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VALLEY

Citizens' group seeks control

By AMY HERZOG
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

A developer announces his plan to build a factory farm on the edge of your backyard near a preserved water source. The project will impact air quality, affect the water supply and decrease your home value. What can you do to stop this from happening? Very little.

That's the reality for Lehigh Township resident Lisa Pignataro and her neighbors. Attending township meetings and speaking out against developers' plans was not working the way they had hoped.

Tired and discouraged, they looked for another way to stop future development of this kind in their community. They found their answer in the Pa. Community Rights Network (PCRN). Noting that the PCRN has no Lehigh Valley chapter, Pignataro and several friends have decided to start one.

Interested Lehigh Valley residents met at the Fowler Center of Northampton Community College Feb. 23 to take action.

This inaugural meeting served as the launch of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the PCRN, Pignataro said.

Through local governance and legislation, the network is dedicated to helping residents across Pennsylvania prevent and prohibit projects such as factory farms, sewage sludge dumping and gas drilling in or near their communities.

Shireen Parsons of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund said a PCRN goal is to start a grassroots effort to rewrite Pennsylvania's constitution to give communities more rights over

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Pete DePietro is the vice-president of the Steelworkers' Archives and is chairman of the bylaws committee. He was one of the trolley tour leaders for the 2004 and 2005 groups.



"When SteelStacks opens, there is going to be a great deal of interest in the former Bethlehem Steel plant, as well as the history of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. It is important to visitor services to offer tours by professional guides from an organization such as Historic Bethlehem Partnership, which has the capacity to train guides and make them available on a daily basis to best accommodate our guests."

Jeff Parks
 ArtsQuest

Who will lead Steel site tours?

ArtsQuest announced March 2 upcoming tours will be available of the Bethlehem Steel site near ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks. Who would or should conduct the tours is suddenly up for debate.

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
 njastrzemi@tnonline.com

A mid-February announcement by ArtsQuest and the Historic Bethlehem Partnership left members of the Steelworkers' Archive scratching their heads.

The Archive, a non-profit created by former Bethlehem Steel Corp. employees to document and commemorate the Steel's history, had run annual summer tours of the grounds for about four years starting in 2004.

According to Archive President Frank Behum, ArtsQuest had not contacted the Archive for coordination or asked for help supplying actual Steelworkers to serve as guides.

"We can't stop people

from driving on city streets," he said of tours on the Steel site, "but I'd like to know where they're getting the people [to do the tours]. Are they pulling rabbits out of a hat?"

Behum said he wondered why ArtsQuest and Historic Bethlehem had not included the Archive in their discussions or plans.

"ArtsQuest has this propensity for doing whatever it wants and the city has a propensity for letting them," he said. "They never came to us and asked to be a part of this. It would only be common sense."

For its tours the Archive provided volunteer former Bethlehem Steel employees as guides. Their tours also

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"All of our guides participate in a thorough training and certification program. During the tours at SteelStacks, which will take place on public streets on the campus, the guides will share the history of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, as well as how it integrates with the history of Bethlehem, a community that drew immigrants from dozens of countries to work at the steel plant."

Charlene Donchez-Mowers
 HBP

COUNTY

Gracedale continues to divide council

By CAROL SMITH
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Council continues to debate the question of whether Gracedale should remain as a county-owned nursing home.

Council considered two possible solutions at its March 3 meeting: To renew negotiations with the unions representing Gracedale employees, and to hire a management corporation to run the nursing home.

In an attempt to simplify Gracedale's financial situation and the county's budget shortfall, Councilman Ron Angle and Council Vice President Peg Ferraro proposed directing the county executive to renew negotiations with the three unions representing Gracedale employees.

Planning for the possibility that Gracedale would remain on the county budget after the 300,000 county voters have an opportunity to weigh in on the question, Council President John Cusick introduced an amendment that would allow a qualified nursing home management corporation to run Gracedale. It has long been said by those who favor keeping Gracedale because it is necessary to the medical and financially needy county residents that the nursing home could return a profit with better management.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Auditor William H. Gorman Jr., while finding the district in compliance with federal regulations, said some of the problems in the business office were "amazing."

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audit blasts business office

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Auditors delivered a long-delayed annual report to the Bethlehem Area School District school board Feb. 28. The report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

"In our opinion, you are completely in compliance with Federal regulations," said auditor William H. Gorman Jr. when presenting a short overview of the 173-page document to the school board. Gorman is a principal with Gorman & Associates, PC in Northampton.

The school district has overcome a \$1 million deficit and gained a \$9 million balance in its fund at the end of

the fiscal year in June.

However, the report posted online reveals a BASD business office in disarray and ignoring suggestions made in Gorman's audit last year.

"As was the case last year, the account analyst and bookkeeper are supposed to reconcile all cash accounts on a monthly basis," the audit report said. "Unfortunately, like last year, this was not done in a correct manner."

"The amount of adjustments we had to make are too numerous to mention," the audit read.

Gorman found similar problems with accounts payable in the general fund.

"The business office could not provide us any listing,

We had to trace every transaction in this account to determine where the errors occurred and properly correct them."

Gorman referred to the "assistant business manager" and "district personnel" in his criticisms and named no one directly. He said, "It is obvious nobody was monitoring or understanding how to correct this account balance."

The audit found accounting problems in many of the administration's accounts. Gorman characterized some of the mismanagement as "amazing."

School personnel also mismanaged the prepaid day care See BASD on Page A3

Community leadership noted

YWCA hosts its annual award ceremony March 24

Local women and teens who make a difference in their community through volunteering and leadership will be honored by the YWCA of Bethlehem at the Y's 36th annual Women and Teens of the Year Award Ceremony March 24.

Eight awards will be

GOLDEN LAUREL



Patricia Schoenen is the recipient of the 2011 Golden Laurel. Patricia is a lifelong resident of the Lehigh Valley, having attended Liberty HS and Moravian College. While attending Moravian and studying toward a bachelor's degree in mathematics, she began volunteering on campus. Volunteering continued after college, when she worked in her children's classrooms. Patricia currently volunteers at St. Luke's Hospital as part of St. Luke's Auxiliary. She volunteers in the gift shop, at special sales and serves as a member of the Charity Ball Committee. To date, she has 6,500 volunteer hours at the hospital. In addition to her volunteer work at St. Luke's Hospital, Patricia served as board president for Meals on Wheels in 2005 and is currently a member of the New Bethany Ministries Board of Directors. In addition to her volunteer work, Patricia enjoys solving crossword puzzles and entering different contests and sweepstakes. Patricia lives in Bethlehem with her husband of 41 years, Bob. She has three children and six grandchildren.

presented at the event and include the 2011 Golden Laurel, the 2011 Women of the Year, and the 2011 Teen of the Year.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Candlelight Inn and Reception Center in Bethlehem with complimentary drinks, followed by dinner at 6:30

ball and softball at St. Anne's and is the coach of the North Central Little League. She is also a member of the Social Concerns Community, where she provides rides to the elderly. While she enjoys horseback riding and traveling, her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family, including her grandchildren. Jody lives in Bethlehem with her husband David.



Teresa Kara is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who has been volunteering in the Lehigh Valley community since she moved here. Teresa was president of the Northampton County Medical Society Alliance, where she started Operation Heartthrob, which aids families through Community Services for Children Inc. As a 20-year volunteer for St. Luke's Hospital, Teresa had many roles, including chair of the St. Luke's Charity Ball and chair of the fall fashion show for the Auxiliary of St. Luke's. She currently serves as the president of the Auxiliary Board of St. Luke's Hospital. In addition to volunteering, she enjoys playing tennis, golf and traveling. Teresa is mom to four children and lives in Bethlehem with her husband, Aoun.

p.m. There will also be a silent auction benefiting the YWCA of Bethlehem.

KNBT, a division of National Penn Bank and Caruso Benefits, is this year's the title sponsor for the event.

For more information contact the YWCA of Bethlehem at 610-867-4669.

income home buyers. The Community Land Trust ensures that these homes will continue to be affordable housing units for at least 99 years. Karen has provided leadership initiatives to many organizations, including the Lehigh Valley Mortgage Plan, Home Ownership Counseling Program, Allentown Homesteading, Home Ownership Opportunity Program, city of Bethlehem's Southside Vision 2014, Bethlehem Elm Street and the Lehigh Valley Housing Summits. She is also involved with the Lehigh Valley Land Trust, which is an initiative of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. Karen has served on the boards of the Bethlehem YWCA and YMCA in addition to Via of the Lehigh Valley. She is an active member of Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Bath, where she recently received certification from Lutheran Congregational Services as a lay Eucharistic minister. Karen lives in Bath with her husband, Terry Murphy.



Cynthia Staffieri Workman is a native of the Lehigh Valley, growing up in Hellertown. She attended Northampton Community College where she received an associate's degree in dental hygiene and attended DeSales University, where she received a bachelor's degree in marketing, graduating summa cum laude. Cynthia is a member of the Northampton Community College Alumni Board of Directors, vice president of the Lehigh Valley Dental Hygienist Association and serves on the Political Action Committee of the Pa. Dental Hygienists' Association. Additionally, she is a volunteer in the city of Bethlehem, serving on committees for Arts Quest, Musikfest, Celtic Classic, Christkindmarkt and the Pa. Shakespeare Festival. In 2007, Cynthia was honored by the Northampton Community College Alumni Association where she received the Distinguished Service to the Community Award. In 2010, she received the Louise Coira Memorial Outstanding Member Award from the Pa. Dental Hygiene Association. Cynthia lives in Bethlehem with her husband Frank.



Karen Whitehill is Senior Vice President and CRA Officer for Keystone Nazareth Bank and Trust. She has a vast knowledge of housing issues and currently serves as a commissioner on the board of the Northampton County Housing Authority and is board chair for the Community Land Trust, which purchases rundown, vacant properties, rehabs them and sells them to first-time, low-



Jody Davis is a native of Bethlehem. She attended St. Anne's, Notre Dame and Bethlehem Catholic HS before attending college at Lehigh Carbon Community College, where she received an associate's degree in medical assistance. Jody worked for more than 20 years for Dr. Joseph and Sylvia Zaldonis and eight years for the Orthopedic Association of Bethlehem. She served on St. Anne's Advisory School Board and is a parish retreat leader. She has coached many sports including volleyball, basket-

TEENS OF YEAR



Megan Dagnall is a senior at Liberty HS. She is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and serves as a mission worker for First Presbyterian Church. She is also a member of the Grenadier Band at Liberty. Megan works part-time at Kirkland Village in Bethlehem. She is the youngest of four, having three older brothers.



Angela Rice is a senior at Bethlehem Catholic HS. She has participated in many volunteer opportunities in her community, including a role as co-chair for an American Cancer Society fundraiser, a vacation Bible school volunteer, a peer listener trainer and a member of the Bethlehem Catholic Retreat Service Team. Additionally, Angela is a Lehigh Valley Conference Tennis Scholar Athlete, a participant in the National Youth Leadership Conference and was selected as Cohen and Feeley's Best of the Best for Bethlehem Catholic. She works at the Sand Island tennis courts and enjoys reading and playing the French horn.



Jaquelyn de Jesús is a senior at Liberty HS and is the second of six children. She has participated in the Latino Leadership Club, Future Business Leaders of America Club and Bible Study Club. Jaquelyn volunteers with the Hispanic American League of Artists and the Illick's Mill Project. In addition to her volunteer activities, Jaquelyn takes honors courses. She is also a gifted athlete, competing in basketball, softball, track and volleyball. She is a member of "The True Vine" church in Allentown and works at St. Luke's Hospital as a food service worker. Following high school, Jaquelyn plans to attend college, majoring in biology and hopes to one day have a career in the medical science field.



PRESS PHOTO BY AMY HERZOG

Shireen Parsons of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund speaks to Lehigh Valley residents at the inaugural meeting of the Pa. Community Rights Network's Lehigh Valley Chapter.

VALLEY

Continued from page A1 environmental corporations.

With the help of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, which provides pro bono legal defense, the group aims to join the statewide movement in which the municipality rather than the

municipality will be governed, thus enabling residents to pass local laws prohibiting activities they view as environmentally and economically harmful to the area.

The next meeting of the Lehigh Valley PCRN will be March 23 at 7 p.m. at the Fowler Center in room 523 to organize a steering committee.

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Nicodemus did not understand the spiritual concept of being "born again" and asked, "How can these things be?" (John 3:9). Jesus responded, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (John 3:9, 14). Surely those bitten by the snakes in Numbers 21:4-9 did not understand how they could be cured by simply accepting God's provision and looking at the brass serpent hanging on the pole. So it is with us—we may not understand, but we must accept Jesus Christ, Who died upon the cross as God's provision for our salvation, and look to Him for the forgiveness of our sins. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).
Note: I invite you to hear Missionary to Botswana, Africa, Pat Mahar this Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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

BASD Human Resources Committee, 7:30 p.m. 1516 Sycamore St., Education Center.

Friday, March 11

Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers reading of "The Vagina Monologues" YWCA fundraiser, 7 p.m., The Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St. Call 610-868-1035.

Saturday, March 12

CACLV and CAFS free first time homebuyer's Spanish seminar; 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weed and Seed, 10 Pump Place, Allentown. Call 610-691-5620.

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Bethlehem V-Day Volunteers reading of "The Vagina Monologues" YWCA fund raiser, 7 p.m., The Banana Factory, 25 W. Third St. Call 610-868-1035.

Valley Youth House "Have A Heart For Children" fundraising dinner dance, 7 p.m. Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St. Call 610-954-9561 or visit www.valleyyouthhouse.org.

Moravian College Conservation Association's Scotland to Provence film adventure, 7:30 p.m. Collier Hall of Science, Moravian College. Call 610-730-8451.

Sunday, March 13

Gov. Wolf Historical Society antique show, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 6600 Jacksonville Road. Food available. Fee. Call 610-837-9015 or visit www.govwolf.org.

Traditions of Hanover flower show, 1 to 3 p.m. 5300 Northgate Drive.

Second Sunday Concert Series, 3 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley, 424 Center St., sanctuary. Call 610-821-1118.

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Monday, March 14

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

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4 p.m. 625 Main St.

BASD Curriculum Committee, 6 p.m. 1516 Sycamore St., Education Center.

BASD Human Resources, following curriculum meeting, 1516 Sycamore St., Education Center.

Steelworkers' Archives public meeting, 6:30 p.m. NCC Southside campus, room 623. Call 610-861-0600.

Tuesday, March 15

Lehigh Valley Society for Neuroscience Chapter's Norbit the Neuron's Brain Story time, 7 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Call 610-861-1426 or visit www.bapl.org.

Wednesday, March 16

YWCA's Great Decisions Lecture Series, 11:30 a.m. Auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle. Call 610-867-4669.

Lehigh Valley Society for Neuroscience Chapter's sleep disorder program, 7 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Call 610-861-1426 or visit www.bapl.org.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Bethlehem Press staff would like to correct errors that appeared in our Feb. 23 and March 2 issues.

In the Feb. 23 issue the This Week in Bethlehem History column throughout misspelled the name of the city's first mayor, Archibald Johnston.

In a photo caption on page A2 in the March 2 issue, Fire Chief George Barkanik's name was misspelled.

Also in that issue the page A4 the subheadline of the "Starting with a blank slate" article mislabeled the organization as YWCA rather than YMCA.

We apologize for these errors and any inconvenience they may have caused.



Wearing his hard hat, Lester "Les" Clore leads a tour of the former Bethlehem Steel property for the nonprofit Steelworkers' Archives.



LEFT: A Sept. 12, 2005, tour of the former Bethlehem Steel site, then owned by International Steel Group of Cleveland, provided visitors with an inside look at the day to day operations. Steelworkers Archives members led the first tours, which were part of the archives and the state Federation of Injured workers sponsored Bethlehem Historic and Cultural Festival, June 11 to 13, 2004. Five hundred people were expected over the three-day period; the attendance was three times that.

TOURS

Continued from page A1 had permission from property owner Sands Bethlehem to enter several buildings, Behum said, while ArtsQuest's tours would not.

When asked why the groups were not cooperating with each other, Sands marketing manager Jennifer Reese merely confirmed in an e-mail Feb. 28, "It is our understanding that the tours for this will be run by ArtsQuest on city streets with no access to the inside of any structures."

ArtsQuest spokesman

Mark Demko, following a request for an interview, issued a general press release March 2 detailing some specific tour information. He said guided tours will be offered daily throughout the year to SteelStacks visitors and charter groups. These will be one-hour walking tours of the campus, similar to those performed by Historic Bethlehem in the Moravian Historic District.

Historic Bethlehem partnership did not respond directly to inquiries, but comments from President Charlene Donchez-Mowers were included in ArtsQuest's

release.

"Since we offer tours of the Moravian Historic District and SouthSide Bethlehem on a regular basis, we have extensive experience in providing historical tours to the public," Donchez-Mowers said. "All of our guides participate in a thorough training and certification program. During the tours at SteelStacks, which will take place on public streets on the campus, the guides will share the history of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, as well as how it integrates with the history of Bethlehem, a community that drew immigrants from dozens of countries

to work at the steel plant."

However, Behum confirmed March 4 he had been approached by Donchez-Mowers on behalf of Historic Bethlehem to consult on the upcoming tours.

"I think she wants to look at the overall picture and see what we have to offer," Behum said. "My advice is to use people from the Archive."

He said a meeting between Historic Bethlehem and the Archive will take place this week.

ArtsQuest's daily tours are set to begin after the SteelStacks' opening in April.

BASD

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"Upon further investigation, we were told by the person that adjusts these payments that he or she was too busy to correct this problem," Gorman's audit reported.

"In addition, this is another example of poor monitoring of management over staff since these errors were not detected prior to the audit. We have made the appropriate adjustments for the district. We did discover management's attempt to correct the accounts receivable balance by arbitrarily adjusting the account to zero."

The report found that staffers were not properly running the day care as a business as expected of an "enterprise."

While tuition has dropped by almost 19 percent, salaries and benefits have gone up 4.77 percent. According to the audit, the day care has lost \$198,951 over the last two years.

"Our concern is that management is not taking any action to address the costs of the operation exceeding the

tuition revenue charged to make this a viable business operation," auditors said in the report.

Problems continue in the food service department, in which last year students owed \$170,000 for meals given to those who claimed to have no money for lunch.

This year, when auditors asked for the receipts for lunch monies, the food service staff stalled the accountants.

"We were informed that the receipts would not be available until the following week because the food service director needed time to summarize all the deposits that had been made for the current year. Another way of explaining this deficiency is that the food service department is taking four months to turn over deposit records to the business office."

"We find it amazing that this reporting deficiency goes undetected in the business office."

Gorman blamed the "assistant business manager" for poor monitoring as a reason for the "material weakness."

The audit attributed no responsibility for problems

in the business office to senior administrators like Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Administration Stacy M. Gober, or to the current or past superintendents.

The school board later in the meeting approved the resignation of Anne Morton, effective Feb. 4. Morton had been the assistant business manager referred to in Gorman's audit.

Morton had come under intense scrutiny in recent months as school board member Benjamin M. Tenaglia III grilled her about financial reports that she had prepared.

The school board also approved the request by the administration to hire former Southern Lehigh School District business manager Sylvia Lenz as a temporary business consultant to straighten out the books in the business office. Lenz is being paid \$2,400 per week for her services.

Last month the board authorized the administration to seek an outside operational review of the business office, the human resources office and the grants office.

Administrators request the review to address numerous operational issues identified by the annual audit.

"Efficiency of task completion, clarity of job roles [and] new financial software continue to present systemic challenges," according to supporting document given to the school board by the administration.

Management changes in the other two offices targeted by the planned independent review, human resources and grant administration, preceded assistant business manager Morton's resignation.

Human Resources Director Thomas Washington resigned last month to take a new position in a different school district and grant administrator Iris Citron retired last year.

The school board also approved Mark Stein as the new director of Facilities and Operations, replacing Scott Gilliland, who retired. Stein will be paid \$108,000 per year.

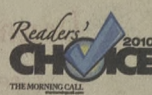
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Mary T. Pusch

Laros Textile Company employee

Mary T. Pusch, 92, of Bethlehem, died March 1, 2011, at Valley Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Coopersburg. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Anna (Sopko) and John Turek. She was the wife of the late Joseph Pusch.



She worked for Laros Textile Company, Bethlehem.

She was a member of Incarnation of Our Lord

Parish Catholic Church, formerly Saints Cyril and Methodious Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a brother, Francis "Babe" Turek; and a sister, Veronica Perkins.

She was predeceased by five brothers, John, Joseph, George, Stephen and Paul Turek; and a sister, Anna Kuronye.

Contributions may be made to the School Sisters of St. Francis retirement fund, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Anna M. Wolfe

Surefit Products employee

Anna M. Wolfe, 91, formerly of Bethlehem, died Feb. 16, 2011, in Gracedale Nursing Home, Upper Nazareth Township. Born in Bethlehem, she was the daughter of the late John and Julia (Werner) Konkolics. She was the wife of the late John T. Wolfe Jr.

She worked for Surefit Products Company for 20 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Darlene A. and

her husband Edward Bedics of Freemansburg; sons, Jack T. and his wife Karen of Whitehall and Thomas J. and his wife Karen of Mt. Laurel, N.J.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Elovski; and a brother, Joseph Konkolics.

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

Joseph F. Schultz Jr.

Bethlehem Steel scheduling clerk

Joseph F. Schultz Jr., 63, of Bethlehem, died on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the son of Angeline R. (Delluva) Schultz of Bethlehem and the late Joseph F. Schultz Sr.

He was a 1965 graduate of Liberty High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Bloomsburg State College in 1969.

He was a teacher in the Bethlehem and Hellertown School Districts. He was the Saucon scheduling clerk for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

In addition to his moth-

er, he is survived by two brothers, Richard M. and his wife Janice Schultz and Robert A. and his wife Judith Schultz, all of Bethlehem; three nephews, Graig and his wife Adrienne, William and his wife Melissa and Aaron; two nieces, Jennifer and Christina; and a great-nephew, Evan.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Raymond Bailey

baker at Groman's

Raymond Bailey, 83, of Bethlehem, passed away, Thursday, February 3, 2011 in Westminster Village. Born in Manchester, England, he was a son of the late Thomas and Aida (Bagshaw) Bailey. He was the husband of Virginia Ann Bailey for 37 years.

He was a baker for Groman's Bakery for 30 years.

He was a member of Central Assembly of God for 50 years. He most recently worshipped at Cal-

vary Wesleyan Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister, Dorothy Latham; and a nephew, Francis Latham, both of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to the church, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by Snyder-Hinkle & Lunsford Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Andrew "Doc" E. Warjas

Bethlehem Steel weld man



Andrew "Doc" E. Warjas, 88, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 8, 2011, at Gracedale, Nazareth. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Rose and Anton Warjas. He was the husband of Elizabeth R. (Casciano) Warjas for 62 years.



He was a signalman in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was awarded several medals.

He was a weld man at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He sold insurance for William Penn and storm windows for Kusco Steel. He was a house painter for several years. From 1962 through his retirement, he was a bridge supervisor and then as head of voting machine maintenance for Northampton County.

Brock Andrew DePew

Freedom High School graduate

Brock Andrew Depew, 31, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 12, 2011, at his residence.



Born in Arlington, Texas, he was the son of the late Frederic "Fritz" Depew and Patricia Ann (Daubert) and her husband Alex Polohovich of Bethlehem.

He was a graduate of Freedom High School in conjunction with the Academy of Career Development. He attended Devry Institute, Phoenix,

Ariz. and the Culinary Arts Program, Northampton Community College.

He was a cook for NHS Human Services. In addition to his mother and step father, he is survived by a brother, Troy Depew, with whom he resided; a step-brother, Kevin and his wife Leah Kleppinger and their son Caleb of Twinsburg, Ohio; and his long time friend, Shannon Kubik.

Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1817 First St. Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Bernadine J. Dancho

laboratory technician at Lehigh

Bernadine J. Dancho, 79, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 21, 2011, at Leigh Valley Hospital. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late John and Anna (Anderko) Gasdaska. She was the wife of the late Robert R. Dancho.

She was a laboratory technician for the National Printing Ink Research Institute in the Sinclair building, Lehigh University, for 30 years until she retired.

She was a parishioner of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Bethlehem.

She was a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokols.

She is survived by

seven children, Robert and his wife Karen, Barbara and her husband Greg Schiavone and David, all of Bethlehem, Carol and her husband Robert O'Neill of Monroe, N.Y.; Peggy and her husband Jeff Bressler of Crozet, Va., Mary Ellen and her husband James Burk of Catasauqua and Marsha Cullen of Whitehall; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Julia C. Bordolan

of Bethlehem

Julia C. Borlodan, 81, of Bethlehem, died on Feb. 23, 2011. She was the daughter of the late Stephen and Julia (Eros) Lang Sr. She was the wife of Michael Borlodan.



In addition to her husband, she is survived by a

sister, Mary Borso; nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Anna Mosko; and two brothers, Stephen and Geza Lang.

Contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of the Allentown Diocese, 530 Union Blvd., Allentown, PA 18109.

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

Carl W. Judd

City of Bethlehem employee

Carl W. Judd, 61, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 10, 2011, at Hospice House of St. Luke's, Lower Saucon Township. Born in Bethlehem, he was the son of the late Edward and Eleanor (Moser) Judd. He was the husband of Barbara (Oberman) Judd for 24 years.



He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He worked for the City of Bethlehem for both the street and water departments. He was a Pennsylvania State Constable.

He was a member of the American Legion. He was

the vice president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers (PFIW). He was often called the "Mayor of Goepf Street".

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Shelly Horvath; four sons, Thomas and his wife Erika Soldridge, Adam and his wife Allysa Soldridge, Eric Judd and David and his wife Melissa Judd; a sister, Barbara and her husband Carl Schroy; a brother, Robert and his wife Joanne Judd; and eight grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the VNA of St. Luke's, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 or to Paralyzed Veterans of America, att: Lisa, 5000 Wissahicken Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144 or pva.org.

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

COUNTY

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With less than two months to the spring election, where the Gracedale question may appear on the ballot and the 60-day window for council to make its decision narrowing, council members are continuing to find it difficult to determine what is the right way to go.

Council members failed to approve allowing the county executive going back to the bargaining table with the unions.

In opposing the action, Cusick said it is not the role of council. "We're treading someplace where we don't belong."

Angle, who appeared skeptical that the unions would follow through and agree to negotiate millions of dollars of employee benefit givebacks, said that union givebacks combined with a management company would not harm Gracedale employees or hurt the taxpayers. But if these actions failed, it would certainly mean a 15 percent to 18 percent tax increase to keep Gracedale county-owned.

By a 5-3 vote, council

did approve hiring a management company. Those opposing the action said that with the pending sale of Gracedale it is highly unlikely that many companies would sign a contract to manage the nursing home.

County Executive John Stoffa said that there are already proposals looking for a management company ready to go in the event the voters have the opportunity to decide the county should remain in the nursing-home business.

In comments made earlier, Stoffa said keeping Gracedale would require his administration to consider cutbacks and possibly closing Gracedale because the county cannot afford to maintain it without raising taxes.

At the meeting, Angle said, "This is a council who will not raise taxes." Without the revenue to run Gracedale, Stoffa will need to cutback or close Gracedale, he added about the reality of the county's budget shortfall.

After the meeting, Stoffa said that the sale of Gracedale could be finalized by June. He is concerned about the impact on revenue from that sale because the census shows that the number of residents has declined by about 120 beds. In January, there were 627 nursing-home residents.

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Assault

Two sibling allegedly attacked and stabbed each other during a fight following a car accident around 7:20 p.m. Feb. 18.

According to police, Jacqueline Rivera, 24, of Evans Street, observed her 26-year-old brother Neftali, of Elayne Street, and Neftali's girlfriend, in a parked car in the 1300 block of Third Street, and drove her car across lanes to strike the parked vehicle.

Jacqueline and Neftali then engaged in a foot chase and combat, where in a single knife may have been used by each of them to stab the other. Neftali was injured in the chest and taken to St. Luke's Hospital for treatment. Jacqueline arrived later at the police department with a stab wound to the hand.

Both siblings are charged with criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, simple assault and aggravated assault.

Wild capture

Bethlehem police responded to a report of a citizen holding a 3-foot-long alligator captive around 6:45 p.m. Feb. 28.

According to police, when the first officer arrived the resident was holding the animal with its mouth unsecured, so he restrained it with a dog harness from his patrol car and two other officers taped its mouth shut.

The age and sex of the animal were not given, nor were any allegations brought against it, but it was placed in a juvenile holding area at police headquarters until released into the custody of a handle of exotic animals.

Anyone with information regarding where the animal came from is asked to contact police at 610-865-7187 or Investigations at 610-997-7672.

DUIs

Police arrested two women early Feb. 24 and two men early Feb. 25 in separate incidents of drunken driving.

Around 2:20 a.m. Feb. 24 Kristina Donchez, 25, of Fifth Avenue, crashed her vehicle into a parked car on Main Street. She is charged with two counts of DUI and careless driving.

At 7 a.m. 28-year-old Krystle Carpio, of Apollo Drive, crashed her car, striking an embankment and damaging several front yards on Center Street. She is charged with two counts of DUI, driving on the correct side of the roadway and reckless driving.

Just after midnight Feb. 25 officers observed Jay Campbell, 21, of University Drive, driving in the wrong lane of East Morton Street. He was pulled over near the Pantry 1 food mart.

About an hour later police observed 23-year-old Daniel Unger, of Lin-

den Street, driving the wrong way on a one-way street. He was stopped in the 300 block of Taylor Street.

Campbell is charged with DUI highest rate of alcohol, and Unger is charged with DUI general impairment.

Police arrested 20-year-old James Mitchell, of Mechanic Street, for possession of drugs around 10:40 p.m. March 2.

According to police, officers observed a vehicle parked in the middle of Canning Street with two males within, and spoke with them. The passenger, Mitchell, had a small amount of marijuana on him and was arrested.

Once at headquarters, officers searched him and allegedly found 15 bags of suspected crack cocaine in a pocket inside sweatpants under his jeans.

Mitchell is charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana, paraphernalia and intent to deliver.

Employees reported a robbery at Abe's Six Pack Shop, 1301 W. Broad St., around 8:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

According to police, a black male entered the store displaying a firearm and stole an undetermined amount of cash from the clerk. He then fled on foot onto 12th Avenue. No one was harmed.

The suspect is described only as standing about 6 feet tall wearing dark clothes with a white cloth covering his face.

Police ask anyone with information to call the department at 610-865-7187 or Det. Jason Fulmer at 610-997-7682.

Possession

Other changes to the prison's security system include three new walk-through metal detectors, a special chair that can provide a non-intrusive but thorough search for metal and officers will be retrained in search methods, Meyers said.

Sheriff Randy Miller said two deputies brought Neith to the prison from Bethlehem. Miller said the discovery of the gun in the prison has resulted in policy changes on searches and the deputies involved will most likely be disciplined.

Miller said that prior to the incident deputies did not have hand-held wands. But now they must use these wands, which were purchased as a result of the incident.

Neith faces a felony firearms charge, two misdemeanor weapons offenses and a count of reckless endangerment, according to District Attorney John Morganeli.

Neith was arrested Dec. 29 by Bethlehem police on a domestic dispute.

Robert Meyers, the prison's director of corrections said at a Feb. 21 press conference, "This is a wake-up call for all agencies. You can't become complacent. You can't let your guard down. You can't assume anything."

With 4,000 arrests a year, this single incident is causing security changes and an investigation into how it occurred.

Meyers said in addition to increasing the number of correctional officers in the intake area, there will now be a blanket policy to use hand-held metal detectors as part of the search and questioning process.

It is standard procedure to question a person in police custody as to the possession of contraband such as drugs or a weapon. Neith had not responded affirmatively and at no point during the processing did a search turn up the gun, which is believed to have been carried in a holster which was behind a belt

NORTHAMPTON CO.



PRESS PHOTO BY CAROL SMITH

Northampton County Prison Director of Corrections Robert Meyers said at a Feb. 21 press conference that the prison's security system will undergo technology changes and correctional officers will be retrained in search procedures after a gun was found hidden inside the prison intake area.

Before Neith's arrival at the prison, he was in the hands of the Bethlehem police department. The county's sheriff's deputies and the prison's

correctional officers also were involved in the transport and processing of Neith. County Executive John Stoffa said there were four different levels of searches of Neith.

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Book sale set for March 10, 12

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The main library closes at 6 p.m. on March 10; access to the sale is via the stairway and ground floor. For information, call 610-867-3761, ext. 259 or visit www.bestbook-sale.org.

GWHS

Antique show set for March 11, 12

The Governor Wolf Historical Society will hold its third annual antique show from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 11 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 12. The event takes place at the Historical Society park, 6600 Jacksonville Road. There will be 30 dealers featuring 18th, 19th and 20th century American English, primitive and folk furniture and art, pottery, textiles, jewelry, tin and toys. There will be historic room settings, hearth cooking and sampling and speakers. There will be food and drinks from The Daily Grind available for purchase in the Schoolhouse Cafe. Call 610-837-9015 or visit www.gowolf.org for more information and costs.



PRESS PHOTO BY MATTHEW HENGEVELD

Fountain Hill officer sworn in

In the absence of Mayor Jose Rosado, Fountain Hill Council President Larry Rapp swears in new part-time police officer Richard Krasley, of Salisbury, to the borough's police force at the council's Feb. 21 workshop meeting. Funds were allocated for this position by borough council Jan. 17. Krasley is the sixth part-time officer employed by Fountain Hill. Krasley swore to defend the U.S. Constitution and Constitution of the Commonwealth before a crowd of community onlookers and family members.

BRIEFLY

HELLERTOWN Applications due March 11

The Hellertown Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce partner of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce is seeking applicants for its annual \$1,000 scholarship Phyllis M. Schnaible Merit Award. The scholarship is open to any high school senior who resides in the Saucon Valley School District and who will graduate in 2011 from either Saucon Valley High School or any non-public school. The student must be accepted to a post-secondary school which the student will attend this fall. The application deadline is March 11. The winner will be honored at the annual banquet on April 8.

The award is dedicated to the memory of Schnaible, a chamber board member who was part of the Merit Award committee. She was an 11 year director of the Saucon Valley Community Center and managed the SVCC's "Fore" and "Aft" programs.

For information and application forms, call 610-841-5804 or email EllieP@lehighvalleychamber.org.

TRADITIONS

Flower show set for March 13

Traditions of Hanover retirement community will hold its sixth annual flower show from 1 to 3 p.m. March 13 at 5300 Northgate Drive. The show, in connection with the Bethlehem Garden Club, will feature creative and traditional floral designs; watercolor, oil and pastel paintings; floral photography; horticulture exhibits; displays of orchids and African violets; the Dahlia Lady and local artists and florists. There will be raffles throughout the day with the proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association.

AAUW

Items wanted March 23 to April 19

AAUW Bethlehem will hold a used book, CD and DVD collection from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Saturdays from March 23 through April 19. Items will be accepted at the Memorial Pool building, Illick's Mill Road. The contributions will be sold at the 49th annual sale April 26 through 30. The proceeds benefit AAUW local scholarships. Call 610-264-4416 or visit www.aauw-bethlehempa.org for more information.

Lehigh's Cunningham nixes stand-alone health department

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

LV HEALTH BOARD

uled monthly meetings for the remainder of the year.

At the Feb. 14 meeting, Lehigh Valley Health Board Chairman Ilene Prokup delivered more bad news, telling the 11 people present that it's unlikely Lehigh County will form a stand-alone health department. According to Prokup, Executive Don Cunningham has told her he'd prefer a regional health department. A stand-alone health department in Lehigh County would be unable to attract Bethlehem, he explained.

Cunningham also told Prokup they need a business plan, but she expressed some confusion over exactly what that involves. "What do you mean by this?" she asked Cunningham.

Members discussed a number of ways to eliminate the "continuous misunderstandings" about public health by Lehigh and Northampton county legislators. "The biggest problem is they don't see

the need," explained former Lehigh County Executive David Bausch, who said they've got other things on their mind right now, like snow removal.

Members also discussed different ways to get county legislators to approve a budget.

Initiative and referendum is one of the options, but Cunningham told Prokup that's an invalid ballot question. Vice Chair Robert Black said he would prefer to avoid that option because the "downside risk greatly outweighs the benefit." Prokup agreed that initiative should only be viewed as a last ditch effort.

Gaining allies through one-on-one meetings with county legislators is another option. But Cunningham cautioned Prokup to move quickly, noting that several Tea Party representatives are running in both counties.

Prokup also mentioned an email from Lehigh County Commissioner Percy Dougherty, suggest-

ing they promote pro-public health candidates like Salisbury Township Commissioner Norma Cusick, who is rumored to be running for Lehigh County Commissioner. But David Bausch put an end to that discussion. "All the gains you made, you'll lose," he warned.

Prokup said she'd ask RenewLV, a local public interest nonprofit, to promote pro-public health candidates.

As a public body, the Lehigh Valley Health Board is barred from engaging in partisan politics. As a 501c3 nonprofit, so is RenewLV.

Norma Cusick is married to a physician. Northampton County Council President John Cusick, who opposes a regional health department, is their son. Prokup joked, "Their son is rebelling. They need to have a talk with him."

The Lehigh Valley Health Board will meet again March 14, 6 p.m., at The American Red Cross Building, 2200 Avenue A, Bethlehem.



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Call 610-868-7800 for information.

CAFS

Seminar set for March 12, 19

The Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley and Community Action Financial Services will be holding a free first-time homebuyers' Spanish seminar. The presentations are from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 12 and 19. The meetings are at the Weed and Seed, 10 Pump Place, Allentown. Call 610-691-5620 for information and to register.

AAUW

Seminar to be held March 12

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold a free public meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on March 12. The diversity seminar, "Looking at History in a New Way," will take place in the Bahnsen Center, Moravian Theological Center, 60 W. Locust St. Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Pocono Area AAUW branches and Moravian's Sharon A. Brown, Office of Institutional Diversity director, are sponsoring the event. The novel about the



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

A solitary small bud is an early sign of spring on this a snow-covered rhododendron shrub after the Lehigh Valley's most recent snowfall Feb. 22. The hardy evergreen plant with thick waxy leaves remains green all year and buds burst into clusters of colorful flowers with the arrival of warmer weather. The rhododendron was found in the 500 block of E. Washington Avenue in Bethlehem.

Jim Crow era, "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, will be the basis for the discussion. Bring a bag lunch; drinks and dessert are provided. Call 610-865-2087 for information.

BAPL

Feed Your Brain March 15, 16, 26

The Lehigh Valley Society for Neuroscience Chapter will present programs at 7 p.m. March 15 and 7 p.m. March 16.

Both events will be held at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. The March 15 program, Norbit the Neuron's Brain Story Time, is an hour of stories and crafts for kindergarten through grade five children. On March 16 there is a sleep disorder program for high school students and adults. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 26, Brain Awareness Day, there will be demonstrations and activities for all ages.

For information, call 610-861-1426 or visit www.bapl.org.



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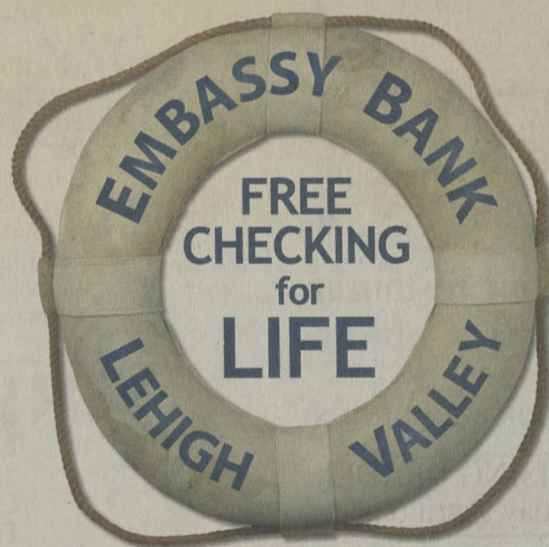
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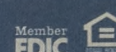
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Plow perils plague personnel

By **BERNIE O'HARE**

Special to the Bethlehem Press

It might seem innocuous, but driving a snowplow for Hanover Township might soon qualify as one of America's 10 most dangerous jobs.

On Feb. 2, a sinkhole, caused by a water line break, swallowed a Hanover Township plow/salt truck being driven by Public Works Director Vince Milite on Brentwood Avenue. Then on Feb. 21, it nearly happened again.

Milite and Township Manager Jay Finnigan were driving two plows on a different section of Brentwood Avenue, and no sooner had they passed than another sinkhole opened up.

Milite told supervisors at their Feb. 22 meeting that this second depression, larger than the first, was caused by a cavern

HANOVER TOWNSHIP



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Gayle McLaughlin shows pictures and plans to supervisors John Nagle, Mark Tanczos, Glenn Walbert, and engineer Jim Birdsall.

created by the original water line break.

"This one was under the cartway, bigger than the one the truck went in," declared Finnigan,

who stated he put the "pedal to the metal" to make it through without being swallowed into an abyss. Milite added that the sinkhole even extend-

ed partially into a resident's driveway.

"Hopefully, we capped it well enough, but only time will tell," he said.

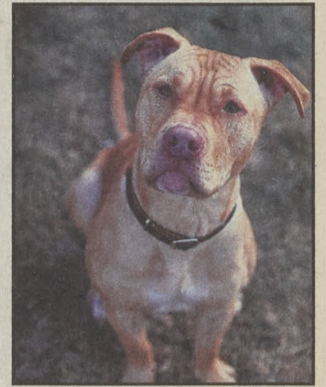
Bethlehem had already tried filling the sinkhole twice, but because Feb. 21 was the Presidents Day holiday, Milite filed the hole himself with 10 tons of material and 30,000 gallons of water.

Supervisors also agreed to a 10-foot by 10-foot by 26-foot cooler for the 7,200-square foot PJ Whelihan's coming to 3395 Highpoint Blvd. This popular restaurant will provide 45 jobs at the site of the old Bennigan's, and can handle 210 customers. Because of the weather, a March opening has been delayed.

Hanover Supervisors will next meet March 8, 7 p.m., at its municipal building at 3660 Jacksonville Road.



Aurora is a young adult and is friendly, investigative and very eager for a family. She is a great lap cat! She is up to date on shots, altered and litter trained.



Gulliver, we believe, is deaf. He is very friendly and very active. This sweet boy needs a home that is willing to spend time with him and teach him sign language.

VOLUNTEERS

AIDSNET, Bethlehem, is recruiting community members to join its board. AIDSNET builds healthier communities by planning and funding HIV/AIDS care and prevention services throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties. Contact Ann Stuart Thacker for an interview 610-882-1119, executive.director@aidsetpa.org.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY is looking for volunteers for its Daffodil Days fundraising event. Contact Rosemarie Murphy, 610-921-2329x3109, murphy@cancer.org.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION, Bethlehem, is looking for committee members for 2011 "Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes." Contact Dawn Fernandez, 610-814-2701 x4625, dfernandez@diabetes.org.

GRACEDALE NURSING HOME, Nazareth, is seeking volunteers to help transport residents to in-house therapies and activities. Contact JoLynn Claroni, 610-746-5248, JClaroni@northamptoncounty.org.

PROJECT BLUEPRINT - the Volunteer Center is seeking racially diverse volunteers for its upcoming minority volunteer leadership program. Contact: Jane Trotter, jane@volunteerlv.org.

SENIOR CORPS RSVP, an organization for those 55 and older, is looking for volunteers willing and able to help the Elderly and Disabled. Contact 610-391-8257 or email RSVP@diakon.org.

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: vc@volunteerlv.org. Visit our website www.volunteerlv.org for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

Tax incentives to improve blighted areas

By **CAROL SMITH**

Special to the Bethlehem Press

By a narrow margin, Northampton County Council approved a continuation of a tax incentive program to develop deteriorating property in designated eligible areas.

Known as the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance program, this tax-exemption program allows improvements to be made to designated "blighted" areas within the City of Bethlehem over a 10-year period.

In addition to the city, other taxing bodies agreeing to LERTA are the

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county and two school districts, Bethlehem Area and Saucon Valley.

At its Feb. 17 meeting, council approved the tax incentive program by a 5-4 vote.

Opposing the tax-elimination program were council members Ron Angle, Bruce Gilbert, John Cusick and Barbara Thiery. Citing the retail and industrial developments along Route 248, Angle said these developers were making money on the properties and were paying taxes.

Part of the area desig-

nated by LERTA includes the area along Lynn Avenue and East Fourth Street, which is owned by Lehigh Valley Forge, and an area along South Easton Road, currently owned by Leigh Valley Industrial Park.

Cusick said he didn't think these areas "need to be incentivized." Tax-elimination programs just make someone's property more valuable, he added.

According to the program, the property will be exempt from taxes in varying percentages over a 10-year period. The first

year improvements that are made to the property will be eligible for 100 percent exemption on the assessed value of the improvement; in the 10th year the exemptions will terminate.

Councilwoman Ann McHale, who represents the City of Bethlehem, reminded council members that the city contributes the majority of the county's tax revenue and that once these properties are developed the county will receive more tax money.

The ordinance is in effect until December 2012.

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Presented by: Robert Schmidt, DO and Nick Dimartino, DO
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Q March 21, 23, 28, 30
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Presented by: Sara Choudhry, MD
St. Luke's Center for Diabetes & Endocrinology

A Wednesday, March 23
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Education Center
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Bone & Joint Series

Are your feet trying to tell you something?

Dr. Lee will share the latest approaches to treatment for what is known as Peripheral Neuropathy.

Presented by: Jung Lee, DPM

Q Wednesday, March 16
6:30 - 7:30 pm
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A Monday, March 28
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Presented by: Zigmund Stzelecki, MD, St. Luke's Orthopaedic Specialists

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Heart Healthy Women - Eating Heart Healthy and Stress Management

Did you know that heart and vascular disease is the leading cause of death for American women? Learn how to make good food choices and activities for relieving stress.

Presented by: Debbie Cooper, RD, LDN and Stuart Horowitz, MSW, LSW, LCSW, ACSW, QCSW, Psychotherapist

Q Wednesday, March 30
6 - 7:30 pm
First Floor Wait Area
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SteelStacks rising

Air Products Town Square gathers momentum

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
Focus Editor

A 2" x 4" section of trim for Room 109, electrical cords, and a Spillman Farmer Architects floor diagram were but a few items attesting to the work in progress that is the Musikfest Cafe in ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks on Bethlehem's south side.

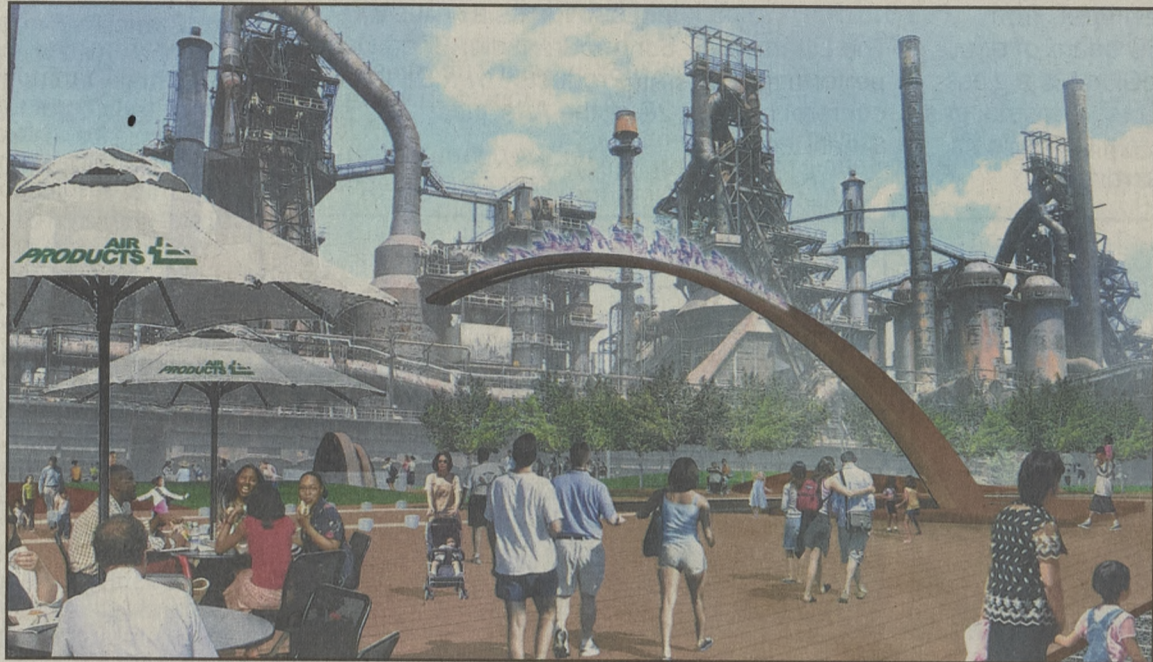
Even so, as the Liberty High School Grenadier Band Quartet launched earnestly into "The Washington Post March" in the room with a view of the former Bethlehem Steel plant blast furnaces, one could, as ArtsQuest's newest motto urges: "Imagine that".

Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks.

"When you look around here, you can really 'imagine that,'" Sam Torrence, ArtsQuest Leadership Campaign chair, said.

The naming of Air Products Town Square, heralded as the "region's new destination for free community programming year-round," was announced during an indoor press conference Feb. 27 as the morning rain continued to make a muddy mess of what will become the Town Square.

An estimated 120 ArtsQuest, PBS39 and local officials and community leaders made their way to Musikfest Cafe, its girders painted international



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

Artist's rendering of Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks

orange in homage to the Bethlehem Steel of the Golden Gate Bridge, on the third level of ArtsQuest Center.

"This is an especially proud day for me as a former employee of Air Products," Kassie Hilgert, ArtsQuest senior vice president of marketing and advancement, said.

"They [Air Products] understand that a thriving community is like a rich tapestry," said Hilgert, press conference emcee.

The Musikfest Cafe's huge

glass wall provided the view that gave rise to the SteelStacks' moniker for ArtsQuest's ambitious project to transform a 10-acre portion of the nation's largest brown field into an arts and entertainment mecca for the Lehigh Valley and beyond.

"We've come a long way from concept to construction," Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan said.

"As we do announcement after announcement, it won't be long before we have event after event," said Callahan.

Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks, First Street and Founders Way, opens in less than two months, May 1, with performances by local musicians, art exhibitions and al fresco dining.

A soaring steel and fire sculpture by New York artist Elena Columbo will anchor the square, also home to the PBS39 Public Media and Education Center, pointing the way to year-long festivals: Latin, RiverJazz, SteelJam, Blast Fur-

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PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Kassie Hilgert, above, ArtsQuest senior vice president of marketing and advancement, at press conference, with former Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces seen through windows of Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals, Focus continues its fourth annual preview series.



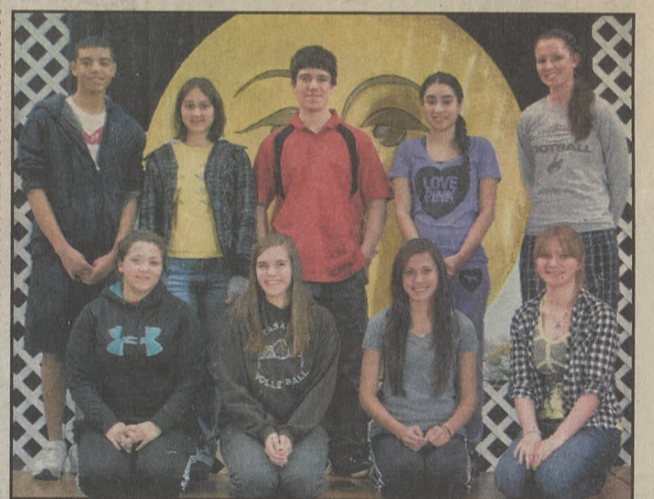
PRESS PHOTO BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Freedom High School's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" cast includes, from left back row, Kate Dawson (Narrator), Daniel Youngelman (Joseph), Brianna McCullough (Narrator), Greg Adams (Pharaoh), and, front row, Robbie Lawrence (Potiphar) and Ali Vreeland (Mrs. Potifer).



PRESS PHOTO BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Northwestern Lehigh High School's "Cabaret" cast includes, from left, Christie McDonald (in the number, "Two Ladies"), Alex Bobbyn (Master of Ceremonies) and Ali Joseph (also, "Two Ladies").



PRESS PHOTO BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

Catasauqua High School's "Pippin" has two casts including, from left back row, Kanyi Creppy (Lewis A), Gigi da Silva (Catherine B), Zack Panto (Pippin A), Victoria Colon (Leading Player B), Mattie Hallquist (Fastrada B), and front row, Nikki Varner (Berthe B), Janelle Roth (Catherine A), Natalie Leggett (Leading Player A) and Vanesa Abel (Fastrada A).

Freedom

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to The Press

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" takes the stage at 7 p.m. March 17 - 20 and 2 p.m. March 20 in the auditorium of Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem.

The musical is a lively interpretation of the Biblical story of Joseph with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice.

It was a 15-minute cantata in 1968, and expanded to 90 minutes when it opened on Broadway in 1982. The 1999 film starred Donny Osmond.

Joseph is his father's favorite of 12 sons. His brothers betray him and

sell him to slavery. He refuses the advances of his owner's wife and is thrown in prison where he interprets dreams.

His ability to interpret dreams prompts the Pharaoh to make him the second in command where he is eventually reunited with his family.

Songs include "Any Dream Will Do," "Jacob and Sons-Joseph's Coat" and "Close Every Door." The cast includes Kate Dawson and Brianna McCullough (Narrators) and Daniel Youngelman (Joseph).

This is Jen Wescoe's 12th year directing at Freedom High School.

Tickets: at the door. Information, reservations: 610-867-5843.

Northwestern

'Cabaret'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to The Press

"Cabaret" takes the stage at 7 p.m. March 17-19 and 2 p.m. March 20 in the auditorium of Northwestern Lehigh High School, 6493 Route 309, New Tripoli.

"Cabaret," with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and a book by Joe Masteroff, opened on Broadway in 1966. The 1972 movie starred Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Joel Grey.

The production follows Cliff Bradshaw, an American writer, as he travels to Berlin.

He finds housing and makes a few friends.

Then he visits a cabaret called the Kit Kat Club and meets Sally

Bowles.

She moves in with him at his boarding house run by her suitor, Herr Schultz, a Jewish shop owner.

As the Nazis grow stronger, everything falls to disarray, causing Cliff and Sally to part ways.

Songs include "Cabaret," "Wilkommen" and "Two Ladies."

The cast includes Alex Bobbyn (Master of Ceremonies), Robin Rowland (Sally Bowles) and James George (Clifford Bradshaw).

This is the 10th musical Bill Mutimer has directed at Northwestern Lehigh High School.

Tickets: at the door. Information, reservations: 610-298-8661

Catasauqua

'Pippin'

By CYNTHIA UNDERHILL
Special to The Press

Discover the secret of true happiness when "Pippin" comes to the stage at 8 p.m. March 17 - 19 and 2 p.m. March 20 in the auditorium of Catasauqua High School, 2500 W. Bullshead Road, Allen Township.

The musical, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson, opened on Broadway in 1972.

This tongue-in-cheek anachronistic fairy tale follows the protagonist, Pippin, on his journey to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment.

He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, then overthrows his father, King Charlemagne the

Great, and stops the war. He is intrigued by political power but finds himself more unsure of what he wants in life and turns away from everything, including love.

In the end, he finds that what he was searching for has been there all along.

Songs include "Morning Glow," "Corner of the Sky" and "No Time at All."

The cast includes, in shared roles, Zack Panto and Jorge Mendez, as Pippin, and Natalie Leggett and Victoria Colon, as Leading Player.

This is the 34th musical Robert Fahringer is directing in as many years at Catasauqua High School.

Tickets: at the door. Information, reservations: 610-697-0111



John McGlade, left, Air Products CEO, accepts a commemorative PBS39 "Golden Reel" from Jamie Musselman, right, PBS39 board of directors vice chair. To the left of McGlade is a glass sculpture symbolizing Air Products' industrial gas business made by Banana Factory GlassWorks artists John Choi and Dennis Gardner.



PRESS PHOTOS BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
The Liberty High School Grenadier Band Quartet performed at the Air Products Town Square press conference Feb. 28 in the ArtsQuest Cafe at SteelStacks.



Former Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces are giving rise to ArtsQuest SteelStacks.



Work continues at Air Products Town Square and ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, First Street and Founders Way, Bethlehem.

SQUARE

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nance Blues, Christkindlmarkt and Musikfest venues, as well as a weekly antique and farmers' market.

"It will be a major destination — not only for Bethlehem, but the entire Lehigh Valley," Callahan said.

In addition to funding Town Square programming, Air Products will back PBS39 expanded on-air and community programs, including live broadcasts, outdoor screenings of local documentaries, culinary festivals and the "Healthy Kids Initiative."

"I think if you have one look, you'll come back

and back and back," John McGlade, Air Products chief executive officer, said.

McGlade, a Liberty High School graduate, noted that the "A" in Air Products' logo represents an alchemist and is a symbol for air; said to be one of four basic elements, along with fire, earth and water. "Alchemy was an ancient form of metallurgy," said McGlade, a Lehigh University graduate.

The term alchemy came to represent "any magical power to transform a substance of little value.

"They [ArtsQuest] turned something of little value [the former steel plant brown field] into something of great

value," McGlade said.

Air Products Town Square is "a place for people to get together and enjoy the magic of this transformation," McGlade said in shout out to the movie, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," the opening scenes of which were filmed on location in 2008 at the former steel site.

McGlade called the arts "a driver" of the economy that would enhance the Lehigh Valley's ability to retain a young workforce. "It has to be an exciting and active place for employees," said McGlade.

The Town Square will be a magnet for area nonprofits and community groups.

Already lined up is the

United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley "Collage of Commonwealth," May 14, 15, and events by the American Diabetes Association, DaVinci Science Center, America on Wheels, Weller Health and Education Center and Bethlehem NAACP.

"We want this to be a place where the community can add their flair to the programming at SteelStacks," said Hilgert.

Jamie Musselman, PBS39 board of directors vice chair, presented a commemorative wooden plaque, with a gold reel of three-quarter-inch videotape from television's pre-digital era, to McGlade.

Air Products has supported PBS39 "Scholastic Scrimmage," now in its 38th season; "PBS NewHour" and "Nova."

McGlade was presented with an original glass sculpture created by the Banana Factory's GlassWorks glass blowers John Choi and Dennis Gardner, which symbolizes Air Products founding as an on-site industrial gas business 70 years ago by Leonard Pool.

Air Products' support of ArtsQuest predates SteelStacks, beginning with the Banana Factory, the artists' studios center and anchor of the south side First Friday monthly arts and entertainment attraction.

Air Products Town Square links ArtsQuest Center, which, in addition to Musikfest Cafe, has a 100- and 200-seat cinema, to the PBS39 Center, which relocates the area public television station studios from atop South Mountain; Levitt Pavilion, to the north along the blast furnaces; PNC Plaza, west of the blast furnaces where Sands Steel Stage headliners entertain (replacing Sand Island's RiverPlace) during Musikfest; the still-to-come Festival Center, northwest of the blast furnaces, and a Visitors' Center, in the former 1863 stock house used by the site's first industry, the New Jersey Zinc Company, on land purchased from Bethlehem's

Women smart to seek careers

Did you see the Internet video of a 5-year-old girl giving her very emphatic thoughts on marriage and careers?

The video has been highlighted on Yahoo this week and has thousands of hits from people captivated with the little girl.

They don't tell the circumstances of where or how the video was made but there is no doubt about the convictions of the youngster as she talks.

"No, I will not marry you unless I have a job first," she says. She goes on to say she doesn't care if she marries that unnamed person or if she goes on to someone else.

"If he says, I will not come back to you, fine! I'll find a different man. This is my life. I have to stop caring. I will not do anything for you until I have my job first," she says.

It's funny to hear such dramatic statements coming from a precocious 5 year old.

"I don't care if I marry you or another man. I care that I do something special," she concludes.

That video got thousands of hits from people who were enthralled with such serious statements coming from a youngster.

I wonder where in the world someone that young formed such strong opinions on marriage versus career. But I say, "Bravo!" I hope she doesn't change.

This is an age when girls can grow up to be anything they want to be. They can see examples all around them of what women can achieve.

Little girls have the example of women flying into space and sitting on the Supreme Court. All around them, they have examples of limitless possibilities.

It wasn't always like that. It wasn't that long ago that women were expected to work only until they found a husband. And if they did have a career, it had to be nursing or teaching because other fields weren't open to them.

My own wonderful father believed the best thing a girl could do was to find a husband who would support her and take care of her.

When I wanted to go to college, my parents said it was "unnecessary." A college education is only wasted on women, they insisted as they said they wouldn't help me get a degree.

My dad thought a MRS degree was the only one a woman needed.

He was astounded when I plugged away, working my way through college. It took ten years, but I did it, balancing a job, marriage, and caring for kids and a house along with my studies.

My sister MaryAnn and I didn't just love our father. We idolized him. How we both went on to wonderful careers in the face of his objection is a wonder.

"Women shouldn't work once they are married," he kept insisting. Over the years, he never softened that stance. When my sister and I earned promotions and

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By Pattie Mihalik
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did well in our chosen fields, on one hand my father was pleased. But he was more perplexed and troubled by our success.

"You're taking jobs away from men," he lamented.

After my husband had two strokes and three cases of cancer, it was my career that kept us going.

"What would I do if I didn't have a good job?" I asked my father. He conceded there were "limited times" when women should work.

I pointed out to him that women need to be able to take care of themselves. They have no idea what will befall them. Divorce, sickness, death of a spouse—these are situations that can and do leave women destitute.

My sister never married. When Dad died, it was her great job with Verizon that sustained her. The job gave her more than a salary. It also gave her a good social life and great friends from work.

I like to think that today's women are smart enough to work to develop good job skills, whether they are married or not.

Unfortunately, that's not always the case. This weekend I met a woman who can't get back on her feet after her husband left her for another woman.

She was smart. Really smart. When she graduated from high school she was offered a college scholarship. She turned it down to get married. Her husband was pleased. He told her he didn't want a wife who was smarter than he was.

They lived a grand lifestyle and she was never sorry about not getting a degree — until he left her, that is. Now, she's struggling to find a job, any job. But she has no experience and no job skills.

That scenario is repeated many times over.

On the other hand, there are also many women who were smart enough to acquire skills they can rely on throughout life.

My friend Beth is a beautician who has developed a good following. Her husband lost his construction job two years and hasn't been able to find another one. It is Beth's job that is keeping the family going.

"I've always loved doing hair and I've always been thankful for my job," she said, "but I never thought it would be my family's salvation."

That's the point young girls don't know. When they think only of the present, they may think they only need some sort of simple job until they meet someone and get married. They don't know that adequate job skills could someday be a life preserver.

Somewhere out there is a little five-year-old, wise beyond her years, who already knows that.

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CORRECTION

The photograph, "Spotted Trees," on Page B 1 of the Feb. 16 and 17 Focus section is by Winifred Hel-

ARTSWALKS Register now

The Downtown Bethlehem Association, a council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, seeks artists and musicians for the fourth annual ArtWalks, 4 - 9 p.m. May 28, June 25, July 30 and Aug. 27, along Main and Broad streets, Bethlehem. Register by May 6 with Samantha Schwartz, Downtown Bethlehem manager, 610-841-5831.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:

A. COVENANT TRANSPORT - PAVEMENT ADDITION MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2010-107 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

An application to develop the property at 4815 Crackersport Road. The plan proposes the razing of a one-story masonry building and the construction of additional pavement for trailer staging and parking. The subject property contains 11.93 acres and is zoned IC-1, Industrial Commercial 1. Covenant Transport, Inc. is the owner and applicant.

B. An Ordinance of The Township Of South Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 12.39 of The South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance To Provide For The Use Of Electronic Graphic Display Messaging On Billboards And On-Premise Signs

C. An Ordinance Amending The South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance Establishing Provisions For Alternative Energy Production Facilities And Definitions Of Said Facilities

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. Gerald J. Harbison, Assistant Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION 10-1

INVITATION TO BID TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Township of Salisbury will receive sealed bids for the construction of two separate water main replacement projects. Contract "A" work will include the installation of approximately 450' of 12" DIP water main and appurtenances along Flexer Ave. between Cedar Lane and Lindberg Ave. Contract "B" work will include the installation of approximately 750' of 6" DIP water main along Clearwood Dr. between Meadowbrook Circle North and Meadowbrook Circle West. Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 PM (prevailing time) on Tuesday, April 05, 2011, at the office of the Township Manager, 2900 S. Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. Bids will be opened Wednesday April 06, 2011, at 10:00 AM at the Township of Salisbury Municipal Building, 2900 S. Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids should be sealed, marked and addressed as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY 2900 South Pike Avenue Allentown, PA 18103

PROPOSAL FOR EITHER: CONTRACT "A" - Flexer Avenue Water Main Replacement CONTRACT "B" - Clearwood Drive Water Main Replacement Or CONTRACTS "A" and "B" COMBINED

Mailed Bids must be placed in a separate carrier envelope noted "BID ENCLOSED". All mailed bids must be received at the Township before or on Tuesday April 05, 2011 by 3:00 P.M. (prevailing time)

Copies of the Drawings, Specifications and Bid Forms may be examined and obtained at Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Westcosville, PA 18106, upon request and deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set. The full amount of the deposit for one set of documents will be refunded to a bona fide bidder who returns the documents in good condition within ten (10) days after the date of the bid opening.

Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Township of Salisbury in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.01 of the General Conditions. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in the amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.01 of the General Conditions.

Bidders may bid on either contract "A" or "B" individually or both Contracts "A" and "B" combined. The project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

The Township of Salisbury reserves the right to waive any informality in, and to reject, any or all bids or to award one or both contracts individually or both contracts combined, in the best interest of the Township. Randy Soriano, Township Manager Township of Salisbury

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Bidders:

Sealed Proposal will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie, of Lehigh County, on or before 3:00 PM March 30, 2011 for the following renewable annual contracts:

- Polymer Modified Crack Sealing, Poly Patch and Grip Tight Fog Seal Applications
• Paving Equipment Rental
• Curbside Collection of Leaves

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to Lower Macungie Township in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price for the individual contract. Bid forms are available FOB the Township Building for a non-refundable fee of \$5.00.

Mandatory Pre-bid meetings to be held at 9 AM on March 22, 2011 at 3400 Brookside Rd. Macungie, PA 18062.

Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at 3:05 PM on March 30, 2011. Any bids received after 3:00 PM will be returned unopened. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid" and include the contract name/description. Mail or deliver proposals to Bruce Fosselman, Township Manager, Lower Macungie Township, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062. The successful bidder will be required to provide contract security in the amount of 100% of the contract within 10 days of the award of contract. All bids shall be valid for 60 days. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any irregularities or make minor changes in the bids and to reject any or all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

BILL NO. 7-2011 (Second Reading) TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO ACCEPT A COUNTY OF LEHIGH QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE JORDAN CREEK PARK, ON THE EAST SIDE OF MICKLEY ROAD, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 20.13 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS PIN #549759931986-1. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 8-2011 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TERM OF EXISTENCE OF THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF THIRTY-SEVEN (37) YEARS TO ENABLE THE CONTINUATION OF ITS MISSION AND TO ENABLE LONG-TERM FINANCING TO CARRY OUT ITS STATED GOALS. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 9-2011 (First Reading) TITLE: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL STREET PURPOSES IN THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS: MARYLAND COURT TOWNHOUSES, JORDAN VILLAGE, HIGHLAND HILL, W. F. CLAUS, PEACH-TREE VILLAGE SEC. 1, PEACHTREE VILLAGE SINGLE FAMILY, CENTER SQUARE ESTATES, STILES MANOR, EAGLE POINTE ESTATES (HOME PARK TOWNES), SODL ACRES, AND EGYPTIAN HILLS SECTIONS 3 & 4 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 10-2011 (First Reading) TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ZONING, BY AMENDING §27-115, SWIMMING POOLS, BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY/STORABLE ABOVE GROUND POOLS AND ALSO ARTICLE XVI OF THIS SAME CHAPTER, BY AMENDING §27-194 A TO INCLUDE THE DEFINITION OF TEMPORARY/STORABLE ABOVE GROUND POOLS - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 2713 TITLE: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR ENTRY UPON AN EASEMENT BELONGING TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. (DEVELOP)

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

/s/Paul F. Geissinger FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council will be meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Bldg., 2900 S. Pike Ave. Mar. 9

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION-LAW

Darlene Bolig and Edward E. Johnson, Jr., : NO. C-48-CV-2011-1954 Administrators of the Estate of Maxine Johnson

Plaintiffs

vs.

Ida Schwab, et al.

Defendants

- : CIVIL ACTION
: DECLARATION
: JUDGMENT AND TO
: QUIET TITLE

To: The unknown heirs, successors, executors, legal representatives, personal representatives, assigns and other persons claiming by, under or through Ida Schwab, a deceased person, Henry Schwab, a deceased person, Henry William Schwab, a deceased person, Richard Schwab, a deceased person, Francis Schwab Haas, a deceased person, Lillian Schwab, a deceased person, Carl Maxwell Schwab, a deceased person, Villa Clark, a deceased person, Hazel Bieber, a deceased person, Herbin Schwab, a deceased person, Marion Schwab, Warren Schwab, a deceased person, Henry Schwab, a deceased person, Margaret Schwab, a deceased person, Dorothea Schwab, a deceased person, Emma Pittenger, a deceased person, Carl Schwab, a deceased person, Laura Titman, Louella Evrard, a deceased person, Richard Clark, David Schwab, Nancy Lou Schwab, Jennifer Chilmonik, Rodney Schwab, Winfred Dalgewicz, Henry Jo Davy, a deceased person, Donna Schiavone, Kathy Marrah, Linda Moroz, Thomas Schwab, David Evrard, Mark Evrard and persons who claim any interest in the property known as 460 NEW STREET, FREEMANSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, TAX PARCEL N75WC3-4-3

NOTICE

A suit has been filed in Court to quiet title to the property known as 460 New Street, Freemansburg, Pennsylvania and known as tax parcel N75WC3-4-3. All interested parties wishing to defend against the claims set forth in the Complaint in Quiet Title filed, must take action within twenty (20) days after this Notice is served via publication, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court defenses or objections to the claims set forth in the Complaint. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for the relief requested in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Township of Upper Macungie will receive sealed bids for completion of roadway paving, replacement/repair of utilities, curb and sidewalk, and correction of deficiencies identified in punch lists.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP Attention: Kathy Rader 8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031

PROPOSAL FOR COMPLETION OF TERRACE AT LEHIGH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Copies of the Drawings, Specifications and Bid Forms may be examined and obtained at the office of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Suite 100, Wescosville, PA 18106, upon request and a deposit of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set.

Each Bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of 10% of the Bid and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of the General Conditions.

The Township of Upper Macungie reserves the right to waive any informalities in, and to reject any or all Bids and to accept any Bid which is in its best interest and subject to DEP approval of the NPDES permit transfer and the Contractor co-signing the NPDES Permit.

Minimum wage rates in accordance with the Pennsylvania Wage Act, as amended, shall be paid to all working employees on this project.

Kathy Rader, Township Secretary

Mar. 9, 16

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Township of Upper Macungie will receive sealed bids for completion of planting of trees and shrubs, grading, seeding, stabilization of detention ponds, low flow channels in the detention ponds, and fencing around the detention ponds.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP Attention: Kathy Rader 8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031

PROPOSAL FOR COMPLETION OF TERRACE AT LEHIGH POND, TREES, OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

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Kathy Rader, Township Secretary

Mar. 9, 16

PUBLIC NOTICE ELECTION BOARD MEETING The Lehigh County Board of Elections will convene a meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, 2011, 10:00 A.M. in the Public Hearing Room, First Floor Government Center, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, for the purpose of conducting a Casting of Lots determining ballot positions for candidates seeking nomination for the Republican & Democratic Parties at the May 17, 2011 Municipal Primary and for general purposes.

Election Board of Lehigh County By: Timothy A. Benyo Chief Clerk

March 9

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of HELEN M. IOBST, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Donald G. Saylor a/k/a Donald Saylor c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049

or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049

Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act 295 of 1982 of intention to file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a certificate for the conduct of a business in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of:

Name: MJM Specialties with its principal place of business at: 4526 Mill Road Emmaus, PA 18049

The name and address of all individuals owning or interested in said business is: Gail M. Miklencic 4526 Mill Road Emmaus, PA 18049

The certificate was filed on the 4th day of February, 2011.

John O. Stover, Jr. 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049

March 9

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF MARJORIE A. ZETTELMOYER deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Cheryl Kay Zettelmoyer, Executrix c/o William F. Kocher, Jr. 509 W. Linden St. Allentown, PA 18101

or to their Attorney: William F. Kocher, Jr. 509 Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18101 Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF GLADYS C. AMEY, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary, have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

DALE A. SCHNECK, Personal Representative c/o John M. Ashcraft, III, Esq. 20 North 5th St., Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406

Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeals:

APPEAL 10395 - CHARLES & TRACY WERKHEISER 611 EAGLE DR. EMMAUS, PA 18049 FOR 203 FRANKLIN ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicants are proposing to operate a Hair Salon/General Home Occupation from the property located at 203 Franklin St. Emmaus, PA. Applicants are requesting a Special exception Use to Z.O. Table 306 and the requirements of Z.O. Sec. 403.4.F(1)(a). Applicants are also requesting an 18.5 sq. ft. sign area variance, a one additional sign variance to Z.O. Sec. 403.4.F.(2)(a) and a one additional employee variance to Z.O. Sec. 403.4.F.(2)(b). Site is located in an R-M zoning district.

James L. Farnsworth - Zoning Officer March 9, 16

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall Township will conduct public hearings on Wednesday March 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeals:

ZHB-2011-03: The appeal of Chabad Lubavitch of Lehigh Valley Inc. c/o President Rabbi Halperin seeking approval to conduct child care center activities on the property located at 4457 Crackersport Road. The appellant is seeking a favorable use interpretation via Sections 12.28(c)(9) and 12.25(d) that proposed child care services are inclusive "part and parcel" of the existing use, or permitted as inclusive of this zoning board approved special exception use. In the alternative, the appellant seeks a favorable use interpretation via that the proposed child care services fall favorably under Section 12.28(c)(9) as a permitted Accessory Child Care Center use relative per the provisions of Section 12.43(n) in relationship to the existing approved primary use. The subject property is zoned "HC", Highway Commercial.

ZHB-2011-04: The appeal of the Lehigh Valley Educators Credit Union seeking temporary use special exception approval for a two-day vehicle sale (for credit union members) to be conducted on the bank property at 3720 Hamilton Boulevard. The appellant is seeking a favorable review per Sections 12.25(c) & (d) for the event proposed for May 6 & 7, 2011. The subject property is zoned "HC", Highway Commercial.

ZHB-2011-05: The appeal Satkowski Family L.P. (c/o Kathleen Satkowski, General Partner) seeking relief to be able to construct a single family dwelling on the vacant, purported non-conforming 2/3 of an acre lot located at the southeast corner of Huckleberry Road and Church Road, Tax PIN 547756535653. The appellant is requesting variances from Sections 12.28(c)(1), 12.32(c)(1)(D) and 12.33(h)(3) regarding: minimum lot size and road frontage requirements, the minimum front yard setback for a dwelling, and the minimum lot size requirement regarding a well and septic being on the same premises. The subject property is zoned "R-H", Rural Holding.

Any above-referenced property is located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted are available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants must attend. All objectors and interested parties are invited to attend and have the opportunity to be heard.

Keith M. Zehner, Zoning Officer

Mar. 2, 9

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REGIONAL WRESTLING

Another title for Hawks

Wrestlers win 5 titles, 9 advance

By JOE PLASKO
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WEST LAWN - Entering the semifinal round of the PIAA Southeast Class 2A Wrestling Tournament, Bethlehem Catholic's wrestlers had to make up some ground.

The Golden Hawks did just that, in convincing fashion, to walk away with the Southeast 2A team title on Saturday at Wilson West Lawn High School.

The Hawks finished with 172.5 points, outlasting Pen Argyl, which had 123.5, for the regional's top laurels. Becahi crowned five champions and placed all nine of its grapplers in the top-five, advancing its entire regional contingent to this week's PIAA State Championships, which begin Thursday at Hershey's Giant Center. The Hawks added the regional trophy to their growing collection of awards this season, which already includes state and District 11 Duals 2A crowns and the 11-2A individual tournament title.

"We're really fortunate," said Becahi coach Jeff Karam. "We're on a roll. I said all along that we are a better tournament team, and we really showed it that last two weeks."

"We were losing to Pen Argyl here and we just had a phenomenal semifinal round. Everybody won, and our conso-

lation guys did well. I came here with nine guys and I have nine guys going to states, so I couldn't be happier than I am right now for these guys."

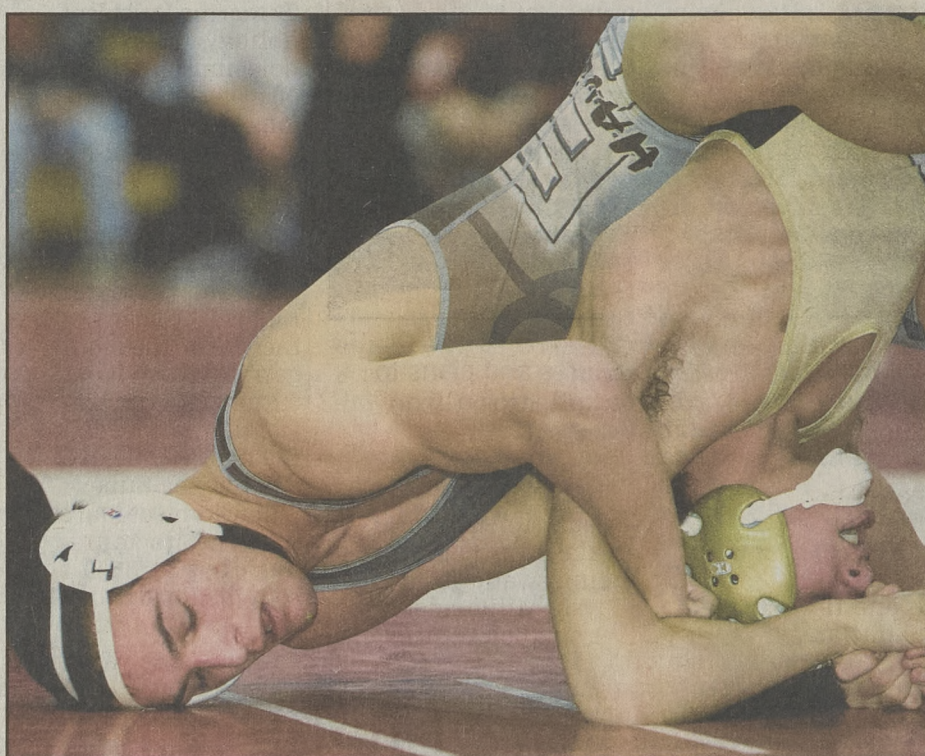
The Hawks weren't too shabby in the regional finals, either, as five of their six finalists ended up with gold medals: Darian Cruz at 103, Zeke Moisey at 112, Randy Cruz at 119, Ryan Todora at 140 and Elliot Riddick at 160. Becahi also received a silver medal from Jaydon Rice at 125, a fourth from Kyle Dehaut at 152 and fifth places from Richie Cruz at 130 and Josh Alpha at 215.

Of that group, only Rice and Dehaut are seniors.

"Our champions are all underclassmen, so they'll be around," said Karam. "We're not a one-year wonder."

Darian Cruz rolled to a 16-3 major decision over Joseph Byers of Boiling Springs in the 103 final, while Moisey, who is a freshman, outlasted Brad Farley of Bermudian Springs 8-4 for the title at 112. Randy Cruz survived a tight battle with Schuylkill Valley's Nate Giorgio for a 2-1 win and the 119 title, and Todora captured a low-scoring affair at 140, edging Pen Argyl's Luciano Burrieci 1-0.

As for Riddick, he racked up a 20-5 technical fall over Pequea Valley's See 2A on Page A11



The Hawks Ryan Todora was the champ at 140 last weekend at regionals.



Becahi's Elliot Riddick took the title at 160 at Wilson West Lawn.



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Devon Lotito pinned all four of his opponents at regionals last weekend, including this match against Joshua Fritz of Emmaus in 1:59.

Lights out Lotito

'Cane pins all opponents

By PETER CAR
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Devon Lotito may have a hard time topping what he accomplished over the weekend at the Northeast Regional 3A wrestling tournament.

Lotito (125) won his first regional crown in dominating fashion, pinning Parkland's Mike Fake in 4:47 to put an exclamation on Liberty's fifth place team finish.

But Lotito's pin in the finals only enhanced his overall performance from the weekend, where he pinned all four of his

opponents, two in the first period to walk away from regionals with the most impressive display from the weekend.

Fellow teammates Brett Marino (103) and Anthony Cabrera (112) also reached the finals, but couldn't give Liberty a trio of champions.

Marino lost to Parkland's Ethan Lizak 9-5, while Cabrera controlled Dieruff's DeMarquis Holley to the tune of a 5-0 win.

But on this night at Freedom High School,

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DISTRICT BASKETBALL

'Canes fall in finals

Roman Catholic next on Saturday

By PETER CAR
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It may have been the formula that Liberty was hoping for midway through their District 11 4A title bout with Allen last Saturday night, but the concoction blew up in the second half of a demoralizing 45-35 championship loss at Parkland.

Hurricanes head coach Chad Landis was looking for a low-scoring affair, but needed his troops to up the ante on the offensive end.

In the end, both of the

equations couldn't come together after Liberty took a 16-14 lead into halftime, only to see Allen pull away in the third quarter by outscoring their regular season nemesis 19-7.

Liberty's Darrun Hilliard had his lowest scoring total in over two years, as he was held to six points and was forced to leave the game with 5:55 left in the fourth quarter to all but surrender Liberty's chances of overtaking the Canaries en route to their 18th district title in school history.

Hilliard left the contest with concussion type symptoms after two spills in the final period to wrap up a forgettable night for the Liberty faithful.

"We've been on the other end of those types of games, so we know it's a tough way to lose," said Landis. "We just went into a scoring drought in the third quarter. I thought we had some good looks, but we just couldn't capitalize."

Liberty trailed by six when Hilliard left the

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Darrun Hilliard, left, and Chad Landis show disappointment in receiving his second place district medal after Liberty fell to Allen on Saturday night.

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The Patriots are sending three swimming to the state meet in a couple of weeks.



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HOOPS

The Liberty girls beat Parkland and advanced to the state tournament.



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FOOTBALL

The scholar athlete winners were announced at a banquet on Sunday night.

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THEY SAID IT

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JEFF KARAM
BECAHI WRESTLING
COACH

SCHEDULE

State Basketball District 11 teams
Boys
4A

Saturday, March 12
11-1 William Allen vs. 1-7 Norristown at Parkland, 6 p.m.; 1-4 Neshaminy vs. 11-3 Pottsville at Council Rock South, 3 p.m.; 11-2 Liberty vs. 12-3 Roman Catholic at Parkland, 4:30 p.m.

3A
Friday, March 11
11-1 Central vs. 2-3 Abington Heights at Allen, 7 p.m.; 4-1 Mifflinburg vs. 11-2 Wilson at Shikellamy, 7 p.m.

2A
Saturday, March 12
11-1 Salisbury vs. 12-5 Prep Charter at Parkland, 3 p.m.; 12-2 West Catholic vs. 11-2 Pine Grove at Archbishop Carroll, 3 p.m.

1A
Friday, March 11
4-2 Mansfield Area vs. 11-2 Mahanoy Area at Thomas Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.; 11-1 Marian Catholic vs. 12-2 MC Charter at Martz Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Girls
4A
Friday, March 11
11-1 Northampton vs. 1-7 Boyertown at Freedom, 7:30 p.m.; 1-4 Lower Merion vs. 11-3 Liberty at Norristown, 6 p.m.; 11-2 Nazareth vs. 12-3 Cardinal O'Hara at Freedom, 6 p.m.

3A
Saturday, March 12
11-1 Tamaqua vs. 2-3 Scranton Prep at Martz Hall, 4:30 p.m.; 4-1 Milton vs. 11-2 Central at Shamokin, 6 p.m.

2A
Friday, March 11
11-1 Pine Grove vs. TBD at Martz Hall, 6 p.m.; 12-2 Bishop McDevitt vs. 11-2 No. Lehigh at Monsignor Bonner, 6 p.m.

1A
Saturday, March 12
4-2 Line Mountain vs. 11-2 Marian Catholic at Shamokin, 3 p.m.; 11-1 Tri Valley vs. 12-2 MCS Charter at Martz Hall, 3 p.m.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Pates send three

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom freshman Peter Conzola clinched first place in the 100 backstroke at the District 11 Swimming Championships on Saturday at Parkland High School.

"I can't really describe the feeling. It hasn't sunk in yet," Conzola said.

Conzola, who was seeded first, finished in 53:14. Teammate, Scott DeFranco came in second at 54:22, and Easton's Sean Patterson placed third in 55:01.

"For the first 50, we were pretty much dead even," said Conzola. "When I swim the backstroke, I look straight up

at the ceiling, but I could see their arms flailing, and that I was getting ahead. After I touched the wall, I saw that the other guys hadn't touched yet."

Conzola will compete at the PIAA State Swimming Championships in ten days at Bucknell University.

Joining Conzola from Freedom will be freshman Connor Harrigan, who will compete in the 500 free, and Seth Watlington, who will compete in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke. Both Harrigan and Watlington were time qualifiers at districts.

In addition, Carol Byrnes will compete in diving at the state meet.

Two weeks ago, Byrnes placed third in the District 11 Diving Championships. District 11 sends the top two divers to states, thereby making Byrnes ineligible. However, not all districts send two divers, so based on Byrnes's district meet score, the Patriot junior will now go.

"I'm probably the happiest coach in the Lehigh Valley right now," said Freedom diving coach, Jeff Zettlemoyer. "The three [Northampton's Cassie Hanley, Parkland's Jamie Westwood, and Byrnes] were battling it out all season. They all deserve to go."



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Seth Watlington is one of three Pate swimmers to advance to states.

Worth the wait: 'Canes Burcin gets his invite

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Even though the District 11 Swimming Championships concluded last Saturday, it wasn't until Sunday afternoon that Liberty swimmer Eric Burcin learned that he had made it to the PIAA State Swimming Championships, scheduled for March 16-19 at Bucknell University.

Burcin tied for third place with Freedom swimmer, Seth Watlington, in the 100 breast-

stroke at districts with a time of 59.63. Emmaus's Evan Paules placed first in 59.20, Emmaus's Ryan Woltornist placed second in 59.36, and Emmaus's Romain DeCrop finished after Burcin and Watlington in 59.97.

Typically, the top one or two from each event go to the state meet, but in this case, Burcin and Watlington will go to states as time qualifiers, as will Woltornist and DeCrop.

On Saturday, Burcin tried to calm his nerves before his event.

"In the beginning, I was pretty nervous, but I knew I was going to go pretty fast because our coach knows how to taper us really well. It was still really unexpected how I'd do," Burcin said.

The Hurricane junior took a walk with Watlington; then watched teammates Elliott Walters and Courtney Desh compete in the girls' breaststroke. It wasn't until Burcin and another competitor prematurely stepped on their blocks that all his nerves went due to the

humor of the situation.

"My pullout (the first stroke underwater) was my best all season. It really boosted my confidence. My first wall was good, and off my second wall, I pushed even harder. I couldn't see anybody, and I knew that the third wall can get you in the most trouble. On the last lap, I thought, I can't quit now," said Burcin.

Confusion set in when Burcin saw two lanes on the scoreboard with the same time. In addition, Burcin did not

expect to break 1:00.

"Words can't describe how I felt after that meet," Burcin said.

Burcin also noted that his Hurricane teammates swam a very good district meet.

The PIAA State Swimming Championships will be Burcin's second trip to states. In addition, Burcin will attempt to break Liberty's school record in the breaststroke.

"This year, I'm going to push myself as hard as I can," he said.

Former Pate Cole Clark wins bronze for Delaware

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom graduate and University of Delaware freshman Cole Clark won the bronze medal in the 100 yard butterfly at the Colonial Athletic Association Swimming Championships recently at George Mason University.

Clark swam his best time (48.91) in the preliminary heat of the 100 fly before clinching third place in the final (49.26).

"I looked up at the board, and I was really pumped," Clark said. "Prelims was the hardest time for me. I just

wanted to make finals because then, there's no pressure, and whatever happens, happens."

Clark also swam the third leg of the Blue Hens' 200 yard medley relay team that won the silver medal, coming in second to the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

"On the first day [of the swimming championships], our team was sitting in 5th place, so we knew we needed to



jump start everybody. We were really pumped up," said Clark.

Emmaus grad, Ryan Roberts swam the first leg of the relay.

"Everyone was pretty much even," Clark said.

University of Delaware's Ross Buckwalter started to pull away in the second leg, along with the swimmer from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Clark swam third, clocking a time of 21.76, and freestyler, Zach Schiavo, swam last.

The Blue Hens' mens team took third place overall at the CAA Swimming Championships.

"It was exciting to make the conference team. I didn't swim the first day, so I had a lot of butterflies because it was my first meet, and you want to do well for your team," said Clark.

Delaware coach John Hayman rostered 18 of approximately 30 swimmers for the men's championships.

Clark also took 13th place overall in the 100 yard backstroke in 51.19, and ninth place overall in the 200 yard butterfly in 1:51.07.

All of Clark's times at the CAA Swimming Championships were his personal best times.

DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL

Liberty makes states
Girls top PHS in consolation game

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls' basketball team refused to be counted out of the District 11 tournament and will move on to the PIAA State tournament after winning the Class 4A consolation game on Friday against Parkland, 24-22.

"Definitely, it was do or die. I'm pretty sure everyone was nervous," said Liberty captain, Jody Chickey.

Because the Hurricanes lost to the Trojans

earlier this season, Liberty focused on pushing the ball and rebounding.

"They have a size advantage on us," Chickey said.

The Hurricanes had a 14-8 lead at halftime, but were held scoreless in the third quarter.

Chickey said, "We've had scoring droughts in the third quarter, but we didn't have any a couple games before, so our coaches told us to stay calm and run our offense."

With two minutes left

in the game, the Trojans led 20-19 when Chickey hit a three-pointer. Parkland tied the game on two free throws, but two free throws by Chickey won the game for Liberty.

"Yeah, I was nervous, but we practice foul shots a lot at practice," said Chickey.

Chickey led the Hurricanes with 14 points, JJ Hilliard had six points, and CJ Hilliard had four.

Earlier in the week, Liberty lost to Northampton, the eventual District 11 champs, 44-42, in the district semifinal.

"We all played pretty well, but it just didn't go our way," Chickey said.

The Hurricanes will take on Lower Merion on Friday in the first round of the PIAA State Basketball Playoffs.



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Liberty's Maggie Zerbe and the Liberty girls defeated Parkland in the District 11 4A consolation game, earning a trip to the state tourney.

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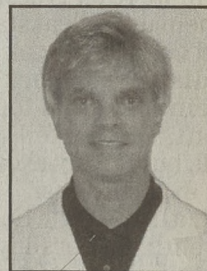
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FOOTBALL

Tie for scholar athlete winner

By GEORGE GEIGER
Special to the Press

For the first time since 1991, and only the seventh time in their history, there are two Lehigh Valley Scholar-Athletes in football.

Bangor's Scott LaValva and Nazareth's Chuck Dibilio shared the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Lehigh Valley Chapter's Al Beneck award, which was presented Sunday night in Northampton.

Before a crowd of over 300, Lehigh Valley Chapter President Edward Watto announced "the vote was too close to call," and presented both Bangor and Nazareth grid-ders with plaques.

LaValva, a 5-foot-9, 195-pound running back and defensive back, is heading to Franklin and Marshall College in Lancast-

er. He ranks 25th out of 278 Slater students. LaValva, who also participates in basketball and track, earned All-Colonial League and All-State honors while serving two years as captain for coach Frank Scagliotta.

LaValva is a member of the National Honor Society and editor of the school newspaper and is active in a Bangor leadership group and his church youth group.

Nazareth's Dibilio, meanwhile, ranks 29th out of 386 Blue Eagle students. The 5-10, 175-pound tailback earned All-Lehigh Valley Conference and all-state honors and was named the LVC's Offensive MVP. A member of the National Honor Society, the Princeton University-bound senior also participates in varsity and AAU basketball, and is active in sev-

eral other school organizations.

Dibilio's other activities include volunteering for youth football and basketball camps.

During a two-hour program that included a great meal, Master of Ceremonies Mike Zambelli kept the banquet flowing. After Nazareth coach Rob Melosky introduced the 34 high school and six collegiate scholar-athletes, the Dieruff High School Air Force ROTC color guard presented the colors, and Jesus Lopez of East Stroudsburg North sang the national anthem. Rev. James Prior of Roseto presented the invocation.

Northampton Mayor Thomas Reenock welcomed school administrators, parents, coaches and scholars, and East Stroudsburg North principal Stephen Zall presented an educator's view

on the scholar-athlete.

Now Princeton football coach Bob Surace was the main speaker, and told the athletes they were "the future leaders" with their coaches "maintaining balance" and their parents providing "the support system."

The L.V. Scholar-Athlete list: Ackeem Bell of Allen, Shane McNealy of Central Catholic, LaValva, Michael Yildiran of Bethlehem Catholic, Jeff Gallagher of Catasauqua, Geze Paul Frey Jr. of Dieruff, Cody Johnson of Eastburg North, Jim Coscia of Eastburg South, Benjamin Lorigan of Easton, Brian Velasco of Emmaus, Zach Mazur of Freedom, Cody Mann of Jim Thorpe, Noah Tkach of Lehigh, Drew Persa of Liberty, Dibilio, Chad Fenon of Northampton, Michael Buresh of Northern Lehigh, Tom Hudak of

Northwestern, Robert Snyder Jr. of Notre Dame, Josh Parris of Palisades, Jarrett Kleintop of Palmerton, Kurtis Kanas of Parkland, Nathan Hood of Pen Argyl, Nick Porcelli of Phillipsburg, George Dalessandro of Pius X, Albert Linares of Pleasant Valley, Matt Murphy of Pocono Mountain East, Josh Gonzalez of Pocono Mountain West, Dan Allen of Salisbury, Ian Kimber of Saucon Valley, David Givler of Southern Lehigh, Evan Wilson of Stroudsburg, Chris Polony of Whitehall and Nils Larson of Wilson.

The six collegiate scholar-athletes are: East Stroudsburg's Matt Freed, Kutztown's Jared Haas, Lafayette's Marc Quilling, Lehigh's Tom Randazza, Moravian's Alex Hersch and Muhlenberg's Michael Katz.

Hoops

Continued from page A9 game in the fourth quarter, but without their go-to-guy on the floor for the game's final period, the uphill climb became even more daunting.

"It changes the dynamic of our whole team," Landis said about Hilliard's absence. "We really started pressing on offense and then we had to do more full court defense after that, and Allen broke it down a couple of times. It's just not the type of situation you want to be in."

Hilliard cleared a concussion test Saturday night after the game and will play in Liberty's PIAA 4A state opener at Parkland Saturday against District 12 third-seed Roman Catholic at 4:30 p.m.

Playing any type of Philadelphia school is an immense challenge in the

opening round of state playoffs, but Liberty has some familiarity with the likes of the Philadelphia Catholic League faithful, since they scrimmaged the Catholic League champion Saints Neumann & Goretti this season.

Neumann is considered the top 3A team in the state and defeated Roman Catholic 47-46 in the Catholic League semifinals.

Having some familiarity with the District 12 style will be helpful for Landis and Liberty, but he also knows it won't determine the outcome.

"They're a deep and athletic team," he said about Roman Catholic. "They have a big, six-foot-nine kid in the middle named 'Junior' Fortunato, who is a Division I player, and they have very athletic guards."

"We definitely don't want to get into a track



PRESS PHOTOS BY ROB MERCHANT Liberty players KJ Williams, Eric Carlstrom and Darrun Hilliard are focused on states after falling in the District 11 finals.

meet with them, but we also have to be opportunistic ourselves. I think having a week off will give us some time to just think about what we have to do

as a team to get better. We have some things we need to iron out, but I'm always confident with this group of guys."



Alewidy Rivera, top, and Dante Holmes look for a rebound against Pottsville in the semis.

2A

Continued from page A9 Raymond Ball in 5:19 to grab the gold at 160. The other Hawk finalist, Rice, ran into Northern Lehigh's Zane Heller for the second straight week. At districts, Heller needed to rally for a 9-8 win. This time, Heller registered a 16-3 major decision.

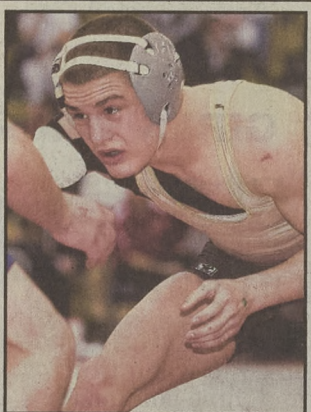
Karam was pleased with how his other guys performed in the wrestle-backs.

"Dehaut has been battling all year with some injuries, so it's good to see him get back to Hershey," Karam mentioned. "Richie Cruz took sixth here last year, and this time he was in that same fifth place bout and found a way to win it. Josh Alpha is a sophomore at 215, so it was good to see him make it."

The Hawks now begin pursuit of state gold on both team and individual levels. Randy Cruz and Dehaut were both PIAA runners-up last year, with



From left to right, Becahi had a total of six wrestlers in the finals: Darian Cruz, first at 112, Randy Cruz, first at 119 and Jaydon Rice, second at 125.



Randy coming within 19 seconds of winning his match in the final. "It is good that we are sending nine guys. The more you have, the better you can do out there," said Karam. "I think all of my guys have a chance to place."

"Burrell is going to be a tough team, because they have six really good kids who are all capable of placing high, so we have got to go out there and do a good job."



Two Hawks have to face defending State champions right off the bat in the preliminary round: Dehaut, who will take on South Fayette's Nick Carr, and Alpha, who will face Lackawanna Trail's Eric Laytos. The Class 2A championships will conclude this Saturday afternoon. The following is a list of preliminary round pairings for Bethlehem Catholic wrestlers at the PIAA Championships. 103 - Darian Cruz (37-2) vs. Josh Brown (35-10), sophomore, Claysburg-Kimmel 112 - Zeke Moisey (38-5) vs. Zack Kelly (29-7), freshman, Burrell 119 - Randy Cruz (39-5) vs. Nick Zanetta (37-7), sophomore, Keystone Oaks 125 - Jaydon Rice (34-10) vs. Nick Dusenduschine, (36-10), senior, Mount Carmel 130 - Richard Cruz (26-13) vs. Colin Fought (36-4), senior, Benton



PRESS PHOTOS BY BOB FORD

140 - Ryan Todora (37-7) vs. Jacob Durbin (35-7), senior, West Greene 152 - Kyle Dehaut (28-11) vs. *Nick Carr (38-1), senior, South Fayette 160 - Elliot Riddick (38-6) vs. Dylan Treaster (31-11), senior, Juniata 215 - Josh Alpha (28-13) vs. *Eric Laytos (42-1), junior, Lackawanna Trail * - denotes PIAA champion

3A

Continued from page A9 Lotito stole the show. "My coaches worked on a lot of stuff with me on my feet and the program we're on is designed to help us peak at states," said Lotito, who took third at districts a week ago. "Going into this tournament, I expected to do well, but I really exceeded my expectations."

Lotito (35-5), who took seventh in Hershey last year, will now hope to improve upon that finish after his stellar performance at regionals. He'll face Council Rock North's Shane Longstreth (29-10), who took fourth in the Southeast regional.

Lotito knows that the path to a state championship is never certain

at states, but he isn't letting all the success from a pinning weekend dictate his mindset in Hershey.

"My goal is to win states," he said. "I think losing at districts really motivated me heading into regionals, but I know that states is going to be a totally different experience."

Cabrera needed a last second takedown over Holley during the district final two weeks ago to escape with his second district crown, but he left no room for late heroics in topping Holley this time around to claim his second regional gold medal. Now, Cabrera has his sights on the one gold medal that he's never won—PIAA gold. "Everyone's goal heading into Hershey is to win it," he said. "I'm going in with the same mindset as

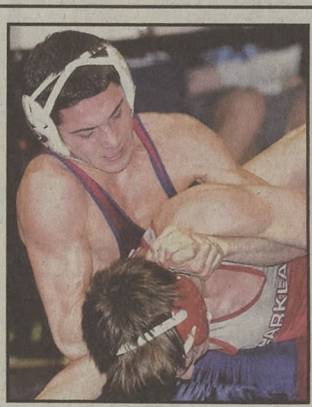
a year ago and I hope to light it up better than I did a year ago."

Cabrera reached the semifinals last year at states, but lost and then fell in his subsequent consolation bout before taking fifth place.

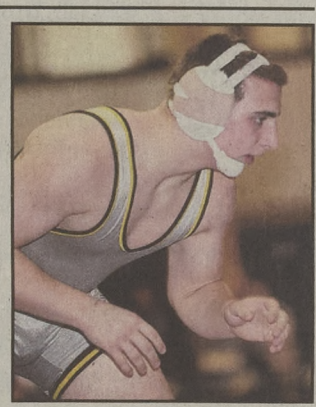
That isn't on the agenda this year, as he enters his first state competition completely healthy, after dealing with a menacing shoulder injury a year ago.

"I'm absolutely more confident this year heading to states," Cabrera said. "I feel like my normal self. Every year I've never been 100-percent, but this year I feel totally different."

Cabrera (34-3) will meet Methacton's Rob Dannunzio (40-6) in the opening round. Marino (34-4) rounds out Liberty's state



Liberty's Anthony Cabrera, left, is healthy and ready for states. Freedom's Evan Kauffman won his first two matches before getting eliminated.



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contingent, as he'll square off against Tyler Buckiso (40-5) of Peters Township.

Freedom's Evan Kauffman won his opening round match against Bob Falvo of Pittston Area, 6-5 before beating Antho-

ny Longer of Selinsgrove 14-6. He then fell to top seed Josh Popple of Coughlin in a fall at 3:47.

Kauffman lost to second-seed Dominick Wolfe of Shikellamy 12-3, who wrestled back to take third, to end his run.

DARTS

CITY-SUBURBAN ALL-STAR SERIES

In the 57th annual Lehigh Valley All-Star Series, the Suburban League beats the City League for the 38th time, 3 games to 2.

In Game 1, it was scoreless until the Suburban League scored in the 6th inning. They added 2 more runs in the 7th before the City League scored a run in the top of 8th inning. Suburban came back with a run in the bottom of the 8th and the City closed out the scoring with a HR from Mark Talijan, Suburban winning 4-2.

Game 2 saw the City take a 4-0 lead in the 2nd inning, 3 of them coming on a HR from Dorothy Williams. Suburban scored a pair of runs in the 4th to make the score 4-2. However, the City added a run in the 7th and 1 in the 8th and hung on to win 6-2.

In Game 3, again the City jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the 1st inning. Suburban came back with 2 runs in the 4th to cut the lead to 4-2. The City scored 2 runs in the 7th inning, and added 7 more in the 9th to cruise to a 12-2 win.

Game 4 saw the Suburban League score a run in the 2nd, and 4 more in the 3rd to take a 5-0 lead. The City came back with 2 runs in the bottom of the 3rd to make the score 5-2. Suburban added a run in the 5th inning on Jennifer Erkiner's HR, and 1 more in the 7th to make the score 7-2. The City scored 2 runs in the 9th to make the final score 7-4, Suburban.

Scoring 3 runs in the 2nd and 2 more in the 4th inning, the Suburban League cruised in Game 5 to a 5-0 win & the series 3 games to 2.

Some of the hitters included Rick Hasonich 7-18, Zack Hill 6-10, Bryan Frankenfield 5-13 (HR) and Jennifer Erkiner 4-13 (HR) for the Suburban League.

For the City League, Dick Hacker was 9-17, Travis Frankenfield 7-18, Dale Mack 6-13, Tom Walz 5-14, Paul Messman 5-16 and Dorothy Williams with a 3 run HR.

BETHLEHEM INTER-CHURCH DART

BASEBALL LEAGUE

Second half standings through March 2. Table with columns for team and record. Includes teams like East Hills, Fritz-Wes., Christ Luth, First UCC, College Hill, St. Peter's, Christ UCC, Trinity UCC, Beth. UCC, Holy Trin., St. Matth., Schnrsvlle, West Side.

RESULTS FROM 2/28/11

2/28/11 Trinity UCC at East Hills: 2-0, 1-2 (11), 3-7; College Hill at Christ Lutheran: 1-0, 2-3, 1-0; Bethany at Christ UCC: 5-4, 1-3, 2-4; St. Matthew's at Fritz-Wesleyan: 2-5, 2-5, 2-4; St. Peter's at First UCC: 2-6, 9-8 (10), 4-6; Schoenersville at Holy Trinity: 7-8 (10), 1-0, 2-4; BYE: West Side-Edgeboro

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2/28/11

- 1) BOB FILASETA HAD A BASE ON BALLS! He also went 6-11 for Christ Lutheran. 2) Floyd Muschitz, Jr. 5-11 & Bryan Himmelwright 4-12 for St. Matthew's. 3) Jack Rohal 6-11 & Matt Balkian 4-12 for Fritz-Wesleyan. 4) Ron Frankenfield 6-13 & Travis Frankenfield 6-14 for St. Peter's. 5) Dick Hacker 7-10 & Leroy Miller 5-9 for First UCC. 6) Tom Walz 9-14 for East Hills. 7) Mike Endy 5-5 in Game 1 for Trinity UCC. 8) Steve Wolfe 7-14, Bud Konschnick 6-13, Karl Bittner 5-12 & Marlin Bozes 6-11 for Bethany. 9) Gordy Fiegel 4-8 & Lin Fisher 5-12 (3 HRs) for Christ UCC. 10) Don Dilliard 7-13 for Schoenersville. 11) Barry Coles 6-12 & Dale Mack 7-13 for Holy Trinity. 12) Will Harstine had a game winning home run in Game 1 for College Hill.

No dampened spirits



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Rainy weather fails to dampen the spirits of 94-year-old Benjamin Jones, who is protected by a large umbrella, from doing his daily exercise walk along Pembroke Road in Bethlehem recently. Born and raised in Allentown, the 35-year Christmas City resident is known as "Benny" to his friends and lives in BHA housing. About his age, he says "the Lord has been good to me" and that he's looking forward to a special 95th birthday party in October.

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Active military workers to get paid

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

In the lobby outside the meeting room at Bethlehem Township's municipal building, there are all kinds of historical arrowheads and tools once used by Native Americans. They're all under glass, but on the coffee table there are numerous copies of something else: Comic books; "The New Avengers," with Marvel characters like Captain America, Thor and Iron Man, saluting the "real heroes, the men and women of the US military."

"Take one" offered Manager Howard Kutzler, explaining that a township employee who does double duty as a reservist brings in things like that for the kids. At their Feb. 21 meet-

ing, township commissioners said thanks to this reservist by unanimously adopting a resolution, sponsored by Jerry Batcha, to compensate township employees activated by the military. Commissioners will pay the difference between a worker's military pay and what he or she would have received from the township for 12 months.

A similar resolution was in place for eight years for the now ended "Operation Iraqi Freedom," but Batch noted "We still have several Township employees who are in the military, and at any given time, can be activated."

In other business, Kutzler reported that, with a

recent \$8,729.42 expenditure for road salt, Bethlehem Township has now exhausted its budget on that line item for the year. He will use liquid fuel tax proceeds for additional purchases if bad weather continues.

Commissioners ended their meeting with a discussion of a 55-acre property, west of Route 191, donated by the late Janet Johnston Housenick to Bethlehem Township for use as a public park in 2005. A mansion on this property was built by her grandfather, Archibald Johnston, a president of Bethlehem Iron Works and Bethlehem's first mayor.

Although the park is unlikely to open officially

until later this year or perhaps even next, Commissioner Michael Hudak reported many people are already using it to walk their dogs and even build campfires. "It's turning into a dog park," he complained, asking for signs to be placed at the entrance.

Right next to this park is another 36-acre tract that Housenick donated to Northampton County as a park in 1986. Township officials have asked solicitor James Broughal to continue his efforts to acquire that tract.

"I have not received any indication they will not consider this," he reported, but cautioned that a property transfer would have to be approved by Northampton County Council.

Board members question score sheets

By **AMY HERZOG**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority members discussed the 2010 share of uncommitted grant applications during their Feb. 28 meeting.

The authority is currently in the process of reviewing 52 applications submitted by local municipalities to fund local projects

such as pedestrian signage and fixing drainage. Six of the applications received already had funds allocated in a previous round. With 42 projects remaining, a subcommittee picked 16 for further consideration by the full board.

During the meeting the scoring sheet used to rate and choose which projects would merit further

consideration was called into question. Chair of the Authority, John Finnegan Jr., became uncomfortable with how the 16 projects were chosen. The scoring sheets of the subcommittee were not available for review by the board and it was decided to go back and have the subcommittee re-score the projects and submit scoring sheets for

March. Projects will then be chosen by the score and the municipality will be invited to a meeting for an interview discussing their project.

No grants have been awarded at this time from the uncommitted funds available.

The next meeting will take place on March 28 at 5:30 p.m.

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THIS WEEK IN
BETHLEHEM HISTORY

Silk mill industry

March 9, 2011

By the 1920s, there were more than 100 textile mills in the Lehigh Valley. Newly immigrated women and children were the employees of this industry. Many women immigrated to the Lehigh Valley alone after hearing of available jobs. They earned on average \$15 a week in 1920.



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

immigrants arrived here after 1900, young girls were leaving the Lehigh Valley farms to work in the mills.

Four mills operated in Bethlehem. The Lehigh Valley Silk Mills, the first silk mill built in the Lehigh Valley, was built in Fountain Hill in 1886. Architect A.W. Leh designed the first building of the group of mills, called the Lipps & Sutton Mill. By 1918, the complex also included the Warren Mill, Lloyd Mills and Williamsburg Mills.

In Pennsylvania the legal age a child could begin work was 12, before a strict labor law was passed in 1915. A quote in the Bethlehem Daily Times, dated Feb. 11, 1886, from a silk mill owner promised, "A number of experienced silk workers will be brought from New Jersey to educate the boys and girls of the vicinity."

In 1901, Frank Allen, secretary of the Silk Mill Association of America, said to the United States Industrial Commission, "These manufacturers began to look around for possibilities of the industry in other places, and that is inherently the reason why Pennsylvania has grown as a center of the silk industry. In Pennsylvania the labor laws regarding child operatives and the number of hours employed are different from those in force in New Jersey."

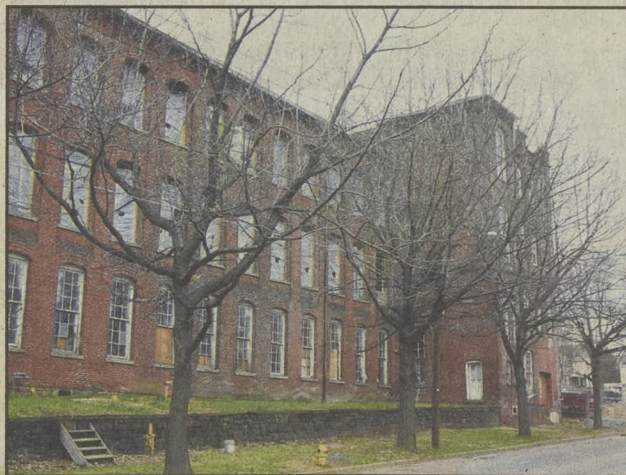
The 1920 federal census listed the total population of Bethlehem as 50,358 with 21.7 percent being foreign born. The new residents of Bethlehem came from Hungary, Austria, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Russia. As the textile mills began appearing in Bethlehem in the late 1800s, young girls were the typical employees. In 1900, 45.3 percent of the mill employees were under the age of 18. Before large numbers of

Bethlehem entrepreneurs A. Wilbur, Robert P. Linderman and J. Davis Brodhead negotiated with Sutton and Lipse of New York to build a silk mill in Fountain Hill. The men had in mind increasing the job opportunities for women and children. The Lehigh Valley Silk Mill closed in 1937 due to bankruptcy. Today the buildings, located on Seneca and Clewell streets, are used for private residences and government offices. These buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Bethlehem Silk Mill was built in 1886 at 238 West Goepf St. It expanded into seven buildings, making it the largest silk mill in Pennsylvania. The Bath railroad passed in front of the mill. There was a small railway station in front of the mill. The mill produced silk and ribbon. The silk was used for hosiery and bathing suits. The plant usually employed about 450 people. It closed in 1952. There have been several plans to convert the building into apartments. A fire in 2006 caused \$8 million dollars in damage. The late Victorian brick building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Russell K. Laros Silk Mills is located at 601-675 East Broad St. The company was organized in 1921 and employed 1,200 people to manufacture silk

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROY SCHREFFLER

The Bethlehem Silk Mill on Goepp Street is being renovated for apartments.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

'Mulegellan' made his debut at the D&L dinner with mapping of the entire Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor imprinted on his flank and the D&L logo on his chest. With 'Mulegellan' are D&L resource and conservation specialist Sherry Acevedo, Matt McTish from the consulting engineers firm of McTish, Kunkel and Associates, and D&L outreach coordinator Dennis Scholl.

Preservation efforts recognized



Lehigh County executive Don Cunningham Jr. receives the Leadership Award from D&L president and executive director Allen Sachse and D&L vice-chair Paul Fogal. Cunningham recalled his frequent jogs along the trail during his time as Bethlehem mayor as critical to his "developing a strong love and appreciation" for all that the D&L National Heritage Corridor does.

By **DANA GRUBB**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

About 125 regional supporters of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor gathered Nov. 4 at the second annual "partners recognition dinner" in the Hotel Bethlehem to recognize and honor key contributors for their preservation efforts throughout the Heritage Corridor. D&L executive director Allen Sachse welcomed attendees and detailed a number of initiatives under way that would add 12 more miles to the corridor's trail system in 2011.

Honorees were: The City of Easton, which received the Heritage Development Award; Lehigh County Executive Don Cunningham who

received the Leadership Award; then Speaker of the Pa. House of Representatives Keith R. McCall, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award; John "Jack" Koehler received the Commandant Award for volunteerism; Friends of the Delaware Canal received the Stewardship Award; The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources received the Legacy Award; the Wildlands Conservancy received the Heritage Partnership Award; and Stegmaier Mansion owner Joseph Matteo received the Heritage Tourism Award for his restoration efforts of the property located in Wilkes-Barre.



Keith R. McCall was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award and calls the D&L National Heritage Corridor a "mechanism to reinvent ourselves through interpreting and talking about the rich history of our area."



Commandant Award winner and Weatherly resident John "Jack" Koehler is recognized for his many years of volunteering to "enhance and maintain the D&L Trail."

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**Northampton Community College
Prime Time begins March 17**

Prime Time classes, designed with learners age 50 and up in mind, are being held at the main campus. Courses include elder care planning, advanced digital planning, beginning water color painting and more. The Lunch and Learn with Professors series begins March 17 with topics ranging from computer training to balance and posture. The sessions feature a lunch prepared by NCC culinary arts students. call 1-877-543-0998

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

**Moravian College
Conversations continue March 15**

Conversations with Community Leaders Series continues at 7 p.m. March 15 in the UBC room, Haupt Union Building (HUB). Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Robert Freeman, 136th Legislative District, will speak. This is a rescheduled of the Feb. 1 event which was postponed due to the weather.

Freeman earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Moravian, graduating magna cum laude in 1978. He earned a master's degree in history from Lehigh University. He has served as executive director of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee.

Moravian Seminary awards March 10

The Moravian Theological Seminary will posthumously honor former Bethlehem resident Dorothy Osterhut Burcaw, '85 and '91, with the John Hus Award at 11:30 a.m. March 10. The reunion and luncheon will be held in the Haupt Union Building dining room. She is being recognized for her life in ministry in education, in the parish, and among seniors. Rev. Charles Joseph Otto, '03, of Pittston, will receive the 2011 Bishop Kortz Award for his work as a pastoral counselor.

Alumni board member elections will take place. There will be an introduction of seminary seniors, recognition of 25th and 50th reunion classes and of retiring board members.

Weber Memorial Lecture March 11

Dr. Brian Wren, a hymn writer and United Reformed Church pastor, will present the annual Weber Memorial Lecture on at 9:30 a.m. March 11. "Surprise Us By the Words We Sing: New Hymns to Sing and Ponder" will take place in the Foy Concert Hall, Hurd Campus. The second presentation, "Does Congregational Singing Have a Future?" will take place at 11:15 a.m. The lectures will be followed by lunch and a 1:30 p.m. question and answer session with concluding hymns and songs.

College gets science grant

Moravian College has been awarded a \$598,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund Moravian College Scholars in Mathematics and Computer Science program. The funding allows 24 community college transfer students to complete a bachelor's degree in mathematics or computer science at Moravian.

Participating community colleges include Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC), Northampton Community College (NCC), Bucks CCC, County College of Morris, Harrisburg Area CC, Montgomery CCC, Warren CCC, and Sussex CCC. For math and computer science majors at NCC, which awards its own two-year STEM scholarships, the Moravian transfer program will offer the possibility of four years of scholarship funding.

Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.

Council approves \$18M loan

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council didn't hesitate to fire Bethlehem police officer Michael Lenner, 29, at its March 1 meeting. On a motion by Councilwoman Karen Dolan, the board voted 5-0 to terminate Lenner; Councilwoman Jean Belinski didn't vote because she had not attended all the hearings when the council heard evidence in the case.

Lenner's case is part of the same incident that led to council firing former policeman John Nye in December. Police authorities had charged the two officers with tampering with evidence.

In other business, the council voted 5-1 to approve plans to borrow almost \$18 million through bonds, money that will mostly be used to pay last year's expenses.

Mayor John Callahan had requested \$20 million but council trimmed his request to \$16 million. At the approved figure of almost \$18 million, the extra nearly \$2 million represents costs payable to the many agencies and financial companies who helped put the deal together.

The Bethlehem Authority will issue the bonds. In addition to covering last year's expenses, the money will help fund the 2011 city budget, according to Daryl Peck, the city's financial planner.

Peck touted the transaction as a good thing in that the city is getting the \$18 million and will still be able to pay down the overall debt without increasing the annual debt service.

The city currently pays about \$8.7 million in debt service from previous bonds. Peck said that the overall expense for debt service would start to



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Joseph T. Mari and his wife, Milby, retired from the Public Works Department after 59 years of service.

decrease in 2015. Officials hope to pay off the entire debt by 2023, about when today's third graders graduate high school.

Peck's projections assume that the city doesn't borrow similar amounts in the future to cover unexpected expenses. With continuously increasing health care premiums and slowed revenues, unbudgeted expenses seem likely.

The one dissenting vote was from Councilman David T. DiGiacinto who said that he hoped the city would have the revenue to pay the debt service.

Passage of the borrowing bill, coupled with what some see as the mismanagement of last year's finances that contributed to the shortfall the administration wants make up with the \$18 million bond

issue encouraged local Republicans.

Three of them have been regularly attending the council's meetings and have announced plans to run for currently Democratic seats on the City Council.

Tea Party Republicans Tony Simao and Tom Carroll and Republican Al Bernotes said in an interview that they are running for office.

City Council President Robert J. Donchez and Councilman J. William Reynolds said they would seek re-election this year. Councilman and former mayor Gordon B. Mowrer plans to step down when his term expires this year. They are all Democrats.

Council President Donchez presented commemorative citations to three long-time employ-

ees: Joseph T. Mari - 59 years, retiring from the Public Works Department; William L. Tone - 25 years, retiring from the Water and Sewer Department; and Jean Zweifel - 37 years, retiring from the Human Resources Department.

Council approved the revised alarm ordinance that sets new fees and fines.

Council also approved a campaign finance ordinance that requires all candidates for city council, mayor, treasurer and controller to file campaign finance reports with the city clerk and to file them with the Northampton County election office. The city clerk will post the reports on the city's website.

Northampton County may post the campaign finance reports on its website.

Council approved the appointment of Jennifer Swett as the city's fair housing officer.

It approved a permit for the American Association of University Women to use the Memorial Pool building for a book fair starting April 26 and going April 30.

Star of Bethlehem Festival Inc. got City Council approval to use part of Sand Island for the Riverside Wine Festival through May 21 and 22.

Council approved Celtic Cultural Alliance's request to hold a St. Patrick's Day concert March 12.

Director of Parks and Public Property Ralph Carp submitted a letter requesting that City Council refer the plan by the North Central Connie Mack baseball team to erect dugouts on the Monocacy Hardball Field to the Parks and Public Property committee for review.

If you build it, will zoners approve?

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

An Emmaus stonemason learned the hard way Feb. 23 that, before starting a building project in Bethlehem, it's best to have the appropriate clearances.

Stavros Kiprizlis told Bethlehem zoners he was "frustrated" after waiting two years for a zoning officer to review blueprints for an addition that would create a two-family home at 612 Cherokee St. He actually had to replace plans after they were lost. So

he decided to take matters into his own hands and just build it.

Five Cherokee Street neighbors, including civil rights activist Esther Lee, spoke strongly against any variances.

"The proper credentials were never secured," she complained. "It looks horrendous. And I suggest that it come down."

Lee also blamed the city. "I heard drilling and sawing and I don't know what else. If I could see it, I don't

know why others couldn't have aborted what you were doing."

Echoing Lee's concerns, Cherokee Street resident Francis Martinez argued that a favorable decision would mean that "any contractor in the city can do anything they want, come here, and you people say 'OK, this is fine, we're going to let it go.'"

Representing Kiprizlis, Bethlehem Attorney Jim Holzinger argued, "We're trying to resolve this in a way that is not going to be too

damaging to the neighbors. ... This construction went on without a permit for an extended period of time. Two wrongs don't make a right."

But in response to questions from ZHB member Kenneth Kraft, Kiprizlis acknowledged that in his 30 years as a masonry contractor, he's pulled many permits and is familiar with the process. Zoners quickly, and unanimously, rejected his application for approval of a two-family dwelling.



PHOTO/BERNIE O'HARE

"The proper credentials were never secured," says Esther Lee during the Feb. 23 Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

PEOPLE SAY ... BY DANA GRUBB

What kind of role should America play in resolving the political unrest in countries such as Libya?



"I don't think we should do anything. We don't have the money right now."
Jan Coxon
Harrisburg



"We should stay out and mind our own business. These countries should resolve it themselves."
Tom Schaum
Lititz



"We should back off and let them settle their own issues at this point. We're spread out all over the place, so let other people take care of their own problems."
Bob McKellin
Lower Saucon Township



"I don't really think there should be a response. Let them do it on their own. We did."
John Merritt Easton



"We can't involve ourselves in these dictatorships and regime changes. We could supply them with humanitarian aid, but as far as providing arms or going in militarily, we should not."
Bob Griffiths
Emmaus



"I don't think we can stand by and be passive observers. Right now in Libya there is definitely an unequal distribution of firepower and there are a lot of innocent victims. I think the USA could play a leadership role in establishing a no-fly zone in addition to the behind the scenes activities I'm sure we're already engaged in."
Wayne Sherrer
Phillipsburg, N.J.

Benjamin Kraft

Liberty HS

Grade: 12
Family members: Mother, Margot Hillman; father, Steve Kraft

Favorite subject: Math – I like abstract reasoning and patterns.

Activities: Scholastic Scrimmage, Math Team, Strategy Club, chorus

Next steps: College in math

Career goals: Something with math

Heroes: Paul Erdos, for doing so much cool math with so many people

Hobbies: Piano, math, model rocketry

Volunteer/community work: Mathcounts official, spelling bee official

Likes: Ideas, people with ideas, mathematical ideas

Dislikes: Stupidity

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Member of two-time national champion



American Regions Mathematics League team; National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist; Siemens Competition regional finalist

Advice for peers: Do what makes you happy.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



Earth Storytellers

Saint Michael The Archangel School students Owen Westwood, Sam Shimer, Charles Probst and Peter Mulhall dress as "trolls" during a Middle Earth Storytellers assembly Jan. 31 as part of the school's Catholic Schools Week celebration. Primary school students dressed in costumes reminiscent of the Middle Ages and recreated scenes as a storyteller narrated the story "Legend of the Unicorn."

Catholic School's Week



PRESS PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA UNDERHILL

LIBERTY HS NEWS

PSSA testing this week

Though not into the most difficult years of my high school career yet, balancing all the extracurricular activities is exhausting. Many people I know could say, since



Michelle Cardona
Liberty HS

Hurricanes like to stay active in our community, there is always something to do. With track and field coming up, my schedule is about to get a whole lot busier, and a lot more tiring. I am involved in many clubs here at Liberty and I enjoy all the work and the effort I'm putting into it because, in the end, I know it will pay off.

With the approach of spring, Liberty HS is as active as ever. Latino Youth Leadership highlighted some of the school's best talents at the Teen Variety Explosion. With students like Maria Loguidice singing an original song and Danica DeMesa and Kelly Donaldson performing a singing medley with ukuleles, the entertainment never stopped. More of an exhibition of talent than a contest, the performers were not judged on their acts; they just performed for the enjoyment of others

There is also a great deal of anticipation regarding the spring sports teams. Track and field, run by Coach Kevin Bush, is bound to be a success. Distance track is giving Coach Bush a good outlook on the season with star runners such as Vrinda

Jagota, Amy Darlington and Tom Darlington. There is also a lot to look forward to with the softball, baseball, boys tennis and girls soccer teams.

Every junior in Pennsylvania is preparing for PSSA testing week, which for Liberty is the week of March 7. Juniors are hoping to exceed expectations as the school and the district as a whole must continue to make progress.

Teen Summit is hosting its annual fashion show this year in early April. Having already been selected to appear at the show, students such as Priscilla Ruilova and Jacob Peskin now just have to find out which designer has chosen them to wear their clothing. It is quite exciting to be picked for companies such as David's Bridal, PacSun and Debbs.

Every year Liberty shines in our theater department, and we are excited for this year's performance of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The play will be performed in Liberty's auditorium April 14, 15, and 16 with shows starting at 7 p.m. each night. Jordan Dunnigan has gotten the lead role in this year's spring play.

The charitable Liberty club, Relay for Life, run by Marissa Guarriello, Ashley Matus and Victor Neumann, raises money for the American Cancer Society. With many yearlong events going on, there is always something to look forward to with Relay for Life, such as the April 23 Easter Egg Hunt. This will be an exciting time for children and parents alike.

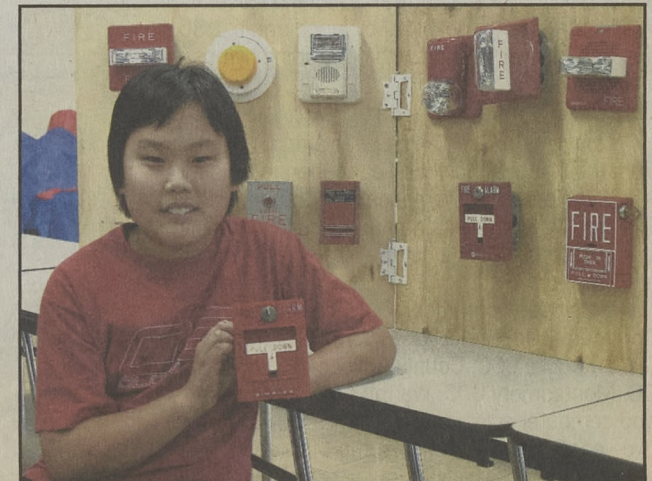


Homecoming

Allentown Central Catholic HS's football team captain, Connor Faust, holds the PIAA-AAA State Championship trophy with Saint Michael the Archangel School kindergarten teacher Regina Hartung. Connor attended Saint Michael the Archangel School though eighth grade before attending Allentown Central Catholic. Connor, accompanied by fellow players Noah Robb and G.B. Harkins, visited their alma mater in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week festivities at the elementary school.

Seton Academy

Seton Academy held a hobby fair at the school Feb. 4 as part of Catholic Schools Week. Students in all grades were encouraged to bring in samples of their hobbies to share with other students. Seton Academy's theme for Catholic Schools Week was "Patriotism." Other events held included Sunday Open House. **ABOVE:** Jeff Olson shows Anthony Demasi how his Ferris wheel made from K'nex works. He demonstrated several items he made with K'nex and Legos.



Justin Born shows his collection of fire alarms dating from the 1960s to present.

Saucon Valley twirlers take second



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM SINGLES

Saucon Valley twirlers Erica Martinez, above, and Shea McGlone and Lauren Exley, right, participated in a recent TIA event at Salisbury Middle School. The Saucon valley team placed second at the competition and was last year's Chapter 2 Novice Champions. The team is coached by Allison Ferris.



HIGH SCHOOLS MUSICALS

Thursday, March 17

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7 p.m. Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Ave. Call 610-867-5843.

Friday, March 18

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7 p.m. Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Ave. Call 610-867-5843.

Saturday, March 19

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7 p.m. Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Ave. Call 610-867-5843.

Sunday, March 20

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 2 p.m. Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Ave. Call 610-867-5843.

SCHOOL NOTES

LHS Alumni Band concert March 11

Liberty High School Alumni Band will hold its free 17th annual concert at 7:30 p.m. March 11. The program will be in the Liberty HS auditorium, 1115 Linden St. Ronald Sherry will conduct music ranging from John Phillip Sousa to show tunes.

Freedom's Cassidy gets Prudential award

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards has selected Timothy Cassidy, a Freedom High School senior, for the President's Volunteer Service Award for his exemplary volunteer service. He gave 1800 community service hours to the Civil Air Patrol Composite Squad 904, Turning Point and other organizations. He plans to serve in the military upon graduation. Freedom principal Michael LaPorta presented him with a certificate and a letter from President Obama.

MathCounts team places 16th

The Swain School MathCounts team placed 16th out of 32 in the Feb. 12 regional competition at Lower Macungie Middle School. Team members included seventh grade members Linda Cordero and Bethany Trepel of Bethlehem. The teams are advised by math teacher Lauren Kreitz.



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Big box-store alternative



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Frank Perkowsky, owner of the Sportsman's Liquidation outlet in the Bethlehem Square Shopping Center, stands ready to welcome his fellow enthusiasts for real bargains on hunting and fishing gear. Since its grand opening in August, Sportsman's has cemented itself as part of a franchise featuring manufacturer overstock to give customers the best value available. "There was real need by hunting and fishing people in the area, and they had to pay whatever the big box stores offered," Perkowsky said. "Our everyday price is the bottom price." The store stocks a wide array of apparel and camouflage hunting clothes, fishing rods, crossbows, calls, blinds and tents from companies such as Parker, Sentlok Flugler and franchise-owned Team Whitetail. Passing savings on to the customer is what Sportsman's is all about, Perkowsky said. "Come and check us out and you can make your own decision where to shop." The store is at 3926 Linden Street.

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SAUCON VALLEY SD

Board considers new phys. therapy provider

By MARK RECCEK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Similar to its sister school districts in the Lehigh Valley, Saucon Valley continues to explore cost saving approaches that will save the district and its taxpayers money.

Supervisor of Special Education Shawn Rutt did just that at the board's Feb. 22 meeting by proposing a new occupational and physical therapy service provider.

Rutt told the board and members of the community that use of Pediatric Therapeutic Services (PTS) would ultimately save the district nearly \$30,000.

"The biggest difference is cost," Rutt explained in an email to The Press March 4. "Use of the new provider has the potential to save the district almost \$30,000 over three years."

Rutt added that the district continues to look at cost saving approaches, district wide.

"The district administration is continually looking for ways to save money, while continuing to provide mandated and appropriate services to our students," he said.

According to Rutt, use of PTS is more economical for the school district, as it only bills the district for time the therapist works with students, in comparison to the Intermediate Unit, which charges the district for time

spent traveling and the use of supplies. PTS would provide occupational and physical therapy to students who require such services as part of their Individualized Education Plan or Chapter 15 service agreement.

Rutt said PTS has a long, successful history of providing quality services to school districts. Rutt further explained that many students respond more favorably under a group setting, rather than a one on one setting.

Board President Lachlan Peeke asked Rutt to obtain quotes from three alternative therapy providers and present his findings at a board meeting in the future.

In other school board business, Robert Frey requested that the board consider the creation of an athletic hall of fame.

Any member of the public could nominate an athlete for inclusion. A nine member committee would then review the nominations and select seven athletes to be included into the hall of fame for the next three years. After the initial selection of seven athletes, five athletes would be selected yearly.

The deadline for nominations would be Oct. 30 and a formal ceremony for those inducted would be held in May or June.

The next school board meeting will be held March 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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WEEK

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yarn. Each day the company produced enough yarn to make 20,000 dozen pairs of stockings. The building still stands today.

The Cutter's Silk Mill was also called Sauquoit Mill or Rossmassler Mill in West Bethlehem, between the canal and the Lehigh River at 250 West River St. In 1883, the John B. Cutter Silk Mills of Bethlehem, founded in 1870, went into bankruptcy. The Gudebrod brothers, who had a mill

that produced thread in Windsor Locks, Conn., bought the Cutter Silk Mills and moved their entire Windsor Locks plant to Bethlehem. They continued to operate as the Cutter Silk Mills as well as the Champion Silk Mills in Bethlehem for the next year, employing 2,000 workers. The brothers moved their operation to Pottstown in 1892. The Sauquoit Silk Manufacturing Company operated the mill until the Cutter Silk Mill Company ceased operations in 1984.

Polka Impresario

On The Air with Jolly Joe Timmer
Reasons to listen to Sunny 1100



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MONDAY	SIGN-ON-7 AM - STEVE CAPWELL - MUSIC 7:05-9 AM - "MORNING TALK" 9:05-10 AM - "THE LAURA INGRAHAM SHOW" 10:05-11 AM - "DUKE & THE DOCTOR" 11 AM-1 PM - "THE JOLLY JOE TIMMER SHOW" 1:05-3 PM - "THE DENNIS MILLER SHOW" 3:05-5 PM - "THE DAVE RAMSEY SHOW" 5:05-6 PM - "WGPA SUNNY 1100 POLKA SHOW" 6:05 - SIGN OFF - MIKE MCMILLAN
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