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His name is Lucky. He is black and white with one eye. He is attracted to sounds, especially jingling and paper crinkling. He got out of his home on Daisy Circle sometime around 11:30 AM on March 14. If you have found him please call the Abbott Family (610) 288-0472

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**SOUTHSIDE**  
**SSTF:**  
A tale of  
of two  
buildings

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Feb. 28. meeting of the Mayor's South Side Task Force at Northampton Community College's East Third Street campus brought good news for Bethlehem south of the Lehigh River regarding two historic buildings.

Chairman Roger Hudak, who also volunteers for the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission, said the progress the city is making regarding the blighted Goodman Building is "spectacular!" At a BHCC meeting the previous evening, city officials said they are utilizing the PA Conservator Act to gain custody of the property from the reluctant owner. If successful, this will allow the city to step in and bring the property into compliance, then the city will place liens on it for the costs of stabilizing the structure and bringing it up to code.

Adrienne Washington, from the Community & Regional Affairs office at Lehigh University, announced that 202 W. Fourth St., owned by Lehigh, has a new tenant, Barreform. The

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**R.K. Laros and his longtime friend and former Mayor Gordon Mowrer at their last meeting in November 2014. Laros passed away Feb. 17, 2017, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.**

## 'Caring for women his goal'

### Russell K. Laros Jr., doctor and philanthropist

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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Russell K. Laros Jr. joined his father's already long-running charitable foundation in 1965, and over more than 50 years, he served as trustee, chair and board member while pursuing an equally storied career in obstetric medicine.

Born here at St. Luke's Hospital in 1936, Laros was a pioneer of high-risk obstetrics - medicine involving childbirth and women giving birth - and

earned local awards for his community support and philanthropy. But more than that, say people close to him for many years, was that his drive was tempered by his engagement. He didn't only lead; he listened, and he wanted to see things and talk with people firsthand.

"Dr. Laros was humble, caring and compassionate, with an open heart and willingness to help others," said Ronald Donchez, senior vice president at BB&T Bank. A 25-plus year foundation board member, Donchez said, "Whenever Dr. Laros came to Bethlehem for our meetings, he always wanted to visit nonprofits that we were looking to help with our foundation.

Those visits stand out in my mind for how engaged and excited Dr. Laros always was to see how those organizations were making a difference in the community. He cared greatly, and it was always noticed by all.

"Dr. Laros was and will always be a role model for me; professionally for his work ethic, but most importantly for who he was as a person. He was very humble and treated everyone with great respect."

Trustee George Mowrer, whose father Gordon was the mayor and also a trustee for many years, said Laros was a close friend of the family. "He was a brilliant man, yet he was a very humble, kind,

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**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB  
What do you think about the fluctuating temperatures we've experienced the last few weeks?



"I think it's killing my flowers before they've grown."

**Catherine Jenkins**  
Emmaus



"It is amazing. I love it. Seventy-seven degrees in February? You're getting the best of both worlds."

**Melanie Agentis**  
Northampton

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**PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE**  
Northampton County Executive John Brown spoke for nearly an hour.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

## 'What we do is not sexy'

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Historic Hotel Bethlehem was the venue for Executive John Brown's State of the County address on a blustery March 2 morning. The event included a free breakfast, which usually means stale croissants and weak coffee. Not at Hotel Bethlehem.

Over 150 guests were treated to mountains of scrambled eggs, bacon and home fries, along with a wide variety of juices, coffee and tea. Brown spoke for nearly a full hour, the longest speech he's given as county executive.

It was a dry, matter-of-fact speech, with no jokes to break the ice. But

there was still a political overtone. Those attending the speech had to pass by a John Brown yard sign, as well as a circular seeking last-minute signatures for Brown's nomination petition. This never happened before at a State of the County address.

In addition to numerous business leaders, Brown's breakfast guest list for this free event included Lehigh County Executive Tom Muller, Lehigh County Commissioner Brad Osborne, Judge Craig Dally, Easton Mayor Sal Panto, Controller Steve Barron, NorCo council member Hayden Phillips, Easton city Councilperson Pete Melan, Palmer Township supervisor Dave Colver, Hanover Township supervisor John Diacogiannis, Discover LV's Mike Stershic and Becky Bradley of the Lehigh Valley Planning

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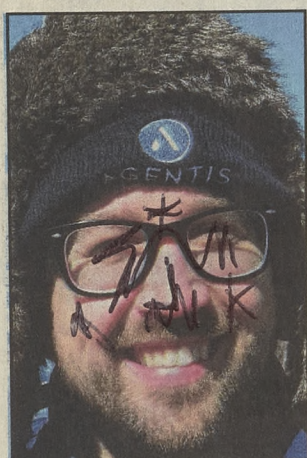
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What do you think about the fluctuating temperatures we've experienced the last few weeks?



"Oh man! For me, I love it. If I can have it warm for most of the winter, I'm fine with it."  
**Luke Humberd**  
Lower Saucon Township



"I feel like it's affecting the ice at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink and it's beginning to affect people's mood about coming to skate."  
**John Fetter**  
Bethlehem



"It makes the cold days feel colder."  
**Jessica Flood**  
Allentown



"It makes it difficult to work because you don't know what to wear."  
**James Flood**  
Allentown

## For sale: Sands Casino



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

**Sands Bethlehem Casino** employees received a company email last week indicating the complex may be sold. The Morning Call reported shortly thereafter that Las Vegas Sands Corporation had gotten an offer from competitor MGM Resorts International, but officials insist a sale, if it happens, will not take place immediately. The complex includes the Sands Bethlehem Casino flanked on the west by The Outlets at Sands Bethlehem, Sands Hotel and Sands Bethlehem Event Center and on the east by the casino parking garage. According to The Morning Call, the complex employs about 2,500 people, and a recently-announced \$90 million expansion would continue under new ownership.

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#### Roll Call in Heaven

A great battle had been fought and the hospital tents were crowded. Moans and cries rose from the sufferers and surgeons had far more than they could do. Suddenly, from a cot where lay a young man who had been uttering no sound, came a clear call that rang through the tent: "HERE!" The surgeon hurried to him thinking that he must be in great distress. "What do you want?" the surgeon asked. "Nothing," the young man answered. "They are calling the roll in heaven, and I have just answered to my name." Then in an instant he was gone!

The Bible reveals that those only whose names "are written in the Lamb's book of life" will enter heaven (Revelation 21:27). This brings up the question: What happens to those whose names are not in the book of life? The answer is in the preview of the Last Judgment given by the Lord to the Apostle John: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works... And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:12, 15). The question is: How do you get your name written in the book of life? Jesus declared that you "must be born again" (John 3:7). He stated clearly, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). This happens by believing in and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior from sin! "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). For more about this see: [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm)

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PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

**City councilwoman Olga Negrón-Dipini** listens as Kate Cohen from New Bethany Ministries discusses the lack of affordable housing stock in the South Side for low-income families.



**Estefania Perdomo**, representing CADCB, speaks about the success of their "Start Your Business" classes for entrepreneurs of low or moderate means, as well as the organization's involvement as an advocacy resource.

## SSTF

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fitness studio now occupies the building that was the former home of 48 Hours Video.

Washington reported that the annual Spring Southside Cleanup will be held April 8 from 10 a.m. until noon at Campus Square, recently renamed "Farrington Square," with breakfast provided at 9 a.m. She also said that the Spring Fling Carnival is scheduled for April 1 and the Great South Side Sale will be held June 3.

Kate Cohen, director of development and communications for

New Bethany Ministries, announced their spring hunger campaign launches March 20 and a family-friendly golf tournament fundraiser is scheduled for June 3 at Putt U. Cohen mentioned they have been assisting more low-income families in landlord/tenant situations. She cited the lack of affordable housing stock in the South Side is becoming problematic.

Estefania Perdomo, representing Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem (CADCB), spoke about the success of their "Start Your Business" classes for entrepreneurs of low

or moderate means. They currently have 28 participants in the program. She reported that CADCB is continuing façade work on the 400-500 block of Hayes Street which is to include a mural. Perdomo said the organization is also becoming involved as a housing advocacy resource. She added that a "Know Your Rights" workshop will be held the fourth Thursday of every month at the Bethlehem Public Library on Church Street beginning March 23.

The Mayor's South Side Task Force meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month.

## CARING

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and simple man, valuing his relationships with his family, friends, and colleagues.

"He was very proud of his kids and grandkids. It was important to him to have his family involved in the foundation."

He said Laros was also a wine connoisseur and scuba diver. "My favorite memory of Dr. Laros was doing a night dive with him in Kona [Hawaii], where we hung out with manta rays. He didn't scuba much in those days, but because I was there, he joined me. What an amazing unique experience hanging out with the manta rays and a 66-year-old."

Professionally, Mowrer said, "He was a good leader and facilitator. He may have had his opinions, but he was

always genuinely interested in what the other trustees thought. He quietly seemed to work everyone to a healthy consensus, where we were all pleased with the decisions we made."

Foundation Director Russell Keller Laros III, who lives in Hawaii as a master scuba dive instructor, says his father was a smart and caring man who whose personality made him an excellent educator.

"He was personable and enjoyed telling jokes. I learned how to interact with people from him. He was not overly outgoing, but when he was in the room, people knew it. When people spoke, he listened, and when he spoke, people listened. The spark he provided brought the light from and to everyone around him. His personality and intellect were organic and fantastic, probably why he was

such an excellent teacher," Laros said.

"His mark on the world of obstetrics is pronounced not just by his academic accomplishments but by his impact as a teacher and instructor. His students and their students will continue to foster and benefit maternal and fetal medicine for decades to come."

Laros said his father was beloved by patients, and he was often asked if he was related to the doctor who'd delivered their baby. "He sincerely loved every aspect of his career. As a youngster, I asked him why obstetrics? He said he had a deep respect and appreciation for women, probably because he was the youngest child with four older sisters. His mother was very sweet to him, and his eldest sister gave birth when he was just six. "Caring for women

was his goal."

Mowrer, thinking of the late Gordon Mowrer, said, "I love that he and my dad were close friends. They were born within weeks of each other at St. Luke's hospital and died within eight months of each other. Despite living far away, they were close friends with each other their whole lives. Their last conversation was last February when both of these old guys said their final words to each other. So beautiful. So sad."

Donchez concluded, "One of my favorite artists is Neil Young. He wrote a song called 'Walk Like A Giant.' It's about thinking big and trying to make a difference. Whenever I hear that song, I think of Dr. Laros. No doubt in my mind that he accomplished much for others during his life. His spirit will always remain strong among us."



A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website, but due to space constraints, for ongoing events, email, visit or call the following:

- Salvation Army:** Call 610-867-4681 for schedule.
- Bethlehem Area Public Library:** Call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610 867-7852 (Southside) or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) (main) or <http://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm> (Southside)
- Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room:** Call 610-861-5526 or email [lvcpops-n-kids@att.net](mailto:lvcpops-n-kids@att.net) or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).
- Free homework help:** Thursdays and various other days in all subjects by Moravian College America Reads program tutors, grades K to 12. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Call 610-867-3761, ext.499 or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) for information.
- Moravian Book Shop:** Call 610-866-5481 or visit [www.moravianbookshop.com](http://www.moravianbookshop.com).

**Wednesday, March 8**

**YWCA/Foreign Policy Association's** Great Decisions Lecture Series, "U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum" with Andrew Essig of DeSales University. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Cost; call 610-867-4669, ext. 101, for information.

**Thursday, March 9**

**Learn and grow,** 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. No registration required. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761.

**Friday, March 10**

**Poet Javier Ávila,** "The Trouble with My Name" program, 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Free; open to the public. Information, visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 399.

**Saturday March 11**

**Best Legs in a Kilt contest,** 11 a.m. Donegal Square, 534 Main St. Contestants must pre-register, call 610-866-3244.  
**Celtic Cultural Alliance** seventh annual free Parade of Shamrocks, 1 p.m. Begins at 10th Avenue and West Broad Street, proceeds east on Broad Street, turns right on to Main Street and heads south on Main Street and ends under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. Visit [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org) for information.  
**Post parade Irish step-** dancing demonstration, O'Grady - Quinlan Irish dancers, Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit [www.moravianbookshop.com](http://www.moravianbookshop.com).

**Tuesday, March 14**

**TAB Teen Advisory Board,** tweens and teens grades six to 12. 4 to 5:15 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610 867-3761, ext. 499 for information.  
**Family fun night** - Irish dance with Irish Stars: Parker School of Dance. All ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Main library, Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610 867-3761, ext. 499 for information.

**Wednesday, March 15**

**YWCA/Foreign Policy Association's** Great Decisions Lecture Series, "Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan" with Thomas Eighty, USAID (retired) and Sundar J. M. Brown, private consultant. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Cost; call 610-867-4669, ext. 101, for information.

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Thursday, March 9**

**Bethlehem Authority,** 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.  
**Bethlehem Planning Commission,** 3:30 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Monday, March 13**

**Mayor's Open Door,** special event Q&A to answer questions or address any issues about upcoming special events for the public, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St. Must reserve: RSVP to 610-865-7079.  
**Bethlehem Housing Authority,** 4:30 p.m. Monocacy Towers, 645 Main St.  
**BASD Board Finance and Human Resources** committees and special board (snow date: March 15), 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.  
**Fountain Hill Planning Commission,** 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

**Tuesday, March 14**

**South Bethlehem Historical Society,** 7 p.m. Victory Fire House, 205 Webster St.  
**Hanover Twp. Supervisors,** 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.  
**Saucon Valley School Board,** 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.  
**Lehigh Co. Commissioners,** 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Wednesday, March 15**

**Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority,** 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.  
**Snow date** - BASD Board Finance and Human Resources committees, 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.  
**Fountain Hill Council workshop,** 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

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**NORCO**

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 Commission.

Brown's cabinet was there too, although Administrator Cathy Allen was a half-hour late. Lehigh Valley Economic Development Council CEO Don Cunningham did the intros.

Two people who were never introduced were Lamont McClure, who is running against Brown; and Ron Angle, who may be running for council.

Brown started by affirming that the county has an obligation to deliver services, keep taxes as low as possible and grow the community. He spent his first year stabilizing finances, he said. In his second year, he claimed to have introduced accountability to the workforce, which may have been a reference to his unilateral reduction of healthcare benefits the county workers. He called his third year in office a year of innovation, referring to a bridge project to repair 33 bridges and a program at the county jail designed to reduce recidivism. He called this year a year of sustainability.

"What we do is not sexy," he said. "It's like blocking and tackling. It's fundamentals."

**Stagnant revenues, rising expenses.**

Brown painted a picture of a county with stagnant revenue and rising costs and a 2,200-person work force, 75 percent of who are unionized through 11 different unions. Revenue increases about \$1.7 million per year, while personnel costs rise about \$2.5 million annually. Pension costs have risen from \$600,000 in 2008 to \$10.8 million this year. Despite his reductions in health care benefits, they still increase \$1.5 million annually. "Every year, we're sliding on the wrong side of that equation," he said.

**Workers' Comp Claims**

Brown credited his administration for changes in the payment of workers compensation claims. Traditionally, the county paid 100 percent of the salary of an employee injured on the job, but is only required to pay 66 2/3 percent. He eliminated this practice in 2015, which was actually appreciated by the workforce. He called this 100 percent pay out an example of "leaking cash" that he stopped. It has resulted in a \$2.5 million savings each year.

**Gracedale**

Voters decided against privatizing the county-owned nursing home in 2010, where 800 county employees work. He noted that, every Sunday, it took four people to add up all the time cards with 300 different pay codes.



**A circular collecting signatures** to Brown's County Executive nomination petition gives this event a political overtone.



**Over 150 people attend** John Brown's "State of the County" speech at Historic Hotel Bethlehem.

There was also "casual overtime," in which some employees worked and charged overtime to the county without express authority from a supervisor. By eliminating this practice and streamlining the pay-card process, Brown has saved \$100,000 per year. Brown also maximized the census, keeping 680 beds filled. He also benefited from something called the "intergovernmental transfer," a federal program that added \$2.4 million to Gracedale's coffers in 2016. As a result, Gracedale actually turned a profit that Brown placed at \$150,000 in 2016. He had previously projected a profit of \$800,000, but later revised it to \$200,000.

Whether it is \$150,000 or \$800,000, it is still the first time since 2007 that Gracedale finished in the black.

He also boasted that the Department of Health found no deficiencies at Gracedale in 2015 or 2016, but neglected to mention that late last year, deficiencies were found.

"We have achieved a four-star rating," he went on to say, referring to the rating given by Medicare. This rating is a factor in determining how a nursing home is reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid for resident care.

This part of Brown's speech was inaccurate, a point he conceded when he was finished. The rating at Gracedale has ac-

tually dropped from four to three stars. Brown was unsure how that reduction will impact the reimbursement paid to Gracedale.

Even more troubling is Gracedale's rating for "quality measures," a gauge of how well it responds to resident needs. It is only one star, or "much below average." Of 39 nursing homes within a 25-mile radius of Gracedale, only two other nursing homes are rated that poorly when it comes to "quality measures."

Brown has budgeted a \$2.6 million loss at Gracedale this year. He also stated that capital improvements must be made there every year.

**Open Space**

Brown said he has preserved 100 percent of the farms that applied for preservation and were qualified. He said there is no backlog of farms waiting for funding, and 14 farms are in the pipeline for preservation. The county also contributes \$1 million per year for municipal parks.

**911 Merger**

Brown said Bethlehem's 911 facility will be merged with the county facility in Nazareth over the next four years. "I don't think the city's happy about it," he said, calling it "one of those government mandates."

**CIPP Grants**

Brown said his Department of Community and Economic Development is managing a

program he calls the Community Investment Partnership Program. This uses table games revenue from Sands Casino to provide grants and loans to develop business.

**Job Growth**

Brown said about 7,000 jobs have been created since 2012, and that salaries have increased \$4,000 on average over the past four years. He said that is mostly the result of marketing by LVEDC.

**Central Booking**

Brown said Corrections Director Dan Keen has managed to reduce a three or four-hour process of booking a criminal defendant to about 15 minutes, enabling police officers to return to their jurisdiction and resume patrols. This makes the community safer, he said.

**Problem Solving Courts**

Brown credited Judge Dally for problem solving courts for people with addiction or mental health issues who are better served outside of jail. In the jail itself, Director Keen has begun a program to help inmates adjust on release with simple things like securing identification cards.

**Rapid bridge replacement program**

Brown is spending \$38 million to replace 33 bridges over the next four years. This, he said, is 20-30 percent cheaper than dealing with bridges individually.

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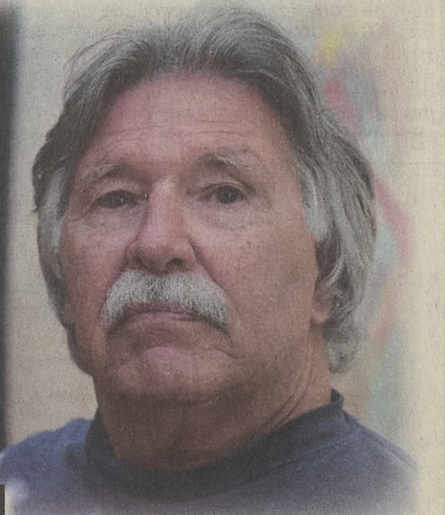
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**OFF MY WAVE.**



Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at [WeAreStrongerThanMS.org](http://WeAreStrongerThanMS.org).

**MS**  
 Together We Are Stronger



## AREA DEATHS

### Karey A. Roberts

box office manager



Karey A. Roberts, 62, of Bethlehem and formerly of Emmaus, died Feb. 26, 2017. Born in Hershey, she was a daughter of the late Joseph V. and Nedra L. (Sponaugle) Fry.

She was a box office manager at the State Theatre. She was previously a PPL customer service supervisor.

She is survived by two daughters, Arden Leyden and her husband Justin Frankenfield and Teal Payonk and her husband Andrew; two grandsons, Shane and Ryder; four siblings, Vaughn R. Fry, Mitchell R. Fry, Melissa L. Tiefenbach and Kyle K. Fry; and her friend, Deborah Thiel.

Contributions may be made to Last Chance Ranch, 9 Beck Road, Quakertown, PA 18951.

Arrangements were made by Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Emmaus.

### Barbara A. Herman

registered nurse



Barbara A. Herman, 77, of Upper Saucon Township, died Feb. 28, 2017. Born in Dingman's Ferry, she was a daughter of the late John Leonard and Ruth (VanSant) Snyder. She was the wife of the late Roman K. Herman, M.D. for 38 years.

She graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

She was a registered nurse.

She was a member of Incarnation of Our Lord Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by five daughters, Krysia and her husband James Roberts of Emmaus, Ruth of Fountain Hill, Marie and her husband Randy Thomas of Emmaus, Heidi and her husband Dr. Peter Ender of Center Valley and Catherine and her husband Steven Parker of Westfield, N.J.; two sons, Joseph and his wife Heather and John, all of Bethlehem; a brother, Richard Snyder of Albany, N.Y.; and 13 grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, c/o development office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

### Aldo Braido

supply company past president

Aldo Braido, 91, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 23, 2017, at Moravian Village, Bethlehem. He was a son of the late Augusta (Moretti) and Anthony Braido. He was the husband of the late Jeanne (Kuhns) Braido and the late Susan (Hunter) Braido.

He was a graduate of Pen Argyl HS and was the class president.

He was in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

He was retired from General Supply Company, Bethlehem, where he worked from 1956 to 1991 and of which he was a president and a past board member. He worked previously with Duggan and Marcon.

He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

He was a past chairman of Easton Building Material and Dealers Association. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was a member of the Easton Rotary, Green Pond Country Club and the Bethlehem American Legion Post 379.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Braido; and eight sisters, Theresa Pavan, Velma Pysker, Margaret Cascario, Lilly Piccerillo, Mary Braido, Ida Braido, Lena Rice and Eleanor Knapp.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

### Russell Keller Laros Jr., M.D.

obstetrician

Russell Keller Laros Jr., M.D., 81, died Feb. 17, 2017, in hospice care, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. He had struggled with dementia for several years. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Russell K. and Helen K. Laros of Bethlehem.

He was the husband of Abigail Stone Laros for 59 years.

He attended Moravian Preparatory School; graduated cum laude from The Choate School; earned a bachelor of science degree from Harvard University; attended Temple University for both medical school and his residency; and completed fellowships in maternal-fetal medicine and Hematology at the University of Michigan.

He was in the U.S. Air Force.

He was, for most of his 50 year career, a professor and physician at University of California, San Francisco, and won numerous awards related to his profession.

He attended Rosemont Lutheran Church.

He was, in 1991, the City of Bethlehem's 250th Anniversary "Spirit of Bethlehem" award. He was recognized by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania and the U.S. House of Representatives. He was, since 1967, a trustee and a chairman of the R. K. Laros Foundation established by Laros Industries Silk Mill founder and owner R.K. Laros.

He is survived by a son, Russell K. III and his wife Wendy J.; three grandchildren, Russell, Jannell and Alexander; a daughter, Ann R. and her husband Grant E. Weaver; two granddaughters; Isabel and Audrey; and a daughter, Rebekah Kristin Laros.

A memorial service will be held June 24, the 65th anniversary of the foundation's establishment, at Rosemont Lutheran Church, 1705 W. Broad St., Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to Hospice Of Kona by visiting [www.hospiceofkona.org](http://www.hospiceofkona.org) or [www.RK-Larosfoundation.org](http://www.RK-Larosfoundation.org).



PRESS PHOTOS BY ALLI POCZAK

The Bryce Jordan Center fills to the brim with student organizations cheering on their dancers.

# 'For the Kids'

## Bethlehem residents dance for a cure at Penn State's THON

BY ALLI POCZAK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Forty-six hours of standing with no sleep, sitting, or stopping. Starting Friday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. and going until Sunday at 4 p.m., an amazing group of 708 Penn State students took to the Bryce Jordan Center for THON, and completed this difficult task.

THON is the biggest student-run philanthropy in the world, organized by Penn State students to help find a cure for pediatric cancer. In addition to the 708, thousands of students work with countless organizations to collect donations and plan the large event each year. Out of those 708 students or "Dancers," three of them come from Bethlehem: Kelly Winegar, Cody Meckes and Nicholas Karabin, graduates of three different Bethlehem high schools.

Kelly Winegar is a senior nursing major and has been dedicated to THON throughout her whole college career. Her interest in the organization was sparked prior to her college career. She said being part of the BASD Mini-THON was inspiring, and what helped her make the decision to continue the involvement through Penn State. She became part of the organization SNAP (Student Nursing Association of Pennsylvania), and represented SNAP as a one of their THON Dancers this year.

Throughout her college career, Winegar held positions such as Rules and Regulations, THON Chair for SNAP, and Dancer. As a junior, Winegar spent time at Hershey Campus at their Medical Center. Although she could not



Nick Karabin and fellow dancer smile their way through the 46 hours.



Cody Meckes shows his THON pride holding up the iconic Four Diamonds symbol.

hold a position while away from University Park, she instead planned a THON "final four" hour live stream at the Medical Center for the children who were not able to leave the facility due to their illnesses. Winegar additionally mentioned SNAP's sponsored THON child. "I dance for Landon, and past, present, and future children."

Freedom HS graduate Cody Meckes is a supply chain management major and senior, who

represented the special interest organization AYUDA. He has taken leadership roles during his junior and senior years at THON, including special projects chair last year, and President and Dancer this year. Meckes decided to get involved after spending two years locally at the Lehigh Valley campus and after seeing his roommate's passion for THON. Meckes noted he was compelled to dance after seeing the struggles children go through

with pediatric cancer. He further noted, "being President and seeing the interworking's of THON" and "representing his THON child and his family" was inspiring.

Nick Karabin, a junior chemical engineering major, danced for Operation Blue and Gold, the Naval ROTC organization. He has been involved with THON all three years of his college career and since he was a sophomore at Bethlehem Catholic HS. His experience in high school as a Dancer, where he stood for 12 hours, had motivated him to go for the full 46 hours while at Penn State. In addition to Dancer, Karabin has held positions such as Security Leader and head of his organization. His main inspiration to dance was attributed to the cause itself. "Cancer affects everyone," he said, "and becoming a part of the biggest student-run philanthropy to help this great cause, why else?"

In addition to the Bethlehem residents, students from the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus represented another three of the 708 total Dancers. Emeline Placencia, Jacob Stith and Marissa Pearson danced the 46 for their local THON child Sean Geltz. The Lehigh Valley campus raised over \$29,000 helping THON to reach this year's grand total of \$10,045,478.44. All donations go to the Four Diamonds organization.

There was no way to describe the intensity and emotion through those 46 hours in the Bryce Jordan Center but the three letter acronym encompasses why these students do what they do. FTK, For the Kids.



The Penn State Lehigh Valley dancers Emeline Placencia, Jacob Stith and Marissa Pearson and their THON child Sean and his family.



CITY POLICE Homicide

Police responded to a report of shots fired at Fiot and Sioux streets around 1:45 a.m. Feb. 8.

About two blocks from the scene they found an unresponsive woman who was pronounced dead of multiple gunshot wounds by Northampton County Coroner Zach Lysek.

Lysek confirmed the 19-year-old woman's name was Teayahe Glover, but additional information is unavailable as the investigation continues.

BRIEFLY KEMPTON

2017 fair set for June 15-17

The Kempton Fair - the one you remember from years ago, starting in 1957 - is alive and well and living in beautiful Kempton, Berks County.

Sponsored by the Kempton Community Center, 83 Community Center Drive, Kempton, is set for June 15-17.

The refurbished event will bring new energy and new direction, but with more of the old-time feel of yesteryear.

The "Kempton County Fair" of recent years, an organization separate from KCC, has changed its name and location.

For this event, they are bringing back all the great stuff fair-goers love, such as three evenings of tractor and truck power pulls and drags; popular musical talents Crazy Hearts, Scott Marshall & Marshall's Highway, and the Hannah Violet Trio.

Would you like to be a sponsor or a vendor or maybe a volunteer to help the fun-loving Kempton Fair Committee? Call 610-756-6444 and leave a message or email info@kemptonfair.org.

More information about activities and scheduled events can be found at www.kemptonfair.org or look for "Kempton Fair" on Facebook.

Judge Koury sentences hit-run driver

Remarks show 'A heartless human being who lacks social conscience'

BY BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

Following a four-day trial, a Northampton County jury found Royce Atkins, 23, guilty in November in a fatal hit-and-run that killed 9-year old Darius Condash. The accident itself occurred almost exactly one year before when Condash, accompanied by an older friend and cousin, crossed busy Schoenersville Road - a five-lane highway - at night. Atkins hit and killed Condash, but

failed to stop. He said nothing, waiting for police to find him. But in phone conversations from jail to his father and girlfriend, he said too much. It was enough to get him an additional year in prison beyond the mandatory three years he was already facing.

In imposing a four-year sentence on March 3, Judge Michael V. Koury called Atkins "a heartless human being who lacks social conscience." Atkins will

serve his sentence in state prison, too, where there are medical facilities to treat an ingrown toenail that he previously argued was a justification for house arrest.

What did Atkins, an Eagle Scout, say?

He called Judge Koury a "f---g piece of s---t," a "real f---g scumbag."

He called Assistant DA Joseph Lupackino an "a-hat."

He derided the Condash family, who came to every day of his trial.

"I really wanted to say to them, 'Like, don't you f---g people have jobs?'"

He said, "I literally have no remorse for them whatsoever any more. It makes me f---g sick."

While he made these comments, the district attorney's office was on the other end of the line, recording him.

Those remarks were heard in court March 3 before Atkins was sentenced. The Condash family, who came with signs and pictures

of Darius, listened as Judge Koury read the remarks.

After that, Atkins' apology in open court failed to sway Judge Koury.

Atkins has been in jail since he was found guilty in the hit-and-run on Nov. 2. He was represented in the sentencing phase by prominent Easton defense lawyer Phil Lauer, who argued that Atkins' remarks were really made in frustration and anger at himself.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Response to Brown address mixed

BY BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

What did people think of Executive John Brown's "State of the County" speech? Depends on who you ask.

Ron Angle and Hayden Phillips, both of whom are Republicans, were generally impressed. "It was the right kind of a speech for a business crowd," said Angle, who is considering a return to county politics. "I think it was a good speech," added Phillips, a county council member seeking re-election. "It is a positive story."

Democrats Lamont McClure and Steve Barron were unenthusiastic.

Barron, the county controller, claims Brown failed "to address the positions in several areas of the county that have not been filled and are needed to provide



Steve Barron (left) and Lamont McClure at McClure's announcement in late January.

services to the taxpayers of the county. The shuffling of accounting staff and excessive spending on new office furniture amount to nothing more than rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

Lamont McClure, a Bethlehem attorney and former council member, is running for Brown's job. He released this statement:

"This morning I had the opportunity to attend Mr. Brown's State of the County. My hope was that Mr. Brown would put forth an agenda that would improve the lives of the citizens of Northampton County. Unfortunately, what we saw and heard was a sleep inducing PowerPoint presentation that was so full of misinformation and falsehoods that it's almost impossible to unpack. However, what he did do is re-

package his callous war on county employees as synergies and efficiencies that save taxpayers money.

"A deeper dive into the numbers reveal the so-called savings to have been minimal - while the damage to the lives of employees has been real.

"When you practice Tea Party politics, as Mr. Brown does, the stated purpose of these so-called savings measures is to return the money to the people. Instead, fueled by a corrupt and crony-filled administration he not only failed to cut taxes, he increased taxes on our people by 10 percent. The Brown Administration is corrupt, crony-filled and callous. It's time to protect Seniors, preserve green space and create the conditions for prosperity."

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**BRIEFLY  
DA VINCI**

Mini-medical class opens in March

St. Luke's and Da Vinci Science Center will host a four Saturdays program, "The Science of Fear," from March 18 through April 8. The adult group will meet from 9 to 11 a.m., and the high school group meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Topics include Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System, Da Vinci Science Center; Nervous System Pathology, Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine; Clinical Applications, St. Luke's School of Medicine, and Present and Future Treatment of Nervous System Disorders, at Da Vinci Science Center.

Registration is required and closes at 3 p.m. on March 13; openings at limited. For information or to register, call 1-866-785-8537 or visit [www.slnh.org/mini-medicalschool](http://www.slnh.org/mini-medicalschool).

**AAUW**

Racism talk set for March 18

AAUW Bethlehem and Easton will host a presentation on "Racism: What most people don't understand about race" by Dr. Karen Gaffney from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on March 18 in Alumni Hall, Northampton Community College main campus, 3835 Green Pond Road.

An English professor at Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey, where she designed an introductory course on race, she is currently working on an introductory guide to systemic racism and racial justice.

# Lucky's adventure ends well

BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH  
dgalbraith@tnconline.com

Everyone loves a little adventure now and then, especially when you are a 3-1/2-year-old black and tan tabby named Lucky from Lower Macungie Township.

Oh, and did I mention he is blind?

On March 1, Lucky began his adventure around 1:15 a.m., somehow living the life of an escape artist and leaving the comforts of his home in the Ancient Oaks West development.

A flier was placed on social media sites and sent to various news outlets asking for help in locating the escapee March 2.

On March 3, Lucky returned home with the help of Russ Beadle, of Lower Macungie, who spotted Lucky in Farmington Hills Park.

"My wife and I were out walking and we noticed a cat in the middle of the field," Beadle said. "As we got to him, he was shivering and sitting in the middle of the field. We went home, got the cat carrier and brought him home. We gave him some food and started making calls to local shelters to see if anyone had reported a cat missing. As our children came home from school on the bus, a neighbor's daughter mentioned a notice of a lost, blind cat on social media and we connected the dots.

"We've lost pets before and people have helped us, so it felt great to be able to give back in this way," Beadle said.

I wanted to know more about Lucky.

Lucky was found along the side of the road in July 2013 by Scott Abbott, who promptly took

## LOST: BLIND CAT



His name is Lucky. He is a black-and-tan tabby with no eyes. He is attracted to sounds, especially jingling and paper crinkling. He got out of his home on Daisy Circle sometime around 1:15AM on March 1st. If you have found him please call the Abbott Family (610) 398-0473



Russ Beadle, of Lower Macungie, finds Lucky and reunites him with his family March 3.

the kitten to the family's home.

The Abbott family called several nearby shelters to get help for the thin, flea-ridden kitten without eyes and researched how to care for a blind cat. What they learned is "caring for a blind cat is not that different from the care of a sighted cat."

Forgotten Felines and Fidos Inc. was the first shelter to call back and encouraged the family to bring Lucky in for a checkup. On the way to the shelter, the family decided they were going to keep the kitten, joining their other cat, a large Maine coon named ToFu, short for "Tons of Fun."

The family named the kitten Lucky, "because he is." Later, Scott Abbott admitted he was listening to the Daft Punk song "Get Lucky" when he found the kitten.

Volunteers Stephanie Drey and Wanda Drey with Forgotten Felines and Fidos took care of the fleas, necessary shots and the ear mites, determined Lucky was leukemia negative and said, aside from being very thin, he was in relatively good condition.

"The ladies also assured everyone blind cats can live a long, happy life," the Abbotts said.

Both volunteers assured the family caring for a blind cat would not be difficult.

"You need to keep furniture in the same spot so they know their way around the house, as well as their food and litter boxes," Stephanie Drey said.

Both Stephanie and Wanda Drey have volunteered at the shelter for

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Her work has been presented at the White Privilege Conference, the Critical Race Theory conference at Yale Law School, the Popular Culture Association and the Working Class Studies Association.

For more information, email [aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlehighvalleydiversity@gmail.com).

**STATE**

Rent rebate open to June 30

The state's property tax/rent rebate application period is open now through June 30. A maximum \$650 rebate for property taxes or rent paid in 2016 is available for eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

Checks are sent out beginning in July. The program is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and slots proceeds.

Forms and filing assistance are available at most local government representatives' offices. Applications are also available online at [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) or by calling 1-888-222-9190.

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**BRIEFLY SOUTHSIDE**

**Annual cleanup set for April 8**

The South Side Task Force will hold the annual Southside cleanup from 10 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, on April 8. All interested in helping should meet at Farrington Square, Morton and New streets. Breakfast will be provided at 9:30 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Mayor's South Side Task Force, Alpha Phi Omega, Community Service Office, Lehigh In Town and the Lehigh University Eco-Reps.

**CRIME VICTIMS**

**Volunteer training being offered**

Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley Inc. needs volunteers to help provide support services for victims of sexual assault and other crimes.

The next volunteer training program will be in March.

This 10-session training will be conducted Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Crime Victims Council office, 801 Hamilton St., Allentown.

Topics include child abuse, the emotional aftermath of crime, crisis intervention, the criminal justice system, homicide and counseling skills.

CVC is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals who have evening, daytime or weekend time available.

Volunteers are needed to staff a 24-hour hotline and accompany victims at area hospitals, police departments or court proceedings.

Volunteering on CVC's crisis hotline also is perfect for college students who wish to gain hands-on experience while in school. A pre-training interview is required before being admitted to the training.

Crime Victims Council is a private, nonprofit organization, which has been serving victims of crime in Northampton and Lehigh counties, at no cost, since 1973.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact volunteer coordinator Sara Ullmer at 610-437-6610, ext. 326 or sullmer@cvcclv.org.

**DA says no to courthouse time clocks**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Many Northampton County employees who work at the jail and at Gracedale already punch time clocks. But Executive John Brown wants to use them countywide, including at the courthouse and at the Human Services building. HR Director Amy Trapp has argued they will reduce paperwork, save time and even be beneficial for employees in the long run. But employees resent them. They find the practice degrading, and feel being compelled to supply their fingerprint for a biometric device is an infringement of their privacy. Brown has forged ahead anyway, and has spent over \$30,000 so far for six fingerprint-activated time clocks at the courthouse and human services building. He has done so without agreement from the courts, controller or district attorney. These are independently elected officials.

District Attorney John Morganelli has tangled with previous executives over the right to run his own office as he sees fit. In 2013, he sued then County Executive John Stoffa over his right to promote employees, and won. The Home Rule Charter gives him express authority "to appoint, promote, transfer, de-

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PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

**Wires for a timeclock dangle outside**  
Northampton County DA John Morganelli's office.

mote, suspend, dismiss or otherwise discipline his own staff." When returning to his office from court, he recently noticed some of the county's maintenance team banging away part of the wall outside his office and stringing in blue wires. He was told they were for time clocks, something he had already told the Brown administration he opposed.

Morganelli fired off an email to Brown and Human Resources Director Trapp, making clear that he would refuse to have his staff punch time clocks. Five days later, he received an email from Trapp, asking to discuss the matter, and assuring him that he, his assis-

tants and detectives would be exempt. He also bumped into Administrator Cathy Allen, who was coming to the courthouse at 10 a.m., and she told him that time clocks are a federal requirement.

Morganelli checked. The Code of Federal Regulations specifically states, "Time clocks are not required." So he sent Trapp a second email, making clear that he will refuse to make his staff use time clocks. He said morale in his office is good, and added, "I am not fixing something here that is not broken."

In an interview, Morganelli said his office has had about \$100 in overtime over the past five years.

**BRIEFLY DA'S OFFICE**

**Clean out meds on March 11**

District Attorney Jim Martin is asking citizens to clean out their medicine cabinets when they change their clocks for daylight savings time on March 11 / 12.

Residents should identify and dispose of unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications by dropping them at a permanent medication collection box site.

The City of Bethlehem location is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bethlehem Police Department, City Hall, 10 East Church St. Upon entry, advise the front desk that you are there to discard unwanted medications. There is also a box located at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg.

**SALISBURY**

**Charity game**

**set for March 25**

The Salisbury Youth Association will play against the Salisbury Police Department in the first annual charity basketball game and fundraiser.

The event will be held 1 to 6 p.m. March 25 in the Salisbury HS gymnasium.

Net proceeds will go to the Salisbury Police Department to support Project Life Saver and National Night Out.

Events 1 to 4 p.m. include a basketball clinic for students ages five to 11, a K-9 demonstration by Salisbury Police, a lecture on stranger danger for elementary school students and fundraising activities by SYA basketball players.

Events 4 to 6 p.m. include the SYA versus Salisbury Police basketball game, a 50-50 drawing at halftime and baked goods and concessions available.

There is no entry fee - donation only.

For additional information, contact Cpl. Chris Casey at 610-797-1447 or email ccasey@salisburytownship.pa.gov.

**LUCKY**

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more than 15 years.

Sue Bowman, shelter manager, Forgotten Felines and Fidos, said both Stephanie and Wanda knew how well blind cats can adjust.

"They go by smell. Initially, when they come into a new place, they change the position of their whiskers. It's amazing how they adapt. They memorize where everything is," Bowman said.

Dorothy Abbott said Lucky knows where the litter boxes are and can smell food at 100 yards away. She said his hearing is "as good or even better than his sense of smell."

Dorothy Abbott said Lucky plays with ToFu, amuses himself with



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**ToFu and Lucky** are pals who lounge around the house when not pursuing adventures.

toys such as balls with bells, crinkled newspaper and a large cat tube. He has also been known to climb the Christmas tree.

Bowman said the no-kill shelter in Germansville first had a blind cat

about 20 years ago, when they learned how the animal compensated for its disability. They currently have two one-eyed cats, some senior cats and some three-legged cats - all of which are in need of forever homes.

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# It's a 4A sweep!

## Bethlehem Catholic boys win first title since 2002

BY CJ HEMERLY  
Special to the Press

Coming into the District 11 4A boys championship game, the two teams involved have had a long dry spell of district gold. It had been since 2002 that Bethlehem Catholic last won districts, and even longer for their opponent, Jim Thorpe, which last won gold in 1972.

But something had to give.

The Olympians fan base made the long trek to Easton Area Middle School in high volume and made their voices heard in support of their team. But it was the Golden Hawks that quickly quieted the crowd, and hoisted the trophy for the first time in 15 years, beating Jim Thorpe 64-31 last Friday night.

"It means a lot," said head coach Ray Barbosa. "These kids worked so hard for the last seven months, it's unbelievable. They deserved this tonight."

Jim Thorpe entered with upset on its mind. The Olympians first two district wins came when they were the lower seed, and they looked to continue those ways of winning.

But Becahi (21-6 overall) has been on a mission since losing to Allen three weeks ago in the Eastern Pennsyl-

vania Conference title game, a contest some of the players called "embarrassing." They won their first two district games by 23 and 26-point margins, and then the 33-point win Friday.

"We wanted to keep up the intensity and push the ball and do whatever it took to win," said sophomore guard Justin Paz. "The Allen game prepared us for this district run. That loss helped us get this title. We can go as far as we want. It all depends on us playing defense and playing as a team. If we make our shots, we can beat anyone."

Paz led all scorers with a game-high 17 points, but it all started on the defensive end for the Golden Hawks.

The size and athleticism that Becahi held over Jim Thorpe was apparent, but the Hawks dug in and made every Olympian possession a challenge. They held Jim Thorpe to just five points in the opening quarter, and 10 in the second, leading 28-15 at halftime.

"We told the guys that if we defend, rebound, and share the basketball, we'll be fine," Barbosa said. "It was very important to get off to a good start tonight because they like to slow the ball. But we got out

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PRESS PHOTOS BY ROB MERCHANT

The Becahi boys pose with their medals and District 11 trophy following the win over Jim Thorpe.



Justin Paz scored 17 points.



Ryan Young puts up a shot.



The boys get their medals.

## Becahi girls capture another District 11 crown

BY CJ HEMERLY  
Special to the Press

It seems that almost every year, Bethlehem Catholic and Central Catholic are battling for the District 11 title. It happened once again this year.

After missing out on district gold last year, the Golden Hawks were back on top of District 11 in the new 4A classification, defeating the Vikettes 43-27 last Saturday afternoon at Easton Area Middle School.

"At the end of the day this is one of the goals we strive for from the first day of practice," said head coach Jose Medina. "When you see the goals that you put forth on paper, and on the board, come to fruition, you have to be happy with that."

Becahi (22-5 overall) had been the face of 3A, and the Lehigh Valley in girls basketball the last few years. They also claimed the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference championship this year by beating Easton.

The senior class has now played in the district final all four years, winning three of them. The Golden Hawks program has won four of the last five.

"This is a dream come true for my senior year," said senior forward Tessa Zamolyi, who finished with eight points. "I couldn't be

more proud of my teammates for the hard work we put in to get to this point."

It wasn't all smooth sailing for Becahi. Central came out and hit some shots to take an early lead. But it didn't last for long.

The Golden Hawks then put together a 28-4 spurt spanning the end of the first quarter to the beginning of the third. At that point it was a twenty-point game at 30-10 with 5:05 remaining in the third quarter.

Neila Luma (9 points) and Hope Brown (9) were key behind the run. Luma was playing against her former team, transferring in from Central Catholic this year, after leading the team in scoring last season.

"I was definitely excited," Luma said on playing against the Vikettes. "But I just took it as another game, and another opportunity to get the gold."

Even with Central (10-15) coming in after an uncharacteristic down year for the program, the Golden Hawks knew that they could not take their rival lightly, as they have been consistent in big games, and know how to win them when it counts the most.

"We knew there was a lot hanging on us, because they were coming

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The Becahi girls pose with their trophy and medals after winning the title a day after the boys.



The girls celebrate their victory over Central.



Hope Brown helped to lead the team in points.

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DISTRICT 11 SWIMMING

McCarthy golden on Day One

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Liberty senior Julia McCarthy already had a no sweat mindset by the time day one of the District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships began last Friday night at Parkland High School.

"I was feeling relaxed. It was a weird state of mind," McCarthy said. "I was thinking, just win, and my real competition is the clock."

McCarthy, who clinched the gold medal in the 200 IM in 2:04.23, was right.

"That was my best time. I really didn't expect that would happen," she said. "On my turns, no one was with me, and then I saw I got first, and I saw my time, and it blew me away. I was ecstatic."

McCarthy's teammate Samantha Taylor placed fifth in the same event in 2:13.98.

Also from Liberty, Anna Lehr swam to a third-place finish in the 200 free with a time of 1:56.85.

The Hurricane 200 medley relay team of Sabrina Krotzer, McCarthy, Kay Wetmore, and Taylor also placed third with a time of 1:50.65.

Liberty's girls bettered themselves in the final event on Friday night, the 200 free relay, winning the silver medal with a combination of Kendra Smith, Natalie Richardson, McCarthy, and Abby Mack with a time of 1:39.92.

"I was extremely nervous, but it was more the See **SWIM** on Page 12



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Julia McCarthy was the top female swimmer at districts.

Julia McCarthy named outstanding swimmer

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Winning a gold medal in the 100 breaststroke at the District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships was something Liberty senior Julia McCarthy had her eye on since her freshman year.

"It's something I just really wanted to do," McCarthy said.

McCarthy clinched that gold medal in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05.57 on day two of districts last Saturday afternoon at Parkland High School.

"The whole race, with every stroke, I was telling myself to keep going. The breaststroke is really painful," said McCarthy. "I had the same mentality [as the 200 IM], and I just wanted a good end to my senior year."

Soon afterward, McCarthy was presented with the Dennis McGinley Award for being the most outstanding female swimmer at the district meet.

"I was kind of wow," McCarthy said. "I didn't expect it."

In other individual events, Hurricane teammates Anna Lehr placed third in the 500 free in 5:15.37, and Kay Wetmore placed fifth in 5:22.83. Freedom senior Rileigh Ellis came in sixth place in 5:22.89.

In the 100 free, Freedom senior

Reilly Ward placed third with a time of 54.79, and Liberty junior Kendra Smith came in fifth in 55.09.

Ward also won a fifth place medal in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:10.18.

Day two also resulted in a silver medal for Liberty's 400 free relay team of Smith, Samantha Taylor, Abby Mack, and Lehr with a time of 3:39.96.

"I thought we did great," said Liberty coach Reik Foust. "Most people didn't think our girls would do as well as they did, but our girls swam out of their minds. With the boys, we sort of knew that they would do well, but it was really great to see our girls step up and perform."

Foust also noted that two freshman girls from Liberty, Taylor and Mack, qualified for districts this year.

"Abby didn't know what to feel, but she's a gamer, and I've known that a long time," said Foust, regarding her anchor in the 200 free relay. "Abby, Kendra, and Natalie [Richardson] had great swims in the 50, but I just had this feeling Abby would be stellar, and she was."

Both Taylor and Mack medaled more than once at districts.

In final team scores, Liberty's girls placed third, Emmaus placed second, and Parkland placed first.

Liberty relay takes first

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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It was barely 10 minutes before the boys' 200 free relay, when Liberty senior Anthony Delcorso was told he would lead off in the final event of day one's District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships on Friday night at Parkland High School.

It was also more than a pleasant surprise for Delcorso, who had wanted to medal after missing out in previous years, but would he be able to duplicate that same strong start he had when he competed in the 50 free earlier in the evening?

"I went 22.7 in the 50, so up on the block [for the relay] it was nerve wracking because my time was so good in the 50 free," Delcorso said.

Coach Reik Foust had not shared the same concern; in fact, Foust was emphatic about Delcorso's performance.

"He was just so explosive on that start [the 50 free] that I had to start him in the relay," said Foust.

In the end, and with

two seconds to spare, Delcorso, Jase Smith, Jake Evert, and Robert Negron clinched first place with a time of 1:25.36.

"It's nice, and I've wanted this for awhile," said Delcorso. "I knew it would be close between us and Emmaus."

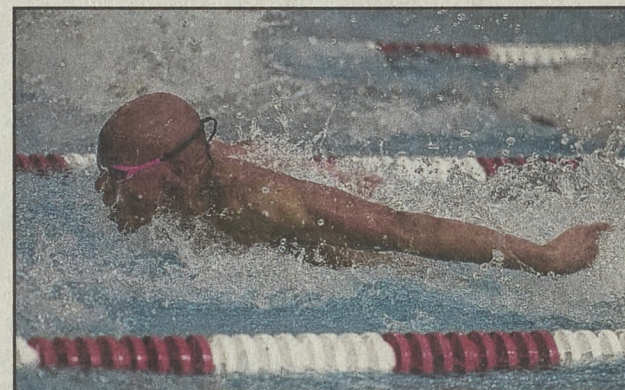
The Hornets placed second with a time of 1:36.35.

"We were behind, I think, and then I pulled us ahead by a half body, and you know when Robert jumps in, we're going to win," said Evert. "It's a rush of accomplishment from our work and the work of our coaches."

Liberty's first gold medal accomplishment was realized in the first event of Friday evening, the 200 medley relay, when Smith, Chris Chambers, Negron, and Evert combined to win with a time of 1:34.85.

"It was great," Evert said. "I love winning the medley, and I'm a sophomore and they're all juniors, so we'll be even stronger next year."

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Robert Negron was part of Liberty's winning relay team as well as the 50 free winner.

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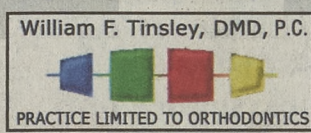
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Al Bell won gold for Freedom in the 500 free.

Pates' Al Bell wins gold

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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On the second and final day of the District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships, Freedom sophomore Al Bell won the gold medal in the 500 free with a time of 4:45.94.

"That was the goal," Bell smiled.

Bell finished the event more than two seconds ahead of Parkland's Hyunbin Kim and Southern Lehigh's Raahi Klar-Chaudhuri who tied for second place in 4:48.00.

"I was a little ner-

vous, but I tried not to let it get to me. I was just excited, especially to race some people I know," said Bell. "The whole race was really close. I tried to keep my own pace, and if people were ahead of me, they were pushing me. It was just a lot of excitement, and it's my first time ever."

Liberty sophomore Jake Evert won a silver medal in the 100 free with a time of 46.57, just .43 seconds behind gold medalist Michael Bauer from Northampton.

The very last event

of the district meet, the 400 free relay, was won by Liberty swimmers Ben Stuckey, Chase Ledger, Evert, and Robert Negron with a time of 3:10.33.

Stuckey, a senior, led off.

"I swim distance most of the time, so I had to change some things," Stuckey said. "This is my first time getting a medal. I really wanted this, and being on a team with people I really care about, it's pretty surreal. I never got a medal of my own, so it's a great

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL WRESTLING

# Hawks win NE Regional title

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Ryan Zeiner paced back and forth in the hallways of Memorial Gymnasium Saturday night after winning the 152-pound Northeast Regional title over Scranton's Jacob Burgette 5-4.

A bystander walked by and offered, "Congrats champ."

The word champion is something Zeiner always wanted for himself, but one that was never guaranteed. After leaving districts a year ago without placing, Zeiner is now heading to Hershey, as a regional champion.

Four Golden Hawks won titles Saturday evening, as Ryan Anderson (126), Mikey Labriola (170) and Niko Camacho (HWT) each struck gold, but Zeiner's rise to champion is certainly the most telling one of the group.

"It's still really just unbelievable to me," said Zeiner. "I never thought I'd be out there. Last year, I really wasn't good at all, didn't even make it out of the first day of districts. It's amazing that I'm here. I've always been one of the lesser talented guys in this program and it's just awesome to finally win something."

The Hawks performance over the weekend couldn't have been much better, as Becahi advanced all 10 wrestlers to states to pull ahead of Nazareth in the team standings by a 202.5 to 184 margin

for the regional team crown.

Anderson was also a newbie on top of regional podium, after he couldn't wrestle in the postseason last year after failing to make weight at districts as a freshman. He certainly didn't let his opportunity for a ticket to Hershey slip by him, as he knocked off Blue Mountain's Josh Mason by a 3-0 score in the 126-pound final.

"This definitely feels better than last year," said Anderson. "I even bumped up a weight class to make weight. I'm still getting used to wrestling at 126, but it let's me eat more. Last week I just didn't feel the same at districts. I don't know what was wrong with me, but I definitely felt better this week."

Labriola might have had a little scare in his 170-pound championship against Dallas' Xavier Barber, despite winning by a 23-8 technical fall, as he was cautioned with two slams in the first period, one of which it appeared Barber flipped on his back on purpose. A third slam would have resulted in disqualification, but Labriola made sure he was cautious and patient en route to an easy victory.

Camacho won his 100th career match during his 3-1 victory over LaSalle's Vincenzo Pelusi. Camacho needed overtime to score the winning takedown over Pelusi, giving him back-



PRESS PHOTO BY KEVIN HARDY

Bethlehem Catholic wrestlers pose after winning the Northeast Regional team title.

to-back gold medals in as many weeks heading to Hershey.

The other Hawks to place at regionals included: Kenny Herrmann (third at 113); Zach Glenn (third at 120); Jarred Papcsy (third at 132); Luca Frinzi (fourth at 138); Luke Carty (third at 145) and Jody Crouse (fourth at 195).

For Zeiner, one more week of wrestling is all that he could ask for.

"My goal is to place and take home a medal," he said. "I drill with Mikey [Labriola] everyday and his intensity rubs off on me, so I definitely want to leave medal."



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Ryan Zeiner won his first regional championship last weekend.

## Callahan is champ, DeLoach advances

BY PETER CAR  
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With one week left in the wrestling season, Freedom senior Evan Callahan isn't going to let anything stop him from competing in the PIAA championships this week in Hershey.

Callahan also didn't let a tweaked knee cost him an opportunity at his first Northeast Regional championship, following a 6-3 decision over Parkland's Nate Feyrer in Saturday's 220-pound championship.

His title capped off the evening for the Patriots, as they advanced two wrestlers to this week's state tournament at the Giant Center.

Fellow senior Ryan DeLoach (182) was also a regional finalist, but was upended by Nazareth's Travis Stefanik by fall in 3:15 to take silver.

For Callahan, Saturday night's title re-

match with Feyrer, who he defeated for the district championship last weekend, didn't start off on the right foot coming into the bout, as he tweaked his knee during a 7-3 decision over East Stroudsburg South's Patrick Finn in Saturday's semifinals.

That led to a slow start against Feyrer, as he fell behind in the first period following a takedown before eventually taking over the bout for the win.

"I don't think I was fully prepared mentally going into the finals after hurting my knee [in the semis]," said Callahan. "I went out a little cautious, I was slow and I wasn't ready to wrestle to be honest with you. After I got taken down, I just tried to restart everything and wrestle just like the match was tied."

Callahan scored a pair of takedowns and earned two escapes to

close out the match, as the early 2-0 deficit he endured certainly lit a fire in him. Now, the question remains on how his knee will handle the state tournament when it kicks off Thursday afternoon.

After suffering a torn MCL and patella tendons in his knee on Nov. 18 in Freedom's District 11 football playoff game against Parkland, Callahan, who wore a heavily taped brace during Saturday's finals, wasn't sure the severity of his injury, only noting that "it was meniscal" and that "it hurts."

"No matter what, I'm going to tough it out," he said of his preparation for this weekend after taking sixth in Hershey a year ago. "It's my senior season and my goal is to just go into Hershey and take things match by match and place as high as possible."

After taking third at

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Evan Callahan is hoping a knee injury won't slow him down at states.

## Hurricanes advance four to state wrestling

BY PETER CAR  
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Luke Werner knows he's had a tough road in the wrestling postseason. Nestled in the 120-pound bracket, Werner has had Northampton's defending state champion Julian Chlebove in his weight class throughout this postseason.

With a talent like Chlebove in his bracket, the task was always going to be difficult, but Werner has kept battling over the past two weeks despite losing to Chlebove in both the District 11 and Northeast Regional finals.

Saturday's 120-pound championship was just another example of

how tough it is taking on Chlebove, as Werner lost by a 12-2 major decision at Memorial Gymnasium.

Werner was the lone finalist for the Hurricanes on Saturday, but they advanced four wrestlers to this week's PIAA tournament in Hershey and took home another top five finish in the team standings at regionals.

Anthony Emig (160) and Damen Moyer (182) each took third, while Gunner Anglovich (170) finished in fourth to round out Liberty's contingent heading to the Giant Center Thursday afternoon.

Werner, though, has the highest chance of

medaling this weekend, as he heads to Hershey for a fourth time looking to add to his already school record of 140 wins.

"I'm just glad that I get another shot to compete this week in Hershey," said Werner. "I already know that I'm wrestling the top guy [Chlebove] in the state these past two weeks and I hope that I can meet him in the state finals and that it'll be a different outcome."

Making it a different outcome will be a challenge for Werner, who on several occasions during Saturday's bout, was in deep on single leg shots, only to see Chle-

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Luke Werner is one of four Liberty wrestlers heading to Hershey.





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Ryan DeLoach (top) will also advance to states this weekend.

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 Outside of running into the buzz saw of Stefanik, DeLoach had a good weekend for the Pates and will look to end his Freedom career with a state medal. One wrestler that won't be making the trip to Hershey is Thomas Bonilla (152). After winning districts a week ago, Bonilla settled for sixth place.

He lost to Scranton's Jacob Burgette 7-6 in the semifinals and couldn't recover, losing a 12-5 decision to Easton's Hayden Keleher in the consolation round before injury defaulting in his sixth place bout with Angel Garcia of Mariana Bracetti Academy to end his wrestling career with the Patriots.

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PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Gunner Anglovich will also advance to the state tournament.

**LHS**

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 "I have to try and throw him off his game and I need to mix it up more," Werner said. "It's definitely tough to finish on him. You need a great set up to finish the shot right away, because he does a good job of picking the leg up and I need to work on that." Werner's performance over the weekend solidified his fourth regional medal, as he

now looks to pick up his third state medal, finishing eighth his freshman year and fifth last year. Emig came back after losing in the quarterfinals to battle his way to third place following a 9-7 win over Emmaus' Reed Custer in the consolation final. Moyer fell in the semifinals to Freedom's Ryan DeLoach 10-7, but came back to win his final two consolation bouts, including a 5-3 decision over Wallenpaupack's Tyler Neglia for third place. Anglovich reached the semifinals, but lost

to Xavier Barber of Dallas 4-0. He then won his first consolation bout to guarantee a spot to Hershey, before falling to Northampton's Cade Moisey 6-2 in the third place bout. Werner is the only Liberty wrestler that heads to Hershey this year with previous state experience, which is something he knows will benefit him. "I've been there before and I know what I have to do," he said. "I know I'm going to keep improving and shoot for getting gold."

**BELL**

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 feeling." Ledger explained that the Hurricanes' relay strategy was very mapped out. "The medal feels a little heavy," Ledger laughed. "It's a reflection of all the hard work that goes into the season. I knew if I could make some gains, Jake and Robert could bring it home." Negron swam anchor and touched the wall .35 seconds ahead of Emmaus's anchor, sending the whole Liberty swim team into wild celebra-

tion. "It was fantastic. We put everything we had into that. It was awesome to see," Ledger said. In team scores, Liberty's boys placed third, Parkland placed second, and Emmaus placed first. "I'm just really proud of my kids, and I have the greatest coaches in the Lehigh Valley, Jeff Matyus, Evan Kocon, Jeff Zettlemoyer, all of them. We collaborate all the time," said Liberty coach Reik Foust. Foust also noted that one of the Hurricane freshman boys, Trevor Lenig, who competed in

the 100 backstroke, qualified for districts this year. "The last two weeks have been great because the older kids were good with the younger kids, and it's cool to have them teach you what to do, like bleaching our hair," Lenig said. "All the captains did a great job and made us feel welcome, and if we did something wrong, they would teach us how to fix it." Bell, Stuckey, Ledger, Evert, and Negron will compete at the PIAA State Swimming Championships March 17-18 at Bucknell University.

**RELAY**

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 relay, Freedom swimmers Colin Burnette, Grayden Hogan, Al Bell, and Brian Seitz tied for fourth place with Southern Lehigh in 1:42.65. In individual events, Negron won a gold medal in the 50 free in 20.99, and Smith placed fifth in

22.13. "I didn't hit the time I was hoping for, but I know I'll do good in states," Negron said. "I'm OK with it, I just started a little slow." Bell took third place in the 200 IM in 1:59.57, Liberty's Chase Ledger placed fourth in 2:00.89, and Burnette placed fifth in 2:02.17. off this one. On my turn, I looked, and it was so close, so I tried to kick as hard as I can, if I could get a lead." Freedom swimmers Reilly Ward, Sydney Straka, Raleigh Ellis,

and Erin Madden placed fifth in the 200 free relay in 1:42.91. McCarthy will compete at the PIAA State Swimming Championships on March 17-18 at Bucknell University.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Becahi girls pose with their medals following their victory over Central.



From left to right, Mikayla Jones, Tessa Zamolyi and Morgan Orloski enjoy the taste of gold.



The Becahi girls are awarded the District 11 trophy.

**GIRLS**

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 in with nothing to lose," Zamolyi said. "They did give us a run for our money in the beginning, but we just found a way to fight back on de-

fense." Becahi now advances to the PIAA state tournament this weekend as the top seed in 4A. The Hawks will play District 2's third seed Scranton Prep on Friday, a team that they beat 40-22 earlier this

season. "Bottom line is that we're going to reset, refocus, and now it's a five-game playoff," Medina said. "We hit two of the goals that we had to start the year, and now there's one more left to go."

**BOYS**

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 to a good start with our pressure defense. We struggled early with some shots, but we got into a rhythm once our defense picked up."

It was more of the same in the second half. Becahi held the Olympians to just 18 points by the time there were three minutes and 12 seconds remaining in the third quarter. By the end of the frame, they had opened up a 28-point lead that went on to become as large as 35 points in the fourth. "Coach told us, we knew as a team as well, we can't play around with any of these teams," said Paz. "We had to get them out early." Ryan Young finished with six points and nine rebounds. Jordan Odle had eight points, Julian Thomas tallied seven, and Will Melson added six. The Hawks will open the PIAA state tourna-



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Jordan Odle goes hauls in a rebound during last weekend's district finals.

ment Saturday afternoon against District 2 three seed Greater Nan-

ticoke at Freedom High School.

**DARTS**

**Suburban Dart League Standings**

Salem Luth	44	22	.667
Christ UCC	42	24	.636
Dryland	33	27	.550
St. Paul's	31	29	.517
St. Stephen's	34	32	.515
Ebenezer	33	33	.500
Bath Luth	31	35	.470
Emmanuel	29	34	.460
Salem UCC	25	35	.417
Farmersville	24	39	.381
Messiah	25	41	.379

**St. Paul's at Salem Luth (7-5, 8-4, 7-4)**  
 SL - Kyle Taylor 9-12, Bryan

Frankenfield 8-14, Scott Hoffert 7-15, Jacob Hoffert 4-8. SP - Rich Kern 6-12, Bret Remel 6-13, Amber Gross HR.  
**Bath Luth (4-1) at Emmanuel (1-0 14in, 4-0)**  
 Em - Jim Hill 7-14, Joel Dalryple 6-14, Bruce Danyluk 4-14 HR.  
 BL - Matt Creyer 4-13, Wendy Yacone HR.  
**St. Stephen's (5-1, 6-2) at Messiah (7-6)**  
 SS - Travis Beahm 7-14 HR, Jim Blaukovitch 6-12, Ed

Wychok 5-14, Dave Blaukovitch HR.  
 M - Rich Hassonich 4-11 HR, Andy Mickelson HR.  
**Salem UCC (4-3, 9-3, 2-0) at Ebenezer**  
 S - Chris W 6-13, Randy F 5-11, Jack Troxell 5-12 HR.  
 E - Dean Frear 5-13.  
**Christ UCC (5-0) at Farmersville (2-0, 4-1)**  
 F - Sue Grim 4-10, Wade Chilmonik 4-11, Gene Grim 4-12, Ben Kerbaugh HR.  
 C - Garry Hunsicker 6-11. Bye - Dryland





PRESS PHOTOS BY EMILY CUMMINS

Chardae and Jennifer Stone of the Bethlehem Dairy Store with their Sweet category Cookie Crunch Award.

# Dairy Store, Aramark take top Cookie Crunch prizes

BY MARK DEMKO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

With 15 restaurants, 17 delicious dishes and more than 300 guests in attendance, the 3rd annual Girl Scout Cookie Crunch was a fabulous foodie experience from start to finish. The dynamic culinary event held at the ArtsQuest Center's Musikfest Café in Bethlehem on Feb. 26 also featured 10-year-old chef and Girl Scout Lucy Chelton of Sellersville, who celebrated her recent win on "Chopped Jr." by signing autographs for the crowd.

Selected by popular vote, Bethlehem Dairy Store's S'mores & Cream ice cream was named "Best Sweet Dish" and the Aramark culinary team at SteelStacks was awarded both "Best Savory Dish" and "Kids' Choice Award" for its Bacon Macaroni and Cheese topped with Girl Scout Shortbreads. Winners received glass cookie jars crafted by the Banana Factory Glass Studio.

The complete list of winners is:  
Best Sweet Dish - Bethlehem Dairy Store, Bethlehem  
Best Savory Dish - Aramark at SteelStacks, Bethlehem  
Kids' Choice Award - Aramark at SteelStacks, Bethlehem  
Highlighted by the largest turnout in the event's history, the culinary fundraiser benefits both Girl Scouts of Eastern PA (GSEP) and the ArtsQuest Art



PRESS PHOTO BY TED COSGROVE

**Chef Michael Hoffman**, Kids Choice and Savory Award winner, of Aramark serving his bacon macaroni and cheese with shortbread cookies.

Education Fund, which provides quality arts and education programs for area students. GSEP is the largest girl-serving organization in Pennsylvania and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. GSEP serves close to 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 15,000 volunteers.

"This year's Cookie Crunch was a huge success thanks to the support of all of our participating restaurants, patrons, event

volunteers and especially the Girl Scouts," says ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert. "This unique culinary experience continues to grow in popularity, with area chefs creating some amazing dishes using Girl Scout Cookies.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Girl Scouts on this event each year, helping to shine the spotlight on their organization, as well as our Art Education Fund, which helps to support our free educational program-

ming for the region. Congratulations to all of the Cookie Crunch winners - we're already looking forward to the 2018 Cookie Crunch next February."

Ken Anderson, vice president of business development for Girl Scouts of Eastern PA, says, "Thank you to all of this year's participants for their creativity and delicious dishes and to Lucy Chelton, who is simply amazing and truly exemplifies what Girl Scouts is all about - building girls of courage, confidence and character. This year was the best and I look forward to the next.

For more information on the Cookie Crunch, visit [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org).

## BRIEFLY HELLERTOWN

Designer purse bingó March 18

The Dewey Banquet Hall, 520 Durham St., Hellertown, will be the site of a designer purse bingó 1 p.m. March 18. In addition to Vera Bradley purses as regular game prizes, there will be special games for a Coach and a Michael Kors purse.

The event will benefit the Lehigh Valley Sweet Adelines Chorus, which rehearses at St. George's Episcopal Church, Hellertown.

Doors will open at noon. Snacks will be available for purchase. Play 15 games for \$15, extra for specials. There will also be a basket auction and 50/50 raffle.

Advance tickets are available by calling Angie at 610-730-6711 or visiting [sing@lehighvalley-sweetadelines.com](mailto:sing@lehighvalley-sweetadelines.com).

## CCA

Shamrock parade set for March 11

The Celtic Cultural Alliance's Best Legs in a Kilt contest will be held at 11 a.m. at Donegal Square, 534 Main St. Contestants must pre-register by calling 610-866-3244.

The CCA's free seventh annual Parade of Shamrocks will begin at 1 p.m. at 10th Avenue and West Broad street. The participants proceed east on Broad Street, turn right on to Main Street, head south on Main Street and end under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

William Billowitch, CCA's former board president and a 10-year board member, is the parade's grand marshal. For more information on the parade and other CCA events, visit [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org).

## VALLEY

FHS cellist receives award

The Allentown Music Club has announced that Freedom HS senior Ryan Bailis, cellist, has won the club's 2017 string award. The award is part of the National Federation of Music Clubs Crusade for Strings. Club president Bob Premez presented Bailis with the \$400 scholarship award during the free, "A World of Music" program March 5 at Jordan U.C.C., Allentown.

For information, visit [www.allentownmusicclub.com](http://www.allentownmusicclub.com).

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**Chef Hoffman's Bacon Macaroni and Cheese recipe**

1 pound Cavatapi Pasta  
Pasta cooking ingredients  
1 gal water, boiling  
1 tsp salt  
2 tbsp vegetable oil  
Other ingredients  
1 tablespoon Salted Butter  
1 large Shallot minced  
½ Sweet onion minced  
¼ cup minced garlic  
1 pound bacon lard-ons, bacon cut into small pieces (match stick width)

(do not allow the cream to boil over) start adding small amounts of the smoked Gouda and whisking using a wire whisk. Once each batch is melted, add more cheese. Once all the Gouda is in the mix add American cheese one slice at a time until the sauce is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon.

1 box Girl Scout Shortbread Cookies (crumbled, one sleeve at a time)  
6 oz. salted butter, melted  
Sauté the crumbled cookies in the melted butter (this will stop the cookies from burning while baked)

1. Cook pasta to el dente. Drain.  
2. Pour cream mixture over macaroni and mix carefully. Scale into one greased 12 x 20 x 2-in baking pan.  
3. Mix crumbs and 6 oz. salted butter. Sprinkle over macaroni and cheese. Cover with parchment paper (waxed paper will work) then in aluminum foil.  
4. Bake at 350°F for about 15 minutes, until 160°F. Remove the foil and paper and bake until top is golden brown

On medium high heat, melt butter and sweat the onions, garlic and shallots, add bacon. By the time the bacon is done the onions and garlic mix should be caramelized. Turn the heat down to a low medium.

Salt and pepper to taste  
1 Qt heavy cream  
1 lb. Smoked Gouda Cheese (hand shredded)  
1 lb. White American Cheese (tear into quarters while adding to cream)

Add cream to the above onion mix. Once the cream is starting to come to a rolling boil

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**Bethlehem residents** Mike and Jennifer Cleffi help their three daughters, Mackenzie, Madison and Caitlin, create mosaics at a PCFLV event at Warner Art Glass.

PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

## ‘Like a big family’

### Warner Art Glass hosts ‘hot’ weekend for pediatric patients

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh Valley families dealing with pediatric cancer were shown some lovin’ by the folks at Warner Art Glass Feb 11-12 in Whitehall Township. Children who are battling cancer and their siblings assembled glass Valentine’s Day mosaics and created paperweights from molten glass in the center’s “Hot Room.”

This is the second year that business owner Charles Warner has offered to host this event for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley (PCFLV) at his combination showroom and activity center. Lisa Kappes of PCFLV said, “It started last Valentine’s Day and right after we were finished with it, the owner, Charles Warner, was already excited to plan the next one ... so we just kept it as a Valentine’s Day theme.”

Although this is only their second year at the Whitehall location, Warner Art Glass has been in business for about 40 years.

“What interested me in glass initially was seeing glass blowing when I was a child,” Warner said about his enthusiasm for keeping the art form alive through following generations.

Bethlehem residents Mike and Jennifer Cleffi helped their young daughters, Mackenzie, her twin, Caitlin, and Madison, glue brightly colored bits of glass to small square blocks of wood to create mosaics. This was followed by a trip to the workshop where the en-



“Hot Shot” manager Dan Polk teaches Mackenzie Cleffi and her dad, Mike, how to add bits of color to molten glass in the “Hot Room.” The glass had been heated in a furnace at 2150 degrees.

tire family put on safety glasses and worked with the glass blowers.

Mackenzie’s journey began in July 2015 with a bad nosebleed, followed by a sudden fever, which prompted a trip to the local ER with her parents. Mackenzie, with her mom aboard, was then transported by ambulance to St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia while dad followed in the family car. The doctors at St. Christopher’s diagnosed the two-and-a-half-year-old with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. “We left just to go to

the ER and we didn’t get home until three weeks later,” recalled Jennifer.

“All of this is exactly the same as I went through 16 years ago with my son,” remarked Michelle Zenie, PCFLV executive director. “It’s like the same story.”

“That first year was a roller-coaster of highs and extreme lows ... Christmas and her birthday were spent in the hospital,” said Mike Cleffi, a health and phys ed. teacher at Freedom HS. “It was tough,” he added, “But we had an extremely strong

support system between our families, the hospital, PCFLV, my faculty and my administration at the school.”

Jennifer Cleffi was a nursing student at Moravian College during that tumultuous time. Having graduated in December 2016, she will begin working at Lehigh Valley Hospital as a registered nurse in labor and delivery this month.

At this point, Mackenzie is doing well and the cancer is not showing up in her scans. The 4-year-old’s treatment is currently focused on “maintenance.” According to Jennifer, “She goes down once a month for chemo treatment. We give her a chemo pill every night.” She has an 85 percent prognosis of beating the disease because of her youth.

As Mackenzie’s fraternal twin, Caitlin does not carry a higher risk of cancer than their little sister, 2 1/2-year-old Madison. So far, there are no signs of either having the disease.

PCFLV is a Bethlehem-based not-for-profit dedicated to helping local pediatric cancer patients and their families by providing free and unique programming during all stages of treatment, survivorship and bereavement.

“We include siblings in everything we do,” Lisa Kappes said. “That’s how we describe our foundation. We are like a big family.”

For more information visit [pcflv.org](http://pcflv.org)



As Warner volunteer Dan Polk turns the pipe, Mackenzie and her dad use jacks to create a paperweight from the molten glass with steady assistance from Melinda Wolterman and her paddle. The groove will be where the piece breaks off from the pipe.



Mackenzie Cleffi and her dad Mike “help” glassblower Dan Polk shape the parison, or globe glass. Between them, another volunteer, Melinda Wolterman, is ready to assist with a paddle, another tool for shaping glass.



Dan Polk taps the pipe to break off Mackenzie’s paperweight, while father and daughter watch.



Dan Polk reheats and smooths off the 3-inch diameter paperweight before placing it in a kiln where it will stay for 24 hours while the hot glass slowly cools down.



Kevin Miller begins teaching Mackenzie’s twin, Caitlin, and mom, Jennifer Cleffi, the art of working with hot glass. In the back, Dan Polk again works with Mike Cleffi and this time with Cleffi’s youngest daughter, Madison.



Store manager Angelo Grello holds three of the children’s mosaic valentines, as artist Kim Hogan, Lisa Kappes of PCFLV, and business owner Charles Warner gather by Hogan’s glass unicorn mosaic. Later, children at the event help complete the artwork before it and the kids’ projects get grouted. The unicorn mosaic is to be auctioned off at a future PCFLV fundraiser.



# Hanna O'Connor

## Moravian Academy

**Grade:** 12

**Family members:** Wendy (mom), Michael (dad), Caitlin and Allison (sisters)

**Favorite subject:** My favorite subjects are probably chemistry and world history. I'm fascinated with archaeology and anthropology and these classes give me a good opportunity to learn about them.

**Activities:** I took martial arts for four years. I am the soundboard operator/sound designer for my school's theater department. I often hike with my school's outdoor education program.

**Next steps:** I plan to go to a college which I have yet to choose.

**Career goals:** After college I plan on going to graduate school to get my Ph.D. in paleo-anthropology, and then work as a professor at a university, and also travel the world to work at stone-age dig sites.

**Heroes:** One of my heroes is Frank Turner. He is a rock singer, but he is so positive and inclusive, and he conveys that message through his music. He's been such a positive influence on my life.

**Hobbies:** I like to go hiking with my friends, and I love going to concerts.

**Current job(s):** I work as a soundboard operator/sound designer for my school.

**Likes:** I love spending time with my friends on the tech crew at school, and working in the theater when the actors aren't there.

**Dislikes:** I dislike when

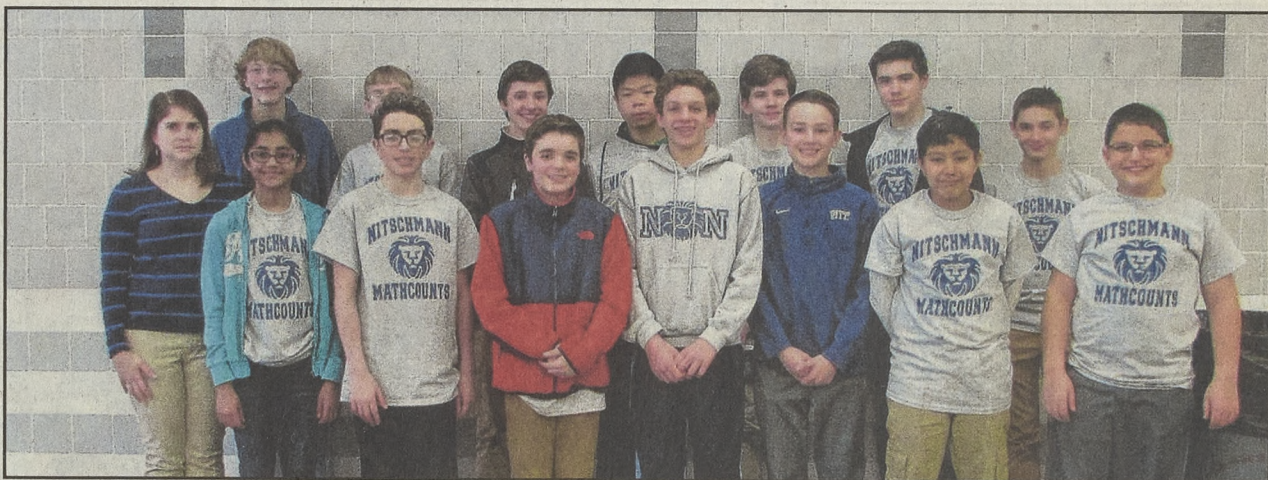


people don't practice what they preach.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest accomplishment would be going to Spain for a month over the summer before senior year to work at a Roman forum dig site. I learned so much in that month, and it made me sure about what I wanted for my career.

**Advice for peers:** I'd advise my peers to relax sometimes. I know that I spent a lot of my time in high school being stressed, and devoting all of my time to schoolwork. So I think the best advice that I can give is to give yourself a break sometimes, and enjoy high school while you're there. Enjoy being a kid.

*Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press. Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.*



PRESS PHOTOS BY CARLA JONES

**Nitschmann's team** - (front) Sruti Tekumalla, Sean McGuire, Cole Frank, Brandyn D'Amico, Tyler Markovich, Ritvik Singh, Chris Giannaras; (back) Seth Coleman, Chris Secula, Blake George, Daniel Li, Miles Lunger, Jack Hansen, Max Brichta and coach Nadine Novatnak.

## MATHCOUNTS

# Nitschmann student, team tops

BY CARLA JONES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Lehigh Valley MATHCOUNTS® regional competition was held at Southern Lehigh HS, Center Valley, Feb. 11.

The event included 268 middle school students from 28 schools from across the region. This is the 33rd year for the program, which is sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the PA Society of Professional Engineers. The event's goal is to promote a mathematical interest in middle school students.

In the morning, students registered and competed in written testing. After lunch, the mathletes joined approximately 500 guests for the Main Countdown Round in the auditorium. Only the top 10 students competed in this final round.

Kevin Campbell, P.E., LEED AP, the engineer from Lehigh Valley Chapter of PSPE who organized the event, welcomed the crowd and drew random raffle tickets to choose the winners of 25 day passes to Dorney Park. He also assisted moderator Peter Stafford, P.E., in conducting the round.

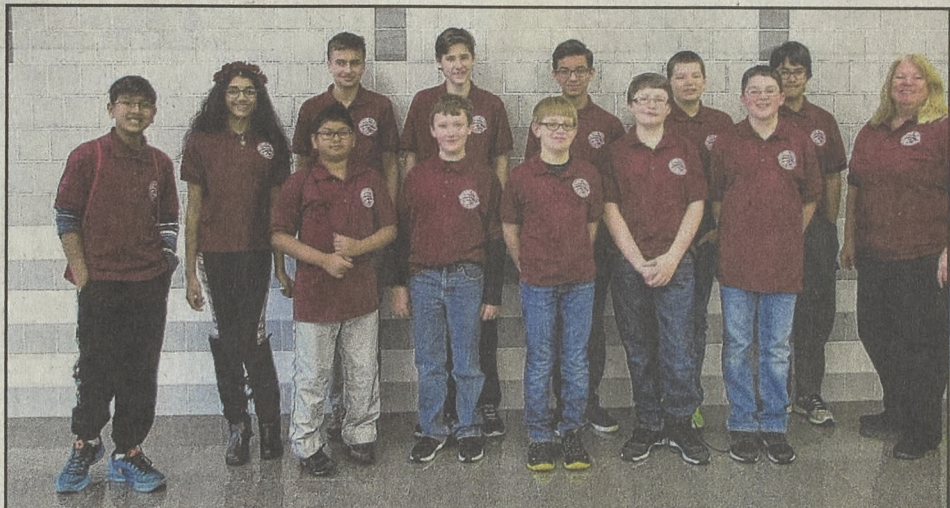
Alfred Gruenke, P.E., president of the National Society of Professional Engineers, presented students with their awards.

The top 10 individuals were:

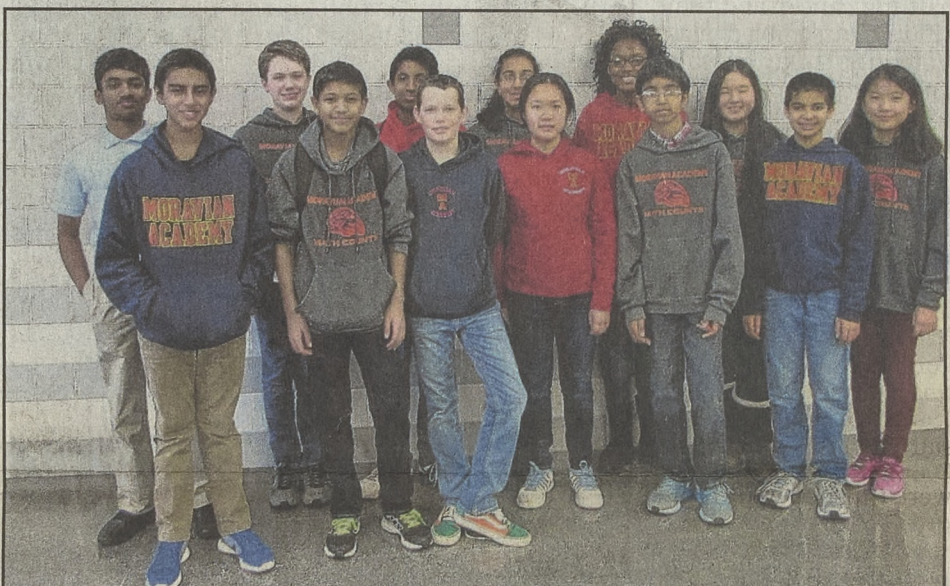
- First place: Daniel Li, eighth grade, Nitschmann MS
- Second place: Neha Skandan, eighth grade, Moravian Academy
- Third place: Geoffrey Kleinberg, eighth grade, Lower Macungie MS
- Fourth place: Angela Chen, eighth grade, Moravian Academy
- Fifth place: Victor Cai, seventh grade, Springhouse MS
- Sixth place: Chris Secula, eighth grade, Nitschmann MS
- Seventh place: Shlock Dholakia, seventh grade, Springhouse MS
- Eighth place: Eric Zhang, sixth grade, Springhouse MS
- Ninth place: Oak Hu, sixth grade, Springhouse MS
- 10th place: Chris Buck, eighth grade, Lower Macungie MS

The Nitschmann MS team, coached by Nadine Novatnak, placed first. The Springhouse MS team, coached by Kevin Hallman, placed second. Lower Macungie MS, coached by Patrick Campbell, and Southern Lehigh MS, coached by Ronnette Mayes tied for third place.

Other winners included Moravian Academy, fifth place, coached by Alison Overdorf and Dani Mackavage and Easton Area MS took sixth place, coached by Eric and Alex Adams. Pleasant Valley MS won, "The Most Improved Team" award due to the See **MATH** on Page A16



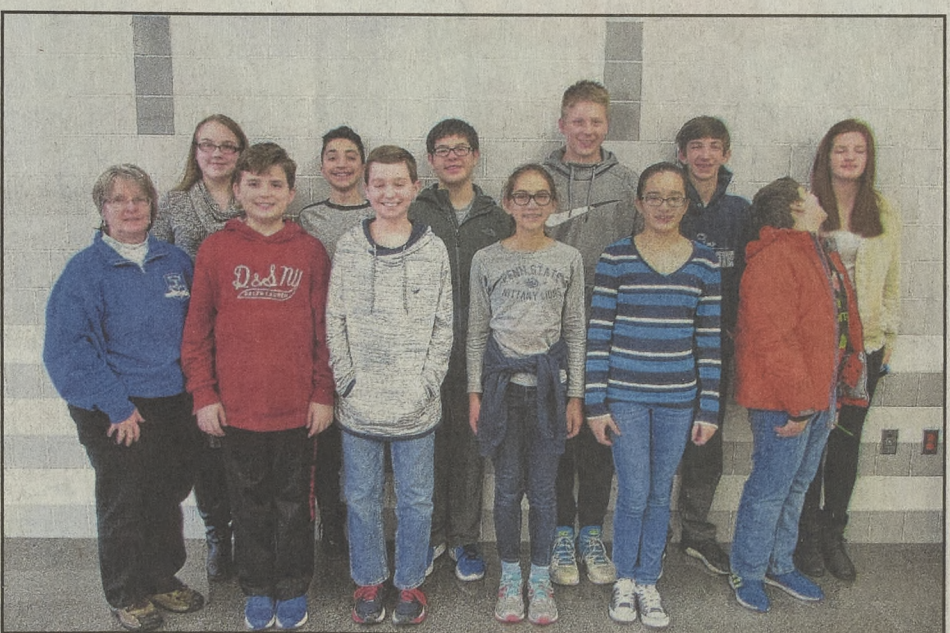
**East Hills' team** - (front) Somak Roy, John Coulter, Kyle Kullman, Korey Elliott, Matthew Berkowitz; (back) Prajeet Santra, Rhea Kalsi, Sebastian Jaskowski, Brian Gerra, Colin Echeverri, Chris Sletvold, Alex Sologub and coach Pam Shaffer.



**Moravian Academy's team** - Kavin Sampath, Divik Verma, Alek Krupka, Samit Mohapatra, Ilyas Kose, Liam McCary, Neha Skandan, Yan Yu, Maya Boulden, Balaji Marella, Angela Chen, Rohan Mehta and Sara Xiao.



**St. Anne's team** - (front) Allison Carr, Jacob Demchak, Jonathan Romero; (back) Sarah Boardman, Gabriella Rutch, David Fleck and Matthew Magee. Jack Freemont was also a member of the team.



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help's team** - (front) Coach Mrs. Sabino, Pat Core, Nick Principato, Caitlyn Hartman, Isabella Bautista, Jarrod Treffinger, (back) Ryanna Kral, Brandon Panuccio, Michael Vasquez, Jack McIntyre, Leo McMenimen and Alexa Altmire.

## 2017 HS MUSICALS

**March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8 - Bethlehem Catholic HS**  
**'Oklahoma'** (Rodgers and Hammerstein); 7 p.m. March 31, April 1, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. April 2, Bethlehem Catholic HS, 2133 Madison Ave. Tickets available online at <http://bit.ly/becatheatr> or call 610-866-0791 for general admission tickets.

**April 5 to 9 - Freedom HS**

**'Peter Pan'** (Stein and Charlap); 7:30 p.m. April 5, 6, 7; 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 8; 2 p.m. April 9. Freedom HS, auditorium, 3149 Chester Ave. Information and tickets: <http://fhstheatrecompany.com/>. Tickets available online at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com) or by calling the box office at 610-867-6630.

**April 20 through 23 - Notre Dame Catholic HS**

**'Curtains'** (Ebb and Kander); 7:30 p.m. April 21, 22; 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 23, Notre Dame HS, 3417 Church Road, Easton. Tickets: Through April 8, visit: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-3cW2\\_91NV6QaHqZaGNRwIo4U0U/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-3cW2_91NV6QaHqZaGNRwIo4U0U/view?usp=sharing); print out form and send with check to the school; after that, visit the box office from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 9, 12 or 18. School: visit [www.ndcrusaders.org](http://www.ndcrusaders.org).

**April 26 through 30 - Charter Arts**

**'Hair'** (Ragni and MacDermot); 7 p.m. April 26 through 29; 2 p.m. April 30. Charter Arts, Black Box Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Call 610-868-2971, ext. 3185, or visit [www.CharterArts.org](http://www.CharterArts.org).

**April 27 through 29 - Liberty HS**

**'West Side Story'** (Bernstein); 7 p.m. April 27, 28, 29. Auditorium, Liberty HS, 1115 Linden St. Information and tickets available Feb. 20: [lhstheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:lhstheatre@yahoo.com) and <https://sites.google.com/site/libertyhighschooltheatre/ticket-sales> (download form and mail as directed) or phone 610-865-0615.

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## DEAN'S LISTS

**Ithaca College**

Morgan Kornfeind, of Bethlehem, was named to Ithaca College's School of Communications dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Ithaca College is located at 953 Danby Road, Ithaca, N.Y., 14850. For more information, call 717-361-1000 or visit [www.ithaca.edu](http://www.ithaca.edu).

**Mount St. Mary's University**

Molly Kennedy and Samuel MacDonald, both of Bethlehem, earned Mount St. Mary's University dean's list honors for the fall 2016 semester.

**University of Alabama**

Austin L. Melnyk, of Bethlehem, was named to the fall semester president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). Bethlehem residents Lauren M. Gross and Shane P. Smith were named to the University of Alabama 2016 fall semester dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 or above. Both the dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

The University of Alabama's main campus is located in Tuscaloosa, Ala. For information, visit [www.ua.edu](http://www.ua.edu).

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**YOUR LOCAL WEATHER**

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Rain/Snow Possible	Rain/Snow Possible	Scat'd Rain	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
	55 / 31 5-10 mph W	48 / 30 8-11 mph S	49 / 30 8-13 mph SW	45 / 32 5 mph S	44 / 35 5-7 mph S	40 / 28 5-10 mph SW	35 / 24 8-11 mph W

**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 53%. The record high temperature for today is 67° set in 1972. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 31°. The record low for tonight is -5° set in 1934. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 48°, humidity of 45%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 30% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 30°. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 49°. Skies will become partly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 45°. Sunday, skies will be cloudy with a 40% chance of rain, high temperature of 44°.

**Weather Trivia**

Which way does air flow around high and low pressure systems?



Answer: Clockwise around a high; counterclockwise around a low.

**MATH**

Continued from page A15 schools' ability to rise 16 ranks from last year's competition.

The top three female students, Neha Skandan and Angela Chen, both from Moravian Academy and Kara Nghiem from Easton Area MS, will receive a course in math or science at Cedar Crest College.

Moravian College, Lafayette College, Lehigh Carbon Community College and Northampton Community College also provided top winners with scholarships for mathematics courses.

Li and Skandan will compete at the MATHCOUNTS® state competition in Harrisburg this month. They will be accompanied by all mem-

bers of the first-place team from Nitschmann MS.

The four top state winners go to the National MATHCOUNTS® competition in Orlando, Fla. in May. The National Society of Professional Engineers in partnership with state engineering societies will sponsor the event.

Student Max Brichta, a middle-schooler from the Nitschmann team, talked about his experience at the competition and what it took to get there.

"It was awesome to represent Nitschmann and be part of our team that was able to win the MATHCOUNTS® competition. We all worked hard by practicing before and after school since September [2016]. Our coach, Miss Novat-

nak, did an excellent job in preparing us for the competition and Daniel Li was amazing in finishing first place as an individual."

Alfred Grunkel P.E., has been volunteering for roughly 10 years, at the annual event, and shared why he continues to return.

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**Kevin Campbell, PE** and head organizer and chair of MathCounts Committee watches as Alfred Gruenke, PE., president of the Lehigh Valley PSPE presents awards to Nitschmann team members Jack Hansen, Miles Lunger, Chris Secula, Daniel Li and coach Nadine Novatnak.

**BRIEFLY GLVWG**

Writers Cafe set for March 9

The Greater Lehigh Valley Writers Group will hold its Writers Café craft discussion with a read and critique from 7 to 9 p.m. March 9 at the Palmer Branch of the Easton Area Public Library, 1 Weller Place, Palmer Township.

Participants are invited to bring about 500 words to read to the group. Any genre, fiction or non-fiction, poetry, screenplays or memoirs are welcome.

The meeting is free and open to persons 18 years of age or older. For more information, visit <https://greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org/event-2425905>.

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- The unclaimed refunds apply to people who did not file a federal income tax return for 2013. The IRS estimates that half the potential refunds are more than \$763.
- Some people, such as students and part-time workers, may not have filed because they had too little income to require them to file a tax return. They may have a refund waiting if they had taxes withheld from their wages or made quarterly estimated payments. A refund could also apply if they qualify for certain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- The law generally provides a three-year window to claim a tax refund. For 2013 returns, the window closes on April 18, 2017.
- The law requires that taxpayers properly address, mail and post-mark their tax returns by April 18, 2017, to claim their refund.
- After three years, unclaimed refunds become property of the U.S. Treasury. There is no penalty for filing a late return if taxpayers are due a refund.
- The IRS may hold 2013 refunds if taxpayers have not filed tax returns for 2014 and 2015. The U.S. Treasury will apply the refund to any federal or state tax owed. Refunds may also be held to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts such as student loans.
- The three-year window also usually applies to a refund from an amended return. In general, you must file Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, within three years from the date you filed your original tax return. You can also file it within two years from the date you paid the tax, if that date is later than the three-year rule. That means the deadline for most people to amend their 2013 tax return and claim a refund will expire on April 18, 2017.

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