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BASD Board adopts \$315M budget

New Spanish language curriculum discussed

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At a special meeting May 10, the BASD school board voted 6-0 to adopt a budget with expenditures of \$315,479,684 and revenues of \$307,751,363. Six members were present; Dr. Dean Donaher, Craig Neiman and Angela Sinkler were absent.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy recommended increasing the tax millage by 2 percent and using \$3.8 million from the district's fund balance to close the \$7.7 million gap. Raising taxes 2 percent would cost the owner of a median-value home in Northampton County an additional \$89.32, with an increase of \$28.34 in Lehigh County. The final budget adoption vote was scheduled for June 14.

Curriculum updates
The board also heard a recommendation for a new Spanish curriculum, received updates on educational programs for next year and on potential grading changes, and discussed amendments to agreements with Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (CIU20) for non-public schools. The changes to CIU20 allocations to non-public schools apply to Title I and Title II contracts approved Aug. 24, 2020, and stem from an adjustment made by the Division of Fed. Programs at the Pa. Dept. of Education.

Additionally, Asst. Supt. Dr. Jack Silva announced that (barring significant changes in the coronavirus landscape) all BASD students will be physically in school five days per week next year. Dr. Silva also gave an update on the district's work on changing the way it grades student work. Having worked with assessment expert Dr. Thomas Guskey for the past two years, the district plans to pilot a new grading system for secondary schools in the 2022-23 year.

Amanda Hinkel and Maureen Leeson, assistant principals at Liberty HS and Freedom HS during the curriculum review, headed a committee of Spanish teachers in the district to assess options. After hearing presentations from two invited publishers, the committee unanimously selected Vista to recommend to the board for secondary Spanish language education. The pack-

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Kolbe Academy on Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem provides education and counseling for at-risk high school students. More photos on page A2.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

KOLBE ACADEMY - JUNE 7

'God doesn't give us a road map'

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nestled in the woods on Bridle Path Road near the Monocacy Creek, Kolbe Academy provides education and counseling for at-risk high school students. On June 7, the two members of the Class of 2021 celebrated their graduation.

The ceremony began with a Catholic Baccalaureate Mass. Students of the academy and one alumnus carried flags. Faculty were recognizable by their white corsages. The seniors, Gabriel Shellock and Joseph Skrip, entered behind the faculty. Members of the faculty participated in the service.

Celebrants included the Reverend Matthew Kuna of the Allentown Diocese, Kolbe Board Member Reverend Patrick H. Lamb, the newly ordained Reverend Philip J. Maas, Monsignor Robert J. Wargo of St. Joseph's Orefield, Deacon Kevin C. Wasielewski, and Chaplain Reverend Bernard J. Ezaki, principal celebrant.

In his homily, Rev. Maas told the graduates, "God doesn't give us a road map, but calls all Christians to holiness. This is a night for celebration for the work you've put in, for the time and energy you've put into it. Don't worry about having it all figured out."

As Holy Communion started, the graduates quietly presented their mothers with white roses.

The commencement ceremony began with the presentation of awards. Kolbe Principal John Petruzzilli spoke to the people in the service: "Your presence speaks volumes to these young men."

Shellock received the award or Outstanding Excellence in Study in Environmental Science. He also received an award from the Knights of Columbus. Skrip



John Cullen presents Gabriel Shellock with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Knights of Columbus, St. Rocco's Council 14082 and Pope Pius XII Assembly.



Joseph Skrip with Kolbe Academy Principal John P. Petruzzilli



Gabriel Shellock said he felt lost among the crowd before coming to Kolbe.



Joseph Skrip said he came to Kolbe broken and just a little skeptical.

received the Chemistry and Government Award and the Trailblazer Award.

After the graduates were presented with their diplomas, they each spoke.

Shellock recalled his childhood, enjoying Hot Wheels cars and action figures. He told of his freshman year in high school, when he felt lost among the crowd, and losing friends, and how he fell to addiction and mental health issues. In his junior year, he went to Kolbe, and he said, "Kolbe is a family."

Skrip said he came to the school broken, and was skeptical at first, but found home. He spoke of the teachers being caring.

There was a special guest in attendance. Pennsylvania Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Jennifer Smith told the graduates that, as a mother, she would echo Forrest Gump and say, "Life is like a box of chocolates," but her daughter, Hayley, would say, "Life is like an Oreo." The middle is our character, intelligence, kindness.

Chancellor Dr. Brooke C. Tesche told the graduates she was "so proud of both of you and your families."

The ceremony concluded with the Kolbe Promise, and the conclusion of the Mass.

The Kolbe Promise

As a member of Kolbe Academy,
I will trust in God's plan for me.
I will be honest in all that I do.
I will be kind to myself and others.
I will have the courage to persevere.
I will humbly know who I am.
I will openly accept God's grace each day.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

On the heels of a pandemic, what piece of advice would you give this year's high school graduates?



"Don't be afraid to take a chance."
Jon Wolfgang
Pipersville



"Be open to every possible option there is."
Martina Gray
Quakertown

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PEOPLE SAY
BY DANA GRUBB

On the heels of a pandemic, what piece of advice would you give this year's high school graduates?



"Focus, stick to your goals, and keep moving forward."
Goldy Stillwagner
Cumbola



"Go make the most of your future and enjoy it in the process."
Gail Wolfgang
Pipersville



"Pursue what's going to make you happy and be honest with yourself and everybody else. Find the thing and person that you will love."
Greg Ruppert
Mountain Top



"The world is opening up, so don't take things for granted. You'll have opportunities that last year's graduates didn't have."
Darren Steele
Livingston Manor, NJ

MAMA'S MUSINGS
Otherwise, Shh!

As a rule, I prefer horses and dogs to people. I do make exceptions. Horses know the value of silence. They will sometimes chat with other horses, but in general they don't chat much, and they definitely prefer humans to be quiet. Dogs usually bark for just a handful of reasons, sure every knock at the door might be an intruder. But dogs don't bark constantly. Humans chatter more like birds. Except birds likely have purpose to their chatter. People seem to enjoy making noise just to make noise. That's not me. In fact, sometimes I find small talk excruciatingly painful. One of my least favorite questions is, "what did you eat for dinner?" Who cares? You would think this would be a handicap for a reporter. But I've found when you let people speak, it's fascinating. Sometimes listening is more important than talking. Also, I'm trying the accounting certificate classes while keeping two jobs. It's not going well. So my time is very limited, and so, right now, is my happiness. And when I'm unhappy, I don't want to talk. But I remind myself this is a marathon, and to try to find the good moments. On a happier note, I received a message from the woman who purchased our horse years ago. She enclosed a picture, and said he is enjoying retirement. That's a comfort. The circumstances under which the horse was sold were a point of dissent in my marriage, possibly the first in a series of events that eventually led to the end. My youngest son, James, was honored as a star student in the June 4 BASD news. So proud of him. Especially after all we've been through. So please, spare me the small talk. But if you want to have a conversation, that's good. Otherwise, Shh!

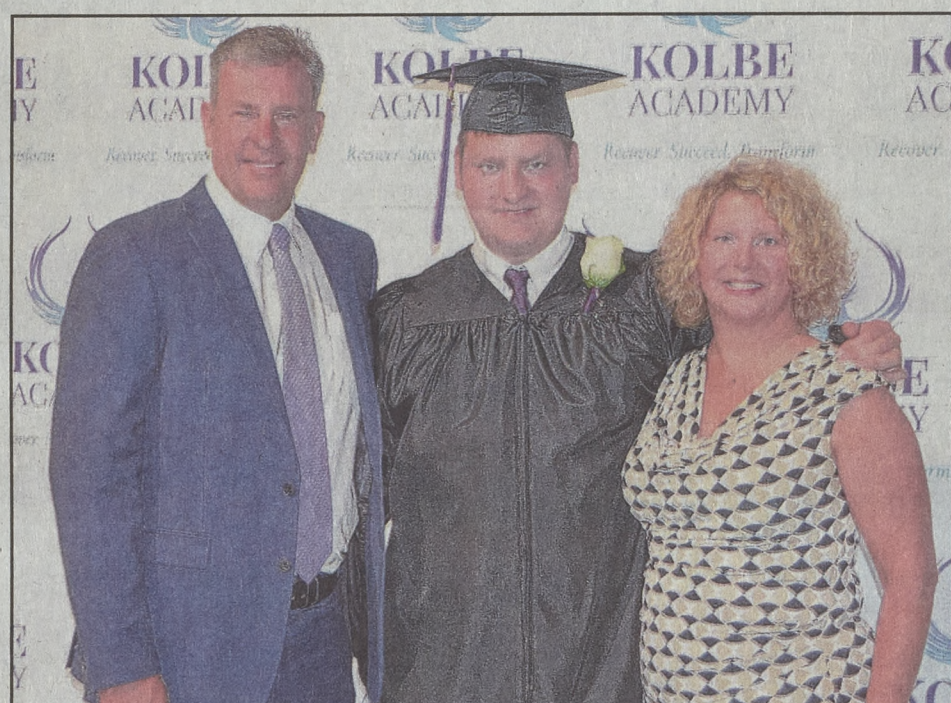


By Lani Goins



Members of the clergy participate in the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement ceremony at Kolbe Academy June 7.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES



Joseph Skrip with his parents, John and Stormy

KOLBE ACADEMY
JUNE 7



Emily Szuter sang several songs, including "God of All Grace" and "Festival Allelujah."



Gabriel Shellock with his father Brian Shellock.

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Through Sunday, June 20

Musica in the Park. Hellertown. Concert series. Food and drinks available (cost).

Through Thursday, June 17

Bethlehem Twp. Community Center: "Colorful Animal" Art Camp, ages seven to 12; 1-3:30 p.m. Fee. COVID-19 protocols in place. Visit www.bethlehem.township.org or call 610-332-1900. 2900 Farmersville Road.

Wednesday, June 16

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.
Kellyn Foundation's mobile locally grown fresh produce market, Mechanic Street 3 Lot between Taylor and Polk streets 3 to 6 p.m. weekly.

Thursday, June 17

Seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.
Tunes at Twilight. 6 p.m. Edge - Island Time; Historic Bethlehem Museum Goundie Garden - Pentley Holmes; Hotel Bethlehem - Ron & Michael Goosley; McCarthy's Red Stag Pub - Tim Harakal, Twisted Olive - Wayward Buds. Backstage passes, including free North Street Garage parking for all 12 Thursdays and other benefits, are available. For passes (cost) and for performer lineups, visit TunesatTwilight.com
Concerts in the Courtyard, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sun Inn Courtyard, 564 Main St. Visit <https://suninmbethlehem.org/events/>

Friday, June 18

Juneteenth Freedom Day, 6 p.m. Free, must register. 50 persons limit. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/211134692249152>. Sculpture Garden, 10 E. Church St. Bring a chair. African drumming, dance, history, singing, crafts, music, snacks. Follow CDC guidelines re: masking and distancing.

Saturday, June 19

Free food boxes, perishable, non-perishable items, 10 a.m. until food is gone. Crosspoint church parking lot, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave. Visit www.crosspoint.life or call 610-866-1388.

Tuesday, June 22

Bridge players, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Wednesday, June 23

Cops 'n Kids with City of Bethlehem Police Chief Michelle Kott reading "Pig the Pug" by Aaron Blabey, followed by a pancake breakfast. Must register in advance; call 610-861-5526 or visit lvcpops-n-kids@att.net. Limited seating. Room 403, Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St.
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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, June 16

Northampton Co. Personnel and Finance Committee, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee, 5:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Supervisors, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.
Hellertown Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Thursday, June 17

Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, 3 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
Northampton Co. Energy, Environment and Land Use, 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
Northampton County Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton. Meetings will be live streamed. Agenda, details: visit www.northamptoncounty.org

Monday, June 21

Historic Conservation Commission, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Visit <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/331314949> or via the phone at: +1 (786) 535-3211. Access Code: 331-314-949.
Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Fountain Hill Zoning Board, 7 p.m. 941 Long St. (as needed)
Hellertown Borough Council, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Tuesday, June 22

Freemansburg Council, as needed, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St. Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.
Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, June 23

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m. Join from computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/212415765> or dial in using your phone to 1 (571) 317-3122. Access Code: 212-415-765
Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m. 85 W. North St.
Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Public Notice

The Borough of Freemansburg Zoning Hearing Board will hold a hearing at Borough Hall, 600 Monroe Street, Freemansburg, PA 18017, on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, beginning at 7 PM to hearing the following:

Appeal of Dominic A. Villani, Jr. - 1.49 Acre vacant land along Cambria Street.

The applicant is seeking dimensional variances for Parcel N7SW3D-1-1N 0212, a 1.49 acre tract of land along Cambria Street in the Borough. The applicant is proposing to construct a 24 unit multi-family dwelling and is seeking relief from the following requirements of Section 554: Minimum lot area: required 2 acres; proposed: 1.49 acres. Lot area per dwelling unit: Required: 4,400 Sq.Ft.; Proposed: 2,701 Sq.Ft. Side yard setback: required: 40'; proposed 30'.

Suzanne Borzak, Zoning Officer



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

The 2021 Lehigh Valley Academy graduates line up prior to marching across the baseball field at Coca Cola Stadium. Natalie Woodell leads the line, followed by Branden Webb, Laura Veras, Kaylee Vega, Eshmael Vergas-Patrick, Kyara Varela and Michelle Tsapy Tatidoum.

LEHIGH VALLEY ACADEMY - JUNE 2
'Stay true to your goals'

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh Valley Academy assembled at Coca Cola Stadium June 2 to watch the class of 2021 celebrate in an open-air ceremony. The class had just endured a year under the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which shut down almost all schools and forced students to learn online.

Ninety-two students received their diplomas. Twenty-four of them had been students at LVA since kindergarten.

In spite of the face masks and social distancing, the students and staff were in high spirits.

There was no designated valedictorian or salutatorian. Instead, a member of the student government was selected as class speaker.

Alex Campos, the speaker, used a literary metaphor to begin his speech. He was out on the baseball field on a dais set up over the batter's box.

"As we continue to write our book, make sure you do not forget the people who helped you grow in the person you are today," Campos said.

"I would like to say how proud I am of Lehigh Valley Academy for shaping me into the hard worker I have become today. LVA taught me that no matter what life will throw at you, as long as you stay true to your goals, you will be able to get through the tough times."

Campos spoke of "friends being like stars" who you don't have to see "to know they are there."

He thanked Mr. Wingerter and Mr. Sabino "for making the student council the coolest experience ever."

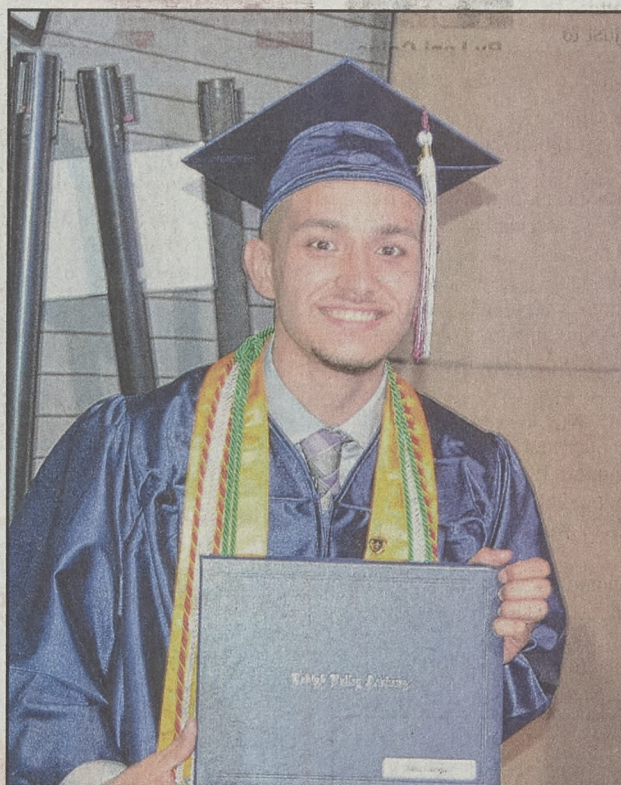
Campos was the Bethlehem Press' student reporter this past school year and plans to attend Shippensburg University and major in criminal justice.

Jennifer Nonnemacher, the Junior and

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Students came with decorated mortar boards to add some fun to the ceremony.



Alex Campos, the student speaker, said, "I would like to say how proud I am of Lehigh Valley Academy for shaping me into the hard worker I have become today."

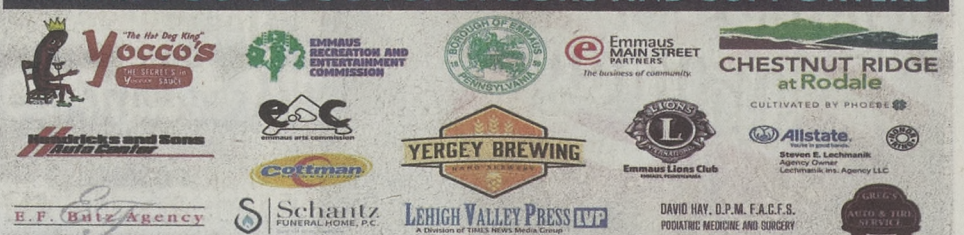


Jennifer Nonnemacher, the junior and senior high school principal, addressed the students and families. "Your perseverance and strength have prepared all of you for great and bright futures in our world."

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JUNE 20 - NO EVENT	FRIDAY JULY 9 - THE POCONO DUO
JUNE 27 - FRIENDS OF TOM	FRIDAY JULY 23 - WOODSIDE AVE
JULY 4 - DMC DUO	AUGUST 13 - TIM HARAKAL
JULY 18 - JAMES SUPRA BAND	AUGUST 27 - AUDIO FILES
JULY 25 - THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS	
AUGUST 1 - SHAUN LALLY (3 PIECE BAND)	
AUGUST 8 - THE SWINGTIME DOLLS	
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AREA DEATHS

William H. Baer

Steel guard; diesel mechanic



William H. Baer, 92, of Coopersburg, died June 6, 2021, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Philip and Sarah (Place) Baer. He was the husband of the late Frances (Graber) Baer.

He was a graduate of Liberty HS.

He was a receptionist and guard for the Bethlehem Steel Corp.; a diesel mechanic for Berman Trucking; worked for Fluck's Hardware, Coopersburg; and most recently worked for the Borough of Coopersburg, until he retired in February 2018.

He was a member of Trinity U.C.C., Bethlehem.

He was a past president and lifetime member of the Coopersburg Fire Company and was completing his 68th year of service this year. He was a treasurer of Coopersburg Ambulance and a member of the Coopersburg Council and Water Authority. He was a past president and treasurer of the Southern Lehigh Jaycees.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Jill Baer, with whom he resided; three sisters, Barbara Fleuer of Kunkletown, Phyllis Wierbach of Maryland and Sandra Waldbieser of South Carolina; five grandsons, Philip Baer (Alexandra), Craig Baer (Tamy), Thomas Baer (Kelly) and Jason Baer (Tara); eight great-grandchildren, Brynn, Justin, Cassidy, Rylie, Gabriel, Hailey, Mckenzie and Caiden; and a son, Robert William Baer, nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Daniel E. Baer; and four siblings, Charles Baer, Elaine Warren, Shirley Detweiler and Pauline Pike.

Contributions may be made to the Coopersburg Fire Company, 13 S. Main St., Coopersburg, 18036.

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

Betty M. Blöse

St. John's U.C.C. member



Betty M. Blöse, 92, of Bethlehem, died June 5, 2021, in Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. Born in Howertown, she was a daughter of the late Harvey and Myrtle (Brobst) Saylor. She was the wife of the late Arlington Blöse.

She was a seamstress at Fuller Sportswear for 38 years.

She was a member of St. John's U.C.C., Whitehall.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra J. Koch; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Edger Saylor; and a sister, Florence Jacoby.

Contributions may be made to the church.

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Stephanie Anne (Retter) Bowlby

Steel IT technician

Stephanie Anne (Retter) Bowlby, 78, of Bethlehem Township, died June 7, 2021, at her residence. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late William H. Sr. and Dorothy M. (Whittle) Retter. She was the wife of the late E. James Bowlby.

She was an IT technician for many years for Bethlehem Steel Corp. and EDS before she retired in 2006.

She was a member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, Easton.

She is survived by a son, Duane Brown and his wife Sharon of Center Valley; a daughter, Marci Kickliter of Allentown; three grandchildren, Trevor Kickliter, Dale Brown and Felicia Rocchino; two great-grandchildren, Ryker and Ronin; and three sisters, Sharon Rehrig and her husband James of Nazareth, Kathleen Sipler and her husband Ronald of Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Suzanne Theoret and her husband Mark of Bath.

She was predeceased by a brother, William H. Retter Jr.; and a sister, Dorothy Adams.

Contributions may be made to Miller-Keystone Blood Center, 1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Class valedictorian Jude Bislig sparked laughter from the audience as he recalls numerous memories with his classmates over the years, and expressed gratitude for the most important people in his life. He received a standing ovation when he finished his remarks.

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HS - JUNE 5

'You rose to the occasion'

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On a hot but breezy Saturday evening, 113 members of the Notre Dame HS senior class celebrated their graduation. Dressed in the school's colors of blue and gold, some decorated their graduation caps with flowers, stars and a few Penn State lions.

The ceremony opened with the procession of the students while the band played Pomp and Circumstance. The National Anthem was performed with enthusiasm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain the Reverend Daniel Kravitz gave the Invocation.

Notre Dame alumnus Joseph Kelly gave welcoming remarks. His address acknowledged the COVID pandemic.

"Now that this crisis has subsided, we can lift our eyes to the horizon and dream big dreams," he said.

Salutatorian Gregorio Macchia also spoke of the pandemic.

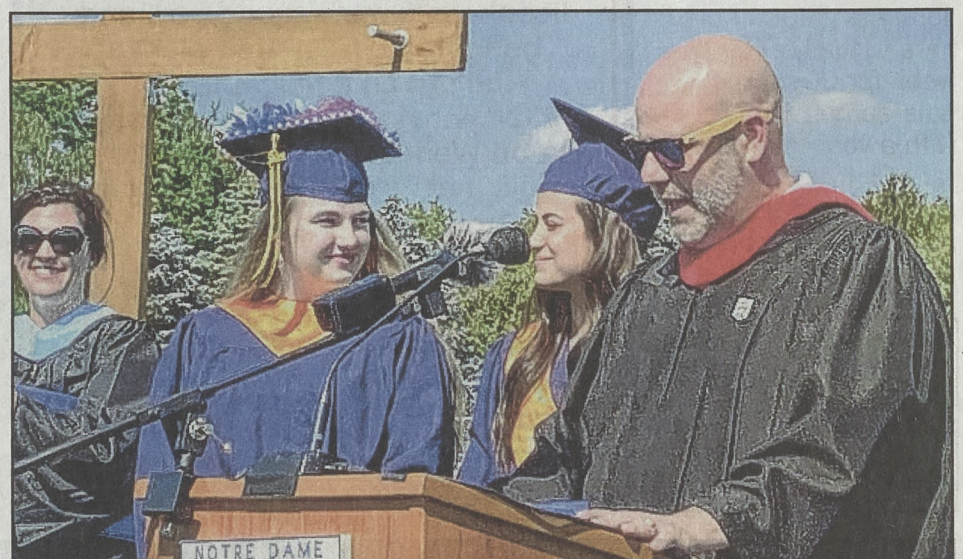
"This year taught us to be patient," he said.

Awards were presented for academic performance, club leadership, athletics, and civic organization awards. Then the valedictorian was introduced.

"It's been a rough year, but if I have one word for all of us, it's resilient," said valedictorian Jude E. Bislig. He addressed mental health concerns brought on by the isolation of the pandemic. He said his own mental health suffered most at the beginning of his senior year, as he was "applying for colleges and scholarships."

"I learned to appreciate breaks, and learned better time management," he said. "If you need someone to talk to, your family, teachers and staff, talk to someone. And check in on others."

He thanked his family, and he thanked his girlfriend, "Thank you



President Andrew D'Angelo kicks off the ceremony with a warm welcome to all students, faculty, family and friends. He commented that this commencement was the culmination of a challenging year and how proud he was of this graduating class.



Gregorio Macchia, salutatorian for the Class of 2021, recalls memories from his high school career and the fortitude that he and his classmates showed over the past two years. Macchia was awarded the Gannon University Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Rensselaer Medal, among other awards.

Michaela, I love you; sorry if I'm embarrassing you right now."

The diplomas were awarded by Principal Jaclyn Friel.

"I am proud of you, and you should be proud of yourselves," she said, repeating it for emphasis.

Closing remarks were given by School President Andrew D'Angelo. He thanked the graduation organizers, the leadership team, the faculty and the parents. He asked the parents who were also Notre Dame alumni

to stand.

"You did not get to enjoy all the Notre Dame traditions for seniors," he told the graduates. He mentioned their prom was held in the parking lot.

"You rose to the occasion," he said.

He indicated signs to each side of the platform with the names of colleges or universities members of the Class of 2021 had been accepted by. He said the class was awarded over \$7 million in scholarships.

Outgoing Student Council Executive



Principal Jaclyn Friel prepares to award the seniors their diplomas. She said how proud she was of this class for persevering in the face of what was a very tough year, and encouraged them to be proud of themselves.

Board President Giovanna Baldo was presented with her gavel as a farewell gift.

The benediction and blessing were delivered by Chaplain Reverend Daniel Kravitz. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the Notre Dame Alma Mater. The band played Giuseppe Verdi's Trumphal March from Aida as the ceremony concluded.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of Freemansburg Borough will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 in the Borough's municipal building located at 600 Monroe Street, Freemansburg, Northampton County, Pa. 18017 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing, with the possibility of adopting the following Ordinance:

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GOALS

Continued from page A3 senior high school principal, took her turn on the stage. "Your commitment to learning and growing is astounding, as you all have worked hard during your time at LVA to graduate here tonight," she said. "Your perseverance and strength have prepared all of you for great and bright futures in our world. "I have a piece of advice for you. What stands before all of you this evening is an undefined future. You can be anything or anyone you want to be. This may be intimidating, but at the same time, it is liberating." Martin Smith, pres-

ident of the board of trustees, offered kudos to the graduates for coming through the challenges of a pandemic. "Hybrid schedules, learning remotely, at home at a relative's

house, dealing with technical problems, maybe helping take care of younger and older relatives, all while trying to complete your high school education to the best of your ability,"

he said. "You persevered and rose to meet the challenges presented. "Your ability to adapt and take on new challenges will prepare you well."

Book sale in the open air

Bethlehem Area Public Library's popular book sales are temporarily being held outside on the porch, limiting the collection of items available for perusal, but the spring weather has been cooperating grandly. **Above:** During the last book sale May 15, Freedom graduate Dru Davis, left, comes to every book sale, while Karen Elchaar says, "I live in Allentown, but I'm here frequently. This library is great. I come here virtually every week for CDs." The sale earned \$1,781 with a year total thus far of only \$17,000, about a third as much as other years, but library staff says

a return to normal indoor sales is looking likely for September.



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Masking mandatory for graduation

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

SAUCON VALLEY

With the unprecedented 2020-21 academic year winding down and the June 4 graduation ceremony for the Saucon Valley senior class quickly approaching, commencement masking procedures, as well as general reflections on the past nine months, were the predominant topics at the May 25 school board meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler kicked off the meeting with positive words for the entire district staff. "I want to celebrate the fact that we've had, in my opinion, a very successful year," he said. He also specifically thanked the "fair number of teachers dedicating considerable time this summer" to professional development activities and for their "dedication to their craft and students."

"I feel very fortunate to be leading the district... and I know that we have been the envy of parents in other districts who wished they had their children in school," Butler added. Saucon Valley was one of a small number of Pa. districts which has offered in-person learning for the entire school year.

However, the meeting



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Andres noted that

the district's current plan contains language which dictates the administration to consistently follow CDC guidelines. "We at least should have done a better job following... the revised guidelines" as they have been gradually loosened, he said. "I've heard that one explanation was that there were only a few weeks (of classes) to go and it wasn't worthwhile to change. In my opinion,

that explanation is not acceptable."

Butler pressed back a bit, noting the potential difficulty in making such revisions so close to the end of the year. "The SVEA (Saucon Valley Education Association) has shared with me, on more than one occasion, their desire to continue for the balance of the school year with our current mitigation strategies," he said. "Thinking of our students, particularly the younger (ones), changing procedures at that point... was something that I had some hesitation about."

Andres did not ask for an immediate revision to affect the final week of classes in response, but fellow board member Bryan Eichfeld subsequently inquired about potentially revising or lifting masking requirements for graduates and attendees at the upcoming commencement ceremony. Graduation was scheduled for Friday, June 4 at Montford E. Illick Stadium, which is an outdoor athletic field on the district's campus.

"The plan for graduation right now is for the audience to mask," Butler answered. "But that's not what the guidelines said," Andres responded. See MASKS on Page A9

CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



After finding herself being passed around, **Starling** is now on the search for a furr-ever home. This super sweet little lady is looking for a new roost to rule where she can sit up high and look out the window. Starling is cat friendly, but would prefer no small children.

Midnight, a 3-year-old old pitbull mix, has been with the shelter for over a year now. He may look rough around the edges, but he has a heart of gold. Midnight will do best in an adult-only home with no other pets. He needs someone who is willing to look past his scars and give him a chance.

BASD

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age's rigor, breadth, and ease of integration with the district's technology were factors in the decision.

Facilities updates
The facilities portion of the meeting included an update on the 2011 General Obligation Bond from Scott Shearer of PFM Financial Advisors and a recommendation to approve an agreement for Moravian College to use the Liberty HS and Freedom HS pools for its new swim teams. The pool-sharing agreement is delineated to ensure that only Moravian

College athletes use BASD pools when they are not already in use for district or Special Olympics events. Shearer advised them that the interest rate market "looks quite good," informing the board that refinancing the 2011 series of bonds would allow the district to take advantage of roughly \$33 million worth of debt, saving more than \$2.5 million. In order to make the Nov. 15, 2021, bond redemption date, the board was to vote to begin the transaction paperwork at the May 24 meeting.

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Emma Bond

▼ **BRIEFLY**

BC HOOP CAMPS

Becahi girls summer camps will take place this June.

The Lady Hawks Camp will run from June 21-24.

The Lady Hawks Camp is for grades 4-9 and runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$120.

Camp will be lead by Coach Medina, players and staff. To register, go to <https://bcgirlsbball.sportngin.com/register/form/732857780>.

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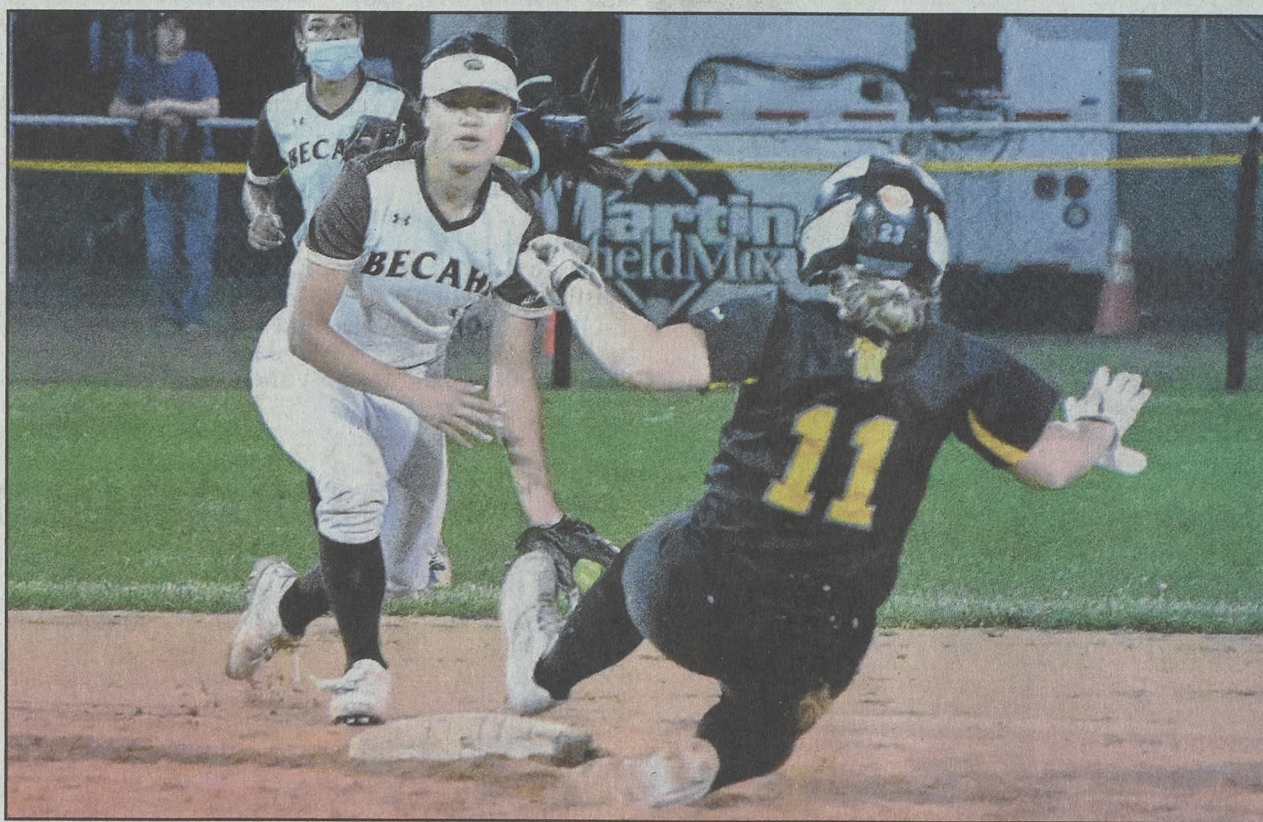
Liberty High Soccer Club will hold a Summer of 2021 Camp.

The camp is for incoming grades 2-7, boys and girls, and will take place June 21-24 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on the Nitchmann Turf Field.

Cost is \$20 per kid and \$15 for each additional family member. Beginners welcome. Free LHSC T-shirt if you register by June 1.

The camp is run by Liberty boys and girls soccer programs in conjunction with the LHS alumni and student volunteers. The goal is to let the kids have fun playing soccer. It is not to make money. Experience level doesn’t matter.

Questions, email LHSC@ptd.net.



PRESS PHOTOS BY MIKE FEIFEL

Abby Rodriguez and the Hawks advanced to the state finals with a win on Monday.

Hawks advance with win over Villa Joseph Marie

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Editor’s note: The Hawks fell 5-1 against Tunkhannock on Monday night.

Bethlehem Catholic’s Golden Hawks flew by Villa Joseph Marie, 6-0, in the PIAA state softball quarterfinal last Thursday at Spring-Ford High School in Royersford.

Becahi scored its first runs in the second inning when second baseman Jordan Merklin hit a bases-loaded single to give the Hawks a 2-0 lead. Shortstop Abby Rodriguez had an RBI in the fourth, and catcher Teighan Boyle scored on a passed ball in the sixth to go up 4-0.

“Their pitcher was a little slower, so it took the first time through the lineup to get runners on and in scoring position,” said winning pitcher Emma Bond.

Bond’s curveball and

her rise ball on the inside corner worked to the Hawks’ advantage throughout the game.

“We had somebody go look at [Villa Joseph Marie] and told us what to look for,” Bond said. “I did my own sort of stalking and saw what travel teams they were on.”

Becahi center fielder Jaden Spigner’s two RBI single scored the Hawks’ last two runs of the game, and as Becahi’s offense is peaking at just the right time, so is its defense.

“At the beginning of the season, our defense was the reason we lost games, and now it’s the reason we won, especially in our first-round game against Archbishop Wood. We had to rely on that,” said Bond. “We’ve had very few errors, and it helps me, knowing someone is behind me.”

The Hawks are a rel-



Jordan Merklin hauls in a pop fly during the District 11 finals.

atively young team, so Coach Rich Mazza has been trying to keep things as normal as possible on the field.

“It’s been pretty much the same routine,” said Bond. “Be patient, make good contact.”

In the last inning on Thursday, Villa Joseph

Marie had one runner on first base, who took a lead, but was thrown out by Boyle.

“We’re all pretty much on an adrenaline high and pumped up to go to semis,” Bond said. “By the last inning, things were less intense, but it felt really good.”

Valley Cup team named

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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This year’s Carpenter Cup Softball Tournament is on and Lehigh Valley’s roster has been released, which includes sophomores and juniors from high schools throughout District XI.

The Carpenter Cup tournament, played at FDR Park in Philadelphia, is a college showcase featuring teams from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Blake Morgan, who is the head coach for Whitehall High School’s softball team, is the head coach of Lehigh Valley, and is assisted by Ed Stinner and Kyle Stinner, who coach with Morgan at Whitehall.

Players are: Freedom’s Julia Griffith, Julia Heineman, and Natalie Stannard; Northampton’s Devin Demchak, Angela Fisher, and Taylor Kranzley; Whitehall’s Lennon Dreisbach, Mackenzie Laub, and Jessica Spanitz; Emmaus’s Shayla Morgan; Northwestern Lehigh’s Marissa Christman; Allentown Central Catholic’s Lauren Egan and Jennifer Milisits; Easton’s Rozalee Negron; and William Allen’s Nora Zekkaria.

Lehigh Valley’s first game is scheduled for June 21 at 8 a.m. when they will face Burlington County. The championship game is scheduled for June 23.

Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup baseball team is back
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D’Amico steps away from Freedom

BY PETER CAR
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It’s the end of an era at Freedom for baseball coach Nick D’Amico. After 15 years leading the baseball program as head coach, D’Amico resigned recently.

“We appreciate his 15 years

with our Freedom family,” Stannard said in a release. “He had tremendous success leading our program to the District 11 6A championship in 2018. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.”

D’Amico was a staple in

the area’s baseball scene, as he finished 168-135 during his tenure. The Pates went 7-12 this past season and couldn’t muster a playoff berth.

However, Freedom’s 2018 season will be looked upon as one of D’Amico’s career highlights, as the team went 16-10

and won the District 11 6A title following a 2-1 victory over Parkland. It was the first district championship since 1999 for the program.

The Pates also won the East Penn Conference crown in 2016.

Summer hoops back at Cedar Beach

BY PETER CAR
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The summer basketball scene has officially been back at Cedar Beach with the return of the summer league, but this weekend’s Bash at the Beach is the marquee event that everyone will have their eyes on.

The varsity boys bracket features 26 teams with action starting on Thursday night

with all three local teams participating in the event.

Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic kick things off at 6 p.m. each, as the Hurricanes open with Berks Catholic and Becahi takes on Northwestern. The winners of those two games will then play on Friday at 7 p.m. in what could potentially be an all-Bethlehem affair in the double elimination

tournament.

Freedom opens play at 8 p.m. on Thursday against Emmaus at the bottom of the bracket, as the winner of that game will take on Easton Friday night at 8 p.m.

2021 Allentown Boys Varsity Cedar Beach Basketball League Standings
(as of Saturday, June 12, 2021)

Big Division Schools	
Reading	3-0
Nazareth	3-1
Northampton	3-1
Parkland	3-1
Becahi	2-1
Central Catholic	2-1
Emmaus	2-1
Liberty	2-1
Wilson West Lawn	2-1
Allen	2-2
Freedom	2-2
Whitehall	2-2
Dieruff	1-2
Pocono Mt. East	1-2
Easton	1-3

Quakertown	1-3
Bangor	0-4
Pleasant Valley	0-4

Small Division Schools	
Palmerton	4-0
Southern Lehigh	3-1
Notre Dame GP	2-1
Salisbury	2-1
Saucon Valley	2-1
Roberto Clemente	1-2
Upper Perkiomen	1-2
Warren Hills	0-3
Lehighton	0-4

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LV Cup baseball team returns this week

BY PETER CAR
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The Lehigh Valley Carpenter Cup baseball team is featuring players from 14 different schools this year, as they opened up tournament play Tuesday afternoon against Philadelphia Catholic.

This is the 35th edition of the tournament following last year's absence due to coronavirus pandemic, as the 16-team, single-elimination

event kicked off on Monday at Philadelphia's FDR Park.

This year's team features five players from Bethlehem, as Chaise Albus (Bethlehem Catholic, Jr., OF/P), Parker Frey (Liberty, Sr., OF/P), Eric Ludwick (Liberty, Sr., C), Beckham McNally (Becahi, So., P) and Matt Martinez (Becahi, Sr., C) will be part of the 18-man roster for this year's squad.

Should the Lehigh Valley team win in Tuesday's matchup, they would move on to play on Friday at 12:30 p.m. against either Olympic Colonial or Jersey Shore in the quarterfinals.

Semifinals and finals will take place at Citizens Bank Park with the final four round set for June 21, while the championship game is on June 24.

The complete roster is below:

Chaise Albus, Bethlehem Catholic, Jr., OF/P
Blake Barthol, Parkland, Jr., IF/P
Bo Barthol, Parkland, So., OF/P
Brock Bollinger, Palmerton, Sr., C
Tyler Causa, Wilson, Sr., P/IF
Parker Frey, Liberty, Sr., OF/P
JD Greeley, Poc. Mt. West, Sr., IF/OF/P
Nick Henry, NW Lehigh, Sr., OF
Eric Ludwick, Liber-

ty, Sr., C
Beckham McNally, Becahi, So., P
Matt Martinez, Becahi, Sr., C
Ben Moyzan, Notre Dame-GP, Jr., P/IF
Griffin Patridge, Allentown CCHS, So., C/IF
Rafe Perich, NW Lehigh, Sr., IF/P
Justin Ramirez, Easton, Jr., IF
Brandon Ratti, Pleasant Valley, Sr., OF/P
Jack Smale, Pleasant Valley, So., OF

Max Squarcia, Easton, Sr., OF
Matt Tankred, Southern Lehigh, Jr., IF/P
Braden Waller, Emmaus, Sr., P/OF
Zach Walters, Pleasant Valley, Sr., P/IF
Quinn Warmkessel, Salisbury, Sr., P/IF
Carter Welch, NW Lehigh, Sr., P/IF
Dylan Witkowski, NW Lehigh, Jr., IF/P



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

My son accidentally caught-released this chunky largemouth bass while fishing for crappie last weekend at Ontelaunee Reservoir.

Outdoors: Bass season opens in PA

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

Second only to trout, black bass are the most popular sportfish in Pennsylvania. And the season for them kicked off this past Saturday minus the crowds of the trout opener.

The bass season opened with a creel limit of six and a minimum size limit of 12 inches. Despite this, most bass anglers wisely practice catch-and-release. It's not because largemouth and smallmouth bass aren't good eating, because they are. It's because they're more fun to catch-and-release as they can be caught again another day, especially when using lures as compared to live bait which could be swallowed and injuring the fish.

While smallmouth bass are predominantly a river and stream fish, they can be caught in any one of Pennsylvania's 4,000 lakes and reservoirs, most of which contain both bass species says the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PF&BC).

Of that number and for those new to the area, here are the more popular local waters that hold bass.

BERKS COUNTY

Blue Marsh Lake is the largest lake in the county where motorboats with unlimited horsepower can be used. It's located off Route 222

northwest of Reading and in the area of Bernville.

Then there's Ontelaunee Reservoir, also located off Route 222 in Maiden Creek Township. This has to be fished from shore (or wading) as no boats or watercraft are allowed. This lake probably holds the largest bass of any lake around this and other counties mainly because access is limited. Incidentally, you may latch onto a snakehead fish. If you do, it's recommended it be dispatched as it's an invasive species that no one seems to know how they got in the lake.

BUCKS COUNTY

Lake Nockamixon, located between routes 313 and 412 outside of Quakertown, this expansive lake has a 10-hp limit on outboard motors. It has an extensive shoreline that contains good fish structure. It's the premier lake in this county as it contains hybrid striped bass as well.

CARBON COUNTY

Beltzville Lake is an elongated lake that has no power limit for boats and is a popular bass water with Preachers Camp area being one of the hot spots. It's located off the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike outside Lehighton.

Mauch Chunk Lake is much smaller in size (330 acres) as are the bass there. While there are some lunkers, many

of the fish are on the stunted size but still fun to catch and release. Chunk is located on Lentz Trail Road west of Jim Thorpe.

LEHIGH COUNTY

Leaser Lake is producing some lunker bass but must be immediately released as only trout may be kept. Huge muskies too are being caught and they must also be released.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Locust and Tuscarora lakes, located west of Barnesville near Route 52, offer 52 acres of fishing at Locust Lake and 100 at Tuscarora. Both hold good populations of largemouths, albeit small ones with an occasional keeper.

PIKE COUNTY

If you don't mind driving a little farther, Shohola Lake is prime bassin' waters in that it's shallow and loaded with above water structure. It holds some 8-pound largemouths. This is an electric motor-only lake that's located off Route 6 between Milford and Lake Wallenpaupack. When bass fishing there many moons ago, I caught/released a huge snapping turtle that hit my white spinner bait.

This is but a fingernail summary of some of the local favored bass fishing waters. But don't overlook farm ponds. You may be surprised as to the size of bass in these small waters.

Becahi announces college signings

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic announced their latest class of graduating student-athletes who are moving on to play at the collegiate level last week.

The Hawks have 18 seniors making the jump to college athletics led by Kyleigh Brown heading to Lehigh to play volleyball and Evan Gleason wrestling for Harvard.

The complete list of this year's class is below.

Marcela Bañuelos, Chestnut Hill College, Soccer
Clayton Basile, As-

sumption University, Football and Lacrosse
Kyleigh Brown, Lehigh University, Volleyball
Hunter Cantwell, Catholic University, Rowing
Anthony DeRosa, Bloomsburg University, Wrestling
Jackson Gilstrap, Hartwick College, Men's Soccer
Evan Gleason, Harvard University, Wrestling
Mckenna Harnett, Pitt University, Cheerleading
Ian Kish, Gwendydd Mercy University, Lacrosse
Dalton Kucher,

Muhlenberg College, Football
Keianna Lopez, Penn State University Park, Cheerleading
Matthew Martinez, High Point University, Baseball
Matthew Mayer, NYU, Wrestling
Megan Papcsy, Belmont College, Cheerleading
Jacob Sledz, Drew University, Volleyball
Cailey Spanitz, Boston University, Track and Field
Jaden Spigner, Franklin and Marshall College, Softball
Shannon Stewart, Ursinus, Tennis

Freedom sending 27 to college athletics

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom announced their latest class of student-athletes who are moving on to the college level. The Pates will have 27 seniors heading to play at the collegiate level.

Lauren Charboneau is one of the few heading to a Division-I program, as she'll be attending St. Joe's to compete in cross country and track, while Sarah Gill is heading to Lehigh for diving.

Haley Gschrey is another top name going D-I, as she'll play soccer at LaSalle.

The complete list of athletes include: Abby Burnette (Hood College, lacrosse); Lauren Charboneau (Saint Joseph's University, cross country and track); Frank

Cierech (Tufts University, football); Jake Cierech (King's College, lacrosse); Daniel Connell (Wagner College, swimming); Jeremiah Espinosa (Moravian College, football); Joseph Fancera (Kings College, baseball); George Ethan Ferrey (United States Merchant Marine Academy, football); Eliza Fihlman (Cedar Crest, cross country and track); AJ Fletcher (Lackawanna, football); Zion Frailey (Northampton Community college, baseball); Corrin Gill (East Stroudsburg University, basketball); Sarah Gill (Lehigh University, diving); Garrett Glick (Northampton Community College, baseball); Haley Gschrey (La Salle University, soccer); Quin Hoke (Wagner

College, lacrosse); Abby Husser (Goldey Beacom, softball); Kayla Jefferson (Eastern University, basketball); Marcus Kreidler (Middlebury College, football and lacrosse); Nathan Mikulski (Shepherd University, baseball); Brenna Ortwein (Millersville University, basketball); Luis Osorio (Penn State New Kensington, baseball); Matison Piripavel (Central Connecticut State University, softball); Jacob Schwind (Wagner College, football); Abigail Sipel (Cedar Crest College, lacrosse); Jen Slanovec (University of Massachusetts Lowell, softball) and Kady Smith (Moravian College, field hockey).

Liberty sends off 23 student-athletes

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty held a signing ceremony for 23 student-athletes recently, as they announced their college destinations for the next four years. The list featured several Division-I athletes, most notably, Sander Sahaydak, who is heading to Penn State to kick for the football team.

Sahaydak will have one classmate joining him at State College, as baseball pitcher Devin Fletcher will also play for the Nittany Lions. Cross country champions Emily Jobes (University of Pittsburgh) and Cole Frank (Tem-

ple) will also be heading to D-I programs.

Graham Phillips will compete at St. Joe's in track and field, while Elizabeth Flynn is staying local to play volleyball at Lafayette.

Below are the rest of the student-athletes heading to the next level.

Elizabeth Babson (Babson College, field hockey); Messiah Johnson (Wilkes, football); Lance Priestas (Wilkes, football); Austin Leibensperger (Ashland University, football); Jordan Jupina (Chestnut Hill College, boys soccer); Carly Shire (King's College, volley-

ball); Antonio Montgomery (Moravian, boys basketball); Jackson Marcantonio (King's, wrestling); Brayden D'Amico (Northampton Community College, baseball); Parker Frey (East Stroudsburg, baseball); Jack Rothenhauser (East Stroudsburg, baseball); Brandon Holzinger (Lackawanna, baseball); Eric Ludwick (Lackawanna, baseball); Nick Lees (Elmira College, baseball); Anthony Ronca (Moravian, tennis); Kaitlyn Arnone (Moravian, track) and Arthur Walker (Howard University, track).

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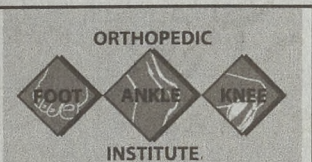
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Mechanic Street lot market opens

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez has announced the Bethlehem Parking Authority's Mechanic Street lot will serve as the newest location of the Kellyn Foundation's Mobile Market. The Mobile Market is scheduled to be in the Mechanic Street 3 Lot, located on Mechanic Street in between Taylor and Polk streets, in the city's Southside, every Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. starting June 9.

The Mobile Market plans weekly stops at selected sites to provide families with locally grown fresh produce at an affordable price. Market staff will also provide market customers with nutritional and cooking education. Family vouchers will be available to South Side residents.

"Having the Kellyn Foundation's Mobile Market in another convenient location in the city's Southside is a great opportunity for the city's Southside residents to have accessibility to affordable, healthy and fresh foods," said Donchez.

Bike Bethlehem now available

The City of Bethlehem's free bike share program, Bike Bethlehem, reopened on June 9.

The bikes, courtesy of the Bethlehem Health Bureau, are free to borrow with photo ID. Waivers must be signed. The bikes are available at the Bethlehem Area Public Library's main branch, 10 W. Church St., and the Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St.

For more information, visit www.lvcat.org/lvcat/.

Juneteenth event set for June 18

The Bethlehem NAACP is hosting its first official "Juneteenth Day Celebration" Friday, June 18. The holiday commemorates African Americans' freedom from slavery following the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation by a nation committed to equality.

The event in the City of Bethlehem Sculpture Garden at 10 East Church St. at 5 p.m. will feature an evening of music, arts and crafts, African drumming, and festive dance. Food representing the earlier period of slavery will also be featured at this historic community gathering.

LEHIGH VALLEY

Agentis benefit set for June 19

Reaching High Notes, the Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation benefit dinner dance and auction, will be held outdoors under cover from 7 p.m. to midnight June 19 at the Steel Club, 700 Linden Ave., Hellertown. Entertainers for the Palliative Care Scholarships fundraiser are Philadelphia Funk Authority and Ginger and the Schnappes. The emcee and auctioneer is Kate Hughes. The guest speaker is Dr. Erin Bendas, program director of Palliative Care, St. Luke's University Health Network.

Tickets, which include a four-course sit-down dinner and entertainment, are available at <http://bit.ly/JAACFSummer2021>. There is a mission button option to buy a ticket to the concert and donate an extra five dollars to The Pennsylvania American Legion.

The Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation provides nutritious weekly meals, hope and healing to hospice house patients and guests. In 2020, JAACF founded the Palliative Care Education Fund in partnership with St. Luke's Health Network. For more information, visit www.jaacf.org.

Trans-Bridge resumes service

Trans-Bridge Lines resumed service to the Wall Street section of Lower Manhattan Monday, June 7. The route was suspended in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The resumption of service comes exactly one year after Trans-Bridge resumed limited service to New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal on June 8, 2020.

Trans-Bridge Lines will begin the Wall Street service with two routes eastbound and two runs westbound, Monday through Friday. Schedules have been posted to the company's website at www.transbridgelines.com/choose-your-route.

Despite state and local restrictions being lifted on the wearing of face coverings, federal law requires that masks must still be worn when traveling on buses through September 2021. Therefore, Trans-Bridge Lines will still require passengers to follow the protocol when boarding, en route, and deboarding their motorcoaches.

The company continues their Commitment to Clean with the daily sanitizing of buses, optimizing airflow, and hydrostatically spraying motorcoaches with an antimicrobial solution that kills 99 percent of viruses for 90 days, including the virus that causes COVID-19.

'We've been coasting for far too long'

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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As President Joe Biden rallies nationwide support for a massive \$1.9 trillion infrastructure bill, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg spoke with reporters, including the Press, in a videoconference recently to explain some of the details.

While Republicans argue for a far smaller package dedicated specifically to physical infrastructure — roads and bridges and the like — Buttigieg calls Biden's American Jobs Plan an investment in business competitiveness that will help retool jobs and the economy for years to come. It includes expanding broadband access, improving schools and workforce development to maintain the roads and bridges, as well as new electricity sources and replacing aged water systems.

Buttigieg said it once took weeks to travel across the country, but that we changed all that with bold investments and major action, which is what the American Jobs Plan seeks to reproduce. "The U.S. now rank 13th globally in our transportation infrastructure," Buttigieg said, "and frankly for some time we've been headed in the wrong direction. I don't think it takes a lot to convince Americans that our infrastructure needs investment and improvement, but that won't happen on its own."

It has to be big and now, he said, to combat



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

"A lot is going to depend on the leadership of the business community" says Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Businesses have been crying out for improvement for a long time because part of the bottom line is the ability to rely on the infrastructure that we have, and we've been coasting for far too long on investments that were made generations before we got here."

ongoing health, climate and social crises, and to fix roads, bridges, waterways, airports, rail and transit systems.

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He said a study by Moody's indicates implementing the AJP will

create millions of jobs, many of which will not require college degrees. While true, it should be noted these jobs will be balanced against those lost by failing industries such as coal, and that they may require vocational training or certain levels of degrees. These sorts of observations may be splitting hairs, but they've successfully delayed real action in Washington.

Thus, Buttigieg concluded by exhorting local political and business leaders to apply their knowledge and credibility to the issue. "You can speak in very

direct terms about what it actually means to fix roads and bridges, what it would do for your bottom line if we had better ports and airports, what it would actually look like if your employees could access their workplaces with better transit or if your customers could better access broadband.

"Sharing those stories is incredibly powerful. Economists will say it, I will say it, about the economic growth we can achieve, but it means so much more when you say it."

MASKS

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ed. "It should be a board decision" whether or not to deviate from the current Health and Safety Plan, Andres said, adding, "I don't believe the administration has the authority to overrule what this board has voted on."

Board member Shawn Welch pushed back mildly against Andres, asking him, "what is the specific change that the administration should reasonably adopt? What in the district's policy would change right now?" Andres provided a hypothetical example of fully vaccinated grandparents who wish to remain unmasked while attending the ceremony.

Butler pointed to communication already released to the community regarding the ceremony, adding that the district's intent is "not to play 'masking police' at graduation, but we don't know who's vaccinated and who isn't. It's an outside setting but people are going to be close together, and we're just trying to provide the safest possible environment."

"I will say, I myself am not vaccinated," Butler said, "so I will wear the mask out of respect for others." Board president Susan Baxter added, "I think this is going to cause concern for 10 percent of our staff and 10 percent of our parents, and I don't think it's worth it."

Ultimately, the board and administrators decided to make no revisions, and all students, staff and attendees will be expected to wear masks for the final week of the academic year and at graduation.

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University of Maryland

Jessica Pimentel of Bethlehem earned a master of science in management from University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). The university held a virtual stateside commencement on May 15.

University of Scranton

The University of Scranton held its in-person undergraduate celebration ceremonies May 23. Degrees were conferred to graduates who had completed their academic degree requirements in August and December of 2020, as well as January and May of 2021.

Bethlehem area residents who earned undergraduate degrees include Lamese E. Elias, bachelor of science degree in environmental science; Dylan D. LeVan, bachelor of science degree in biology; Rachel A. Smith, bachelor of science degree in biology; Daniel R. Shuck, bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy; Jarod M. Herman, bachelor of science degree in marketing and business analytics; Michael A. Karoly, bachelor of science degree in accounting; and Matthew I. Morrow, bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Local students earning master's and doctoral degrees include Vianey Florentino Perez, master of arts in theology; and Mark Hamann, master of business administration in finance and accounting. The award ceremony was on May 22 at the Mohegan Sun Arena, Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes University

Six area residents earned master of science degrees from Wilkes University during the school's 74th spring commencement, from May 28 to 30. Tyler Merrick, Jessica Pretopapa, Sheri Sadler and Samantha Siegfried, all of Bethlehem, and Rebecca Miller of Freemansburg earned master of science in education degrees. Julie Nong of Bethlehem earned a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Submit graduation items to gtaylor@nonline.com, fax 610-740-0947 or mail it to College graduates, c/o Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26 St., Allentown, PA 18104.

DEAN'S LISTS**Bob Jones University**

Megan Trauch, from Bethlehem, was named to the Bob Jones University spring 2021 dean's list. The list recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Southern New Hampshire University

Four Bethlehem area residents were named to the Southern New Hampshire University winter 2021 dean's list. The winter term runs from January to May. Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the list for earning 12 credits. Undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester; online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

The local students are Andrew Brockway, Serena Harrington, Quinn Ackerman and Jaelyn Rosssnagle.

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Meeting virtually, from top left, are Rev. Suzanne Trump from St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, Stephanie Augello from the mayor's office, and Chairman Roger Hudak. From bottom left, are Janine Santoro from the BAPL South Side Branch and Vivian Robledo-Shorey from BASD.

PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Developments, reopenings reported

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Mayor's South Side Task Force met online May 25 due to continued COVID-19 concerns.

Accompanied by Task Force Chairman Roger Hudak, Stephanie Augello hosted the virtual meeting from the mayor's office.

Augello anticipated groundbreaking for the new Polk Street garage is to occur in early July 2021. She also said three city pools will be opening to the public in mid-June, including the newly-rebuilt Memorial Pool.

She and Hudak discussed two high rise development proposals recently rejected by the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM

One was for the Posh Properties along West Third Street and another was proposed for a nearby stretch of South New Street.

Hudak, who serves on the Bethlehem HCC, said although he favors development of the properties, and considers both buildings beautiful and appealing, they were both way too tall for his liking, based on the guidelines the commission works under. He opined the council and mayor should be the ones making decisions on building heights.

He welcomed the news that construction on the new parking garage will be happening soon. Hudak often expresses worry about

parking issues on the Southside.

Director of Student Services and Minority Affairs for BASD Vivian Robledo-Shorey spoke about the shifting of building principals within the district, including Principal Rick Amato, who leaves Broughal MS to run Governor Wolf ES.

Janine Santoro from the Bethlehem Area Public Library's Southside branch said although the facilities are open, masks are still required. She announced a new tool and seed library was launched the previous day, funded by a Southside Vision grant. Patrons can borrow hand tools, seeds and gardening books

to help them with their summer planting. There will be workshops, as well.

Susan Vitez from the Steelworkers' Archives reported the "Steelwalker" tours are back and doing well. They are scheduled for every Saturday and Sunday through December. Former steelworkers lead sidewalk and Hoover-Mason Trestle tours around the old Bethlehem Steel plant site. She mentioned their storefront is open by appointment Sundays, from 2-4 p.m. at the Outlets at Wind Creek. For information, call 610-861-0600.

Adrienne McNeil from Lehigh University spoke of the recent commencement exercises and May 18 ground-

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FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORER

The Borough of Freemansburg, (Northampton County, PA) seeks a qualified person for a full-time laborer position within the Public Works Department. The position is responsible for the general maintenance and repair of the Borough's streets, properties, equipment, facilities, and infrastructure. Starting salary is \$17.00/hr. Benefits available after successful completion of probationary period.

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- Results of the applicant's background investigation must be acceptable to Borough Council. An investigation includes; criminal and driver's history check, employment history check, reference check, and credit history check.
- Must have computer hardware and software skills or be able to learn.
- Preferable to have a minimum of one (1) years of Public Works related experience.

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- Requires physical effort at least 75% of the time.
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- Requires exposure to dirt, dust, and smells as may be related to sewer/street cleaning and/or maintenance activities.
- Requires availability to be on-call for certain sewer, snow plowing, and/or flood related emergencies, as may be assigned by the Public Works Supervisor.

Candidates for employment are also subject to the BOROUGH OF FREEMANSBURG PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL and the duties/requirements listed in the Borough's job description for Public Works Department Laborer.

Applications are available on the Borough's website www.boroughoffreemansburg.org

Applications can also be obtained during normal business hours at the Borough's administrative offices located at: 600 Monroe Street, Freemansburg PA. 18017

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Charlotte Samuelson

Liberty HS

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Favorite subject: Chemistry is my favorite because I like the challenge, but doing labs and hands-on activities made it very fun.

Activities: Liberty Theatre, Varsity Cheerleading, Younglife, SADD, Student Government, Special Olympics

Next steps: Attend a 4-year university and study nutrition

Career goals: Become a Physician's Assistant specializing in gastroenterology

Heroes: My Pappy because he is so hard working and loves his family members so much

Hobbies: Bike riding, cooking and baking, learning how to play piano, singing

Current Job(s): Hostess at P.J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant and lifeguard at Northampton Country Club

Volunteer work: I volunteer as a Wildlife leader for Younglife Lehigh Valley, where I mentor middle schoolers, plan exciting meetings and activities, and



help them explore their faith. Likes: Boston Red Sox, traveling to new places, fashion Dislikes: Birds Greatest accomplishment (so far): Being cast as "Peter" in Liberty High School's production of Peter Pan Advice for peers: Despite the circumstances, let's try to have fun and make the best of our senior year as Hurricanes!

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

After receiving their diplomas in the auditorium June 9, Bethlehem Catholic's 2021 graduates gather in the adjacent gymnasium for the traditional mortarboard toss.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HS - JUNE 3

'Once a Hawk, always a Hawk'

BY PRESS STAFF

Thunder rolled outside but there was no sense of foreboding. In fact, following the strangest and most lonely school year in memory, the Becahi community was joyous the evening of June 9 as it gathered en masse for the first time since the COVID crisis began so many months ago.

Faculty were masked, but the most stringent restrictions were over and distancing was no longer necessary, as seniors sat shoulder-to-shoulder in the auditorium, surrounded by family, to celebrate their achievements and conclude their high school careers.

Principal Holly DeNofa welcomed the guests and said, "One thing we have certainly learned over the course of the past year is to not take anything for granted. You have completed your journey here at Bethlehem Catholic. We are all here tonight together by the grace of God to celebrate and honor you, the Class of 2021."

DeNofa quoted Isaiah 58:11: "The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your soul with all good things," and explained, "This year, the year that we had, was unbelievable, and some of the spiritual opportunities we had taken for granted were taken away from us. For so long we were not able to attend Mass in person, we could not pray together as a community and most upsettingly, we could not receive communion ... it was so easy for us to slip into a spiritual drought. And here at school, where we'd always begun every year with Mass, as a whole school community, but we had ... no music, no singing ... we lost the chances to do what big families do.

"Last night [at the baccalaureate] was the first time in over a year that the class of 2021 was able to be all together and sharing the Eucharist, and I was incredibly touched at the amazing sight. My heart just melted.

"God will continually guide you," DeNofa said. "Christ will be your light."

DeNofa also took a moment to celebrate Valedictorian Sarah Knoble, who participated in an astonishing list of activities. Knoble was the top student in her class and was in soccer, track and field, Key Club, National Honor Society president, theater, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of



In front, from left, Bethlehem Catholic Principal Holly DeNofa honors 2021 class valedictorian Sarah Knoble June 9. The top scholar is headed to Villanova University with a double major in business and minor in computer science.



Graduating senior Lauren Alia sings the national anthem at the start of the Bethlehem Catholic commencement. Next to her is Principal Holly DeNofa. The ribbons worn by graduates and faculty are in memory of Gabrielle Marie Meixell who died in April at age 18.



Student speaker Rachel Oppedisano reflects on her time at Bethlehem Catholic.

Science, Retreat Team, founding member of the Orchestra Club, Scholastic Scrimmage, Engineering Team, Medical Club, Business Club and Hawk Ambassador.

Student speaker Isabella Faasumalie described Becahi as an extended family, especially for herself, who first visited the school in third grade, when her older brother took a tour while considering a transfer.

"I was unconcerned ... until football season. Going to my brother's football games was my favorite part of the week, and it was my first taste of Becahi life. My whole family made every game and my grandfather always insisted on showing up two hours before kickoff to get a good seat. We would sit in the stands and watch as the student section piled in, and I could not wait until the day when I would get to be a part of it.

"I quickly developed a passion for the Becahi family and pride in the Becahi reputation," Faasumalie said, but this year, as the youngest of three Becahi graduates, she said she experienced many things for the first time. "The place where I watched both my brother and sister graduate is the same place where they are watching me today. When I first came to Becahi, I felt intimidated by the shadows of my older siblings. I felt pressure to uphold the standards that they had set ... until I realized that their accomplishments were not meant to be discouraging, but inspiring. I realized that my purpose may differ from others but that did not make it less valuable.

"And I discovered that as long as I have pride in everything I See **HAWK** on Page A12

PEOPLE

Bethlehem painter wins Top Job award

Ryan Amato Painting won a 2021 Top Job award from American Painting Contractor Magazine for their work refinishing a historic canal boat in Easton. The award is given to some of the best painting contractors in the United States, and Ryan Amato Painting was deeply honored to receive this recognition.

Restoring a 48-ton canal boat is not an easy feat, which is why Ryan Amato Painting was chosen for the job. Built in 1993, the hull of the boat was the last steel hull manufactured at Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point plant and can seat 100 people. The boat offers its voyagers on-board dining and dazzling views of the Lehigh Valley, which is why it was important to the community to keep it in good working condition. Amato's expertise was needed to restore the steel structure for the future enjoyment of the craft by the community.



Amato

New Bethany Ministries has new housing assistants



Coleman



Johnson



Kebernik

New Bethany Ministries has added Rosemary Coleman, Bria Johnson, and Heather Kebernik as tenant navigators for the Housing Assistance program. As case managers, they will help tenants and property owners with rental payment arrears challenges, provide referrals and assure their financial stability.

The Housing Assistance program grew out of the COVID-19 Rental Assistance program convened by the Regional Homeless Advisory Board, the cities of Bethlehem, Allentown and Easton, and the District Magistrate Court system to prevent eviction and keep families from becoming homeless.

Social services director Jennifer Moll, housing assistance coordinator Emily Forrester and the tenant navigators are located in the NBM building at 313 W. Fourth St., Bethlehem. For more information, visit <https://newbethanyministries.org/housing-assistance/>

Hollenbach named a state Super Lawyer

Barbara L. Hollenbach of Bethlehem, a member of law firm Norris McLaughlin PA., has been selected for inclusion in the 2021 Edition of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, a listing of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement, is published in Super Lawyers Magazine and Philadelphia magazine. She has been included for over 13 years.



Hollenbach

She is certified as a specialist in workers' compensation law. Her practice to focus on workers' compensation, professional liability, product liability, and general litigation. She also represents clients in Orphans' Court matters, will contests and actions involving claims of undue influence and lack of mental capacity.

She is a past chair and current member of Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites' Board of Trustees. She is active in Cops 'n' Kids of the Lehigh Valley. She has served on the boards and has been president of charitable organizations including the YWCA of Bethlehem. She earned a J.D., cum laude, in 1978 from Dickinson School of Law and a B.A., with highest distinction, in 1975 from Pennsylvania State University.

Psi-Beta welcomes six local students

The following Bethlehem area residents were inducted into the National Honors Society in Psychology - Psi-Beta, Northampton Community College chapter: Kathryn Frances Dabrowski, Kayli Ann Yates, Kenneth C. Hart, Marsha Singletary-Rodgers, Michelle Janis Smith and Ryan William Strawn, during a virtual induction ceremony on May 24. The students met the eligibility requirements, including completing a college psychology course with a grade of B or higher, completing 12 units of college course work with a cumulative GPA of 3.25, having an interest in psychology, and demonstrating good standing in the community.

Kilpatrick inducted into anthropology society chapter

Cameron Kilpatrick '21, from Bethlehem, was inducted in the spring of 2021 into the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Zeta Chapter of Lambda Alpha, the national honor society in anthropology. Anthropology students become eligible for membership when they achieve junior status with a minimum of 12 credits in anthropology and maintain a minimum of a 3.2 GPA in their anthropology classes.

Chen Sun Named Bruning prize winner

The Muhlenberg College Honors Convocation, held on May 13, is a formal academic ceremony designed to honor and celebrate leadership and scholarly excellence and achievement. Student honoree Chen Sun, of Bethlehem, received The Rev. Dr. H. H. Bruning Gift Fund Prize.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 76°, humidity of 36%. Northwest wind 5 to 11 mph. The record high for today is 96° set in 1957. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 50°. Northwest wind 3 to 8 mph. The record low for tonight is 44° set in 1961. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 77°, humidity of 37%. West northwest wind 4 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be clear, overnight low of 53°. West wind 2 to 5 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 82°, humidity of 41%. Southwest wind 3 to 10 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 62°. South southwest wind 8 mph. Saturday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 83°, humidity of 56%.

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BETHLEHEM

North Side Restaurant Week opens June 20

Historic Downtown Bethlehem's Summer Restaurant Week will be held June 20 through 26. Tammy Wendling, manager of the Downtown Bethlehem Association, noted: "You will still see a lot of mask wearing and all CDC guidelines will be followed with restaurants taking additional safety measures. Outdoor dining is also back in full swing and there is a lot of room to stay distanced and enjoy!"

There will be a #PostYourPlate Contest. Customers take pictures of their plates, upload them to the Heart of Bethlehem Instagram Page and/or Facebook Page, and tag the restaurant they're dining at for a chance to win a gift card to each participating restaurant. There is no limit to the amount of entries. For more information, visit <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/>

BASD free summer food program begins June 21

The Bethlehem Area School District's summer food service program begins June 21. There will be free breakfast and lunch for Bethlehem children age 18 and under from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays through Aug. 19 except on July 5.

Bethlehem pick up sites are 1330 Church St., Fountain Hill; 1425 Livingston St., Marvine E.S.; 114 W. Morton St., Broughal M.S.; 1260 Gresham St. (Lincoln E.S.); Lynnfield Community Center, 1889 Lynfield Drive; Bethlehem Area Public Library (south side), 400 W. Webster St.; and Moravian Village, 561 E. Market St.

For more information, visit <https://www.basd-schools.org/dining> or call 1-866-348-6479.

SSTF

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breaking for the College of Business expansion.

Lehigh University Police Department Captain Rich McGarr described success with ongoing patrols around the off-campus student housing areas near the university to keep parties under control. Funded by a state liquor control grant, the program is in its final year.

Southside Community Police Officer William Rodriguez phoned in that he has replaced Officer David Horvath, who recently retired.

The Reverend Suzanne Trump of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church mentioned Sunday in-person worship service has resumed.

The Mayor's South Side Task Force regularly meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Hudak expressed hope the next one will be in person.

HAWK

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do, then I will be content with where I am. I'm proud of the ways that I've grown over these past four years as a Golden Hawk, and excited to spend the next four years as a Mountain Hawk. I guess it is true what they say:

"Once a Hawk, always a Hawk."

Student speaker Rachel Oppedisano agreed that Beca feels like a family. "Even though this chapter is ending, we are all fortunate enough to have pages to read back on. Pages that I will cherish forever."

She stressed the importance of always treating others with respect, and that at Beca there is unconditional love and support, and that in the Beca family, nobody is alone. "As we leave here today and follow our passions and dreams, remember to not walk alone – to walk with our loved ones and to always walk with grace."

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Civic Theatre back on stage with two shows

Civic Theatre of Allentown returns productions to its stages with a virtual production in June and an in-person musical in July.

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

The one-person show, "Buyer & Cellar," will be live-streamed, 7:30 p.m. June 18 and 19, from Civic Theatre 514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown.

Civic presents Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," July 23 - 31, Nineteenth Street Theatre.

"Buyer & Cellar" is an encore of Civic's 2019 production of the off-Broadway comedy hit.

Timothy Janovsky recreates his performance for two shows, directed by Civic Theatre Artistic Director William Sanders.

In the absurdist comedy written by Jonathan Tolins, Janovsky plays six different characters, including iconic star Barbra Streisand.

New Jersey native Janovsky says he discovered the play, in which an out-of-work actor takes a job curating the contents of the mall-like basement in Streisand's Malibu, Calif., mansion, when he was looking for a monologue to audition for Muhlenberg College.

In the show, Alex More, a struggling actor recently fired from Disneyland, is hired to work in the private basement mall in Streisand's house.

Tolins was inspired to write the comedic play after reading Streisand's architecture book, which details the setup of her own private mall, complete with a dress shop, doll shop, and working yogurt machine, in her home's basement.

During the course of the play, Streisand eventually comes down to the basement and she and More strike up a friendly relationship, which becomes the source of admiration and frustration for More.

Janovsky says he finds it rewarding to change his voice and physicality to play six different characters. He spent a lot of time studying Streisand's man-

nerisms and especially focused on how she laughs.

Janovsky graduated from Muhlenberg College in 2019 with a degree in theater and dance. At Muhlenberg, he acted in musical theater productions, including "How to Succeed in Business," "Gypsy" and "Chicago," and performed with the comedy troupe, the Underground Improv Project.

Since then, he has appeared in plays, readings, and musicals at PlayPenn Philadelphia, The Lark NYC, The Holmdel Theatre Company and Rail Events Inc.

He produced his own stand-up comedy special, "Live from the Living Room," in 2019, and writes comedy for on-line outlets.

The show is not recommended for children under 17.

Performances are free with online registration: www.civictheatre.com

"Pride and Prejudice": Players of the Stage, an Allentown theater troupe, will perform Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" in-person, 7 p.m. June 17 and 18, and 2 and 7 p.m. June 19, Living Hope Presbyterian Church, 330 Schantz Road, Allentown.

The production based on Austen's 1813 romantic novel of manners was adapted by Anna Barshinger Lauffer, and is directed by Marian Barshinger.

The story follows the lives of the Bennet family, particularly of Elizabeth Bennet and her four sisters, as they navigate their place in society, difficult financial prospects, and discover what true love looks like.

The theater troupe is made up mostly of Christian home-school students, and performs

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17th SouthSide Film Fest returning with the cicadas

Hear that whir? Cicadas?

No. It's the 17th SouthSide Film Festival unreeling. The poster for the 17th SouthSide Film Festival depicts cicadas.

The images, in keeping with the 17-year emergence of Brood X cicadas for 2021, cleverly commemorates the 17th SouthSide Film Festival, June 15-19, Bethlehem.

It hasn't been 17 years since the last SouthSide Film Festival (SSFF), but given the coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown of more than one year, it may feel like 17 years. The SSFF was not held in 2020 because of the coronavirus shutdown.

The 17th festival is the first that Jenn Cotto of Allentown will head as SSFF director. Cotto succeeds Glenn Koehler, vice president, SouthSide Film Institute, the nonprofit that runs SSFF.

"Last year would have been a transition for us, with me working side by side [with Koehler], but obviously that didn't happen so I am all-in this year.

"I was invited to be on the jury by our board vice president and former director Glenn Koehler. I've always been a bit of a pop culture nerd, a movie nerd. I would throw an Oscar party every year," says Cotto, who has served on the SSFF board for



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17th SouthSide Film Festival poster design by Anne Schauer of Anne Schauer Design.

four years and was on the film jury committee for seven years.

The decision to hold the 17th SSFF happened fairly recently.

"We were kind of just watching. We kind of had our fingers crossed. The jury started meeting in person in mid-April. It wasn't until the beginning of May that we knew it was truly happening," says Cotto.

"No pressure," she quips.

"For many of the board members, and from what we've heard from patrons, our festival signi-

fies the beginning of summer.

"And for me, it signifies a return to normalcy. We're going to be sitting in movie theaters. I think that's pretty significant," Cotto says.

The SSFF is the second major annual Lehigh Valley event of significant size of gathering people together, following Mayfair, May 28-30, as COVID-19 protocol eases.

"As far as our preparation goes, we were a little behind because we didn't know if we could have a festival until recently," says Jeff Vaclavik, president of the board, SouthSide Film Institute.

"We were planning on it, going ahead with it, but we didn't know for sure until the end of April, early May," Vaclavik says.

CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health easing of COVID-19 mitigation restrictions encouraged the SSFF board to hold an in-person festival for 2021.

According to the pa.gov website, "The masking order will be lifted June 28 or when 70 percent of adults are fully vaccinated, whichever comes first.

"Fully-vaccinated Pennsylvanians may choose not to wear a mask, unless they are required by a business or organization.

"Businesses and individuals are encouraged to follow CDC safety guidance," states the web-

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Sandberg a musician of many genres



By Dave Howell

The Steve Sandberg Quartet plays music inspired by many genres and nations.

Sandberg calls his compositions "world classical music." They meld the intricacy of classical with the improvisational spontaneity of jazz and rhythms of world music.

The quartet performs in a streaming video, 7:30 p.m. June 18, "Jazz Upstairs Series," Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. Video-on-demand begins June 19.

The performance was recorded in September 2020 when the concert was canceled because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown. The



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Steve Sandberg leads his quartet in a concert, streaming 7:30 p.m. June 18, "Jazz Upstairs Series," Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

quartet first performed in the Rodale Community Room series in April 2019.

The Steve Sandberg Quartet is: Sandberg, piano; Zach Brock, violin; Michael O'Brien, bass, and Mauricio Zottarelli, drums. The quartet has recorded a CD, "Alaya."

Sandberg began playing piano when he was

four-years-old. As a young man, he was fascinated by Latin music he heard on the radio. He began playing music in the Latin genre when he lived in New Haven, Conn., and participated in the Latin music scene when he moved to New York City in 1977.

"The beauty of those

days were that we had people playing to dancers. There was not so much of DJs and recorded music," Sandberg says in a phone interview.

"We would play a wedding and then go to a nightclub at 2 a.m., play until 4 a.m., then go to an after-hours club until 8 in the morning. At the clubs, well-known jazz people would sit in."

Sandberg often begins his concerts playing a classical composition the way it was written, after which the quartet plays his own work inspired by the original. He talks about the classical piece and its composer and explains that many of the works were influenced by the popular music of the day as, for example, folk dances from many countries.

"There is no pure mu-

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Timothy Janovsky, "Buyer & Cellar," live-stream, 7:30 p.m. June 18 and 19, Civic Theatre 514, Allentown.

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THEATER REVIEW

'Jurors' tough, rewarding at Pennsylvania Playhouse

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

Somebody heard the teenager threaten to kill the victim. Someone else, through an open window, saw him stab the victim. A witness heard the victim's body thump on the apartment floor above and saw the teen running from the scene. The suspect had a reputation for being a knife-man and the victim was killed with a knife. He's guilty of murder in the first degree, right? Deserves a death sentence, right?

Reginald Rose's "12 Angry Jurors," weekends through June 20, The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem, tells the story of 12 jurors as they struggle in a hot, sweltering jury room to overcome racial and ethnic prejudices, hatred, preconceptions and specious reasoning to come to a verdict with which almost no one is happy.

Some are in a hurry to meet commitments such as a ballgame that night. The evidence is clear, so let's get this over with.

Another brings his own rotten upbringing and sadism to the jury room and seems to delight at the idea of sending a kid to death row. Others have their own issues.

Gary Boyer (Jury Foreman) tries to exercise his authority, but fails to keep

the jurors dignified and on track. But he can't contain their passions or correct their faults.

Shaun Hayes's (Juror 3) character is always sure of his opinion at the top of his voice and bullies the others to quickly fall in line with a guilty verdict. Hayes brings a great sense of realism onto the stage with his outrage and barely contained violence.

Dara Connelly (Juror 8), demonstrating moral courage, becomes Juror 3's opposite pole that sets up a magnetic tension. Determining which pole can exert the greatest attraction on the lesser characters becomes the main plot.

Connelly and Hayes are strong characters. Connelly is quietly brave and convincing, a seeker of justice, while Hayes is all belligerence and bluster. Each is superb.

Standing out with her stylish wardrobe and imperial looks, Renata Zumbege (Juror 4), shines as the reasonable one who starts others thinking about the evidence. Zumbege has a presence on the stage that suggests a patrician upbringing and noble fair-mindedness.

Gabe Craig (Juror 5) captures the essence of a young man not sure of himself when confronting the opinions of his elders. His second-hand expertise

in knife-fighting seems to influence the others. "You don't handle a switch knife that way. You use it underhanded."

Parker Ryan (Juror 7) owns the self-confident, man-in-a-hurry character. He shows little patience with anyone who changes his or her mind, mainly because it keeps him from getting on with important things.

As a vaguely accented, older European immigrant, Denise Shelton (Juror 11) lends gravitas with her plaintive request that the others respect human dignity.

Her opposite number is Trish Steele (Juror 10), who convincingly sees the world through her racist lens: "I don't understand you people. How can you believe this kid is innocent?" Steele's performance is both banal and jarringly realistic.

A staple in any contentious group is the weak, easily-persuaded person who is convinced by the last speaker. Jillian McLuhan (Juror 2) convinces in this role. She masters the indecisive look and flexible opinion.

Susan Matol (Juror 12), is calculating in her assessment of the situation. Her jaded salesman's persona seems to govern her character. "It seems to me that it's up to us to convince this [Juror 8] that we're right and she's wrong."

Providing texture, John Corl (Juror 9) is believable as an older man who seems too tired to contribute, but puts an early ugly face on those eager to convict. "What a terrible thing for a man to believe! Since when is dishonesty a group characteristic" He sums up Shaun Hayes' (Juror 3) blood lust: "This man is dangerous."

Michael Sheridan (Guard and Clerk) gives the guard a detached, polite, but no-nonsense approach.

Though an off-stage presence, Gene Connelly's (Judge) strong, authoritative voice is a key element in the dialog. "It now becomes your duty to try to separate the facts from the fancy."

Costume designer Todd Burkel captures the 1950s era perfectly, a time when women wore pillbox hats and men wore seersucker suits and bowties.

Kristen Wettstein and Brett Oliveira share credit as lighting designers. They capture a sense of swelter and being locked-in perfectly. Oliveira also designed the simple, austere set featuring courthouse furniture that has seen much service.

Marian Barshinger turns in a great success as the director of "12 Angry Jurors."

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SSFF

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site.

"We're still looking for people to wear masks when they come into the venues," says Vaclavik.

Cotto says that, as of the deadline for this article, "We are requesting masks inside the venues. By the time of the festival, we could be mask-less."

"We are adhering to CDC guidelines and the guidelines of our venues," says Cotto.

Social distancing in seating will probably not be in effect at two SSFF venues: Touchstone Theatre, with approximately 70 seats, and the National Museum of Industrial History education center room, with seating for about 50.

Attendees may be able to social distance at the third venue: Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts black box theater, with approximately 300 seats.

SSFF staff will not take the temperature nor require proof of vaccination of attendees.

Vaclavik reflects on 2020 when the SSFF was not held:

"We were originally planning to have a festival. At that point, we were going with the plan of having a festival as far as selecting films went."

"We did select the films. We were looking at a virtual festival. Some of the film-makers opted not to allow their films to be shown in a virtual format. And some said, 'Yes.'"

"And one thing or another happened, and we didn't have a festival."

"The good news is that most of those films, about two thirds of them, are going to be screened this year."

On average, the SSFF screens 70 to 80 films, a combination of short films and feature films. This year, approximately 40 films will be shown, with several holdovers from 2020.

Several long-standing annual SSFF events are jettisoned for 2021.

There was no fund-raiser dinner on the Monday of the SSFF week at Molinari's, Bethlehem. "It was too much to ask with restaurants getting back to normal. It would have been them and chefs from four other restaurants," says Vaclavik, who hopes the event returns for SSFF 2022.

There's no Children's Film Festival, a sidebar to SSFF, for 2021. It's to resume in 2022.

There's no "Flash Your Pass" discounts at SSFF-sponsor restaurants. "We're going to encourage people to go to them," Vaclavik says.

The opening night reception, 7:30 p.m. June 15, and closing night reception, June 19, are at Color Me Mine, Bethlehem.

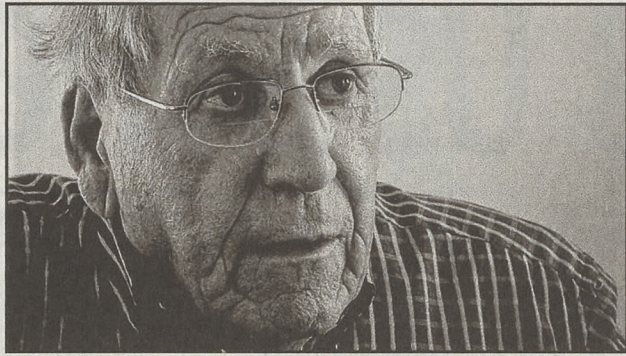
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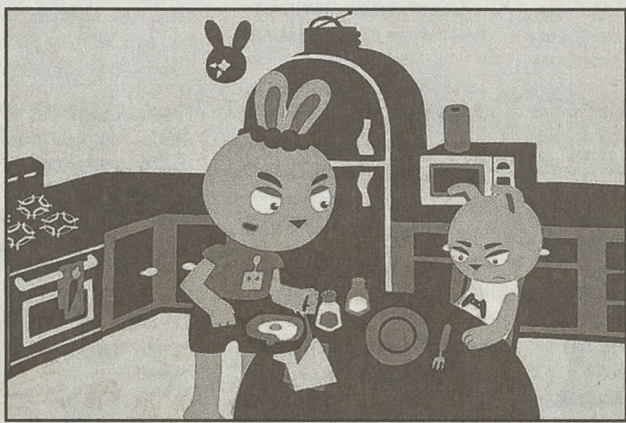
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"Frank Parese: A Jersey Shore Veteran Story" (2020), a documentary short, is directed by Jennifer Suwak and Steve Abruzzese.



"Women Of Steel" (2020) is a documentary feature about female steelworkers in New South Wales, Australia.



"Salt" (2020) is an animated short directed by David Chai.

Night Horror Film" screening, 11 p.m. June 18 is "Good Choice," a film short. "It's about a woman who is trapped in a Red Lobster commercial," says Vaclavik. The feature is "Bad Candy" (2020).

"We have several short documentaries about places in Pennsylvania, which is kind neat," says Vaclavik.

"Before I'm Gone" (2020) is about an auto racing track and a 70-year-old rookie driver in British Columbia, Canada.

Jennifer Suwak and Steve Abruzzese of the Lehigh Valley direct a short, "Frank Parese: A Jersey Shore Veteran Story," about a 94-year-old World War II veteran.

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times. We have 12 or 13 films from last year that we weren't able to show [in 2020]," says Cotto.

"We have a nice mix of returning film-makers," says Vaclavik.

Among the 10 to 12, expected to attend:

Collin Kornfeld, an Allentown native. "We've shown several of his films over the years," Vaclavik says.

A.J. Wilhelm, New York City-based film-maker, who is screening "Junior" (2020), a documentary short.

"They will both remember Brady when he a little kid," says Vaclavik, owner, Deja Brew coffeehouse Bethlehem, for 26 years.

Vaclavik's son, Brady, 16, is a six-foot-tall Liberty High School soccer team player. "Brady has grown up with the festival because at our very first festival, Georgeann [Vaclavik's wife] was pregnant with Brady."

Vaclavik is glad the festival is back:

"We have a little bit of everything, as usual."

"Obviously, we weren't the only ones who didn't have a film festival last year. We're glad to be getting back to it. We like interacting, getting out in the community."

"Everybody wants to get out and meet people. And people are being safe about."

"It's going to be nice, opening night to see people in the seats. I don't know if we'll have a sparse crowd. But it's going to be good to see people in the seats."

Information: <https://southside-filmfestival.com>

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THEATER REVIEW

'Corner Booth' a crowded-for-all

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to The Press

Anytime judges, a district attorney, a public defender, a developer, a county executive and a political boss get together at a local tavern for happy-hour drinks, it, well, all sounds pretty normal.

But when the judges are corrupt, the DA is duplicitous, the public defender is on the make, the developer is stuffing money in ready pockets, the county executive is without scruples, and the party boss is morally pernicious, the evening out still seems normal. Evil, after all, is a human trait.

Throw in Heather Kessler's (Dawn Daigault) believable performance as a pharmaceutically-enhanced daughter, then add a bunch of aggrieved parents and the stage is set for all hell to break loose.

When it comes to the "You-Can't-Make-That-Stuff-Up" genre of drama, author, producer and director Ara Barlieb's "Corner Booth" delivers a powerful story whose genesis is right out of yesterday's headlines.

"Corner Booth" continues weekends through June 13, Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem.

A talented ensemble makes this story of child-trafficking for profit into a riveting experience that should be required viewing by all public servants and office-seekers as a reminder that they have awesome powers and equally awesome responsibilities.

A strong performance

by District Attorney Carl Armstead (David Oswald) portrays an odious deal-maker who protects the guilty and frames the innocent while never losing his smile nor his hail-fellow-well-met persona.

County Executive Ellie Snyder (Trish Cipoletti) shines, sober or soused, as she tries to balance her love life with her political ambitions which all depend on staying out of jail.

Judge Marino (Sharon Ferry) is fantastically apoplectic as she rages at the allegations of parents Jody Prince (Carla Hadley), Karen Taylor (Susan Burnett), PT (Brian MacDara Mullaney) and Ronald (Chris Donahue), who seek justice for their children unjustly railroaded into a juvenile prison.

"It's not a prison," insists developer Tony Simonetti (Scott VanNortwick). "It's a juvenile rehabilitation center." VanNortwick turns in a memorable vein-popping performance as a menacing thug when he sees that his money-making schemes may put him in manacles.

Angry parents PT (MacDara Mullaney) and Ronald (Donahue) are terrific as a Greek chorus who bring some comedic relief as they dress up their grievances with religious trappings.

Todd (Brian Wendt) is hapless and helpless as he goes from being a happy, convivial tavern owner among presumed friends to realizing his fate is bound up in a haywire trap which he must accept.

As a king-maker, political boss Molly Kessler (Pamela McLean Wallace) is, by turns, smooth, then hard-nosed, then frantic as she attempts to guide the political future for her protégé, County Executive Snyder (Cipoletti), who is opposed to any future that doesn't include the governor's mansion.

Marsha Stevens (Melissa Dorflinger) shines as the beautiful young and ambitious public defender. She brings out her inner barfly as her blonde hair and red dress work their magic on men and women alike.

Officer Shockley (Bilby Ehrlicher) gives a serious, forceful performance as a young cop determined to bring to heel a powerful politician-cum-scofflaw dog owner.

Special note goes to the costume designers (Crowded Kitchen Players and cast). The cast is arrayed in an eclectic collection of Roman togas, Greek tunics and modern fashions which combine to evoke the ancient roots of modern jurisprudence in its grandeur and graft.

Barlieb shows his mastery of austere set design and effective lighting. The original music is by Ron Palos, Greg Tocci, Sy Kipp and Tom Epstein.

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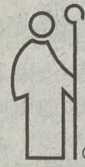
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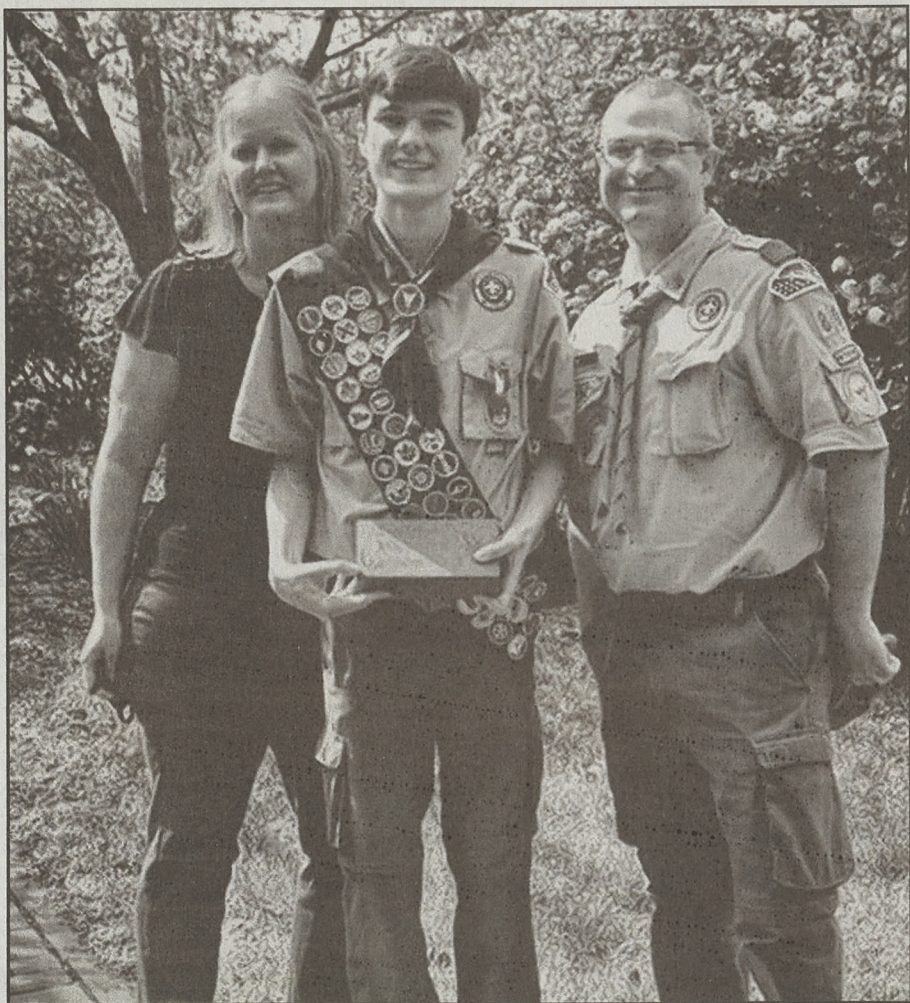
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Eagle Scout builds footbridge at Emmaus Remembrance Garden



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Dale Fisher, with Boy Scout Troop 80, St. Ann Church, Emmaus, had his Eagle ceremony recently. He achieved the rank of Eagle in December 2020. Fisher has been in Scouts since the first grade and he has earned 47 badges. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He plans to attend Penn State University in the fall to pursue a career in civil or architectural engineering. ABOVE: Eagle Scout Dale Fisher stands with his parents Jennifer and Dale Fisher.



Eagle Scout Dale Fisher raises funds and implements a footbridge at the Emmaus Remembrance Garden in Emmaus. The bridge is over a swale that floods frequently when it rains. The bridge also makes the garden accessible for the disabled. Fisher raised over \$4,000 to have the bridge built and installed. In addition, with the help of other Scouts, family and friends, he led in the planning and installation of the bridge. COVID-19 and many other setbacks occurred which held up the project and it was completed in July of 2020.

Not so 'Quiet'

"A Quiet Place Part II" has the requisite chills and thrills of a science-fiction horror film.

There's something more. The sequel is more of an action film than the original. Despite the title, it's noisier. It could have been called "A Less Quiet Place."

The movie sequel boasts terrific performances led by Emily Blunt, returning in the title role of Evelyn Abbott, and, also returning, Millicent Simmonds as her daughter, Regan, and Noah Jupe as her son, Marcus.

John Krasinski (Blunt's husband in real life), wrote the screenplay and directs the sequel. He directed the original. He appears as Lee Abbott in a flashback that opens "Part II" and takes place prior to the first film.

You don't need to have seen "A Quiet Place," released in 2018, before you see the sequel. "Part II" gives you enough background, and in a way more information than the first film.

We learn that the creatures are not only threatening the Abbotts. They are alien creatures that have invaded the Earth. We also are given more views of the aliens, which apparently are blind but have an extraordinary sense of hearing. The aliens are truly hideous.

I was really looking forward to "A Quiet Place, Part II" and I wasn't disappointed. It's somewhat more routine than the original. But it's a great scary movie, akin to a haunted house ride at an amusement park. "Part II" gave me several jump cuts. If popcorn boxes were jumps in a movie seat, "Part II" would rate five out of five.

A lot of the action in "Part II" takes place in an abandoned steel mill. There are plenty of opportunities for confined spaces and open-and-shut former furnaces. If you are claustrophobic, these scenes alone will be terrifying.

A new character, Emmett (Cillian Murphy), a friend of Lee, has a prominent role in the sequel. Murphy brings out the insecurity of Emmett, who must nevertheless rise to the challenges.

Emmett teams with the Abbotts' daughter, Regan, who makes a discovery about an island of survivors of the alien attack when a radio station broadcasts the 1959 pop hit, "Beyond the Sea," sung by Bobby Darin, that hints at the survivors' location. When they reach the island, Emmett and Regan befriend a resident, (Djimon Hounsou), who provides background about those who fled there.

Simmonds, who is deaf in real life, has a more prominent role in the sequel. She creates a confidence in the role of Regan that is remarkable.

In his screenplay and direction, Krasinski matches the quest of Emmett and Regan with that of Evelyn, who leaves the steel mill to go back to town to get medication for Marcus, who has been injured. Blunt again plays the role like a fierce momma bear.

Meanwhile, in a third sequence of parallel action, Marcus must take care of his mother Evelyn's newborn child in his

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hiding place in the mill while she is away. Jupe gives Marcus a vulnerability that is heart-rending.

Krasinski (Director, "A Quiet Place," 2018; "The Hollars," 2016) intercuts the three parallel actions, effectively building the tension for the movie-goer.

The production credits are top-notch in "Part II." The cinematography, on 35mm film stock, by director of photography Polly Morgan is interesting and rarely predictable.

As would be expected, given the movie's title and subject matter, the sound design is crucial and superb by supervising sound editors Erik Aadahl and Ethan Van der Ryn.

Industrial Light and Magic is credited for the creature design, CGI and effects. Again, very frightening.

The soundtrack, with low brasses and screeching violins, by composer Marco Beltrami (Oscar nominee, "The Hurt Locker," 2008; "3:10 To Yuma," 2007), who scored "A Quiet Place," could be a frightening experience in and of itself.



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From left: Noah Jupe (Marcus), Millicent Simmonds (Regan) and Emily Blunt (Evelyn Abbott, their mother) are back in "A Quiet Place, Part II."

See "A Quiet Place, Part II" on the big screen. "Part III" is already in the works.

"A Quiet Place, Part II," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for terror, violence and bloody-disturbing images; Genre: Drama, Horror, Science-Fiction; Run time: 1 hr., 37 min.; Distributed by Paramount Pictures.

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Anonymous: "A Quiet Place, Part II" was filmed in upstate New York, including the Hudson Valley towns of Dover, Pawling and New Platz, and western New York,

including Buffalo, Erie County and Barcelona Harbor in Westfield, Chautauqua County. Before the movie's opening scene, John Krasinski thanks movie-goers for venturing forth to be at the movies.

At the Movies: "A Quiet Place, Part II" was seen in my new favorite area movie theater, Dolby Cinema at AMC at the AMC Center Valley 16, Promenade Shops at Saucun Valley, Upper Saucun Township. Less restrictive COVID-19 protocol was in effect.

Movie Box Office

June 11 - 13: In a tight race for the Top Four places with several new releases opening out of

the Top Five, "A Quiet Place Part II" moved back up one place to No. 1, with \$11.7 million, in 3,515 theaters; \$108.9 million, three weeks, keeping "In The Heights" opening at No. 2, with \$11.405 million, in 3,456 theaters, and "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway," opening at No. 3, with \$10.4 million, in 3,346 theaters, dropping "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It" three places from No. 1 to No. 4 with \$10 million in 3,237 theaters, \$43.8 million, two weeks.

5. "Cruella" dropped two places with \$6.7 million, in 3,307 theaters, \$56 million, three weeks. 6. "Spirit Untamed"

dropped two places, \$2.5 million, in 3,394 theaters, \$10.9 million, two weeks. 7. "The House Next Door: Meet The Blacks 2," \$1 million, in 420 theaters, opening. 8. "Wrath of Man" dropped two places, \$615,000, in 1,207 theaters, \$25.9 million, six weeks. 9. "Queen Bees," \$328,300, in 500 theaters, opening. 10. "Spiral" dropped three places, \$305,000, in 1,572 theaters, \$22.6 million, five weeks.

Box office figures from Box Office Mojo as of June 13 are subject to change.

Unreel, June 18:

"The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard," R: Patrick Hughes directs Ryan Reynolds, Salma Hayek, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman, Samuel L. Jackson, Antonio Banderas, Tom Hopper and Richard E. Grant in the Action, Comedy, Crime film. Bodyguard Michael Bryce must protect Darius's wife Sonia.

"12 Mighty Orphans," PG-13: Ty Roberts directs Robert Duvall, Vinessa Shaw, Martin Sheen, Luke Wilson, Wayne Knight, Treat Williams, Carlson Young and Kelly Frye in the History-Sports movie. A high school football coach leads a team of orphans to a state championship during the Great See 'QUIET' on Page B7

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Location, location for rehearsal dinner attire

Dear Jacquelyn,
 This past weekend I attended a wedding rehearsal dinner and the guest attire was a mix of casual and semi-formal attire. Some guests had on jeans and others were dressed up. I thought it was common knowledge that a rehearsal dinner requires semi-formal dress attire. Is this supposed to be a casual event?

Dear Reader,
 Determining what to wear to a wedding rehearsal dinner can be more complicated than you might think.

You don't want to be either overdressed or underdressed. Ultimately, there are a number of

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things that can clue you in and help you make the best choice.

Rehearsal dinners can be as casual as having a picnic or as formal as a sit-down dinner. This event is different for everyone. Some are formal and cocktail attire is appropriate while others are more casual.

As with every other social event to which one is invited, the choice of dress is based on the cues from the invitation and the chosen venue.

The first place to begin is to take into con-

sideration where the rehearsal dinner will be held. If it's an upscale venue, dress more formal.

When the rehearsal dinner is in a more casual setting, opt for business casual attire. While casual attire to some people may mean jeans, in most cases that is not appropriate attire for a wedding rehearsal dinner.

Take a look at the invitation. It may offer more clues or even specify the dress code. If there is no dress code indicated you might be able to tell by the style of the invitation itself. If it is a simple card, the dinner is probably casual. If it is on fancy paper, it means formal attire.

The wedding theme

and time of the dinner will also help you determine what should be worn. A traditional wedding held in the evening is going to require more formal dress. Lunch or beach weddings are usually more relaxed and allow more casual attire.

Whenever in doubt, the common-sense thing to do is dress nicely.

Respectfully Yours,
 Jacquelyn

Have a question?
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'Little engine that could' still chugging

There are some people we can never forget, regardless of how long it's been since we've seen them.

That how I feel about Ken Ryno.

Through the years I've interviewed some incredible people — none more so than the Kunkletown resident.

Simply put, Ken is the most inspiring person I've ever met.

It was more than a decade ago that I was privileged to witness Ken walk out of Gnadon Huetten Rehab.

Hospital personnel with tears in their eyes lined the halls, serving as an honor guard as Ken walked by on his way out the door.

What was so special about Ken's walk?

For 24 years he was unable to walk.

After a motorcycle accident at 17, he became a quadriplegic. With no trace of motor activity, he was told he would never walk again.

Day in and day out, Ken lay in bed, trying to move his legs.

"I watched people walk by and pictured in my head making my muscles move," he recalled.

He was able to get a bit of movement back in one arm but nothing more.

That didn't stop him from trying.

Each and every day he kept trying to make his muscles move.

How long would you continue to do that if nothing worked?

For 23 years, Ken never stopped.

"I refused to give up," he declared.

When he developed bed sores, it turned out to be a stroke of luck that brought in outpatient therapist JoAnn Sienkiewicz.

In working with Ken, she noticed something extraordinary.

"Instead of finding the muscle atrophy I expected, I detected muscle response in his hips and legs. I was shocked," she said.

It was JoAnn and another physical therapist who convinced Gnadon Huetten Rehab to admit Ken.

Although he couldn't stand or walk when admitted, he made a vow he would walk out of there on his own two feet.

After his jubilant homecoming it was touching to watch him stand up in his house for the first time.

I called Ken "The Little Engine That Could."

What impressed me as much as his physical accomplishments were his unshakable faith and incredible positive attitude.

Ken is joyous to be around. He has an incredible joy that's contagious. I walked away from interviews with him feeling like I was drenched in sunshine.

I moved away and didn't hear from Ken in 18 years. But I never forgot him and his can-do attitude.

On his Facebook page I was delighted to see photos of Ken kayaking, including whitewater kayaking.

When we connected again, I expected to hear about more triumphs of The Little Engine That Could.

Indeed, there were triumphs.

Ken was part of a team that designed a special kayak launch now helping many handicapped people across the country.

Hired as a spokesperson by Board Safe Docks, he found great satisfaction helping

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physically challenged individuals discover the joys of water sports.

He is a tireless advocate for those with disabilities and for organizations that help them.

The best thing that ever happened to him, he said, is when he reconnected with therapist JoAnn Sienkiewicz. They married in 2008.

They both share a strong faith and find beauty in each and every day.

Amid their bliss, there are tragedies and major physical setbacks for Ken.

Multiple back surgeries that failed left him unable to walk again.

"That doesn't stop him from living a very full life," says his wife.

He continues to mentor people with spinal cord injuries and is extensively involved in advocacy groups.

Through the advocacy group Team River Runner he was able to lead a group of blind children down the Juniata River.

But the physical challenges keep coming. In 2018 his van was T-boned at a 4-way stop sign, leaving Ken with concussions and serious heart inflammation from the force of the accident.

On Mother's Day of 2019 he coded when he woke up unable to breathe. Diagnosed with Takotsubo cardiomyopathy, his heart was functioning at 5 percent.

He was given a heart pump, was intubated and placed on a ventilator.

"I asked everyone to pray for him. We are people of faith and we put our lives in God's hand. No matter what happened we knew he would be OK. Not that he would survive, not that he would be healed but simply things would be OK," said JoAnn.

Complications kept happening and Ken's lungs kept collapsing. He needed nine chest tubes and video assisted thoracic surgery to tack his lungs to his rib cages.

At one point doctors said they needed to amputate his leg above the knee. Inexplicably, at the last minute his circulation improved.

Beating the odds, Ken was able to come home on a ventilator, along with a pacemaker, feeding tube, pain pump, oxygen, a cough assist and chest percussion vest.

In 2019 alone, he underwent 21 surgeries.

Yet, through all that trauma, the joy never left his life. Both Ken and JoAnn say they are buoyed by joy and love.

He continues to conquer physical challenges.

His trachea was damaged to the point where doctors said he would never be able to talk again.

Yet, he's talking, he's joyful and he's singing praise for each day of life.

The most remarkable thing about Ken Ryno continues to be his indomitable spirit.

"I'll never give up," he vowed again. "The little engine that could is still chugging."

10-year-old girl's acne concerns mother

Q. Our 10-year-old daughter already has pretty bad acne even at her young age. What can we do to help her?

Who is noticing this problem asked the Family Project panel. Is it you or your daughter?

"If this is coming from the girl, you should say, 'Let's find out what we can do.' If it's coming from mom, I would worry that this could become a source of anxiety for the girl," said panelist Chad Stefanyak.

Panelist Mike Daniels agreed that it is important to let your daughter take the lead and let her make it an issue before you do.

"She probably is in fourth grade and may not yet be comparing herself to other kids. She may not be there developmentally and if this is mom's worry it could create stress for the girl that wasn't there," Daniels said.

However, even at age 10, some children are becoming more aware

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of how they look, added panelist Pam Wallace.

The girl also may be experiencing acne earlier than other youths her age, said panelist Denise Continenza.

"Preadolescence is a time of learning to accept changes in your body. You can suggest seeing a dermatologist. However, it is important to focus on what's right about her. Don't just focus on this one thing," Continenza said.

Frame it in a positive way, said Daniels: "Acne in preadolescence is young but it is a sign she is growing up."

"Give her acknowledgment and validation of this important milestone. Tell her 'Your body is growing up,' and ask her what she wants to do."

It's important to not

let her see that you are worried.

"Don't say, 'I know how you feel.' This is a life experience that needs to be incorporated into normalcy," Daniels said.

Help her to look at solutions rather than problems, Stefanyak said, adding, "Make it an opportunity. Say, 'Let's do a little research.' Help teach your daughter how to problem solve. Don't turn it into a source of concern for the child."

There are many treatments for acne available and you can help her decide which one is best suited for her and her skin, said Continenza.

"Sometimes parents' perceptions are different than kids' perceptions," Continenza said.

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Chad Stefanyak, school

counselor; and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

Have a question?
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Walking barefoot good for proprioception

Q. Is walking barefoot good for balance?

Yes, and it is good for proprioception, also known as kinesthesia.

Proprioception is the body's ability to sense its movements and location. It enables us to touch our noses with our eyes closed.

The risk of proprioception loss increases as we age because of changes to the nerves, joints and muscles. This loss can lead to falls, a serious health problem for seniors. About one third of these falls cause injuries that require medical attention.

If you want to determine if you are having problems with your proprioception, you may want to try the Romberg Test. This is the most commonly used diagnostic test for proprioceptive abnormalities. Here's how you can test yourself: Stand unsupported for 30 seconds with your heels together and your eyes closed. If you lose your balance during that time, it's considered a positive result for abnormality.

HEALTHY GEEZER
 By Fred Cicetti
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The following are some symptoms of a proprioception disorder: frequent falls, inability to walk a straight line, clumsiness, trouble gauging your strength, and avoiding stairs or walking on uneven surfaces because you're afraid of falling.

Proprioception was first defined by Sir Charles Sherrington, a British neuropsychologist, at the beginning of the 20th century. Sherrington described proprioception as the perception of position and motion of joints and body in space.

Sherrington said there are specific receptors in the musculoskeletal system. He claimed that the stimuli to the receptors are triggered by the organism itself.

In addition to aging, the causes for proprioception dysfunction are injuries or any disorder

that impact the communication between the sensory receptors that send the signals to the parts of the brain that receive and interpret them. These causes include brain injuries, stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Other proprioception tests include closing your eyes and touching your nose with both index fingers; following a slowly-moving object with your eyes; walking a few steps in a straight line with one foot in front of the other; standing with one foot raised off the floor; touching your fingers one at a time to your thumb. You may recognize these tests as the ones police use on suspected drunk drivers.

A physician may order other diagnostic tests for medical conditions or injuries that could be causing proprioception difficulties.

Treatments options include: physical therapy, occupational therapy to learn how to manage daily tasks, vi-

bration therapy, exercises, tai chi and yoga.

Proprioceptive training has been shown to be effective in treating proprioception loss caused by a number of conditions and injuries. If you are concerned that you may have abnormal proprioception, see your physician.

Have a question?
 Email: fred@healthygeezer.com. Order "How To Be A Healthy Geezer," 218-page compilation of columns: healthygeezer.com

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Providing instruction in making hats from newspapers at the Lehigh Valley Press booth at Mayfair Festival of the Arts at Cedar Crest College is Press Circulation Director Christine Campbell. She created flower-adorned hats for women such as that on the foam mannequin head, as well as paper pirate's hats for passersby during the three-day festival.

Hats on for Mayfair 2021

BY ED COURRIER
Special to The Press

The Large Flower-heads, BC Combo, The Sofa Kings and Central City Orchestra, were among the music groups that serenaded festival-goers at the 2021 Mayfair Festival of the Arts at Cedar Crest College.

The annual the-day Memorial Day weekend

celebration of the arts was canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Organizers of the May 28-30 free event encouraged attendees to follow mask wearing and other COVID protocols while on the college's Allentown campus.

Despite the cold, cloudy skies, and intermittent rain, folks

still turned out to savor the music, visual artists, crafters and festival fare. It was the first major Lehigh Valley in-person event during the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

The Lehigh Valley Press and Times News were among event sponsors.

Lehigh Valley Health Network updates patients visits policy, cites better COVID-19 status

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is revising its policy for visits to patients in its facilities because network officials cite that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to improve in the Lehigh Valley region.

The updated policy, announced in a June 7 press release, applies to all units in all LVHN hospitals, including emergency departments, as well as loca-

tions providing outpatient care.

Masks are still required in all health-care settings, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

LVHN will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and CDC guidelines and make additional changes as appropriate.

Effective June 9:
• Visiting hours are 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

• Two visitors are permitted per patient.

• Masks are required at all times.

• No children under 12 are permitted, unless approved by patient-care services leadership.

• Adult Behavioral Health: No visits

• Adolescent Behavioral Health: One parent and or guardian at a time

Information: www.lvhn.org

Funk Authority to headline Agentis Foundation benefit

The Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation (JAACF) benefit dinner-dance and auction will be held outdoors 7 p.m. - midnight June 19, Steel Club, 700 Linden Avenue, Hellertown.

Headliner is the Philadelphia Funk Authority.

Dr. Erin Bendas, director of Palliative Care, St. Luke's University Health Network, is keynote speaker.

Ginger and the Schnappes will entertain during the cocktail hour.

Kate Hughes is emcee and auctioneer.

There will be a four-course sit-down dinner.

"We are looking forward to this event," said Robert Agentis, founder and chairman of JAACF.

"We are dedicated to continuing education in Palliative Care, and offering weekly nutritious meals for hospice guests and loved ones," Agentis said.

Proceeds benefit JAACF Palliative Care Education Fund in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and delivery of meals to St. Luke's

Hospice House hospice guests and families. Pre-Covid-19, JAACF delivered more than 20,000 meals.

The Judith Adele Agentis Charitable Foundation is a Lehigh Valley-based nonprofit established in 2013.

In 2020, JAACF founded the Palliative Care Education Fund in partnership with St. Luke's Health Network.

Information: www.jaacf.org

Tickets: <http://bit.ly/JAACFSummer2021>

'QUIET'

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Depression.

"The Birthday Cake," R: Jimmy Giannopoulos directs Ewan McGregor, Lorraine Bracco, Ashley Benson, Penn Badgley, Luis Guzman, Paul Sorvino and Vincent Pastore in the Crime-Thriller. A cake brought to a mob boss's house is the icing on the cake.

"Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided To Go for It," PG-13: Mariem Perez Riera directs the documentary film about actress Rita Moreno.

"The Sparks Brothers," R: Edgar Wright directs the documentary film about Ron and Russell Mael and their rock

band, Sparks.
"Siberia," R: Abel Ferrara directs Willem Dafoe and Simon McBurney in the Drama, Fantasy, Horror film about dreams.

"The Serpent," No MPAA rating: Gia Sko-rva directs Travis Aaron Wade, Craig Conway, Alexandra Tebano and herself in the Action, Comedy, Horror film. A CIA agent is set up.

"Summer of 85," No MPAA rating: Francois Ozon directs Felix Lefebvre, Benjamin Voisin and Philippine Velge in the Drama. A boating accident leads to romance.

Movie release opening dates from Internet Movie Database are subject to change.

SANDBERG

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sic," he says. For years, Sandberg studied Indian vocal music. "It is five-thousand-years-old."

"I thought that this must be pure music, but my teacher once sang and told me that the music had been changed and given Arabic influences after a part of India had been conquered."

Sandberg gave up the study of Indian vocal music: "You have to be born

into the culture or completely dedicate yourself to it to do it well."

But its deep, devotional nature gave him insights into the spiritual aspect of music: "A lot of people also make jazz a spiritual discipline."

Says Sandberg of his own work: "I want music to be uplifting and inspiring. That's what it's for."

Such thoughts are with him when he composes: "I'm not thinking about paying the rent or politics. I'm paying attention to sound."

Although there are

myriad influences, which include Brazilian, Eastern European and Afro-Caribbean, Sandberg's music is seamless and flows effortlessly. His combination of all these elements is natural.

"It's not coming from a predetermined concept. That's who I am. I have legitimate roots in all these different musics."

The quartet is lively and propulsive. Playing for dancers has certainly influenced Sandberg.

"I would love to have people dancing at some of my shows. I certainly

appreciate people sitting and listening to my music. But a little movement wouldn't hurt."

Sandberg has conducted and arranged for Broadway shows and the New York Shakespeare Festival.

He was nominated for three Emmy Awards for his work as music director and composer for Nickelodeon's "Dora the Explorer" and "Go, Diego, Go!"

Tickets: www.mill-erssymphonyhall.org

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The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will conduct a hearing to consider, and may thereafter enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 21-1415(r) TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR RESTAURANTS, NIGHTCLUBS, BARROOMS, LUNCH COUNTERS, OR THE LIKE TO ONE SPACE FOR EVERY FIVE (5) EMPLOYEES AND ONE SPACE FOR EVERY TWENTY (20) SEATS FOR CUSTOMERS.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburtis Borough Hall at 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, PA 18011 during regular business hours...

David G. Knerr, Esquire
Solicitor

June 16, 23

Notice is hereby given that the Building Code Appeals Board of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:

BCAB Appeal 2021-501 of Charles Myers
Site Address : 1225 Deerfield Dr
Reference: IPMC Section 303.2 - Swimming Pool Enclosures

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

June 16

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held virtually on the GoToMeeting platform at on Tuesday June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review Phase 4 of the South Whitehall Township Comprehensive Plan Update...

Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department

June 16, 23

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells, representing a Conceptis Sudoku puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9, representing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

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Today's Cryptiquip Clue: H equals T

See answers on Page B10

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

FRONT PAWS

- ACROSS
1 Publisher Adolph
5 Pile up
10 Hit with an open hand
14 Mafia heads
19 Defrost
20 Fireside drink
21 Lead-in to byte
22 O. Henry literary device
23 Yore
25 Finks
26 City in France
27 Trickled out
28 Graduation cap dangler
30 Tickled Muppet
31 Entrees with pastry crusts
33 Wood-cleaning product
36 Forest array
37 Rich wall tapestry
38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs
39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson
44 Naval vessel inits.
45 — Sea (Asian lake)
46 Gravy-train job
48 Take on moguls
51 Week's seven
55 Grouchy type
57 Zingy flavor
58 Hockey great Mikita
59 Japanese city
61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean
66 Greek deity of wisdom
68 "Kate & —" (old sitcom)
69 Uncultured
70 Ivy League school in Providence
75 Backless sofa
76 Lavs, to Brits
77 Prefix with drama
78 Scots' refusals
80 Bird-built home
81 Kin of -ette
82 Left-leaning
86 "Tomb raider" Croft
88 Sister, say
89 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"
95 Zoo collection
99 Letters after alphas
100 Localities
101 Certain letter-shaped pattern, to Brits
104 Set free
106 Touch down
107 "Yes —!" ("You bet!")
108 Shortcoming
109 Compadre
111 Arctic bird
112 Ancestor ... or what the first word of seven answers in this puzzle can have?
116 Cab ticker

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-116 indicating starting positions for clues.

- 117 — Z ('80s Camaro)
118 Fountain of Rome
119 Architect Saarinen
120 People staring
121 Parched, old-style
122 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
123 Drearily dull
29 Of formal public worship
31 School org.
32 Space sphere
33 Med. scan
34 Big tea holders
35 Use a surgical beam on
37 God of Islam
40 Circle section
41 "I Need to Know" singer — Anthony
42 "Open this door!"
43 March Madness gp.
47 Little — (tykes)
48 Diet drastically
49 Oklahoma neighbor
50 Use the tab key, perhaps
51 Not too hard to carry out
52 Houston baseballers
53 Loutish types
54 Distorts
56 Display of great daring
58 Killed, as a dragon
60 Shaker Lee
62 Ending for project
63 35mm camera type
64 Seventh scale notes
65 Lawn turf
67 Quarterbacks' called changes
71 — Hill, San Francisco
72 Like cold tea
73 Powder room powders
74 "Awright!"
79 Mexican Mrs.
82 Fact falsifier
83 Aura
84 Manorial lord
85 Meyers of late night
87 Funnel-shaped flower
88 One leaving a smear
90 — "King" Cole
91 Built
92 Suede, e.g.
93 — Vegas
94 Ending for Siam
95 On fire
96 Capital of Niger
97 Set on fire
98 "You are right about that"
102 — Jacques" (kids' song)
103 Misstep
104 Christopher who played Superman
105 Chaperone in "The Hunger Games"
108 Historical plaintiff — Scott
110 Surgery ctrs.
112 Bouquet-bringing gp.
113 Tram cargo
114 Period
115 Rip off

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