lost 1-0. The team realized that they have the ability to play with a top team like Liberty and gained a lot of confidence after that game."

Becahi will have more games this week against their EPC counterparts from the north with Stroudsburg, Pocono Mountain East and East Stroudsburg South on the schedule.

This week's slate will be much more difficult, as PME is undefeated at 7-0-1 and Stroudsburg is 5-3.

"The key for us right now is to finish on offense," said Wilde. "Even though we won each of our games last week, our offense sputtered a little at the end of the week. We had chances, but couldn't put them in the cage. However, Jaleesa Lanier has been incredible for us, scor-

ing nine goals for us last week and assisted on several others."

Liberty (5-2) started off with five straight wins, but dropped their last two affairs with a 1-0 loss to Easton and a 3-2 setback to PME.

The 'Canes get back into league play this week with Freedom, Parkland, Nazareth and Whitehall on the docket.

Tuesday's affair with the Trojans (6-0-1) will be the showcase game of the week for Liberty.

Freedom (3-5) hasn't been able to gain any momentum this year, as they lost their last two contests to Parkland and Northampton by an 18-1 total.

The Pates face a brutal week ahead on the schedule with Liberty, Easton and Emmaus. The only reprieve the Pates will get is a contest at home against Pocono Mountain West Saturday.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi players MacKenzy Ruggiero, left, and Kristen Ruhl go up to block a shot during a recent game for the Hawks, who currently sit at 4-2.

Liberty stays unbeaten

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty's volleyball squad got a test Monday night and the Hurricanes passed again, as they handed Central Catholic (5-1) their first defeat of the season in a three-game sweep (25-17, 25-13, 25-15) to remain the only undefeated team in the District 11 4A class.

The Hurricanes (6-0) earned the sweep with the help of Ashley Houchens (14 kills) and Elizabeth Flynn (11 kills, 17 digs) scoring, as well as Jamie Byrne's 26 assists and 13 digs.

"Central has a lot of height and some dynamic hitters, so we needed to serve tough and pass well," said Liberty head coach Connor Swigart. "We wanted to play fast and keep them guessing and if we pass well we can certainly do that."

Liberty has now swept five of their six opponents this season and look poised to run the regular season table.

"I think we are just getting better each day," said Swigart. "A lot of these girls have played in big games, so they come really focused on doing their jobs and just finding ways to get better. It's a great team and a great opportunity to compete. We are playing to win, however we want to compete with the best teams so this is a good measuring stick



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Freedom's Brenna Ortwein and the Pates, shown here against Whitehall, are 5-2.

for us. We want to make sure we are playing our best a month from now and working toward that goal."

Liberty finishes out the week with Northampton (5-2) and East Stroudsburg North (2-5).

Freedom (5-2) and Bethlehem Catholic (4-2) are both keeping afloat in the EPC standings following Monday's results.

The Pates fell to Emmaus (5-3) in a three-

game sweep on Monday and now have Nazareth (3-3) and East Stroudsburg South (3-3) this week.

Bethlehem Catholic swept Easton on Monday and have won three out of their last four with their only loss coming to Central last week. The Hawks should finish the week strong with contests against East Stroudsburg North and Pocono Mountain East (2-5).



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Tavia Flecksteiner and Liberty have dropped two straight after winning their first five games of the season.

STEEL FALLS TO INDY 2-1

Fueled by a strong win at home over Swope Park, Rangers and a comeback draw away to a powerful North Carolina FC team, Bethlehem Steel FC gave the Eastern Conference's second-placed side, Indy Eleven, a run for their money in their own building. The two sides played to a 2-1 win in favor of Indy in the home of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, with the hosts breaking out all the stops to get the three points.

Steel FC made a strong showing against Indy Eleven in the first half, holding the hosts scoreless through half-time in front of a 12,000 plus crowd at Lucas Oil Stadium. Philadelphia Union goalkeeper Matt Freese came up big, making a total of four

saves in his return to the Steel, including a massive diving save to keep the sides level in the first 45. A header was put down to the left of the shot stopper, as he dove into the net and narrowly kept the ball out. The Pennsylvania side would continue showing defensive strength, holding a 0-0 score line until the 57th minute. The Eleven broke the deadlock through an Ilija Ilic goal that required a near-perfect touch to beat Matt Freese.

When asked to step up for Steel FC, Ben Ofeimu was there. The defender got on the end of a Michee Ngalina cross, as the ball fell to his feet at the top of the six-yard box to level for the Steel. A first-time touch sent the ball into the net for Ofeimu's second goal

all-time, giving Ngalina his second assist of the season. The tie wouldn't last long, with Indy burying an 80th-minute strike that was just as impressive as their first. USL legend Dane Kelly, who was brought on as a substitute in an Ilsinho-esque manner, was the man with the game-winning goal for the Indiana side. The match would end as a 2-1 loss for Steel FC, despite a strong showing on the road from Brendan Burke's side.

The Steel were active across their formation, with everyone getting involved in the match. Forward Yomi Samuele Scintu led the team with five tackles, while midfielder Zach Zandi won a team-high three fouls.



Nicole Studinger, who works at VIA Media, poses with a German Shepherd club cover given to her in memory of her dog Dallas. "This way he's always on the golf course with me," said Studinger.

Golfers head out to their starting hole assignments at noon.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

WALLA GAZOO Benefits city Chamber

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's annual Walla Gazoo golf tournament Aug. 19 brought a scheduled 144 golfers to the Bethlehem Golf Club. Players representing scores of area business entities enjoyed a round of golf and backyard BBQ in what is considered the oldest tournament in the Lehigh Valley, according to Bethlehem Chamber se-

nior vice president Angela DelGrosso. DelGrosso said proceeds from the event benefit the Bethlehem Chamber specifically, providing member support, networking and marketing opportunities Christmas activities, and the annual dinner. Corporate sponsor for the 2019 tournament was Capital Blue.



At the registration table, Keith Zimpfer with Piramal Critical Care interacts with Dawn Werkheiser, CFO of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Danielle Joseph, executive vice president of the Chamber's diversity council.

The foursome of Dave Romanelli, Joe Hoffmeier, Bryon Grigsby and Ray Bishop pose prior to teeing off.



Ray Romanelli tees off with a long drive to start his foursome's round.



Finishing their game, two golfers shake hands on a distant hole to congratulate each other.



Golfers critique and recap their individual performances during dinner.



Hungry golfers help themselves to the buffet that was served under the Bethlehem Golf Club's new picnic pavilion.



Participants had a chance to win a variety of raffle prizes.



Alex Izzo from Stoudt Associates hones his putting skills on the practice green prior to the Walla Gazoo shotgun start.



Gordon Bigelow of A-1 Limousine poses for a photo booth picture at the backyard BBQ that followed golf.



BECAHI sophomore Evan Druckenmiller was one of a number of high school students earning community service hours by helping at the tournament.

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At the beginning of each school year, three outstanding teachers are recognized and receive the BEST Award at Convocation. The BASD marked history this school year as it started a new tradition to highlight a support staff member and present them with the title of BASD Employee of the Month. **Margaret "Peggy" McKinnon** is the Bethlehem Area School District Employee of the Month for August. Peggy works in the Information Services Department as an information systems specialist. She has been employed with the district for 13 years. "Peggy is highly skilled, dedicated and respected by everyone," said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy. "She is a wonderful representative of BASD's talented and committed support staff, who, behind the scenes, help make the district run for the benefit of our students."



Charisse Pfeiffer is the Bethlehem Area School District Employee of the Month for September. Charisse is the executive assistant to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jack Silva. She has been employed with the district for over 30 years. She has also worked in the superintendent's office, the Human Resources Department and the Freedom Athletic Office. We are proud to also mention that Charisse is #BuiltbyBethlehem and is a Freedom HS graduate. "Charisse is a master juggler – managing and organizing the many different initiatives and programs that come out of the Educational Programs Office," said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy. "From organizing large deliveries of new curriculum materials to setting a plan for installing projectors across all classrooms to coordinating training days and principal meetings – Charisse makes it all happen." **Above:** Charisse Pfeiffer with Assistant Superintendent Jack Silva.

SCHOOL NEWS

BATVS: Car show Sept. 21

Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School will host an open to the public car show from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 21 to benefit SkillsUSA. There will be food vendors, cars, music, bikes and a basket raffle. The event will be held on campus at 3300 Chester Ave. To register to enter a car, call 610-866-8013, ext. 192, or visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9URoCnz-EP-PRKVCRG5sUIM3STffciZ5T25iLV1kbUt5aTZB/view>.

Food truck in operation

The Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School now operates a food truck. Watch for it in your area. Visit BethlehemAVTS.org or call 610-866-8013, ext. 130 for more information.

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, Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, PA 18104.



Families line the East Fourth Street sidewalk while waiting their turn to collect free backpacks for students who will be heading back to school this month. **PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB**

Community partners give away 500 backpacks, school supplies

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hispanic radio station La Mega 99.5, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley, St. Luke's University Health Network, Pennsylvania Career Link, H.G.S.K. P.C., Merge Barber School, Gateway Health, and JCS Professional Staffing, Inc. combined to provide over 500 backpacks, school supplies, haircuts and handouts

to area families with school age children Aug. 17 at the Fowler Community Wellness Center.

La Mega 99.5 owner and morning show host Victor Martinez said each student would receive the backpack of their choice, each of which contained school supplies such as rulers, pencils, notebooks and glue, and a certificate for a free McDonald's 'Happy Meal.'

Families used a passport to visit individual sponsor stations, which was completed and turned in for a student backpack. Each student also qualified to receive a free haircut courtesy of the Merge Barber School.

Hispanic Center executive director Victoria Montero said any backpacks left over would be distributed to local schools.



St. Luke's community health nurse practitioner Anita Desai and healthy initiatives family liaison outreach worker Marina Geigel offer community health service resources to one of the hundreds of area residents who attended.



Representing her employer, the law firm of HGSK, City Councilmember Olga Negron prepares a packet of handouts for Lidia Delgado and her family. Delgado resides in Easton.



Christian Ramirez, owner of Merge Barber School and Metro Barber Shop, gives 12 year old Laquell Leftwich of Bethlehem a back to school trim.



Maria Martinez hands a backpack to 13-year-old Bethlehem resident Jesus Mendoza. Radio station La Mega 99.5 sponsored the event and provided over 500 backpacks filled with school supplies.

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Starting on Main Street in Bethlehem, VIA Marathon half marathon runners approach Sand Island at the beginning of their 13.1 mile journey to the finish line in Easton.

VIA marathon

The 2019 St. Luke's VIA Marathon was run on a beautiful Sept. 8 with over 3,000 runners participating in the full marathon, half-marathon and relay categories. Starting at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown the 26.2 mile race followed the D&L Trail to Bethlehem, where it looped through the city back to the D&L trail and continued to the finish line in Easton. Half the runners began their race on Main Street in Bethlehem. Top finishers were:

- Marathon-Male**
Sean Grossman (23) 2:28:15, Matt Gillette (28) 2:34:10, Ian Walsh (33) 2:37:18,
- Marathon-Female**
Delia Hayes (22) 2:57:58, Leah Foley (42) 3:01:18, Abigail Wright (25) 3:05:08
- Half Marathon-Male**
Johnny Hogue (23) 1:10:44, Craig Neiman (44) 1:19:46, Justin Kimbrough (30) 1:20:19
- Half Marathon-Female**
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Above: Lehigh Valley Zoo visitor Adalyn Heinzleman, a Salisbury Township elementary school student, compares the span of her arms to the wingspan of a typical American Bald Eagle.

Right: Since his arrival at the Lehigh Valley Zoo three years ago, Murphy, the African Masai giraffe, has been the unquestionable star among the zoo's more than 300 animals.



Once in peril, Lehigh Valley Zoo has revenue, attendance success

BY JIM MARSH
 Special to The Press

Ten years ago, the fate of the Lehigh Valley Zoo was a source of speculation, with some thinking low attendance and indifference could send it into bankruptcy.

Today, with more than \$4 million in 2018 revenues, and more than 250,000 visitors, the zoo, located in the 1,108-acre Trexler Nature Preserve, near Schnecksville in North Whitehall and Low-hill townships, is enjoying a renaissance and a host of enthusiastic fans.

Melissa Borland, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lehigh Valley Zoo, said the turnaround in the zoo's fortunes during the previous decade can be attributed to a pervasive culture change in the way the zoo is run.

"Ten years ago, we were event-focused. Today, we have a new mission as a conservation advocate, with an emphasis on education and community outreach that promises a positive hands-on guest experience for the whole family," Borland said.

The zoo property is owned by Lehigh County and leased for \$1 per year to the Lehigh Valley Zoological Society, which has run the zoo since 2004.

The zoo has about 30 employees, but relies heavily on "docents," college student interns, who provide animal care and tours during the busy summer season.

Elizabeth Keiser, Interim Marketing Director, Lehigh Valley Zoo, said the zoo offers an education and work experience for students interested in environmental and animal-care careers.

Matt Provence, Chief Operating Officer, Lehigh Valley Zoo, said outreach efforts include visits by staff accompanied by zoo animals to schools, senior citizen venues and other



The Sudan barbary sheep, or Kordofan Aoudad, on display at the Lehigh Valley Zoo, was once widespread over North Africa, but are now listed as a vulnerable species in fragmented arid habitats.



Though not regarded as one of the Lehigh Valley Zoo's most handsome animals, the resident ostrich is a popular draw for a close-up encounter.



Bean, the Lehigh Valley Zoo's two-toed sloth, is one of the most-requested animal ambassadors for visits to schools and community organizations.

community groups.

"We want to engage youngsters in the animal care and conservation ethic at an early age," Provence said. "We take penguins, parrots, egrets and our most popular ambassador, Bean, the two-toed sloth, into school environments to give them a taste of what awaits with a zoo visit."

The zoo's marketing efforts have evolved in the last 10 years. Keiser said the zoo's advertising and marketing tools have become more sophisticated with the addition of an in-house graphic designer,

and a widening of the geographic area from which the zoo hopes to draw visitors.

A growing emphasis on social media has made "quite the difference" in the zoo's outreach efforts, Keiser said. "From a very limited social platform, we have grown to 76,000 followers on Facebook alone," Keiser said. The zoo also has a presence on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube social networks.

The zoo features more than 300 animals, including 121 species, some of which are on the endan-

gered species list, and some that are extinct in the wild.

A draw that is adding excitement to the zoo is the addition three years ago of giraffes to the animals on display.

"Bringing in Murphy, the African Masai giraffe, changed the complexion of the zoo," Keiser said. "When he is out near the stand used to allow guests to feed him bits of lettuce, Murphy is the star of the show. People are lined up to get that close encounter with him."

Since giraffes require

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8 DAYS A WEEK Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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ASO season opening: The Allentown Symphony Orchestra 2019-2020 Classical Season opens, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 2 p.m. Sept. 22, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, with guest soloist, renowned pianist Olga Kern, accompanying the ASO to perform Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2." Kern received a Gold Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the first woman to do so in more than 30 years. ASO Music Director and Conductor Diane Wittry, celebrating her 25th ASO season, also leads the orchestra in Michael Torke's "Bright Blue Music," Jennifer Higdon's "blue cathedral" and Strauss's "The Blue Danube Waltz." Attendees are encouraged to wear the color blue in their attire. The "Rach & Blue Cocktail Party," 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21, Rodale Community Room, precedes the concert. Also, "Meet the Artist," noon Sept. 20, on stage, Miller Symphony Hall, as Diane Wittry leads a talk about the Sept. 21 and 22 concerts with Olga Kern joining the discussion. Ask questions. Bring a lunch. The talk is free and open to the public. Concerts tickets: Miller Symphony Hall Box Office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715. Free student tickets, for those up to age 21, underwritten by Century Fund, available for Allentown Symphony Orchestra concerts.



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"Third Thursday" opening: An "Artist Reception" for "Kacper Abolik: Year of the Dog," is 6-8 p.m. Sept. 19, The Baum School of Art, Allentown, as part of Allentown's "Third Thursday" events, The David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, where the exhibition continues through Oct. 18. Abolik, a painter from Emmaus, has been living and working in New York City, Warsaw, Paris and the Lehigh Valley. The exhibition at The Baum has a range of subject matter: flowers, portraits and the debut an Allentown cityscape. Exhibition Presenting Sponsors are City Center Allentown and J.B. and Kathleen Reilly. The reception is free and open to the public with light fare, wine and beverages. The Baum School of Art, 510 Linden St., Allentown. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday. baumschool.org; 610-433-0032.



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Pa. Jazz opening: The Midiri Brothers Orchestra perform 2 p.m. Sept. 22, Dewey Banquet Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown, as part of the Pennsylvania Jazz Society 2019 season. The group, which hails from Mays Landing, N.J., performs the music of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Fletcher Henderson, the Dorsey Brothers, and Glenn Miller. The band's CDs include "Trees," "A Shaw Thing," "In The Garden" and "Finger Bustin'." The group has performed at The Great Connecticut Jazz Festival, Monterey Jazz Festival, Central Illinois Jazz Fest in Decatur, and jazz clubs from Chicago to Florida. Tickets: at the door.

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Baum School of Art Gala to honor Janet and Malcolm Gross

The Baum School of Art's annual Fall Gala honors Janet and Malcolm Gross and their service, compassion, philanthropy and support for the arts in Allentown, particularly for The Baum School of Art.

The annual gala recognizes community members who have made significant contributions to The Baum School's long history of enriching lives through arts education.

Janet and Mal have been active on the boards of numerous charitable organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley. Janet is President of The Baum School of Art's Board of Trustees and has been a serving member since



2005. Janet's dedication is evident in her unwavering support for the school. Her leadership has guided the school through great challenges, leading to great successes.

Mal was named a Trustee of the Harry C. Trexler Trust by the Lehigh County Court in 2000. The support of the Trexler Trust for the school has been critical to its success. Mal's history with the school traces back to his grandfather, the Mayor of Al-

lertown, Malcolm W. Gross, who supported Walter Emerson Baum's early efforts to establish The Baum School of Art in Allentown.

Janet and Mal have sponsored exhibitions, programs, events and activities at The Baum School of Art, and their advocacy and generous support for the arts in Allentown in invaluable.

In addition to the gala evening, The Baum School of Art will kick off its fall season with an exhibition in the David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries with the works of Emmaus native Kacper Abolik, in his exhibition, "Year of the Dog." During his time at The Baum School of Art, he will

be scheduling portrait sittings and creating a special piece of art at the Gala.

This year, the Gala will be held at the Barristers Club, Allentown, beginning at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, performance by Pheobe Legeere, and a silent auction with gift certificates, items and experiences from around the Lehigh Valley.

Dinner, provided by Catering by Karen Hunter, begins at 7:30 p.m. Attire is black-tie optional.

Gold Level sponsors of the Gala include City Center Allentown and J.B. and Kathleen Reilly and Gross McGinley, LLC.

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The school celebrates diversity and welcomes all community members, regardless of gender, social status, race, or beliefs. In 2017-2018, The Baum School of Art served more than 5,100 students through tuition and community outreach programs on-site and off-site. The school holds approximately 350 classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and metalsmithing, fashion design and con-

struction, photography, graphic design, illustration and more.

In addition to its educational programs, The Baum School of Art's David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries hold more than 12 gallery exhibitions a year and feature regional, national and international artists, as well as student work and several juried exhibitions.

Gala tickets information and reservations: 610-433-0032

"Good Cause" is a column about galas and fundraisers. If you have an item for "Good Cause," or would like your event covered, email: Paul Willistein, Focus editor, pwillistein@tnonline.com

ZOO

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warm temperatures to be outside, zoo attendants allow Murphy's barn to be open to guests in the winter so he can be a year-around attraction.

Another off-season initiative that is bringing visitors to the zoo is the "Winter Lights" attraction, which sets the zoo aglow in holiday lights in November and December. Last year, the winter lights display brought some 55,000 off-season visitors to the zoo.

In addition to the public hours that the zoo is open, the grounds are available for rent for weddings, birthday parties, corporate and special events and private gatherings.

An "explore and snore" program allows groups affiliated with established organizations to spend the night at the zoo and observe the nocturnal habits of animals that are not that active during daylight hours.



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

The Lehigh Valley Zoo's African penguins present visitors with entertaining antics when they are released for public view each day.

"All in all, we are a different attraction than we were 10 years ago," Provence said. "This year, we are on course to see more visitors than any previous year. That generates a sense of excitement that is evident

throughout our whole organization."

Upcoming events include: "Fall Wine Festival," Sept. 21; "Keeper Krawl," Sept. 22; "Sloth Meet And Greet," Sept. 28; "Farmfest," Oct. 5, 6

10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 1-Oct. 31. Information about Lehigh Valley Zoo, including membership, events, admission rates: lvzoo.org

'Pa.-Dutch Fall Fest' at Troxell-Steckel

A "Pennsylvania-Dutch Fall Harvest Festival" will be held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the 1756 Troxell-Steckel Farm Museum, 4229 Reliance St., Egypt, Whitehall Township.

The festival features vintage farm equipment, tours, crafts and activities.

"Visitors will travel in time as they see wagons, carriages, sleighs, and other history relics, dating back almost 200 years," said Joseph Garrera, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum.

Visitors will discover the world of antique horse-powered farm tools, including

early plows and a one horse-power treadmill that was powered by a single horse.

Visitors can experience old-fashioned chores such as trying a butter churn. Children will be able to make scarecrows and color hex signs.

Tours of the Troxell-Steckel farmhouse will be led every 15 minutes by Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum educators in costume, portraying family members from the 1800s. Self-guided tours of the barn will be ongoing throughout the day.

Information: lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.org; 610-435-1074

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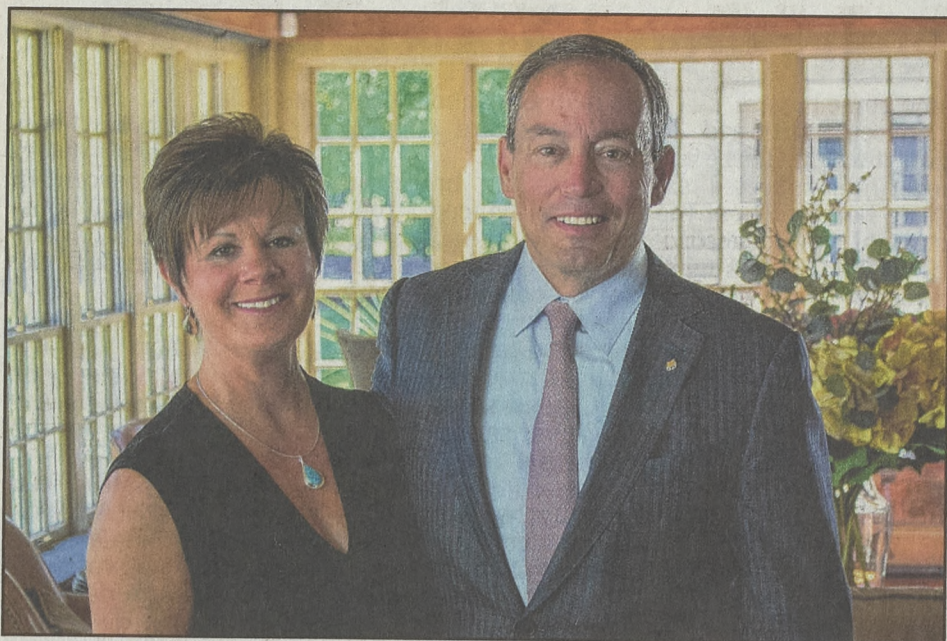
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Jane and John Malloy

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United Way LV names 2019 campaign chairs

John F. Malloy, Chairman, President and CEO of Victaulic Company, and his wife Jane H. Malloy will co-chair the 2019 campaign for United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley (UWGLV).

"As a number of workplace campaigns kickoff this month, we're proud to announce John and Jane Malloy as co-chairs and thankful for their extraordinary volunteer service in this role," said David Lewis, President of UWGLV.

United Way's annual campaign runs through March 31, 2020.

"They are truly inspiring philanthropists who support a variety of local organizations with a particular emphasis on youth and education," Lewis said.

Through annual campaigns, United Way raises money to invest in programs that impact

the lives of 75,000 each year and create opportunities to improve the health, education and safety of everyone in the greater Lehigh Valley.

"On behalf of the 1,100 Victaulic employees that call the Lehigh Valley region home and more than 4,000 Victaulic employees worldwide, we are honored to chair this year's campaign," said John Malloy.

A part of the Lehigh Valley business community for almost 40 years, Victaulic, headquartered in Easton, is celebrating 100 years since its first patent in 1919.

Malloy joined Victaulic in 2002. Victaulic is a manufacturing company that provides pipe joining and flow control solutions for the construction industry. Victaulic has five locations in the Lehigh Valley, including two of its five global foundries.

Prior to joining Victaulic, Malloy spent 19 years working for United Technologies Corporation, rising to the position of President of North America for UTC's Carrier Division.

Prior to joining UTC, Malloy worked for Air Products & Chemicals and taught economics at Hamilton College. He received a bachelor's in economics from Boston College and a doctorate in economics from Syracuse University.

John and Jane Malloy are members of United Way's Tocqueville Society and volunteers of Valley Youth House. John Malloy is on the boards of Hubbell Inc., Holingsworth & Vose, Lehigh Valley Health Network and DeSales University.

United Way Campaign information: UnitedWayGLV.org

Midiri Brothers Orchestra in Pa. Jazz Society concert

BY GEORGE VANDOREN
Special to The Press

The Midiri Brothers Orchestra brings its exciting brand of jazz to open the Pennsylvania Jazz Society's fall 2019 season, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22, Dewey Banquet Hall, 502 Durham St., Hellertown.

Group members include Joe Midiri, clarinet, sax; Paul Midiri, vibraphone; Dan Tobias, trumpet; Pat Mercuri, guitar; Jack Hegyi, bass, and Jim Lawlor, drums.

"Our band is eclectic. We play a little bit of everything," says Joe Midiri in a phone interview.

"We're inspired by the classic groups: Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, the Ellington small groups. Our repertoire goes from 1910s to modern jazz songs," Midiri says.

The group got its start some 30 years ago.

"Paul and I were playing as sidemen with several bands. We wanted the opportunity to play together and to play more challenging stuff. We started rehearsing and then getting jobs. It was a gradual process. We're talking the mid- to late-1980s," says Midiri.

The Midiri brothers have a somewhat unusual

beginning as musicians. They were in a high school shop class where the teacher was recruiting students for the band. Joe signed up for clarinet and Paul for trumpet.

"Not long after we got the instruments, I heard a Benny Goodman album live from the Palladium. Then I found an Artie Shaw album. A year and a half after I started playing, I auditioned for college as a music major."

Joe Midiri received a degree in music education from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University). He auditioned at Indiana University for a masters' program but was too busy playing to pursue it, or for that matter, to teach in a public school. He has taught privately for many years and has been an adjunct professor at a performing arts academy for the past 16 years.

His brother Paul switched from trumpet to drums for the band's gigs. He took up the vibes in another odd twist. A gentleman came into the music store where he worked part-time. For \$25, Paul became the proud and enthusiastic owner of a set of vibes.

Joe says his brother "is a very serious stu-

dent. He's either writing or studying material all the time. He writes a lot of rags."

Midiri discusses other members of the ensemble: "Dan Tobias is very musical. He doesn't grandstand. We've been playing together for years. It's easy for us to find harmonies with each other. He has such a beautiful, sweet sound. It fits great with the sound of the vibes and clarinet."

"Pat Mercuri can do it all. He plays with Philadelphia Orchestra or Pennsylvania Ballet when they need guitar or mandolin. He also played mandolin for the New York Philharmonic's New Year's Eve production, 'Porgy & Bess,' on national TV."

Midiri calls Jack Hegyi, who has played with Don Rickles, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé, and Keely Smith, "a great presence. He doesn't miss anything you do."

Of Jim Lawlor, who has the longest tenure with the band, Midiri says, "When Paul started playing vibes, Jim would play drums. He's been with us since '89."

Tickets: at the door. Admission is free for students.

40th annual Crop walk to start at St. Timothy's

The 40th annual Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk, locally sponsored by The Lehigh Conference of Churches' Ecumenical Soup Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.

An accessible "Golden Mile" will be held in the neighborhood around St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

One quarter of proceeds will be shared between the Lehigh Conference of Churches' Ecumenical Soup Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.

In 2018, the walk raised nearly \$30,000 to help The Lehigh Conference of Churches serve more than 20,000 meals and the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank provide food for 20,000.

Nonperishable food items will be collected at the walk by the Allentown Area Ecumenical

Food Bank. Needed canned items include: tuna, beans, vegetables, fruit, soup, peanut butter, rice, cereal, pasta and sauce.

The walk is one of 1,000 CROP Hunger Walks held in the United States, with an estimated participation of 100,000 of all ages, faiths and backgrounds raising millions for emergency response to floods and disasters and hunger relief and hunger prevention programs.

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The Allentown Symphony Chorus hosts an "Open Sing-Along," 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St. Allentown.

This free event is open to singers who would like to informally

sing with the Allentown Symphony Chorus as it sings the choral repertoire for the 2019-2020.

The event will be led by Allentown Symphony Chorus Master Eduardo Azzati. Allentown Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Diane Wittry of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra will attend.

The Allentown Symphony Chorus will perform with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra in Feb. 8 and 9, 2020, and April 18 and 19, 2020, concerts.

To register in advance: Donna Fritchey, Allentown Symphony Chorus Manager, dfritchey@allentown-symphony.org

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LV house sales down two-straight months; drop 2.7 percent in August

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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House sales in the Lehigh Valley again declined, down in August, which is toward the close of the peak sales season.

July also saw a decline in house sales. And, in June, sales were flat, with no increase at all. Sales were up slightly in May.

September can be considered part of the peak house sales season as closings sometimes extend into the month.

The comparison of house sales is year to year. The actual number of houses sold stayed about the same from month to month during the 2019 summer sales season.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley dropped 2.7 percent in August, with 926 houses sold, compared to 952 houses sold in August 2018, according to the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR) monthly report released Sept. 12.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley dropped 7.2 percent in July, with 814 houses sold, compared to 877 houses sold in July 2018.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley didn't increase in June, 0.0 percent, with 901 houses sold, identical to 901 houses sold in June 2018.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 0.4 percent in May, with 815 houses sold, up from 812 houses sold in May 2018.

Closed sales for the eight months of 2019 are up slightly, 0.4 percent, to 5,753, compared to 5,732 for the eight months of 2018.

Closed sales have decreased in five months of the eight months, stayed flat in one month and increased in two months so far in 2019.

Pending sales were up again, this time by double digits, 14.1 percent in August, to 856 houses, compared to 750 houses in August 2018.

New listings again decreased, down by a bit less than in July, down 9.8 percent in August to 1,014 houses, compared to 1,124 houses in August 2018.

The average sales price again increased, 5.2 percent in August to \$249,783, compared to \$237,545 in August 2018.

The median sales price again also increased, 4.8 percent in August to \$220,000, compared to \$210,000 in August 2018.

Inventory again decreased by double digits, even more so than in July, down 22.4 percent in August to 1,737 units, compared to 2,237 units in August 2018.

Days on the market increased, reversing a

decrease in July, up 3.2 percent in August, or 32 days, compared to 31 days in August 2018.

The months' supply of inventory again decreased by double digits, even more so than in July, down 25 percent in August, or 2.4 months, compared to 3.2 months in August 2018.

The percentage of list price received increased slightly, up 0.6 percent in August to 98.6 percent, compared to 98 percent in August 2018.

The housing affordability index jumped up, 6.1 percent in August, compared to August 2018.

Market analysis
"As the summer draws to a close, multiple opposing factors and trends are competing to define the direction of the real estate market," said GLVR CEO Justin Porembo.

"Despite the Federal Reserve lowering its benchmark interest rate, resulting in 30-year mortgage rates declining to 2016 levels, the lack of affordable inventory and the persistence of historically high housing prices have led to lower-than-expected existing home sales," Porembo said.

Most experts agree that these reductions are unlikely to bring sufficient relief, at least in the short term, for first-

time home buyers.

Prices continued to gain traction. There are lower-than-expected existing home sales at the national level, according to the GLVR August report.

"Our real estate professionals continue to monitor the market for signs of imbalances," said GLVR President Carl Billera.

"Although the inventory of affordable homes at this point remains largely stable, it is stable at historically low levels, which may continue to push prices higher and affect potential buyers," Billera said.

According to the GLVR, new construction could greatly improve the real estate market, locally and nationally.

Low inventory numbers impact the United States' overall economy, according to Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

"A boost to home-building would greatly improve economic growth," said Yun.

"More free-market prices on construction materials, without government interference about where homebuilders have to get their supply, will also help produce more and grow the economy. The housing

industry cannot grow without more supply," Yun said.

As many homeowners refinanced their homes to take advantage of declining interest rates, consumer confidence in housing was reported to be at historically high levels.

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Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 3.8 percent in April, with 651 houses sold, up from 627 houses sold in April 2018.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 7.2 percent in March, with 589 houses sold, down from 635 houses sold in March 2018.

Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 7.7 percent in February, with 418 houses sold, down from 453 houses sold in February

2018. Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 5.7 percent in January, with 448 houses sold, down from 475 houses sold in January 2018.

Carbon County
In Carbon County, the Median Sales Price dipped to \$130,500 in August, according to the GLVR.

Closed Sales increased to 74 in August. Pending Sales increased to 80 in August.

There was a decrease in Inventory decreased to 334 units in August.

GLVR information
The Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors is a not-for-profit trade association representing more than 2,000 Realtors in Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties.

GLVR provides professional development and training resources, competitive market information, legislative advocacy, peer review and mediation processes for members, and a dispute resolution service for consumers.

GLVR owns and operates the Greater Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service and the Greater Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy.

Information:
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LCCC admission and

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The open house is an

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#09 19 026 The Special Exception Application of Jason Smeltz, 142 Adams Rd. Breinigsville, PA 18031; for a Special Exception for a Home Occupation as required by §27-306. 2 "Table of Permitted Uses by District" at 142 Adams Rd. The property is situated in the R1 Zoning District.

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

Duane Dellecker, Alt. Zoning Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
BUDGET MEETINGS

The Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors has scheduled three public meetings to discuss the 2020 Upper Macungie Township Budget on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 5:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Kalman Sostarecz
Township Secretary
Sept. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING A FOUR (4) WAY STOP SIGN ON HILLVIEW ROAD / DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF KRESSLER ROAD; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE". The proposed ordinance authorizes the erection of additional stop signs on Kressler Road, at the intersection of Hillview Road/Hillview Drive, to create a four-way stop intersection. The Board of Commissioners will consider the foregoing Ordinance at a public meeting on October 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. Copies of the full text of this Ordinance are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, Pa 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, Pa 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

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Appeal No. 15-2019 of 3P Holdings LLC, P.O. Box 99 Macungie PA 18062. Property located at 7368, 7386 and 7394 Alburtis Road, Macungie PA 18062 in an I-Industrial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel Nos. 547308908053, 547307888581 and 547307561048. Applicants are requesting a Special Exception to Ordinance 1998-11, Chapter 27, Part 26, Section 27-2604 5. E and a favorable interpretation to Sections 27-2301 D and Section 27-1701 and/or a Variance to Section 27-1207. A Variance to Section 27-1701 11 A, Section 27-1707, Section 27-1803, Section 27-2303 .1 E, Section 27-2303 .8, Section 27-2303 .6 C, Section 27A-402 .2 G and Section 27-2303 .2 A regarding parking requirements, buffer yards, buffer yards between the 500 yr. flood zone and proposed parking areas, use and required separation distance between non-residential building. Applicants also request an interpretation of Zoning relief that was granted on June 28, 2016 and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance. This appeal has been continued at the request of the applicant.

Appeal No. 16-2019 of Performance Learning Systems 1150 Glenlivet Drive, Suite B-28, Allentown PA 18106. Property located at 5740 Lower Macungie Road Macungie PA 18062 in the ETV-1 East Texas Village-1 Overlay Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 5474694639391. Applicant is requesting an Extension of a Nonconforming Use in accordance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 25, Section 27-2503 regarding the use of the existing property any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

Appeal No. 17-2019 of Bishop Maximus & Nuna Bonoub 1011 Dru Drive Emmaus PA 18049. Property located in a S-Suburban Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 5484958939271. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 1998-11, Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 27-707. regarding the Rear Yard setback for the proposed sunroom addition and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 7:00 p.m.

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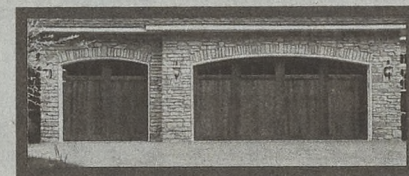
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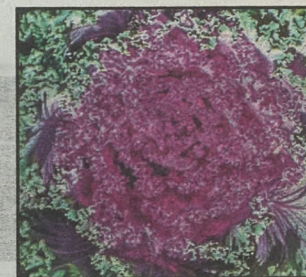
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Homeowners who live in climates marked by cold winters can opt for plants that offer color but without flowers. According to HGTV, these include cabbages and kales, which can survive most cold winters and lend an interesting texture to a winter landscape bed.

Of course, no list of winter's colorful plants would be complete without holly, which offers an eye-catching display of evergreen leaves and bright red berries, though sometimes the berries are golden. Either way, they can be a sight for sore eyes on gray winter days.

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Although plants, grass and other items can improve curb appeal, homeowners should not overlook hardscaping. Hardscaping is an industry term that refers to the non-living features of a landscape. These features can include everything from decks to walkways to ornamental boulders. Introducing paths or paver walls to a property helps develop that home's hardscape. Hardscape and soft elements often work in concert to create inspiring landscape designs.

DIY landscape designers can heed certain tips to make the most of hardscape features on their properties.

Choose materials.

As with many landscaping projects, homeowners must first determine what types of additions they would like on their properties. Common hardscape features include patios, decks, walkways of pavers or bricks, and retaining walls. Hardscape elements can be functional or simply decorative features that add whimsy to the yard.

Choose a theme.

The right style allows hardscaping and softscaping materials to work together. For example, homeowners may want to give their yards an eastern feel, complete with a



Hardscaping refers to the elements in a landscape that aren't living, such as paths, walls and fences.

koi pond and decorative bridge or trellis. A formal English garden, however, may include manicured paths with stepping stones and ornate topiaries. Mixing too many styles together can take

away from the overall appeal.

The pros suggest looking at the overall plan of the design, even if all of the work can't be completed at once. This way the eventual finished project

will be cohesive.

Think about the purpose.

Hardscaping can look good but also serve key purposes. Pebbles or gravel can mitigate trouble areas that don't grow

grass or plant life well. Retaining walls hold back soil in yards with sharply inclined hills. Mulch can set perimeters around trees and shrubs, as well as planting beds. Fencing, another form of hardscaping, is essential for establishing property boundaries and adding privacy.

Consult a professional.

While many hardscaping additions can be handled by novices, large-scale projects, such as patios and decking, can change the grading of the yard. Professionals can map out how to handle drainage issues and meet building codes. In addition, professional installation can ensure hardscaping features last for years to come.

Hardscaping should blend with the nature around it and take its cues from the surrounding environment. This can help softscaping and hardscaping work as one.

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What to look for during roof inspections

Cold weather can be tough on a home, and perhaps no part of a home is more vulnerable to harsh winter weather than its roof. Fallen snow can equate to several pounds of pressure placed on a residential roof. Roofs do not often collapse under heavy snowfall. But adverse winter weather conditions can compromise roofs in other ways. Water leakage and damage to the roof's interior are just two of the potentially problematic issues that can arise when roofs are battered by cold, blustery weather. That's why many home improvement specialists advise homeowners to conduct roof inspections prior to the start of winter.

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Many homeowners can conduct their own cursory roof inspections, but they may not know exactly what to look for. The National Roofing Contractors Association says that there are certain key areas to inspect that may reveal some telltale signs of roof damage.

Curled, cracked or missing shingles may prove troublesome. Inclement weather can test the strength of even the most durable roofs. Even though many roofs are designed to last up to 30 years, some may need to be replaced early, particularly when they have been exposed to harsh weather over a period of years. Individual shingles can be replaced as spot treatments, but if the damage is widespread, a new roof may be necessary.

Attic leaks or water elsewhere might signal issues with the roof. Figure out if water inside the home is coming from the roof. Water stains do not always indicate problems with the roofing, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

Look for protective granules wearing off. If gutters are filled with the sandy granular material that coats roofing shingles, that may be a sign of an aging or damaged roof.

Inspect flashing. Professional roofers can recognize properly installed flashing, the material that connects the roof to other parts of the house that adjoin the roof, like skylights or a chimneys. Poorly installed flashing can cause leaks. Stains that appear below chimneys or near attic windows may indicate new flashing, and not new shingles, is needed.

Gutters and downspouts should be in good condition. A roof is the sum of its parts, and that includes downspouts and gutters. If the gutters are clogged or damaged, they cannot direct water away from the house properly. Snow, leaves and other debris needs to be cleared from gutters to help them function at optimal capacity.

Animals and insects can cause damage, too. It's not just poor weather that homeowners need to consider with regard to roof damage. Boring insects and animals may cause problems with roofs as well. A roof inspection may shed light on potential pest problems. Holes or nesting materials may indicate that an animal or animals are using the attic as a shelter from the elements.

Get to the root of issues with your home's roof before they become bigger problems once winter arrives. A thorough inspection can reveal problems that may prove costly if ignored.



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Safely removing fallen leaves

Raking leaves is a chore many people immediately associate with autumn. Even though raking seems like a simple activity, it's still possible to be injured while removing leaves from the yard.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center advises that pain from outdoor leaf chores can range from strained back muscles to twisted knees. Blisters on the hands and sunburn are other potential side effects. Many people do not realize that raking is a thorough cardiovascular workout.

Individuals at risk for cardiovascular disease or those who have recovered from surgery may not be well enough to rake leaves.

Here's how to make autumn leaf removal more of a breeze when the job is done safely.

Pay attention when using a leaf blower. Be cautious not to point an operational blower in the direction of people or pets, as debris can be blown about and cause injury.

Stretch out before

raking leaves. Warm up muscles beforehand so they are less likely to cramp. UPMC experts suggest taking a short walk prior to raking to stimulate circulation.

Use proper raking form. Much like snow shoveling, one should emphasize proper posture when raking, with legs slightly bent and weight distributed evenly. Hold the rake handle close to the body and keep one hand near the top of the rake for better leverage.

Use the proper gear. A leaf rake fans out like a triangle and comes in various widths. Choose a lightweight material that can be easily maneuvered. A metal rake is for stones and dirt and shouldn't be used for leaves. To get between bushes, a smaller version of a leaf rake, called a shrub rake, should be used.

Wear protective gear. When raking or leaf blowing, protect your eyes against debris. You also may want to use a mask to prevent inhalation of leaf mold and other particulates. Gloves can protect hands from blisters.

Follow manufacturers' directions. Read the instructions for powered leaf blowers, and never modify the device in an unauthorized way.

Use a tarp and lift wisely. Rake leaves onto a tarp that can be dragged to a garbage pail or to the curb for municipal pick up. For those who must lift bags of leaves, do so by bending at the knees, not from the waist.

Wear sunscreen. Protect skin from the sun. Even though temperatures are cooler in the fall, this does not mean the sun's rays are any less harmful. Also, take breaks to rehydrate frequently.

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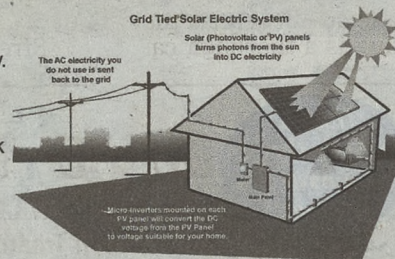
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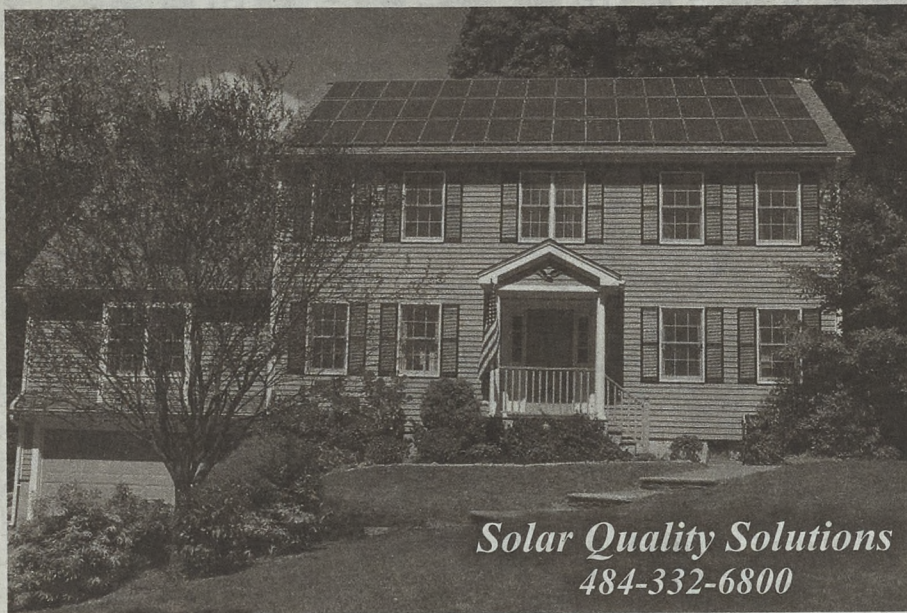
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Use a secure ladder. When removing leaves from gutters, be sure the ladder is sturdy and secure. Consider having a friend serve as a spotter, holding on to the ladder to offer greater security. Do not overextend to stretch for leaves.

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