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A look at what to expect from the Hawks in the 2015 season.



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Freedom survived some lineup changes in a recent match.



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▼ **THEY SAID IT**

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NICK D'AMICO
FHS BASEBALL COACH

▼ **BRIEFLY**

CONNIE MACK

Lehigh Sports Association's Connie Mack team will be holding baseball tryouts for players on:

Saturday, April 12, Noon-2 p.m.
Saturday, April 19, Noon-2 p.m.

The tryouts will be held at the Lehigh Little League Senior Baseball Field, Monocacy Park, on Illick's Mill Road.

Connie Mack Baseball is for players 13 to 17. Players cannot turn 17 before May 1st of this year.

The plan for this year is to have two teams, one regular Connie Mack Team and one 13-year-old team. Some 13s may be on the regular team. The 13 program is new for this season.

ISO SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Senior men's slo-pitch softball teams need players (63 or older). Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Patriot's Park in Allentown.

The first practice is Tuesday, April 21. If interested or for more information, contact Jim at 484-294-6585.

ST. LUKE'S HOLDS YOUTH

St. Luke's is sponsoring a youth run for children ages 3-14 on Saturday, April 25, at the PPL Plaza, 835 Hamilton Street in Allentown.

The purpose is to educate children to the sport of running and promote a healthy life.

The run is free and prized will be awarded to the top-three schools that have participants complete the run.

To register online go to their web site at stlukeshalfmarathon.com.

LACROSSE

'Canes looking for historic season

By PETER CAR
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It would be fair to say that this is a historic season for lacrosse in the Bethlehem School District. With lacrosse finally being a district sponsored sport, coaches like Liberty's Joe Sexton have a lot less to worry about. With that issue resolved, Sexton can mostly worry about coaching

his team, where the Liberty boys are off to 1-1 start on the season following an up and down start last week.

The Hurricanes opened the season with a 14-5 victory over rival Freedom last week led by three goals each from Ryan Brong, Tyler Seddon and Evan Smith, which proved to be an even more special evening for the 'Canes.

"The win puts us in a decent position to get in the playoffs and puts the ball in our hands now," said Sexton. "Our defense played phenomenal and our offense stayed disciplined, which has been lacking in the past."

"I know Freedom is a lot more talented than what we saw the other night so we will not take them lightly the second

time. "This was the first official Bethlehem School District high school lacrosse game ever played, in contrast to the club games we had in the past. It meant the world to the kids to finally beat their city rivals for the first time, especially in this historic game. Although the rivalry is intense it's great to see how well the

kids get along after the game."

Returning for the 'Canes this year includes Mike Morales (midfield, junior), Evan Smith (midfield, senior), Tyler Seddon (midfield, senior), Ryan Brong (attack, senior), Matt Tkacik (attack, senior), Jackson Eighmy (defense, sophomore), Jake Burke (defense, sophomore) and Tom Murphy

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BASEBALL



PRESS PHOTOS BY SCOTT PAGEL

Mario McIntyre hit two home runs as the Patriots knocked off Pocono Mountain East last week.

Patriots look to stay unbeaten in the EPC



Zak Gagnon gave up two early runs but shut down Pocono East the rest of the way and picked up the win.

By PETER CAR
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It's the type of start that Freedom was hoping for as they entered the 2015 season, and despite the odd weather preventing them from seeing time on the field, the Pates remain unbeaten in East Penn Conference action through early this week.

Freedom (3-1) took care of business last week, posting two league wins in as many games, but falling to Wilson on Saturday in non-conference play with a 10-2 defeat.

For head coach Nick D'Amico, getting on the field for the first time last week has prevented his team from fully acclimating to the rigors of the

outdoor game, but the Pates didn't miss a beat, outlasting Northampton 5-4 and controlling Pocono Mountain East 5-2.

"Very happy and pleased with where the guys are right now," said D'Amico. "To get out on the field just last week, for us to be able to play very clean games is very important and that's a credit to them because of the hard work they're putting in."

Pitchers Zak Gagnon and John Yocum helped pick up the wins for the Pates last week, as Yocum threw against the K-Kids and allowed four hits and two runs in the win, as well as belting a two-run homerun to help his cause,

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LHS beats Wilson in extras

By PETER CAR
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Andy Pitsilos knew he had a young team heading into this spring, but sitting at 3-1 early in the week certainly is something that will make any coach with a young roster happy.

The Hurricanes capitalized on that during Monday's 4-3 nonconference victory over Wilson West Lawn in extra innings.

Ben Kraihanzel crossed the plate for the winning run, as the Hurricanes had the bases loaded and the Bulldogs provided a gift by hitting Ryan Wescoe at the plate to give the Hurricanes the win.

"Yeah, it was a good win to pick up for us," Pitsilos said. "We're a young team and anytime you can come away from games like this with a win, it's a positive."

Pitcher Alexis Calderon went all eight innings on the mound for the Hurricanes in the win, throwing 119 pitches, allowing eight hits, two earned runs, striking out six and walking two. Pitsilos is hoping to get another start out of him Friday against Whitehall and didn't have a problem finishing the game out in order to keep other arms fresh in the rotation.

"He looked just as strong in the eighth as he did in the first couple innings," he said. "He threw a great game for us and he's young too, so it was good day for him."

Liberty trailed 2-0 in the third inning, but came back to tie the game up at two apiece following a Ryan Wescoe bunt in the fifth. Logan Steidinger then gave the 'Canes a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the frame with an RBI single, but two errors in the sixth

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VOLLEYBALL

Hurricanes trying to prove themselves

By PETER CAR
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Liberty's volleyball team is proving to be the leader of the pack in the East Penn Conference's Steel Division, getting wins over Freedom, Bethlehem Catholic and Easton to kick-start their season, but the 'Canes are still hungry.

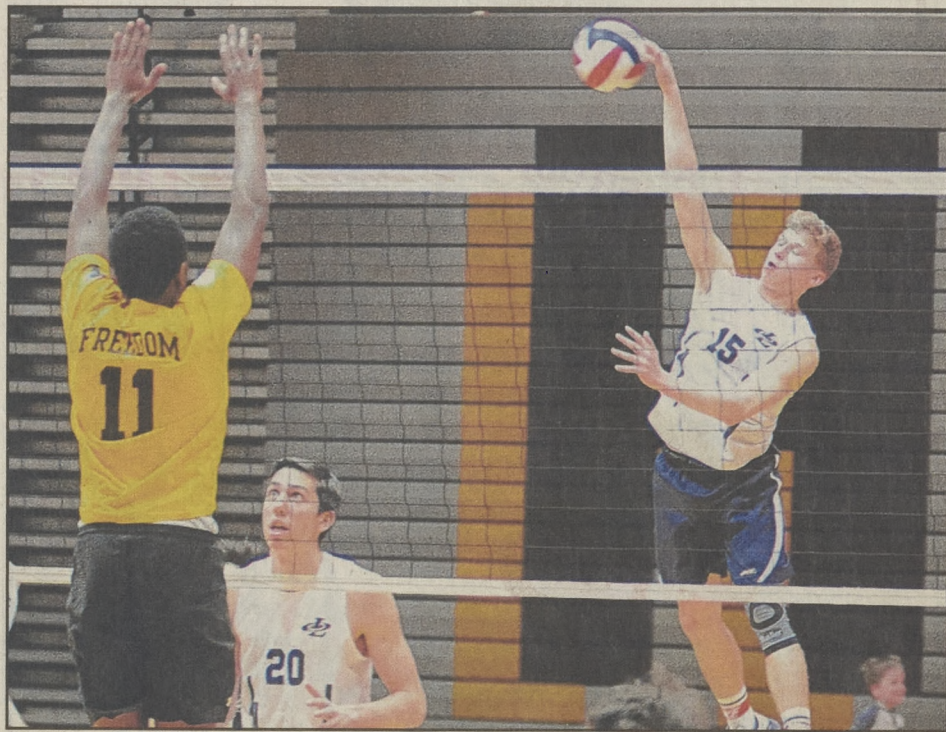
An opening season loss to Emmaus in five games may have proved to be a catalyst for the Hurricanes (3-1) winning their next three matches, but this week will test their mettle again, as they take on Whitehall (2-2) and Parkland (3-0).

Head coach Neid Ammary knows it'll be a continued test of what his team has learned since their Emmaus defeat.

"Since that loss, we have reminded ourselves that we're not good enough yet, so we've gone back to work on some of the basics of our performance identity," Ammary said. "Whitehall and Parkland are two other great programs as well, and they will be tough to overcome."

"We're going to make mistakes and be pressured by them, but hopefully we can use our intelligence and athleticism to make

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PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Liberty's Logan Priestas, right, looks to fire the ball by Freedom's Jason Fraser (11) during a recent contest.

BRIEFLY

BETHLEHEM

Community Day set for April 11

Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites free Community Day at Burnside Plantation will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 11 at 1461 Schoenersville Road.

There will be colonial cooking and blacksmithing demonstrations, children's gardening activities and a 4H Swine Club presentation. Call 1-800-360-tour or visit www.historicbethlehem.org.

ARC

Benefit set for April 10

The American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley will hold the seventh annual Cabaret & Cuisine: At the Hop... Again! from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. April 10 at the Lehigh Valley International Airport Hangar 2, 3311 Airport Road, Allentown. The honorary event chair is John T. Yurconic, president of John Yurconic Agency.

1950s attire is encouraged. There will be a signature cocktail provided by Tito's Handmade Vodka; food by local chefs; complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks; games; auctions; and entertainment by DJ Frantic Freddie Frederick.

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NorCo Gaming Board: \$1.6 million expected, \$1.6 million is sought

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

Northampton County's nine-member Gaming Board doles out the slots revenue from the Sands Casino every year. This year, their work might be finished early. Applications for this year's grants stand at about \$1.6 million, and that's about all that the board expects to get.

Karen Collis said succinctly when the board met on March 23, "As of now, there's \$88." She was referring to the amount of money in the restricted fund, used for the first and possibly only round of grants.

"Thanks for coming!" John Dally wisecracked to the applicants in the audience.

By law, the first round of grants must go to Bethlehem, Northampton County and the five municipalities surrounding Bethlehem. These are Hanover Township, Bethlehem Township, Lower Saucon Township and Hellertown. To be awarded a grant, they must show they've been impacted by gambling. If any money is left over, it can be awarded to other municipalities.

This year's grant applications are as follows:

Bethlehem - The Christmas City is seeking nearly half of the \$1.6 million expected this year. It also is impacted more heavily than any other municipality. It wants \$400,000 for a \$1.2 million 95-foot aerial bucket truck. This vehicle will be able to respond to the casino within four minutes if called into service. Bethlehem is also asking for \$130,000 to re-chassis an aging 2007



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Bethlehem's Planning Director Darlene Heller and DCEC Director Alicia Karner advocate for a greenway grant in South Bethlehem

ambulance. EMT Tom Decker told the board 7.5 percent of the ambulance call volume is for the casino. Finally, Planning Director Darlene Heller and DCEC Director Alicia Karner pitched a \$250,000 proposal for improvements to the South Bethlehem greenway. Karner called this a positive impact of the casino because many casino employees are using the Greenway, located between Third and Fourth streets, to walk to work.

Tom Nolan was dubious. "I find it difficult to connect the dots," he said. Karner connected them, explaining people who live in South Bethlehem neighborhoods use the greenway to get to their job at the casino. "When the Bethlehem Steel was there, they all walked," added Freemansburg Mayor Gerald Yob,

Bethlehem Township

Three grants are being sought for the purchase of two police vehicles (\$101,528), 15 new defibrillators (\$23,514) and replacement of a 2007 ambulance (\$120,200). Capt. Greg Gottschall said the new cruisers will replace the oldest vehicles, which are seven years old. He said the defibrillators need to be replaced because of changes in the software. Finally, ambulance officials told the board that they responded to 842 calls in Bethlehem last year, most of them on the South side.

Freemansburg - Chief Todd Pantuso did the talking, and is asking for \$102,988 for an enhancement to operational technology. Freemansburg's Main Street is taken as a short cut to the casino, the chief explained. He's seen the traffic triple since his arrival one-and-a-half years ago. DUI and drug

arrests have increased as well. While dealing with increased crime and traffic, his computer system has frozen several times. No data has been lost.

Hanover Township - Director of Administration Ryan Kish wants \$42,000 for a Chevy Tahoe to be driven by one of the township's three emergency management professionals. He also is asking for \$8,800 for crash and crime scene software.

Kish's proposal is just a fraction of the cost for a similar software program sought and obtained by Palmer Township police last year. Kish explained he was trying to find an inexpensive program. "The way it looks, you found it," noted John Dally.

Less complimentary was Tom Nolan. He questioned whether this software can legally be purchased for Colonial Regional Police when two

of the municipalities that it serves are not impacted communities. He also questioned the need for an emergency management official to drive around in a Chevy Tahoe.

Hellertown - Nobody needs a traffic study to know traffic is congested in Hellertown, especially coming from South Bethlehem, where the casino is located. Chief Robert Shupp told the board that there's now prostitution, daytime DUIs and he even seized an illegal poker machine from a local business. He's seeking funding for two police officers at \$207,034.

Lower Saucon Township - Chief Guy Lesser would like to fund a police officer (\$101,897) and wants to replace a Ford Interceptor Van (\$30,294) that has more than 100,000 miles.

Northampton County - Drug and Alcohol Administrator Tiffany Rossanese is seeking \$143,765 this year for gambling addiction treatment and support services. She believes the county needs to do more to identify problem gamblers and provide more education to the community. In addition to transitional housing, the county supports three recovery centers, and assists addicts with job placement and even interviews.

These grants could be awarded in April. It will be up to Joe Kelly (Bethlehem), Tom Nolan (Bethlehem Township), Gerald Yob (Freemansburg), Jay Finnigan (Hanover), Dave Heintzelman (Hellertown), Dave Willard (Lower Saucon), Tony Pristash (Northampton), John Dally (Pen Argyl) and James Pennington (Lower Nazareth) to decide.

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ACS

Telethon airs this weekend

Forty-five acts are scheduled for this weekend's telethon benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Acts include, singers, dancers, rock and polka bands and a karate demonstration. A Salute to Survivors segment is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. During this segment, survivors are introduced and encouraged to talk briefly about their battle with cancer.

The 24-hour program airs Saturday, April 11 from noon to midnight and Sunday, April 12 from noon to midnight.

Lehigh Valley Service Electric Cable viewers can see the telethon on channels 2 and 50.

The program originates at Penn's Peak, the concert venue just outside Jim Thorpe. Audience participation is encouraged. Admission is free and a cash bingo event runs on Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m. and 2 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

BAPL

Rug weaving set for April 11

There will be a "Woven Welcome" rug weaving, with the Allentown Art Museum and Jill Odegaard, at 11 a.m. April 11 at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St.

The rugs woven by the participants will become part of a larger textile on display in the Allentown Art Museum during the summer of 2015. Portable looms and fabric are being supplied by Via of the Lehigh Valley.

Registration is required. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 244.

L. SAUCON

Sauconfest talk, slides on April 8

The Days of Sauconfest: Memories of the Lower Saucon Festival talk by Priscilla deLeon and a slide presentation of her photos, shown by Danny Ruth, will be held at 7 p.m. today at Seidersville Hall, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Sauconfest debuted in August 1989, to educate visitors about local history and to bring the Saucon Valley community together. The festival ended after the 1995 event, due to financial losses.

Guest are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information, visit www.lutzfranklin.com or email Lower Saucon Historical Society at ls@lshistorical.com or call 610-625-8771.



Rebecca Nixon (Fiona MacLaren) performs "Waiting for My Dearie" as the ensemble of girls listen to her explain her wait to find the right person to marry.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Becahi presents 'Brigadoon'

Bethlehem Catholic HS's theater department will present its spring musical, "Brigadoon," April 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium. Directed and choreographed by Debbie Acampora,

"Brigadoon" has a cast of nearly 50 performers and a 27-person crew and make-up artists, and is accompanied by a theater orchestra comprised of 22 students, alumni and parents. Tickets for the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe musical are

available by contacting Mrs. Tice at 610-866-0791, extension 5119, or at theater@bethlehemcatholichs.org. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors (age 65 and older) and military with ID.



Dairymaid Colleen Brida (Meg Brockie) and eldest MacLaren sister Rebecca Nixon (Fiona MacLaren) at the fair in the village of Brigadoon.



New Yorkers Grant Kawecki (Jeff Douglas) and Christopher Vazquez (Tommy Albright) visit Ireland for some game hunting and find themselves lost.



Liam Nixon (Charlie Dalrymple) celebrates the end of his bachelorhood with the ensemble during "I'll Go Home With Bonnie Jean."



Romance blossoms as Christopher Vazquez (Tommy Albright) and Rebecca Nixon (Fiona MacLaren) gather heather for Jean's and Charlie's wedding during "The Heather on the Hill."

BRIEFLY

UNITED WAY Celebration set for April 9

The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley's annual Celebration of Caring will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. April 9 at DeSales University, Center Valley. The hosts are WFMZ's Eve Tannery and The PeakTV's Ashley Russo.

Individuals and organizations will be recognized with seven awards for outstanding service to the community. Sponsors include Crayola, Just Born, Brown Daub, UGI and The Wescoe School of Muhlenberg College. Media sponsors are PPL Corporation and ASR Media. In-kind sponsors are Allentown Beverage and Susquehanna Brewing Company, Americaven, KLO Events, Rich Mar Florists, Volpe's Sports Bar and Working Dog Press.

For tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/UWCelebratesREG> or millissab@unitedwayglv.org or call 610-807-5700. The organization's website is www.unitedwayglv.org.

EARTH DAY

Cleanup Day to be held April 11

Lehigh University and the South Side Task Force will hold the annual South Side Cleanup from 8 a.m. to noon April 11. Lehigh University students and staff will join teams from the Boys' and Girls' Club, Holy Infancy School, Broughal Middle School, Donegan Elementary School, Sands-Bethlehem Resorts employees, block watches and residents for the event.

Those wishing to volunteer will meet at Lehigh's Campus Square, Morton and New streets, for assignments. Lehigh will provide transportation to assignments as needed.

Bags and gloves will be available. Children should be accompanied by adults. Bethlehem Police and Lehigh University Police will be on patrol. City streets department staff will pick up the bags left on corners in the neighborhoods.

The sixth annual Historic District Cleanup Day, sponsored by National Penn Bank, will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. April 11. Volunteers (under age 16 should be accompanied by an adult) are needed to help pick up litter, clean out planters and plant new flowers for spring.

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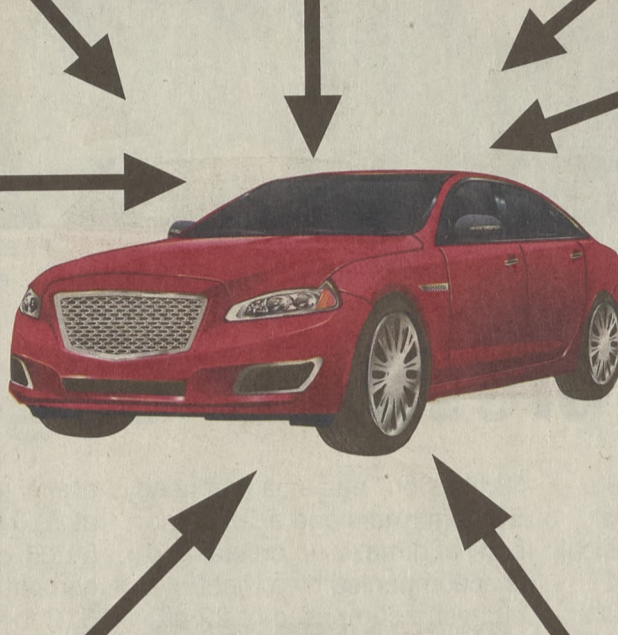
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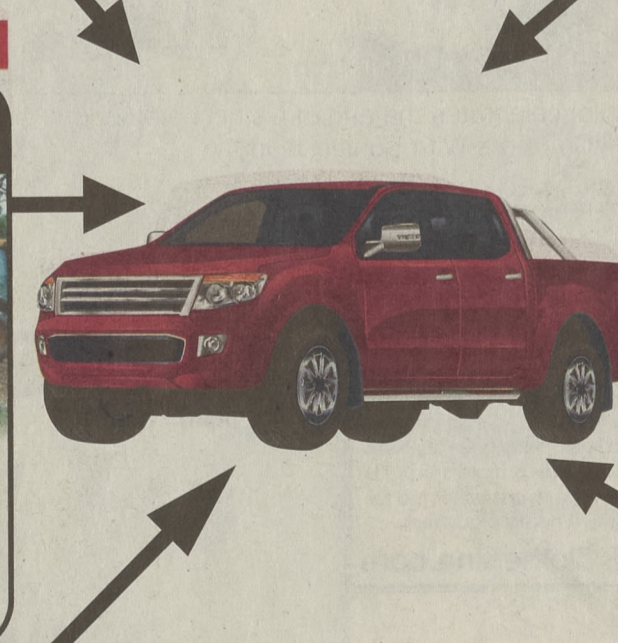


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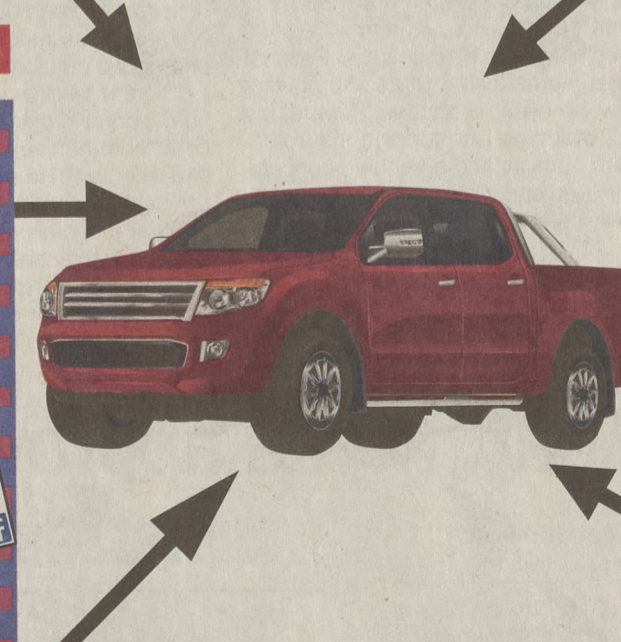
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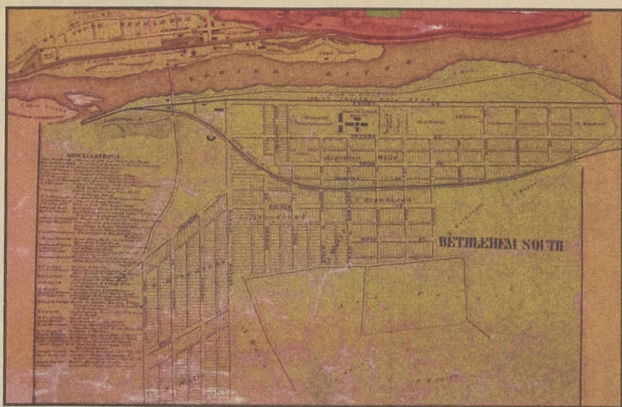
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An 1860 map of Bethlehem South before it was incorporated as a borough.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
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Moravians planted the first seeds



Karen M. Samuels
Columnist

This column is the first of a year-long series of columns, written by Ken Raniere and Karen M. Samuels, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of South Bethlehem on Aug. 21, 1865. The series starts with the arrival of the Moravians in Bethlehem, then will cover the history of South Bethlehem to the present day.

In 1741, Count Ludwig von Zinzendorf purchased a 500-acre tract of land, at the junction of the Monocacy Creek and the Lehigh River, which would become Bethlehem, the center of the American missionary enterprise. For the first 20 years of the fledgling settlement, the Moravians organized themselves into a commune to accomplish their goal of supporting their missionaries.

Under the efficient and adroit leadership of Bishop Augustus G. Spangenberg, they established several farms and 32 industries by 1749. The Moravian Brethren, in their desire to protect the privacy of the congregation and limit interaction with other faiths, purchased several tracts of land on the south side of the Lehigh River.

During the years following the Revolutionary War, the town of Bethlehem continued to grow. Between 1820 and 1840, 45 new buildings were erected. The dirt streets of Market, Broad and New streets were extended during these years.

The opening of the Lehigh Canal, in 1829, brought an increase in population and economic opportunities to Bethlehem; however, it also brought non-Moravians to the town. At this time, the grandsons of the original Moravian families were in charge of Bethlehem and the majority of them believed that conducting business with outsiders would bring prosperity to Bethlehem.

The financial burden for the Bethlehem Moravian Church also grew. In 1841 the Lehigh River flooded and destroyed the industry along its banks. The bridge was washed away and the Lehigh Canal was so damaged that boat traffic was cut in half. The Moravian Church in Europe was suffering financial problems and could not assist Bethlehem in this crisis.

On Jan. 11, 1844, the Moravian Congregation Council ended the lease system leaving the town of 1,050 residents temporarily in a period of transition. The Moravian Church had governed the town for the past 100 years. Of the 1,050 residents, 808 were members of the Moravian Church. This was a turning point for Bethlehem as it was about to become a typical American borough. It also laid the seeds for the development of South Bethlehem when the congregation decided to sell their 274-acre tract of land south of the Lehigh River.

Asa Packer, a wealthy canal boatyard operator, construction contractor and coal mine owner, saw the railroad as an improvement over the canal system. When the canals froze in winter they were unusable. In 1852, he bought up the majority of the stock in Delaware Lehigh, Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad and provided the leadership to make it a successful operation.

Around this time DLS&S changed its name to the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Asa Packer chose South Bethlehem as the best location to control the operation of the railroad. It was perfectly situated between Philadelphia and New York.

Before the railroad came into South Bethlehem, there were only a handful of buildings in the area. Once the railroad was in place, manufacturers, attracted to the natural resources of the Lehigh Valley, began building plants nearby. In 1853, Samuel Wetherill erected zinc oxide furnaces on the south side of the Lehigh River for his Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Company. Within the year, Wetherill, his brother Charles and associates bought the controlling interest in the company.

In 1863, the Bethlehem Iron Company completed its first blast furnace and rolling mill, next door. Ten years later, the enterprise was the first in the United States to use the Bessemer system to produce steel. In 1889, Bethlehem Iron Company accepted contracts from the U. S. Navy. The company was reorganized as the Bethlehem Steel Company in 1899.

In these early years of industry in South Bethlehem, the Moravian business leaders help to lead and fund many of the enterprises. Some of the prominent Moravians were Charles A. Luckenbach and Charles Brodhead, who helped to sell the old Moravian farms that became the location of South Bethlehem.

Brodhead convinced Augustus Wolle to build the Bethlehem Iron Company (later to become Bethlehem Steel Corporation) near the junction of Lehigh Valley and North Penn Railroads. Ashton Borhek's Coal and Lumber business provided the materials to build the first structures in South Bethlehem. Other Moravian led industry that arose included the Abbott & Cortright Foundry in 1857, B. E. Lehman's Lehigh Valley Brass Works, built in 1863 and Thomas Weis' South Bethlehem Shovel Company (1871).

No one could have predicted that the location, available natural resources, emerging technology and enthusiastic immigrant populations would place South Bethlehem in the forefront of national and global importance in the twentieth century.

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April Fools!

Snow-covered spring flowers beautify the roadside on Macada Road after a light snowfall April 1. The crocuses were spotted between Linden and Center streets in Bethlehem. The spring blanket of snow melted quickly after rising day-

time temperatures. This spring's unseasonably cold weather, especially at night, has slowed the natural development of most local flowering outdoor plants.

'Our favorite son's debut'

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Judge Emil Giordano recently kicked off his campaign for the Pennsylvania Superior Court. He made his announcement at the cavernous Northampton Memorial Community Center amid dozens of empty pizza boxes. Those boxes were empty because it seemed as though the entire Lehigh Valley had cascaded into Northampton, despite single digit temperatures and mounds of snow everywhere. Some placed the number at about 600, although it could easily have been 700. It was a bipartisan crowd, too. Democrats and Republicans. Lawyers and clients. Urbanistas and country folk. It was the Lehigh Valley. Northampton Mayor Thomas Reenock put it best when he called the gathering "our favorite son's debut."

That favorite son happens to be the son of two Italian immigrants who met while learning how to speak English in night school. They came here to raise a family, and made pizzas. Lots of them. When Giordano was old enough, he made pizzas too. Lots of them. They got him through Bethlehem Catholic HS, Moravian College and Villanova Law School. He learned about hard work. He learned to respect and admired his parents and grandparents, and to admire the many people who appear before him to become naturalized citizens. Most importantly, he learned how to listen.

"The time spent behind counters, waiting on people, served me very well," Giordano said. In time, there was a law office adjacent to Pizza Village. And after 18 years of practicing law, he became a judge. For the past 12 years, he has handled that role with humility and a genuine concern for everyone who comes before him, lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

At the same time, he has taught classes at Becchi and Moravian College. But where he has excelled is as a coach to young athletes, bringing out the best in them. He has taken



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

South Whitehall Township Manager Howard Kutzler, who is also the treasurer of the Northampton County GOP, is in his real home - Northampton - to wish Judge Giordano luck.

groups of kids and has won basketball championships despite claiming to know nothing about the sport. He knows how to motivate.

After 12 years as a judge, Emil Giordano is the same person he was before he put on a robe, according to the people in that room speaking about him.

Why is he running for the Pennsylvania Superior Court? That's the state's busiest court, an appellate court that reviews the decisions of common pleas judges in all 67 counties. Just to keep up, the 15 judges on that bench must each hand down one or two opinions daily.

Giordano already knows about hard work. He pledged that he would be a "common sense judge who follows the law." He also believes that the best person to evaluate the work of other judges is a person who once sat where they are sitting.

Business Matters' Tony Iannelli served as master of ceremonies and shared a story he had heard that very

day from DA John Morganelli. Giordano, when he was still practicing law, once challenged Morganelli in a DA's race. That night, as the numbers came in, it was clear that Morganelli would be the victor. Instead of calling Morganelli to concede, Giordano actually walked into the Democratic stronghold and congratulated him in person.

That's class. That's Giordano. Aside from Iannelli, Giordano invited Judges Anthony Beltrami and Paula Roscioli to his reception. Because they are seeking retentions this year, they are permitted to attend political gatherings. But Giordano and Iannelli decided against calling them up onto the stage. "Four Italians on the stage at one time might be a RICO violation," Giordano explained.

Giordano also introduced Michael George, the president judge of Adams County, who is also seeking a seat on the Superior Court.

Apartments approved at E. Elizabeth

BETHLEHEM ZONERS

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem's five-member Zoning Hearing Board unanimously approved the addition of 48 apartments at 65 E. Elizabeth St. At their March 25 meeting, following testimony from two architects, owner Borko Milosev and star witness Darlene Heller, Bethlehem's planning director. Milosev was represented by Bethlehem Attorney Jim Preston, who thanked Heller for giving his closing argument. There was no opposition to the conversion of the top six floors of the 10-story Santander Bank building into apartments.

Milosev, who purchased the property in December for \$2.67 million, told zon-



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There was no opposition to the conversion of the top six floors of the 10-story Santander Bank building into apartments.

ers that he is taking a risk. The property, which offers Class B office space, has had an increasing vacancy rate despite offering a 26 percent discount to interested businesses. Currently, the building is 65 percent vacant.

He hopes to change that dynamic by converting the top six floors into one and two-bedroom apartments. When the building was first constructed in 1967, it was only a four-story structure. But the demand for office space at that time was so great that six floors were added. According to Architect Lucienne Di Biase Dooley, a principal at Artefacte, the building was considered avant garde because of its heavy use of metal panels, which was

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STUDENTPROFILE

Paula Escott

Liberty HS



Grade: 12
Family members: My family members are my mom, Rebecca, my dad, Dave, and my younger siblings, Elizabeth and Dawson.
Favorite subject: My favorite subjects are chemistry and anatomy. I love science, hands-on learning and challenging myself in class, all of which these two classes provide.
Activities: I play field hockey, the piccolo in band, sing in chorus and a capella, compete in Science Olympiad and am the theater leader and president of National Honor Society.
Next steps: After high school, I plan on going to college to study chemistry and Spanish.
Career goals: After college, I plan on going to medical school and working with global health initiatives.
Heroes: My mom is one of my heroes, because she has set an example for me of the right way to act, and shown me how to be a good mother and an intelligent working woman. My Grandpa is also one of my heroes, because he has worked hard every day his whole life running his farm, and he lives out his strong moral convictions every day.
Hobbies: I love to cook and bake, hike and do outdoor activities.
Current job(s): I work in the nursery at my church and babysit regularly for neighbors.
Volunteer/community work: I work with BASD mini-THON to raise money for pediatric cancer. I also

do service projects throughout Bethlehem through my church.
Likes: I love pizza, Grey's Anatomy, Monday Night Football, reading a good book, and movie nights with my family (with popcorn!).
Dislikes: I dislike mushrooms, cleaning my room, waking up early and cleaning the snow off my car.
Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment academically so far has been becoming a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition, and hopefully I will become a finalist!
Advice for peers: Remember to have fun and don't get so focused on school and the future that you don't get to enjoy the present.
Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press. Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.

HEALTHNOTES

Lehigh Valley L.V.H.N. chosen by Valley Preferred

Lehigh Valley Health Network has been named as the new health care provider for the Valley Preferred Cycling Center. LVHN will provide medical direction on-site at the cycling center and train junior, elite and professional athletes at LVHN One City Center, Allentown.
 There will be a Gear Up Academy, developed by Marty Nothstein, with guidance and additional health and wellness coaching from LVHN teams.
 Athletes and competitors who train at the cycling center will be given access to LVHN's sports medicine destination facility and fitness programs at One City Center for biomechanical and physiological testing. The sports performance suite has Wattbikes, developed in partnership with British Cycling, and designed to feel like riding a real bike with scientifically accurate training data.
 Orthopedic surgeon Neal Stansbury, M.D., medical director of the VPCC, and other LVHN sports medicine providers and athletic trainers, will staff all VPCC's World Series of Bicycling events.

St. Luke's Medical students chosen for programs

The Medical School of Temple University/St. Luke's University Health Network inaugural graduating class of 2015 has, on March 20, participated in National Match Day.
 Eight students, or 20 percent, of The Medical School of Temple University/St. Luke's University Health Network Class of 2015 will continue their medical education as residents in St. Luke's Graduate Medical Education programs.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

The Christ Church UCC youth group gathers outside the downtown Bethlehem church for the annual Good Friday Pilgrimage of the Cross procession through the community. A two-mile walk of costumed participants followed the Good Friday Communion service. Standing at the corner of the church where a draped cross marks the

start of the Easter events are Jacob Hart as a Roman soldier, Lauren Brita as Jesus, Baylen Quayle as a Roman soldier, drummer Aidan Sheeran, candle snuffer Natalie Dittbrenner, Jack Dittbrenner as John and Mike Lonergan as Judas. Additional costumed marchers also waited for the noon start.

Pilgrimage of the Cross



Jesus (Lauren Brita), carrying his own cross, is the focal point of the Good Friday walk through downtown Bethlehem. John (Jack Dittbrenner) eases the burden of the heavy wooden cross by assisting Jesus during the two-mile procession. The youth group also put on a drama presentation of the Good Friday biblical events during the previous church service.



Lone drummer Aidan Sheeran leads the Cross Carry procession along Market Street, flanked by Roman soldiers Jacob Hart and Baylen Quayle.



Kelly Quayle of Bethlehem and her two sons, Rylan and Landon, follow the procession with other tag-alongs, such as her husband Jonathan who participated in the Good Friday Cross Carry event when he was a child.

Performing at the car show



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Touring Choir, under the direction of David Macbeth, sing at the Preview Gala of the 2015 Lehigh Valley Auto Show. The March 18 preview raised \$25,000, divided equally between Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital's Pediatric Unit and St. Luke's Level One Trauma Center. The auto

show presented by the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association featured 300 vehicles, including new 2015 models from 28 manufacturers, March 19-22 in Stabler Arena Rauch Field House and an outdoor tent on the Murray H. Goodman campus.

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Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 76%. The record high temperature for today is 84° set in 1978. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 38°. The record low for tonight is 12° set in 1923. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 76%. Skies will be cloudy Thursday night with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. Expect cloudy skies Friday with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 63°. Skies will become mostly cloudy Saturday with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 67°.

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The April 18 program will be creating a steampunk inspired pocket watch collage, and on May 9, children will make a

Mother's Day picture frame.

Other 2015 scheduled programs are: secret dollhouse boxes, June 13; light bulb hot air balloons, July 11; quilted star keepsake box, Aug. 15; old time photo booth props, Sept. 19; haunted dollhouse scrapbook album, Oct. 24; clay cookie dough ornaments, Nov. 21, and I believe: images of Santa craft project, Dec. 19.

For information or questions, email mdepcinski@historicbethlehem.org or call 610-882-0450, ext. 13, or visit www.historicbethlehem.org.

PULASKI Ceremony to be held April 26

The Polish-Americans of the Lehigh Valley will hold the annual Pulaski Commemorative ceremony, open to the public, at 10 a.m. April 26 at the Pulaski monument, Third Street and Brodhead Avenue

The Polish and American flags will be raised. The American flag has been flown over the U.S. Capitol, and will continue to be flown at the memorial site.

General George Washington accepted Count and General Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski as a volunteer in the Continental Army to fight in the Revolutionary War. Pulaski was a hero of the Battle of Brandywine, during which he saved Washington's life.

ZONERS

Continued from page A18 repeated at Martin Tower. She told zoners the facade will be repainted with a dark grey color, with screenings in the windows for privacy.

A second architect, John Lee, testified that there will be eight units on each floor, although that might change. He indicated there might be one or two three-bedroom luxury apartments on the top floor, where there are "wonderful views."

Milosev said he doubts his building will attract Moravian students because 96 percent of the non-commuting students live in housing provided by the college. He plans to invest another \$5 million into this project and estimates that

will rent for \$850-900 (1 BR) and \$1,100-\$1,200 (2BR).

Planning Director Darlene Heller advocated the project, referring to provisions in the new zoning ordinance that promote mixed use. She called it an "adaptive reuse" similar to the Dodson and Farr buildings, adding that the city's own studies reveal there is an "unbelievable demand" for rental units like this from both young professionals and empty nesters.


Milosev said one of his commercial tenants, a dentist, is delighted at the proposal because she could live in one of the top floors and take an elevator to work.

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WATERSHED 2015 scholarship contest opens

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An essay contest, a book and an old oak

BUD'S VIEW
By Bud Cole



The Bertsch-Hokendauqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association (BHCWA), of which I'm a founding member, is dedicated to protect, improve and sustain water quality.

BHCWA is sponsoring its second annual scholarship essay contest for high school seniors, including those at Catasauqua High School and Northampton Area High School, who reside in the watershed and will attend college.

This year's essay topic is: "What is a flood plain?" Those entering the contest are to include the definition of the 100-year flood plain and address the function of riparian buffers in an essay of at least 750 words.

BHCWA will present \$500 to the essay winner. A copy of the book, "A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There," also goes to the winner and the two runners-up. Contest information: lmb19@psu.edu.

"A Sand County Almanac" (1949), written by Aldo Leopold, an environmentalist and forester, describes changes in the land he observed around his home in Sauk County, Wisc.

"Sand County" is a layman's conservation bible, source book quoted by outdoor mentors from elementary school through university doctorate program and a title on outdoors curriculum reading lists. More than two million copies have been printed and it's been translated into 12 languages.

Leopold promulgated the idea of "a land ethic," focusing on a responsible relationship between humans and the area where they reside.

Leopold's son, Luna, compiled and edited his father's essays. The book was published a year after Leopold died. Anyone who reads the book for the first time will find it difficult to believe it was written in the 1940s.

Leopold's insights are still important today: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when



Gray squirrel with acorn from old red oak tree later felled by Superstorm Sandy. Note male eastern towhee in background.

PRESS PHOTO BY BUD COLE

it tends otherwise."

It's among his most memorable statements. A biotic community is a group of independent organisms inhabiting an area and interacting with each other.

I keep my copy on my desk where it is handy for reference or just for enjoyable rereading.

In the book's first sentence, Leopold wrote, "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot."

Leopold's words remind me of the spirit and viewpoints of many friends involved in community environmental advisory councils, watershed associations, nature centers and outdoors journalism.

In the "February monthly entry - Good Oak" of his book, Leopold explains the oak, now aglow on his fireplace and irons, had grown on the bank of a road. He had felled his oak for firewood in 1945.

At my property, we lost our 80-foot-tall healthy red oak tree to Superstorm

Sandy's powerful winds in 2012.

Our red oak stood proud and erect about 20 feet from the northeast corner of the house where its shade provided natural air-conditioning and food and shelter for local critters.

Gray squirrels were busy each fall finding, picking, eating and burying the red oak's acorns. It lowered the amount of raids on our feeders.

Leopold's oak stump measured 30 inches in diameter. Our stump measured 42 inches. His oak had 80 growth rings. Our oak had 128 rings. If my math calculations are correct, his oak laid its first growth ring around 1865 and our oak's first ring dates back to about 1887.

In his book, Leopold correlates local historical dates with the oak's growth rings as he saws across the fallen trunk. The timeline begins at the outer annual growth ring, the last one formed, and works toward the first year's center ring.

As I scanned the 1887 events and births relating

to our old oak tree, I was surprised to find Aldo Leopold was born Jan. 11, 1887. What a coincidence: He may have been born the same year as our red oak was planted.

Other 1887 events include a Pennsylvania rodent's first weather prediction at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney on Feb. 2; the first Groundhog Day.

On March 3, Anne Sullivan began teaching a blind and deaf six-year old Helen Keller. On April 10, President Lincoln was reburied with his wife in Springfield, Ill.

The next time someone asks you if you know anything about the year 1887 or when someone asks you questions about Aldo Leopold and "A Sand County Almanac," you now can surprise them with some answers.

That's the way I see it! To schedule programs, hikes and birthday parties: 610-767-4043; comments: bbb-cole@enter.net

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Pansies cheer up your yard

GROWING GREEN

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PHOTO BY EMLIE SWACKHAMER

After a long winter, pansies are the perfect plant to get some color around your home.

"clear" type; single color with black radiating from the center; and "face" type, with dark centers.

You will also find single, semi-double, and full-double blooms. Most often, there's a mix of pansies in packs or trays. Purchase plants that are stocky with dark green foliage and have few blooms but many buds. Johnny Jump-ups are

closely related to pansies. They have much smaller blooms, come in fewer colors and can tolerate warmer temperatures. As a result, they will bloom longer in the season than pansies.

Pansies can be planted outside as soon as the soil can be worked and loosened. Pansies thrive in cool weather. They usually can handle a frost, and once estab-

lished, can survive a freeze. Pansies are considered biennials. You may see them again as they will re-seed themselves to complete their life cycle.

Pansies prefer part-sun to shade locations. This will also keep them blooming longer than in direct sun. Continually dead-heading or removing spent blooms will encourage new flowers to form.

Pansies are used for color massing, edging, containers and window boxes during fall, winter and spring. They are an easy choice for a deck or porch if you do not want to toil in the soil so early in the season.

Another advantage to pansies is they are disease-resistant, so you can have a healthy-looking yard when everything else is still dormant.

"Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners. Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-391-9840; Northampton County Extension Office, 610-746-1970.

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Stoneback back: Rob Stoneback returns to the "Jazz Upstairs" series, 7:30 p.m. April 17, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. This time, it's the Rob Stoneback Septet, above, performing straight-ahead jazz, from Dixieland to Swing to Bop. In concert, Stoneback and his band has backed Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis, The Manhattan Transfer, Aretha Franklin, Olivia Newton-John, Englebert Humperdinck, Joel Grey, Bobby Rydell, Al Martino, Sonny and Cher, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, and Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. The Rob Stoneback Big Band has four recordings: "Up Front" (1983), "Traditions" (1990), "Caught in the Web" (1997), "Mad To The Bone" (2003) and "Simone on Simone" (2007), the first recording for Simone, daughter of Nina Simone. Stoneback and his ensembles have performed in the Mid-Atlantic region, including Lincoln Center, New York; World Cafe, Philadelphia, and the Berks Jazz Festival. "Jazz Upstairs" ticket includes two sets of music and light fare. A cash bar is available. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall Box Office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Story and Photo by **TIM GILMAN**

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



Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts "Blood Brothers" cast, from left: Kara Snyder (Mrs. Lyons), Brayden Nace (Edward Lyons), Lynsey Jeffery (Mrs. Johnstone), Albert Nelthropp (Mickey Johnstone) and Kelley Griffiths (Linda).

CHARTER ARTS

'Blood Brothers'

"Blood Brothers" will be presented at 7 p.m. April 15-18 and 2 p.m. April 19 in the Black Box Theatre, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 675 E. Broad St., Bethlehem.

In the play's storyline, Mrs. Johnstone (Lynsey Jeffery) has twins on the way and Mrs. Lyons (Kara Snyder) agrees to adopt one of the babies.

Mickey (Albert Nelthropp) and Sammy Johnstone (Christopher Singer) become inseparable as blood brothers. Then, they fall in love with the same girl, Linda (Kelley Griffiths).

Ashley Tait-Weller is Director and Choreographer. Lynn Flickinger and Neil Chaban are Music Directors. Matt Wells is Conductor. Peter Wrenn-Meleck is Set Designer and Technical Director.

The music, lyrics and book are by Willy Russell. The play debuted in London in 1983 and on Broadway in 1993, receiving six Tony Award nominations, including best musical.

Tickets: 610-868-2971

FAITH MAKES US STRONG

<p>ANGLICAN</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 25th & Livingston Streets Allentown, 610-435-0712 8:40 a.m. Morning Prayer 9 a.m. Holy Communion 28 Book of Common Prayer Wed. 10 a.m. Healing Service Rev. Joseph S. Falzone</p> <p>ST. TERESE ANGLICAN CHURCH 1031 Linden St., Ste. 203, Allentown Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. All Welcome</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY/SUN SCHOOL 11 a.m. Father Harold Minor 610-653-9832 Deacon Joseph F. Marakovits 610-262-7390 Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD</p> <p>NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3449 Cherryville Road Northampton 610-262-5645 www.NAOG.ws</p> <p>Daniel E. Lundmark, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>BAPTIST</p> <p>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (American Baptist) 4601 Tilghman St. Allentown 610-395-5441</p> <p>Rev. Manfred vonHarten, pastor www.calvarybaptist-atown.org 9:30 a.m. Church School, all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship, Childcare provided Teen Night, Fridays 6-9 p.m. Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SCHNECKSVILLE 3749 Route 309 North Orefield, 610-395-4970 James E. Barr, Pastor Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>LEHIGH VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 4702 Colebrook Ave. Emmaus 610-965-4700</p> <p>Pastor Roland Hammett Bible Discovery Groups, S.S. 9 a.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg. 7 p.m. www.lvbaptist.org</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH 2096 Independent Road (Rt. 863 S nr New Smithville) Breinigsville 610-285-2235</p> <p>Rev. Hal Hopkins, Pastor www.LighthouseBaptist.org</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m. Worship/Children's Church Thurs. Prayer & Bible Study 1 & 7 p.m. Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>BIBLE FELLOWSHIP</p> <p>BETHANY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3300 Seventh Street Whitehall, 610-434-8661 www.WhitehallBFC.org</p> <p>Timothy Schmoey, Sr. Pastor 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Group</p> <p>EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL</p> <p>HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH 7974 Claussville Rd., Fogelsville 610-285-6967</p> <p>Christian Ed., 9 a.m. Snack & Chat 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Rev. Ken Kalisz hopecommunitychurch.org</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL FREE</p> <p>NORTHERN VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH 7343 Gun Club Road New Tripoli 610-298-8028</p> <p>Rev. Kenneth Spence Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Small Group Bible Studies Midweek in homes, 7 p.m. www.nvefc.org</p> <p>FULL GOSPEL</p> <p>CALVARY TEMPLE 3436 Winchester Road Allentown 610-398-3222</p> <p>Rev. Ray A. Ricketts, Sr. Pastor Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Wed. Service & Children & Youth 7 p.m. Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>ctoffice@ptd.net calvarytemplepa.org Visitors Welcome</p> <p>LUTHERAN</p> <p>CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH 3419 Broadway, Cetronia 610-395-6332</p> <p>Rev. Gordon Camp 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (Communion - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month) Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 13th & Hamilton Sts., 610-433-4271</p> <p>Rev. William Maxon, Senior Pastor Rev. Maritza T. Dolich, Outreach Pastor 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Spiritual Growth Forum Parking Lot Available www.christ-atown.org</p> <p>CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2623 Brookside Rd., Macungie (Intersection of Sauerkraut Lane) Join Us Every Sunday! 8 & 10:45 a.m. (Worship) 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m. (Family Education) Rev. 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Hess 610-767-9513</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Handicapped Accessible/AC Info & map on website www.heidelberg-lutheran.org</p>	<p>HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Fourth & Pine Sts., Catasaquia 610-264-2641 - Rev. John Hart 7:30 a.m. Spoken Communion 9 a.m. Holy Communion 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery (Communion 1st & 3rd Sun/month)</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030 Cherryville (610) 767-7203 www.hopecherryville.org</p> <p>The Rev. Jami Possinger 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Anchored in Christ, Alive in HOPE"</p> <p>JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EASTERN SALISBURY 1707 Church Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-6933</p> <p>Rev. 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Nelson Quinones 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship (Handicapped Accessible-Elevator) www.stjohns-fogelsville.org</p> <p>SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH 4331 Main St., Whitehall 610-262-1600</p> <p>Rev. James W. Schlegel Wheelchair accessible 8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Communion every Sunday 8 a.m. Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sun. 10:15 a.m. 8 & 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 5th Sunday of the Month</p> <p>UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville 610-767-6884</p> <p>Rev. Dennis Moore Worship Service 8 & 10:45 a.m. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Handicapped Accessible All Welcome, Uclcv.org Rejoicing Spirits... Special service for developmentally disabled adults & children 4th Sunday each month at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. 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Irvin & Church Roads Heidelberg Township Pastor Karen Yonney 610-767-4740 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Handicapped Accessible/AC www.uccheidelberg.org</p> <p>JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org 610-395-2218</p> <p>Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. for all ages</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON 575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Becky J. Beckwith, Sr. Pastor Rev. George R. Eckstein, Assoc. Pastor 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Accessible & Elevator Everyone is Welcome! 610-264-8421 stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 139 North Fourth St. Emmaus 610-965-9158</p> <p>Sr. Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 Sunday School Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship</p>	<p>ST. 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Gina Colburn, Pastor Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Blended) 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.</p>
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Community dinner
Gayle Ganser and her children, Michael and Rachel, Stiles, enjoy pork and sauerkraut during a community dinner recently at St. John's Lutheran Church, Coplay.
PRESS PHOTO BY AL RECKER

Diakon, Lutheran Seminary given \$14.5 million bequest

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries and The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia have announced the receipt of a more than \$14.5 million bequest that will be split evenly between the two organizations.

The bequests of more than \$7.2 million to each organization were made by the late Helen Nicholson Palmer of Wyomissing, Berks County, who died in December 2012. Her husband, Frank R. Palmer, who died in 1992, was the former president and CEO of Carpenter Technology Corp., Wyomissing.

"We are deeply grateful

for this bequest and for the forethought Mrs. Palmer exhibited in making such a generous contribution to our services," says Mark T. Pile, Diakon President-CEO. "She had a lifelong commitment to The Lutheran Home at Topton, evident in her unwavering attendance at Topton board meetings."

"Mrs. Palmer's concern that our congregational leaders receive the best training possible is inspiring," says the Rev. Dr. David J. Lose, president of the seminary. "Her gift will make an incredible difference to men and women preparing for ministry and to the congregations they will serve."

Some of the funds received by Diakon will be used to support services for children and families.

A portion of the gift to Diakon will be dedicated for refurbishment of the Old Main building on The Lutheran Home at Topton campus for use as a "permanency center" for adoption and foster care.

The gift to the seminary will be dedicated to completing improvement projects that had been deferred because of finances and to providing support to the academic and scholarship programs.



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Bach Choir artistic director and conductor Greg Funfgeld, above left, and Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra director Eugene Albulessu, above right.

Bach Choir, LU Philharmonic, choruses, soloists at Zoellner

The Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra and The Bach Choir of Bethlehem present "What Passion Cannot Music Raise," featuring works by Stravinsky, Beethoven and Handel with soloists Laura Heimes, soprano, and Benjamin Butterfield, tenor; 8 p.m. April 10, 11, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

"The orchestra is delighted to be collaborating with The Bach Choir; as well as the Chancel Choir from First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem and the Cathedral Choir from Cathedral Church of the Nativity, for a very exciting community program," said

Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra director Eugene Albulessu.

"I will conduct Stravinsky's 'Symphony of Psalms' and perform and conduct Beethoven's 'Choral Fantasy for Piano, Choir and Orchestra,'" Albulessu said.

"Bach Choir artistic director and conductor Greg Funfgeld conducts Handel's 'Ode to St. Cecilia Day' (Mozart arrangement)," said Albulessu.

"The Bach Choir is delighted to collaborate with Eugene Albulessu and the LU Philharmonic in this exhilarating program of choral masterpieces from the 18th, 19th

and 20th centuries," said Funfgeld.

"Stravinsky's 'Symphony of Psalms' is a brilliantly-colored setting of Psalm texts for chorus, large wind and brass ensemble, cello, pianos and harp," Funfgeld said.

"'Ode to Saint Cecilia' is Handel's evocative setting of John Dryden's poem in praise of Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians," said Funfgeld.

Tickets: noon - 6 p.m. Tuesday, noon 1 - 5 p.m. Wednesday - Friday; two hours before curtain; zoellnerartscenter.org, 610-758-2787, ext. 0

Rheumatologist joins St. Luke's

Rheumatologist Sherilyn McCollum, DO, has joined the medical staff of St. Luke's University Health Network.

Dr. McCollum graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine, completing her internal medicine residency and fellowship training in rheumatology at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia.

She most recently was a rheumatologist in private practice in Langhorne, Bucks County.

Dr. McCollum practices with St. Luke's Rheumatology Associates at St. Luke's Bone and Joint Center, St. Luke's Anderson Campus, 1700 St. Luke's Boulevard, Suite 200, Bethlehem Township; and at St. Luke's Orthopaedic Specialists, St. Luke's University Hospital, 801 Ostrum Street,



Dr. Sherilyn McCollum

Fountain Hill.

New patients are welcome. Patient appointments can be made by calling 484-503-0055.

LVHM Slide show on Lincoln

"The End Of The Civil War And The Death Of Abraham Lincoln" is the topic of a slide lecture, 1 p.m. April 11, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown.

"April 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and the end of slavery," said Joseph Garrera, Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum Executive Director.

The multi-media presentation will explore the assassination and then transport the audience from the Washington, D.C., departure of the nine-car funeral train April 21, 1865, through Baltimore and Harrisburg, into Philadelphia, up to New York City, and back to the western prairies Lincoln called

home. Information: lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.org, 610-435-1074

STATE THEATRE 'Nashville' show

"Live From Nashville" will be presented at 3 p.m. April 12, State Theatre Center for the Arts.

Twelve musicians, singers and dancers present a theatrical production featuring scenes of music eras and artists: "The Roots of Country Music"; Jimmy Rodgers, The Carter Family, Roy Acuff; "Country Music's Golden Age": Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton; "Country Rocks": The Eagles, The Allman Brothers, The Charlie Daniels Band; "Country Music is King": Garth Brooks, The Judds and Brooks and Dunn; "Today's Country": Jason Aldean, Taylor Swift and Lady Antebellum, and "The Country We Love": "God Bless The

USA," "America The Beautiful."

Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

UNITARIAN CHURCH Le Jazz Club in concert

Le Jazz Club performs at 3 p.m. April 12 in the "Second Sunday Concert Series," Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center St., Bethlehem.

Jazz pianist and flautist, Tim Harrison, and bassist, Tom Hubbard, will perform famous jazz standards, lesser-known tunes by well-known artists Thad Jones and Bill Evans, and several of Harrison's original tunes.

There's a post-concert reception.

Tickets: at the door; concertseries.uuclvpa.org; 610-866-7652

'Home' is where the heart is

"Home" is an entertaining animated feature that should be especially entertaining for elementary-age and pre-school children.

The science-fiction fantasy is about an alien named Oh (voiced by Jim Parsons), who is from a species called Boov. The leader of the Boov is Captain Smek (Steve Martin). The Boov, led by Smek, have fled to earth to escape the Gorg, their arch enemies.

On earth, Oh meets Grauity "Tip" Tucci (Rihanna), whose mom, Lucy (Jennifer Lopez), is one of the humans relocated by the Boov to Humansville, which is somewhere in Australia.

The plot in "Home" is simple but effective. The characters, story and often potty-mouth humor ("You were scared? I almost made a No. 3," says Oh) should be gleefully enjoyed by pre-teens. Children and adults should appreciate the visual jokes (Smek's "blankie" is a sheet of bubble wrap), puns and beautifully-detailed DreamWorks studio computer animation.

The characters of the Boov are big-eyed, stubby and have what seems to be a half-dozen feet. One of the many clever features of the Boov is that their emotions are reflected in changes in their skin color, which can go from purple to blue to red.

Skin color also comes into play in the character of Tip, who is a bright African-American teen, a positive-role model for movie-goers.

The friendship between Oh and Tip is handled well, as is the arc of the changes in their respective characters.

Director Tim Johnson ("Over The Hedge," 2006;

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



"Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas," 2003; "Antz," 1998) juggles the film's mix of frenetic action and jokey dialogue with several scenes that are virtually silent with no dialogue.

The screenplay by Tom J. Astle and Matt Ember (cowriters, "Epic," 2013; "Get Smart," 2008; "Failure To Launch," 2006) is based on the novel, "The True Meaning of Smekday," by Adam Rex.

The dialogue by Oh is charming. Something gets lost in the translation from the Boov language to English. It's almost as though Oh is speaking in Ebonics, the African-American vernacular language.

For example, Oh says: "I sees you has broke it."

Jim Parsons (TV's "The Big Bang Theory") has an engaging voice for the character of Oh.

Pop star Rihanna has an enthusiastic voice for the character of Tip.

The soundtrack includes several catchy songs by Rihanna and Stargate (the professional name of Norwegian writer-producers Tor Hermansen and Mikkel Eriksen).

"Home" not only renders charming animation. It also renders some life lessons, that of "running toward the danger," a lesson that Oh must learn because the Boovs are constantly running away from the Gorg.

"Home," MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested. Some Material May Not Be Suitable For Children.) for mild action; and some rude humor; Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy, Family, Fantasy, Sci-Fi; Run Time: 1 hr., 34 min.; Distributed by 20th Century Fox.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Rihanna sings several new songs on the soundtrack, including "Dancing In The Dark," "Towards The Sun," "As Real As You And Me," "Drop That" and "Only Girl (In The World)."

Box Office, April 3: The summer movie blockbuster season seems to have arrived about one month early with the "Furious 7" phenomenal No. 1 opening of \$143.6 million, leaving "Home" in its dust, dropping from No. 1 to No. 2, with a still decent \$27.4 million, \$95.6 million, two weeks;

3. "Get Hard," \$12.9 million, \$57 million, two weeks; 4. "Cinderella," \$10.2 million, \$167.2 million, four weeks; 5. "The Divergent Series: Insurgent," \$10 million, \$103.3 million, three weeks; 6. "It Follows," \$2.4 million, \$8.5 million, four weeks; 7. "Woman In Gold," \$2 million, opening; 8. "Kingsman: The Secret Service," \$1.7 million, \$122.2 million, eight weeks; 9. "Do You Believe?" \$1.5 million, \$8.8 million, three weeks; 10. "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," \$1 million, \$30 million, five weeks; Unreel, April 10:

"Kill Me Three Times," R: A professional hit man fails in a contract assignment. Simon Pegg, Teresa Palmer, Alice Braga and Luke Hemsworth star in the action-thriller.

"Ex Machina," R: A female artificial intelligence robot is evaluated. Alicia Vikander, Domhnall Gleeson, Oscar Isaac and Corey Johnson star in the science-fiction drama.

"The Longest Ride," PG: An older man remembers a lost love and befriends a younger couple. Scott Eastwood, Britt Robertson, Melissa Benoist and Jack Huston star in the romantic drama.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, thelehighvalleypress.com; theTimes-News web site, tnonline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, wdiy.org, where the movie reviews are archived. Email Paul Willistein: pwillistein@ttonline.com. Follow Paul Willistein on Twitter @PaulWillistein and friend Paul Willistein on facebook.

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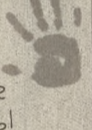

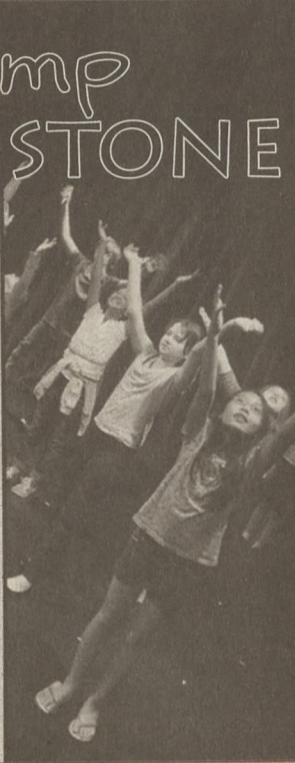

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