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BASD

Judge: Drowning case can proceed

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

In an Opinion and Order released July 30, Judge Joel Slomsky of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has ruled there is enough evidence for an unusual "dry" or "secondary" drowning case at Liberty HS to be heard by a jury. This case, filed against both Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) and Liberty physical education teacher Carlton Rodgers, follows the 2010 death of 15-year-old Juanya Spady, a sophomore who had recently transferred to the school. A non-swimmer, he died shortly after a swimming class.

The lawsuit was filed by Allentown attorneys Rick Orloski and Steve Ameche on behalf of Mica Spoady, Juanya's mother.

At this time of year, children sometimes encounter difficulties in local pools. But after they are rescued, about two percent of them are still at risk of drowning. It's called delayed or dry drowning. It happens when someone, while thrashing in the water, swallows large amounts of water. This can cause air passages to spasm and the lungs to fill up with fluid, suffocating the victim.

That's what some medical experts believe happened to Juanya Spady. See **BASD** on Page A4

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Paying off student loans may be impacting economic recovery

By **KATYA HRICHAK**
Bethlehem Press Intern

A post-secondary education is the single most important investment that Americans can make in their futures but financing college through loans leaves graduates deeply in debt.

"I didn't know what I was doing when I was taking the loans out, I only did it because they accepted me and I needed to pay for college somehow," said Lindsey Hrichak of Blandon.

"I had to take out both federal and private loans to cover my schooling. The total amount, undergrad only, was about \$35,000," she said.

Now in graduate school and set to graduate with a master's degree in biology in 2015, Hrichak has been taking out \$3,000 worth of federal loans each year to cover the cost of education. These loans will add about \$22,000 to her already existing loan total.

"I know that it adds so much more debt to go to grad school, but my mentality is basically that I feel as though I will never pay these loans off regardless of whether it's

\$35,000 or \$70,000, so why not add more," she said.

Hrichak is one of 2,065,000 student loan borrowers in Pennsylvania. She is a contributor to a reported statewide student debt total of \$50,476,342 and a nationwide total of \$1.1 trillion.

Big investment

According to "Taking Action: Higher Education and Student Debt," a report released in June by the Domestic Policy Council and the Council of Economic Advisers, student loan debt is now second only to mortgages among all categories of household debt.

"A postsecondary education is the single most important investment that Americans can make in their futures," according to the report, but financing college through loans leaves people like Hrichak deeply in debt.

Phyllis Korkki reported in a May 24, 2014 New York Times article, the growing amount of student loan debt is negatively impacting the economy. Due to the high monthly payments, students and graduates are

lacking the ability to start businesses, buy homes and take public-interest jobs.

"Three-fourths of the fall in household formation can be directly correlated to student debt," wrote Dan Kadlec in a Time magazine article. High student debt levels are a threat to the real estate market, "acting as a drag on both household formation and higher prices," he explained.

Big debt

As a result of the high cost of education, a Bethlehem resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, is unable even to consider purchasing his own home. The majority of his debt was accumulated during graduate school, which he completed in 2013.

"I was torn between medical school and physical therapy school, and I made the decision to go to physical therapy school," he said. "It's three years of nonstop school during summers and everything, 120 credits.

"I didn't have any debt from undergraduate. See **PRICE** on Page A2

PAYING THE PRICE Part 1

NORCO

DA warns: 'Tell the truth'

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

Citing a rash of recent cases in which people lie under oath and sometimes even submit fraudulent documents to the court, Northampton County District Attorney John Morganello has issued a warning.

"If you lie in court, you will be prosecuted and you will have a criminal record," he said during a recent press conference.

Morganello cited several recent instances in which people either lie or produce false documents.

In a recent drunk driving sentencing, the defendant told Judge Jennifer Sletvold that he was in the U.S. Army and had been deployed to several different areas of the world during his five years of service. Probation officers later determined that this information was false. Now he faces perjury and false swearing charges.

In a support case, a man altered W-2s to make it look as though nearly \$34,000 in income was just \$5,000. After a referral from Judge Paula Roscioli, he's been charged with multiple counts of tampering with public records.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Which performer are you looking forward to most at Musikfest?



"Keith Urban. We have tickets to see him on the last night."
Bob Koehler Jr.
Northampton



"If I could see Keith Urban, I would."
Barbara Repash
Breinigsville



"Probably Sarah Ayers and James Supra."
Francis Repash
Salisbury Township



"Jason Derulo on August 3."
Faith Hernandez and Lucas Green
Bethlehem



"I'd be excited about Jason Derulo if I had tickets."
Patty Tunis
Bethlehem Township



"The one that didn't come, ZZ Top. We had tickets."
Dan Bechtel
Hamburg

PRICE: Student loans impact economic recovery

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school, but in terms of grad school, the amount of debt I incurred through the three years was over \$83,000 even with scholarships."

Unlike the physical therapist torn between two possible careers, Kyle of Bethlehem, who also asked that his full name not be used, said he wanted to become a meteorologist since he was a child.

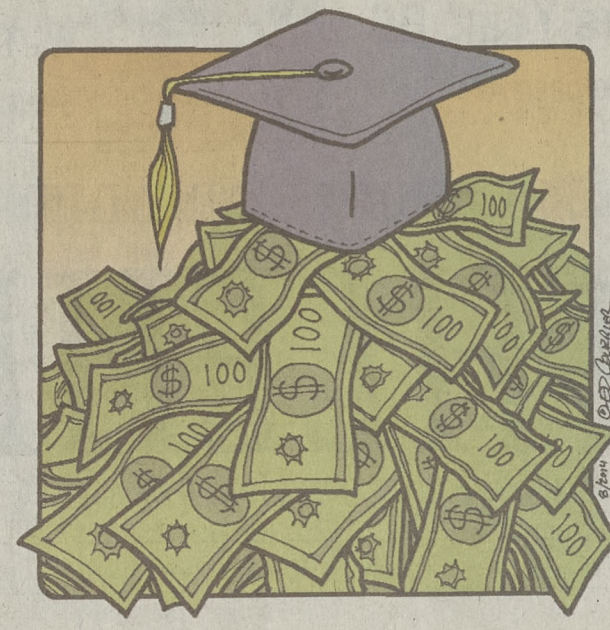
"When looking at schools and trying to decide which one to attend, it pretty much came down to either State University of New York (SUNY) Oswego or Penn State," he said. "I ultimately chose Oswego because Penn State was going to be more expensive than going out of state."

"To cover the cost of my undergraduate education, I relied mainly on loans, scholarships, a job on campus and a little help from my parents. I was able to get a housing scholarship, which paid for my dorm all four years. This helped tremendously. I also received the dean scholarship. However, I had to take out a decent amount of student loans."

Since graduating from SUNY Oswego in 2013, Kyle was accepted into Texas A&M's master's program in atmospheric science with a full ride and a stipend for living expenses. He said this achievement made the \$30,000 worth of undergraduate loans worthwhile.

Issue not new

The struggle with student loan debt is not new. Carole Gorney of Bethlehem, high school graduating class of 1966, said



Share your story

Has repaying a student loan impacted your life? Share your story with Katya Hrichak at khrichak@tntonline.com or by calling 610-625-2121.

that she too struggled with student loan debt while in graduate school.

After completing nearly half of her graduate studies, she was told that because of her outstanding loans with Northwestern University from her undergraduate education, she would no longer be able to continue in her program.

She spoke to the dean of the college and was able to procure a job in the library and an internship in order to stay in school. Despite these jobs, she still graduated with \$18,000 worth of debt.

Second career debt Student loan debt is not just for the 20-year-olds; another growing example is adults return-

ing to school. Ginny Goodwin of Macungie said she felt a calling to become a pastor and knew that in order to do so, she needed a bachelor's degree.

"I started college when I graduated high school and Kennedy was president," she said. "I had three semesters at school and worked and then I got married and had children. My children grew up, my life circumstances changed, and I went back to school to get my college degree and continued to graduate school where I encountered student loans."

Despite the company she worked for paying 90 percent of her undergraduate tuition, she will be paying off her 15-year loan plan until she is 75

years old. Over the past 30 years, the average tuition at a public four-year college has more than tripled, while a typical family's income has remained about the same, the June report said.

The numbers

Currently, 71 percent of students graduating with a bachelor's degree graduate with debt. The average amount of debt per student totals \$29,400. The national student loan debt balance stands at \$1.1 trillion as of early 2014, up from \$250 billion in 2003, according to the June report.

Because higher education leads to better employment prospects and an average earnings of \$28,300 more per year than for those who have only a high school degree, more students are enrolling in college.

Adding to the problem, many public institutions of higher education are facing declines in state appropriations, the report said. Higher education funding remains well below pre-recession levels in almost all states; 37 states have cut public college funding per student more than 20 percent since the recession, nine states have cut such funding per student by more than 30 percent and three states have cut funding per student more than 40 percent.

"Don't get yourself tied up into it if you don't have to," Goodwin warned. "Go to community colleges, try to commute, then go for your four-year degree at your chosen school."

NEXT WEEK: The high cost of a college education

NORCO

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In another support case, a man provided Judge Sletvold with a doctor's note indicating he was unable to work, but subsequent investigation revealed it was altered. He's been charged with forgery and false swearing.

"These matters are serious and there appears to be a trend," noted Mor-

ganelli. He cautioned everyone from attempting to deceive the court. "Our judges are smart and recognize perjured testimony and fraudulent documents when they see it," he said.

He promised the following charges will be brought against those who lie in court.

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Tampering with public records or information – a misdemeanor or a felony.

Most people charged

with a crime as a first offense are entitled to participate in a special program called ARD, where the charges are wiped clean after a period of probation. But the DA said he'd be disinclined to agree to ARD. "That sends the wrong message," he noted. "This goes to the integrity of our judicial system."

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MannaFest L.V. 2014, 6 to 10 p.m. El Shaddai Bethlehem Ministries, 529 East Broad St. www.facebook.com/mannafestlehighvalley.

Thursday, August 7

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over, Hinkle Family musical ministry program, 10:45 a.m. followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International monthly meeting, board at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and program with Miles Mettenheimer of MFS Mutual Funds, Bravo Cucina, 950 Lehigh Lifestyle Center, Whitehall. Email Jennifer.ceneviva@hotmail.com.

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Bethlehem Legion Band, 7:30 p.m., Rose Garden, Union Boulevard and Ninth Avenue.

Saturday, August 9

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Sunday, August 10

Music in the Park, Vince Pettinelli Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Rose Garden, Union Boulevard and Ninth Avenue.

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Tuesday, August 12

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, August 6

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, August 7

Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, August 11

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m., Monocacy Towers Community Room, Main Street and Union Boulevard.

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

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Tuesday, August 12

Hanover Twp. Board of Supervisors 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

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

Wednesday, August 13

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton Executive John Brown, speaking at a PBS 39 studio in South Bethlehem, told a group of five Northampton County residents, reporters and part of his Northampton County staff that the 2,200 county employees "do a phenomenal job."

"We exist for one reason; to be of service," Brown said July 28 at one of several planned town hall meetings.

"My primary job is to be of service. It's not what I say and do, but what the employees do day to day. Get the employees to come along with you. They're the ones who do the work," Brown said.

Taxes and service

Brown, formerly the mayor of Bath before winning his office as Northampton County executive, said he plans to operate the county as cost-effectively as possible, to keep taxes as low as possible and provide the services in the most effective way.

He said he sees himself and his staff as pro-business and are there to help "remove roadblocks."

Brown introduced Luis Campos, his newly-hired office manager, and Diane Donaher, his director of Community and Economic Development.

Spending cuts

Brown is also looking for ways to cut spending by evaluating current government operations and contracts, "looking for space between cracks ... Key is our employee base, which is giving us guidance for places to save," Brown said. He said he is also evaluating county contracts.

One expense he would like to see lowered dramatically is at Gracedale Nursing Home, where employees are costing the county an extra \$2.5 million per year because of excessive employee absences he



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Northampton County Executive John Brown speaks to small group at a recent town hall meeting. "My primary job is to be of service," he said.

described as "bad habits." ideal."

Gracedale billing

"There is up to a year-long lag between billing Medicare and Medicaid and getting a payment," Brown said. He has asked his staff to find ways to shorten time between billing and payment. Brown said Gracedale needs to maximize residents and collect revenue.

When asked if he expects Gracedale to make a profit, Brown said, "Breaking even would be

Bethlehem attorney Thomas Carroll asked Brown if there is a break-even point for bed count at Gracedale.

Brown said it wasn't easy to determine a break-even point, but that keeping 652 to 655 beds or residents was optimal.

Court changes

Carroll also asked Brown if he had had any conversations about the feasibility of adding problem-solving courts to the

judiciary system.

By problem-solving courts Carroll meant special courts to handle specific categories of problems such as drug issues, behavioral and mental health and veterans' issues.

Brown said he was aware of the subject, and while it has been discussed, it has a lot of moving parts.

Referring to the new interchange under construction at Route 33 and Main Street in Palmer Township, Brown said, "We have a lot of opportunities."

In a later interview, Donaher said the interchange, when completed in late fall, will open up development of property in the area.

Donaher said a planned business park to be built by the Charles Chrin Companies will employ 5,500 people.

Corrections

Brown also singled out Northampton County's Department of Corrections as a government function that he will examine for cost savings. He said it costs \$96 per day per prisoner. The prison population averages 600 to 670 inmates.

In response to a question about the county's retirement fund by East Allen Township resident Paul Wozniak, Brown said, "Our pension plan is quite healthy." He said the fund has been getting an 18 percent return on its investments. He said the pension fund was 81 percent funded at the end of 2014.

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Julia M. Criswell, 87, of Bethlehem, died July 11, 2014.

Born in Phillipsburg, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Ann (Hoffman) Mondzak. She was the wife of the late Joseph Criswell.

She was a 1952 graduate of Abington School of Nursing.

She was a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Muhlenberg Hospital



and the former Leader Nursing Home.

She was a member of Central Assembly of God, Bethlehem, and was a deaconess for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Christopher L. of Allentown, Kevin D. and his wife Julie and their children Kevin II and Eric, of Arlington Heights, Ill. and Peter J. of Manhattan, N.Y.; and a sister, Loretta Henry of Rosalyn.

Contributions may be made to the church.

Arrangements were by the James Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

Jean H. Hunter

college secretary

Jean H. Hunter, 91, formerly of Bethlehem and a resident at Country Meadows, Wescosville, died July 22, 2014, in Phoebe Home, Allentown. Born in Johnsonburg, she was a daughter of the late William B. and Hazel M. (Englert) Hanna. She was the wife of the late William Hunter.

She was a secretary for many years at Moravian College before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of Christ Church UCC, Bethlehem.

She is survived by two

daughters, Carol and her husband Paul Tice of Coopersburg and Janet Shields of Palmyra; two sisters, Carol Kaler of Lock Haven and Marie Williamson of Camp Hill; and a grandson, Jonathan Tice.

She was predeceased by a sister, Doris Stone.

Contributions may be made to Christ Church, 75 E. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

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about an hour after he was out of the school pool. Bethlehem School District attorneys dispute this, calling the death an unexplained seizure or heart failure. Judge Slomsky has opted to ask a jury to make the call in a case he calls "undeniably tragic."

Spady attended a physical education class in which swimming was the activity of the day. He was told to go with the other non-swimmers to the shallow end of the pool while Rodgers instructed the rest on swimming moves from a deck. Because grades depend on class participation, Spady decided to do some "gutter grabbing," i.e. make his way around the perimeter of the pool by using his hands to keep him afloat. Occasionally, he'd let go, sink to the bottom and bounce back up.

His fun ended when he bumped into a group of swimmers and lost his grip. He was down a long time, but finally made his way back to the surface. Spady told Rodgers he was feeling ill, and was told to take a break. Rodgers recalls telling Spady to go to the nurse or sit out the remainder of the class. Some students contradict this, saying that Spady was ordered back into the pool. Others testified that Rodgers graded students on class participation. They also noticed that, after the "gutter grabbing" incident, Spady was not himself.

After swimming, Spady went to English class. But 10 minutes in, his head hit the desk behind him and his eyes rolled into the back of his head. A pink, frothy substance began coming from his nose and mouth. His teacher sent students to

get help, and a nurse and police officer arrived a few minutes later. CPR was tried; mouth to mouth. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was used. Oxygen was administered; no pulse. Though he was administered a total of 17 shocks, he died.

Dr. Isadore Mihalikis, who performed the autopsy, called it an unexplained seizure. But forensic pathologist Dr. Cyril Wecht concluded Spady's death was a case of dry drowning caused by a toxic reaction to the swimming pool chlorine. In addition to the pink and frothy discharge, Wecht noted a high glucose level and epinephrine, which accompanies such delayed drownings.

Dr. Alison Osinski, an aquatics expert, agrees. She also adds that it was negligent for the school district to enroll Spady in a swim class without any regard to his skill level, comparing it to forcing a student to take calculus without first going through pre-algebra. She said the teacher should have been in swimming gear and the student life-guard on hand should not have been lying on the bleachers. Finally, she advises there should have been a "buddy system" in place, and that non-swimmers should be equipped with floatation devices.

Bethlehem School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy, denied that Spady died as a result of delayed drowning, said, "[t]here are two pathologists who did not find that to be the case, and one who did."

He said the district will continue to defend the case, but declined further comment.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Spectator Rob Stadelmann tosses a lighted baton to the Fire Guy, Toronto-based Brant Matthews, during his juggling routine at Kinderplatz. Stadelmann and his daughter Nattalia made it their fifth year in a row visiting Musikfest.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Lump's Deli on Center Street, home to the Table of Knowledge, is calling itself "LotteryPlatz" during Musikfest. More Musikfest coverage appears on page A10.

'A melting pot of sound'

By KATYA HRICHAK
Bethlehem Press intern

"Who would have thought that from the embers of Bethlehem Steel an entire new industry would flourish, a creative industry that honors the community's past and celebrates its future with music, dance, theater, film and visual arts," Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett said during the opening ceremony of the 31st annual Musikfest.

The Aug. 1 event was originally to be held outside at the Aetna AmericaPlatz but was moved inside to the Capital Blue Creativity Commons at SteelStacks due to rain.

The opening began with the singing of the National Anthem, performed by Nailah Vasquez of the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts. The performance was followed by the invocation, delivered by the Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon, and the welcome address by Bethlehem Mayor Robert Donchez.

"Musikfest truly is a melting pot of sound," Donchez said in his welcome speech. "Every year, Musikfest brings our community together and it allows us to share our great city with people from all over the country and all over the world."

He continued to thank city employees, ArtsQuest staff and volunteers, the performers taking part

31ST MUSIKFEST



Fire Guy Brant Matthews also demonstrates his fire eating talents during his entertaining routine.

in the festival and Jeff Parks, the founder and soon-to-retire president of ArtsQuest and Musikfest.

Parks then introduced Joe Pietrantonio, chair of the ArtsQuest board of trustees, to present three awards.

The first award recipi-

ent was the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Bethlehem for its early involvement with the SteelStacks project. The second was Christmas City Printing, which has supported ArtsQuest since 1987. The third recipient was PPL for its assistance in bringing and

growing free programming in the surrounding area and being part of Musikfest from its first year. Corbett, the ceremony's guest speaker, spoke about the economic impact of arts and culture and the inspiration residents take from being surrounded by events such as the ones hosted by ArtsQuest. She finished her speech by reading a letter written by Gov. Tom Corbett, who was unable to attend the event.

The ceremony was brought to an end with a speech by Kassie Hilgert, senior vice president of marketing and advancement at ArtsQuest and soon-to-be CEO of the organization, thanking Parks for his ideas, actions and passion throughout his time as president of ArtsQuest. She spoke of the model Parks used to develop the area.

"Use the assets of where you are and who you are and inject those assets with arts and culture in a way that creates compelling experiences that bring people back all year long. The more people that come, the more businesses that open, the more existing ones grow," Hilgert said, concluding, "and come back they have."

The 10-day festival, which runs through Aug. 10, will feature 500 performers, 14 stages, 30 acres and host up to 1 million people.



Jasper and Griffin Saar zoom down the Super Slide at Kinderplatz. The boys came to Musikfest from the Reading area with their parents Darcie and Erik.



Folk singer Nikki Talley pours emotion into her afternoon performance on Main Street Aug. 2. Talley hails from Asheville, N.C., and is accompanied by her husband Jason Sharp on guitar.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

ABOVE: A misting fan near the Festplatz tent attracts young fest-goers such as Jonet Meadows, who was with her mother Janelle from Allentown. Despite low temperatures and humidity on the first full day of Musikfest, children enjoyed playing in the misty WLEV 100.7 and Cat Country 96.1 display area. LEFT: Walking attraction Jon Prive draws many looks at Liederplatz. The Bethlehem Township resident said he had his face painted by Fantastic Faces on Main Street, which met his unusual request for a "Green Man" vine-covered face in a traditional medieval image. "It's just for fun," added Prive, who said he likes to "hang out at the fest."

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CONTRIBUTEDPHOTO

An artist's conception of the new Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts building being erected at East Third and Polk streets.

Charter Arts gets glass canopy

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM

The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts' Executive Director Diane LaBelle received a certificate of appropriateness from the Historic Conservation District board July 21 approving LaBelle's choice of glass panels for a canopy at the new building currently under construction.

The 87,000-square-foot, three-story building is being built at East Third and Polk streets in South Bethlehem. The double-paned glass panels will be used for the canopy instead of the pre-cast concrete called for in previous plans.

LaBelle said she plans to start the 2015 school year in the new building. Morris Black Designs of Allentown will do cabinetry for the new school, which will open as the official new campus, replacing the current location less than a half-mile away at 675 East Broad St.

In other business, the



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Carolyn Facchiano attended her first meeting as a member of the Historic Conservation District board.

Holy Family Manor at 1200 Spring Street got the Historic Conservation District's recommendation for the new 650 kilowatt generator to replace two smaller units. The generator has already been installed, a fact that board member Craig Evans questioned.

According to Director of Maintenance Kevin Carl, the permit had been issued by city hall due to a clerical error, but he realized that the facility needed a certificate of appropriateness.

A recent hurricane made it clear to Carl that an upgrade in generator power was necessary. "We were two hours away from evacuating during Hurricane Sandy," said Carl to the historic review board members.

Part of the nursing and rehabilitation center occupies the former home of former Bethlehem Steel Chairman Eugene Grace. Shankara Vegan Restaurant and Organic Juice Bar owner Wendy Landiak got a recommendation for a certificate of appropriateness for a new sign for her restaurant at 201 East Third St.

Lastly, new board member Carolyn Facchiano attended her first meeting. Her appointment had been pending for about one year.

DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, Easton, seeks field trip docents for fourth-grade field trips focusing on 19th-century canal life in Freemansburg weekdays 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept 29 through Oct 17. Contact Dennis Scholl, 610-923-3548, ext. 225, dennis@delawareandlehigh.org.

LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, Allentown, is looking for volunteers to spend time with persons who are living with mental health issues and assist LCCC staff teach them skills for living independently. Contact Laura Rowe, 610-433-6421, rowe@lehigh-churches.org.

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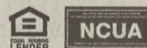
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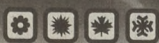
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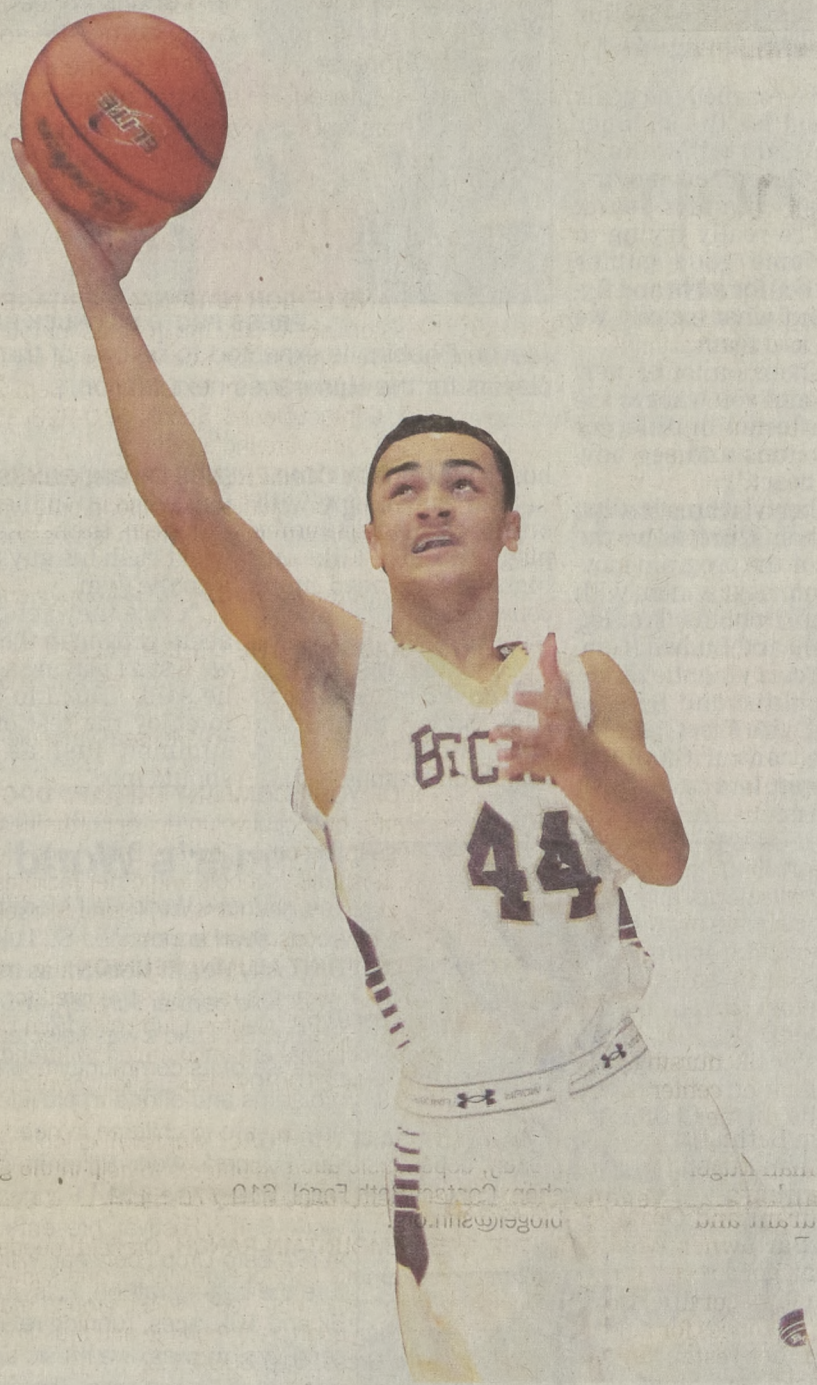


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The Bethlehem Press' Athletes of the Year

2013-2014 Season

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Emotional Simmons does it all for Hawks

By PETER CAR
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Freddie Simmons Jr. is a polarizing figure in local sports and he knows that. The three-sport star in football, basketball and track knows all the tricks that opponents have tried and will continue to try on him this upcoming senior season.

Getting inside of Freddie Simmons' head is one way to derail the Bethlehem Catholic star on the athletic fields.

But Simmons also knows that he can't let others dictate his play or how he is perceived.

For all the great moments that Simmons displays in sports, the slip-ups are the poster-board material that haters flaunt.

But the athletic talent that the upcoming senior encompasses is impossible to ignore after a junior season saw him help the football team win a district championship.

His presence on the basketball court and his growing talent in track, where he took second in the state in the 300 hurdles, is undeniable as well.

Simmons is a lot of things to many different people, but at the

Bethlehem Press, he's this year's Male Athlete of the Year for Bethlehem Catholic.

"I want to be a leader and someone that the younger guys look up to," said the charismatic Simmons. "I know that people have different opinions of me and I take responsibility for that because I've let some of my actions define me to the public."

"But I feel I've matured a lot over the past year. People tend to forget that I'm still a kid. My biggest thing is that I learn from my mistakes and become a better person from it."

Simmons recalled a punch he threw in a football game against Liberty last season that caused him to get ejected from the contest and subsequently suspended him from the following game against Whitehall as a turning point in his mindset.

"I felt like I let everybody down," he said. "I embarrassed my parents, school, coaches and teammates. I felt terrible and after that, I really tried to work on staying level headed playing sports. I just get

See Simmons on Page A8

Hard work pays off for Julia Madison

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Julia Madison is the kind of athlete who worked her way to the top. Beginning this season as a virtual unknown in soccer, and beginning her high school career as a work-in-progress in softball, Madison is this year's Bethlehem Press Female Player of the Year from Bethlehem Catholic High School.

Becahi soccer coach, Chris Bastidas said, "When she first walked on to the field, I didn't know who she was yet, but on the first day, I could see her raw ability. She was powerful, fast, quick, and so tough. It was unbelievable the way she soaked everything up."

A forward and an outside mid, Madison hadn't played soccer since her freshman year, but ended her senior year as Becahi's Female Soccer Scholar Athlete.

"It was a nice surprise and an honor," Madison said. "I just figured, it's my senior year, and I had friends on the team, and I wanted to try something different. It was a lot of fun. I wish I would have made the decision to do soccer my junior year."

This season, Madison had seven goals and six assists.

Bastidas said, "On the field, her tenacity was great. She would be all over the defense. Julia was always there to win the ball for us. She was always making great runs over top of the defense, and our midfielders would find her with through balls."

Even though Madison hadn't played soccer for a couple of years, she emerged as a leader on the team.

"Julia was well-liked and respected by everybody. She had a great attitude, always smiling, and she was a leader, a great player to have on the team," said Bastidas.

Madison was perhaps best known for her speed, both in soccer and softball.

"I've always been fast since playing sports since I was younger. I didn't have much [soccer] skill, but I think I made up for it with my speed. When I was younger, I played defense. This year, I knew my job was to score, and I did my best. I like the fast pace of the game, and running gets you conditioned very well," she said.

See Madison on Page A8

"I know that people have different opinions of me and I take responsibility for that because I've let some of my actions define me to the public."



Simmons Bio

- Over 700 receiving yards and 10 TDs
- Averaged 10 points a game on hoops team
- Won three golds at LVC meet, D-11 meet
- Took 2nd at states in the 300 hurdles

Madison Bio

- Played forward and outside mid for soccer team and scored 7 goals and 6 assists
- Batted .448 in softball and stole 10 bases as the team's leadoff hitter
- Headed to St. Joe's in the fall



"I love being able to catch a ball that people think will be a game changer. I love killing rallies. I could never imagine being an infielder."

BRIEFLY

**HLSC
Community Day
set for Aug. 16**

The 13th annual Community Day, presented by the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16 at Dimmick Park, Tobias Drive and Durham Street, Hellertown.

There will be a Girl Scout flag ceremony at 9:50 a.m. prior to the 10 a.m. opening ceremony. The 2014 HLSC honorees, Blair Custon Homes, Klasic Gold, Susan Ackerman and the HLS Chamber scholarship recipient, will be recognized at 11:30 a.m.

For a schedule and information, visit <http://www.lehighvalley-chamber.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=832229> or call 610-739-1520.

**BAPL
SummerXFun
until Aug. 21**

The Bethlehem Area Public Library is holding a free SummerXFun game with prizes every Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. through Aug. 21 in the children's room at the main library, 11 W. Church St.

The English and Spanish languages Math Game 2X3 was developed by Velvet Alvarez, a former BASD student, and nationally marketed for those entering grades three and up. For information, visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**FAB FIVE
August is a
special month**

Did you know that the month of August 2014 has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays, all of which are in consecutive date order on the calendar?

According to Snopes.com, if a month has 31 days, it will include five Sundays, five Mondays, and five Tuesdays if the first day of the month is a Sunday, as August in 2004 and 2010. August begins on a Sunday in a cycle of 6, 5, 6, and 11 years.

If the month begins on a Friday, with some exceptions, it will have the five consecutive days begin on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as it did in August 2008, and will again in 2024.

Read more at <http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/trivia/fivedays.asp#xREEW-HWjQTVySMhW.99> and <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/repeating-month.html?year=2014&month=08>.



PRESS PHOTOS BY AMBER MIRZA

An open house and benefit dinner were held earlier this summer for Stephen's Place, the halfway house that assists men coming out of prison with substance abuse recovery and the development of life skills in a spiritual environment. Sister Virginia Longcope is the founder of

Stephen's Place and has been running it for 20 years. This year was the first benefit dinner, which was sponsored by the Reverend Dr. Janice Young. Photo: Attendees at Stephen's Place open house visit the garden. More than 100 attended the dinner at the Se-Wy-Co Banquet Hall.

Dinner marks 20th anniversary



Sister Virginia Longcope, director and founder of Stephen's Place, and the Reverend Daniel Gambet, the event's keynote speaker.



Kathleen Gumulak Stolz (right) admires her childhood room as Ally Crouthamel, a college sophomore and volunteer, provides her with a tour of Stephen's House. Gumulak Stolz's maternal grandfather had originally built the house. Her family later sold the house to Sister Virginia Longcope, who converted it into what is now Stephen's Place.



Stephen's House residents Bucky Walck, Jesse Shiner, Joziah Preziosi and Evan Benedetti in front of the garden of Stephen's Place which they helped build.

Visit <http://stephens-place.org/> for more information about Stephen's Place

BRIEFLY

**WESLEY CHURCH
Backpack event
set for Aug. 16**

Wesley Church will hold a backpack program for elementary school children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 16 at Wesley Church, 2540 Center St. Attendees in need of a backpack will receive a free one filled with supplies.

The event will feature hearing, dental and eye screenings, free socks and underwear, fire trucks, free haircuts and entertainment. For information, call 610-865-5715 or visit wesleychurch.com.

**BAPL
Musikfest week
hours set**

The Bethlehem Area Public Library has special hours during Musikfest week. The main library and Southside branch will close at 5 p.m. through Aug. 8; and both locations will be closed Aug. 9. The book drops will be open and Bookmobile service will not be available.

For information, visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761.

**EL SHADDAI
MannaFest runs
up to Aug. 10**

MannaFest Lehigh Valley 2014 will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9 and 10 at El Shaddai Bethlehem Ministries, 529 East Broad St.

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MusikFest safety

Police Chief Mark DiLuzio released a statement last week appealing to residents and visitors to use their common sense and to drink and act responsibly during MusikFest.

DiLuzio's complete message can read at BethlehemPress@facebook.com or the police website <http://bethlehempolice.wordpress.com/2014/07/30/2014-police-guide-to-musik-fest/>

Theft

A number of residents reported to police the alleged break-ins of their vehicles the night of July 24.

Unspecified items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on East Third Street sometime between 10 p.m. July 23 and 10 a.m. July 24.

Reportedly missing from several cars on Valley Park South overnight include a wallet, a \$2,000 pair of sunglasses and an iPod.

At 10:30 p.m., a garage door opener and \$2 in change were reported stolen from a vehicle on 15th Avenue.

BRIEFLY

ST. MARK'S

Community Day set for Aug. 9

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will host a free community day 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 9 at the church, 3771 Easton Ave., Bethlehem Township.

There will be live music, kids crafts, games, face painting, food, Dan's PhotoBooth and Mermaid Bethany. The Lehigh Valley Zoo area will be open from noon to 2 p.m. In event of rain, all activities will be held indoors.

RED CROSS

Urgent need for blood donors

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types. Donations have decreased approximately eight percent over the last 11 weeks. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

AOPC

Updated family resource issued

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is issuing the Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook, an updated resource used by family court judges, hearing masters, attorneys and child welfare professionals. It will be distributed at the Pennsylvania Conference of Trial Court Judges.

The updates include new laws, changes in court procedural rules and appellate court decisions that impact dependency proceedings. It has new sections regarding the termination of court supervision, family finding, father identification and incarcerated parents. There are expanded sections on visitation and support for older youth aging out of the court-supervised system.

The book will be available to the general public at www.ocfcpcourts.us beginning August 1.

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Mucca Pazza, a unique combo of marching and rock 'n roll band styles, parades through the Northside Musikfest grounds along Spring Street Saturday afternoon as a loud and colorful prelude to a scheduled

evening performance in the Volksplatz tent. The "circus punk marching band" from Chicago is playing at Bethlehem's signature music festival for the first time.

Food and fun at Musikfest

Musikfest 2014 features eight new food vendor locations this year.

There are a total of 62 food vendors, some with multiple sites, throughout the festival area. Located among the various festival venues in the historic downtown district and the

SteelStacks arts campus on the Southside the new food vendor booths include: Volksplatz – Grateful Spread, Sangtawan Thai Food, Bee's Knees and Strawberry Sreet Concessions; Liederplatz – Roasty Toasty and Carolina Barbecue; Handwerkplatz – Delicious Bites on the Go

(mini doughnuts); and Americaplazt – Rodale Catering. Put on by ArtsQuest August 1-10, Musikfest is in its 31st year and claims the distinction of being the largest free music festival in the nation.



Regular fest-goer John Marrongelli of Palmerton and Luanne Kemmerer enjoy themselves at The Grateful Spread booth at Volksplatz in the historic Colonial Industrial Quarter along the Monocacy Creek. The Grateful Spread owner Matt Smith, from the Philadelphia area, has been in the business for 20 years. Marrongelli holds one of Smith's specialty menu items, a Cuban sandwich.



Carolina Barbecue owner Barry Frey is ready to serve a platter of pork barbecue with baked beans and potato salad with his brother Tom, general manager of operations. Originally situated in the former Americaplazt at city hall plaza, after a few years off they returned to Musikfest at Liederplatz in the Sun Inn courtyard. The barbecue menu with its own "Carolina Barbecue" brand name sandwich sauces is popular with fest-goers.



Rodale Catering and Events, located at Americaplazt on the SteelStacks Arts Campus in South Bethlehem, offers local organic and natural ingredients incorporated into a healthy menu of snacks, beverages, sandwiches and wraps. Rodale Inc. food service employee Julia Pena of Center Valley hands an order of french fries to Chris and Maureen Brown of Bethlehem, who said they are regular fest-goers.



Twins share a carriage at Volksplatz Saturday. Steve and Karen Braun of Hanover Township said it was their 16-month-old children's second Musikfest – Malina (left) and Kaleah. "We come every year," said Steve.



Roasty Toasty grilled cheese sandwiches are featured at the new Liederplatz booth in the Sun Inn courtyard off Main Street. Experienced food vendors at fairs and festivals throughout the Delaware Valley, Denise and Frank McCollum are newcomers to Musikfest with a first-time limited menu of specialty grilled items. "We're holding our own and we'll probably be back next year," said Frank McCollum. "We love it here; it's beautiful," added his wife.



Sangtawan Thai Food's grill is covered with menu favorite "chicken on a stick" and is tended by owners John Hong and his wife Cindy, who are newcomers at Volksplatz. The couple from Virginia specialize in oriental food.



Clapping in response to entertainment on Main Street, Olivia Cauble gets a good view from the shoulders of her uncle, Allan Levy of Allentown.

New facility will aid kids, elderly

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

An entire city block along Linden Street, between Johnston Drive and Macada Road, will soon be home to both an assisted living facility and a preschool center to be owned and operated by Joseph Negroao. At a July 23 hearing, the Zoning Hearing Board, by a 4-0 vote, granted a special exception and several dimensional variances for the project to proceed.

Negroao is the owner of Alexandria Manor, an assisted living facility that already has two locations in Nazareth and one in Bath. In 2005, he received a green light from zoners to build an 83-unit facility on 2.64 acres at the southwest corner of Johnston Drive and Linden Street, directly across the street from Elias Market.

In 2012, he decided to try something new. Instead of an assisted living center, he proposed operating a preschool center called Rainbow Academy at the site. Rainbow, which currently operates 18 New Jersey locations, offers preschool children infant sign language, musical beginnings and reading and writing readiness. Although zoners at that time unanimously granted a special exception for a 180-student preschool, they ruled out Saturday classes for physical activities

BETHLEHEM ZONING



The Floyd Best General Store, a condemned building, was demolished for the Negroao development.

like gymnastics and karate. They also placed an age cap on the summer camp, restricting it to children 10 years old and younger.

Instead of building, Negroao continued to buy properties along Linden Street, including the iconic but dilapidated Floyd R. Best General Store at the northwestern corner of Macada Road and Linden, along with several other residences that have seen better days, with driveways

that empty out onto Linden Street.

With these purchases, Negroao approached zoners with a new plan. Instead of a personal care facility or preschool center, how about both? Represented by Bethlehem Attorney Jim Preston, he persuaded zoners to grant the necessary approvals that will change the location and sizes of both previously approved designs.

Kevin Horvath, from

Keystone Engineers, showed the board a plan that will locate the one-story Rainbow Academy at Macada and Linden, along with a 6,800 square-foot outdoor play area to the immediate north. A three-story personal care facility, comprising 20,300 square feet, will be at the other end of the block, where Linden and Johnston intersect. Horvath told zoners the stone and stucco buildings will be close to Linden to act as a buffer

for parking behind the facilities.

There will be no access from Linden. Visitors will use an access road at the western end of the properties, connecting Johnston Drive and Macada Road.

The personal care facility will remain an 83-unit facility, but in a larger building because the trend is for private rooms with kitchenettes, explained Joe Negroao Jr.

Horvath told zoners that, in his opinion, the plans submitted by Negroao provide a "safer environment" along Linden Street, an arterial road, than the current arrangement with residential driveways.

There was no opposition to the relief requested, but Johnston Drive resident Al Bernotas voiced his support.

In other business, the board granted Jarice Bonilla's request for a special exception so she could operate a daycare at 734-738 Pawnee St. Bonilla will care for between four and six children at the 3-bedroom home with a fenced-in yard. "I'm looking for babies," she said. "I love babies." She will operate on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. In addition to the zoning approval, she is required to obtain a state license, and the city will inspect the property.

BRIEFLY

BAPL

J.A. Jance to appear August 14

New York Times best-selling author J.A. Jance will be in Bethlehem for a ticketed appearance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 11 W. Church St. The program is sponsored by the Moravian Bookshop.

The author of the J.P. Beaumont and the Joanna Brady series will answer questions and sign books purchased at the event.

For a free ticket and/or information, visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 224.

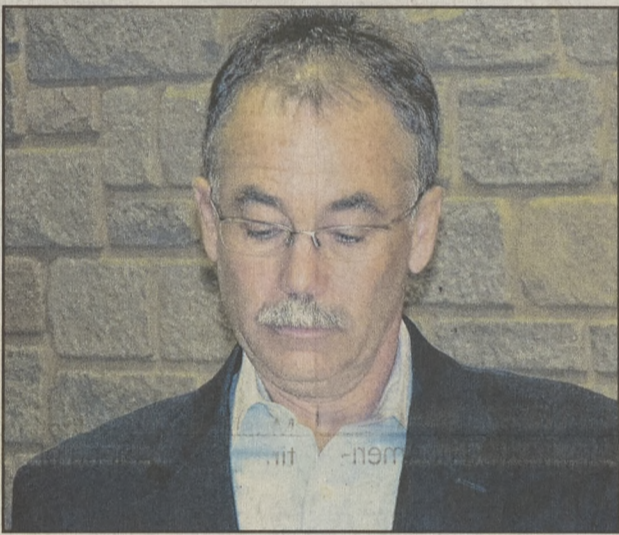
BETHANY UCC

Peace event set for Aug. 16

Bethany United Church of Christ will host Peace in the Valley from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at Bethlehem's Rose Garden, Ninth Avenue and Union Boulevard. The inclement weather location is the church's Fellowship Hall, 600 W. Market St.

The event will include activities, snacks and drinks, hand-outs, chair massages, music and displays about the church's programs. For information, call 610-868-4441.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Roger Mellin of the Chrin Companies faced a tough crowd.

Chrin's plan for V-7 lot gets poor reception

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

It was a tough night to be a developer in Bethlehem Township. Right after Traditions of America's David Biddison had run the gauntlet, it was Roger Mellin's turn before the Planning Commission's July 28 meeting.

Mellin, the director of business for Charles Chrin Companies, presented a sketch plan for the redevelopment of the old V-7 driving range and miniature golf course next to Route 33. The driving range itself is owned by the township, with plans on paper for soccer fields some time in the future.

Chrin has proposed to develop the remaining 17 acres with an 11-screen movie theater, four-story hotel, convenience store gas station, bank and restaurant. He also wants to relocate Hope Road while he's at it. He'll also need about 10 variances. "I guess my first comment will be, 'Holy crap!'" announced Planner Les Walker. That sentiment was echoed and repeated by other planners, as well as about 20 speakers opposed to the plans in a hall packed with about 80 residents.

From there, it got worse. "Total nightmare!", "Horrendous!" and "This is crap," were just some of the comments expressed by a public who made it clear they are tired of the increasing traffic in the township.

Pat Woods, who lives on Hope Ridge Road, appeared livid that Commissioner Marty Zawarski has already been quoted in a local newspaper calling this a good plan. "He has no right to do that," she declared. "He really should abstain from voting."

At this point, Chair Lee Snover observed that all commissioners were present for the Green Pond proposal, but she was "quite disappointed" that they all left for this plan. In her opinion, this one is worse.

Snover also noted that the township owns the former driving range, but questioned what will become of it, implying commissioners might be tempted to sell the driving range to Chrin.

"What Charlie wants, Charlie gets," shouted someone in the audience.

Of the numerous speakers who made their points about traffic and the diminution of their quality of life, perhaps the most compelling speaker was the youngest.

Emily Krauss is a Freedom HS sophomore. She lives about two miles away from the school. But her daily bus trip now lasts 40 minutes as a result of all the increased traffic that has plagued Bethlehem Township.

This was just a sketch plan, so no official action was taken.

"I listened well," Mellin said as he headed for his car.

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DEAN'S LISTS

Saint Mary's College
Sara Napierkowski of Bethlehem has been named to the dean's list of St. Mary's College for the spring 2014 semester. To be included on the list, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes and no grades lower than a C.

Worcester Academy
Ryan Poyastro-Pearson of Bethlehem, grade 10, has been named to the final honor roll and headmaster's list for the 2013-14 school year at Worcester Academy. The honor represents the achievements that each student has earned through academic excellence, challenge and personal growth.

Submit items to gtaylor@tnonline.com, fax 610-625-2126 or mail it to College graduates, c/o Bethlehem Press, 308 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18105.

PEOPLE

Colgate research includes locals
Two Bethlehem residents, Jennifer Godbout, who is conducting research in geology, and Grant Haines, researching in biology, are among 200 Colgate students participating in summer research projects.

Teen wins world dance honors
Hannah Dunn, 18, of the Irish Stars Parker School of Irish Dance, Hellertown, won a second World Medal and World Crystal at the 2014 Cumann Rince Náisiúnta World Open Irish Dance Championships. She took home fourth place at this year's Rince Ceol June 27 through 29 at the Castelbar's Royal Theatre, County Mayo, Ireland.

Kennedy earns Lehigh award
Alexandria Kennedy of Bethlehem was awarded the Lehigh University Student Senate Leadership Award in the 2014 spring semester. The award is given solely on merits of leadership in all aspects of student life, whether student government, student organizations or athletics.

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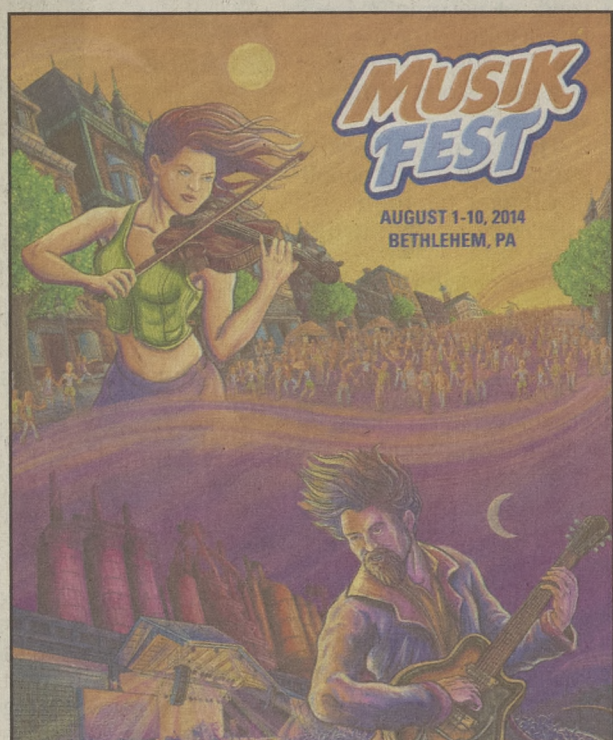
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"Joy In The Holy Ghost"

The believers of the early Christian church were known to be an extraordinarily cheerful group radiating joy and gladness through the influence of the Holy Ghost. Luke notes that they ate their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God (Acts 2:46-47) and in Acts 13:52 he records that "the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."

This holy joy was particularly evident in times of great persecution. For instance, immediately after their leaders were beaten and were "commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus...they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:40-41). Their rejoicing was in obedience to their resurrected Lord and Master, Who had promised "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you...Rejoice, and be exceeding glad" (Mt 5:11-12). As they obeyed, the floodgates of joy flowed within them. "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you" (1 Peter 4:14). Paul noted that the believers "received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost" (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

The Holy Ghost is the source of joy and everything else that we need within us to live the Christian life victoriously today, "For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23). These inner holy qualities are the marks of genuine Christianity as opposed to outward religious forms and ceremonies! "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17). This "joy in the Holy Ghost" is for you! "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:13).



Musikfest continues

Musikfest continues its 31st year through Aug. 10 in Bethlehem with more 500 performances during the 10-day run with free concerts on 13 of 14 stages. Musikfest 2014 headliners at Steel Stage, the only paid-ticket venue, include: Steely Dan, Aug. 6; The Avett Brothers, Aug. 7; Alan Jackson, Aug. 8; Weezer, Aug. 9, and Keith Urban, Aug. 10. musikfest.org, 610-332-3378



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Steely Dan

Steely Dan, 7 p.m. Aug. 6: Steel Stage, Musikfest. Grammy recipients and Rock And Roll Hall of Fame members Steely Dan, formed by Donald Fagen and Walter Becker in 1972, has sold more than 40 million albums with the hits "Do It Again," "Reelin' in the Years," "Rikki Don't Lose That Number," "F.M.," "Peg," "Deacon Blues," "Hey Nineteen" and "Babylon Sisters."

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Rudyard Kipling's tale: Teague Fernandez (Mowgli), left, and Beth Kressin (Kaa The Python), right, star in the Allentown Public Theatre production of "The Jungle Book," 6 p.m. Aug. 8, 15 and 2 p.m. Aug. 9, 10, 16 and 17, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N. Seventh St., Allentown. The play is adapted by Tim Kelly from Rudyard Kipling's tale of a boy raised by jungle animals in India. Allentown Public Theatre Board President Marcie Schlener directs "The Jungle Book." The puppet and costumes are by Rose Schlener. Free: children 12 and under; donation: teens, adults. allentownpublictheatre.com

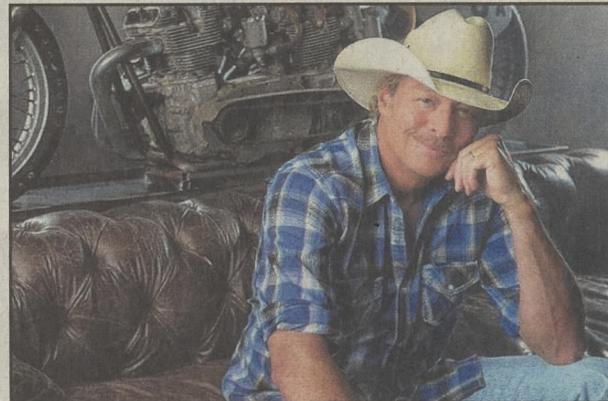
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The Avett Brothers

The Avett Brothers, 7 p.m. Aug. 7, Steel Stage: The Avett Brothers, formed in 2001 by brothers Scott and Seth Avett, has an Americana sound blending folk, rock, country, bluegrass and pop. The group debuted with the album "Country Was" (2002) and has released "I and Love and You" (2009), "The Carpenter" (2012) and "Magpie and the Dandelion" (2013).



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Alan Jackson

Alan Jackson, 8:30 p.m. Aug. 8, Steel Stage: Alan Jackson has sold nearly 60 million albums, had more than 50 Top 10 hits and wrote or co-wrote 24 of his 35 No. 1 country singles. The Georgia native's debut album, "Here in the Real World" (1989) was followed up with "Don't Rock the Jukebox" (1991). Last September, he released "The Bluegrass Album."



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Great "Guns": The Tony Award-winning Broadway 1999 revival version of "Annie Get Your Gun" continues through Aug. 10, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem. Rebecca Pieper-Bohun, above, center, plays Annie Oakley, and the Kids, above, are played by Angel D'Andria, Olivia Theisen and Jessica Sturm. Mark Breiner directs the musical-comedy, with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin and original book by Herbert and Dorothy Fields. Well-known songs include "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better" and "There's No Business Like Show Business." paplayhouse.org

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Weezer

Weezer, 7 p.m. Aug. 9, Steel Stage: Weezer, which includes Rivers Cuomo, Patrick Wilson, Brian Bell and Scott Shriner, formed in Los Angeles in 1992. The group has released nine-full length albums and six EPs, selling more than 10 million records. The group's debut, "Weezer" was followed up with "Make Believe" (2005). Its hits include "Undone (The Sweater Song)" and "Beverly Hills."



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Keith Urban

Keith Urban, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10, Steel Stage: The New Zealand native raised in Australia has sold more than 15 million albums with numerous No. 1 hits. The four-time Grammy recipient and "American Idol" judge albums include: "Keith Urban" (1999), "Golden Road" (2002), "Be Here" (2004), "Love, Pain & The Whole Crazy Thing" (2006), "Defying Gravity" (2009) and "Fuse" (2013).



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"Saurus," Close Act Theatre, 4, 6, 8 p.m. Aug. 8 - 10, Festplatz, Plaza Tropical area

New attractions at this year's Musikfest

Dinosaurs roaming through the festival grounds and a replica of a United States Space Shuttle are among new highlights and attractions at the 31st edition of Musikfest, through Aug. 10, Bethlehem.

"Saurus": Close Act Theatre, a Netherlands-based street theater group, presents 18-foot-tall artistic dinosaurs walking (and roaring), 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Aug. 8 - 10, area between Festplatz and Plaza Tropical.

Space Shuttle Blake: A 4/10-scale replica of a United States Space Shuttle features a state-of-the-

art classroom to learn about space missions and travel, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Aug. 8; 1 - 9 p.m. Aug. 9, 10, Plaza Tropical.

Kinderplatz: The original children's area is back with new rides (Bear Affair Slide and "F-80 Jets"), appearances and activities by the Philadelphia Union of Major League Soccer; Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania and more.

Yarn Bombing: Yarn bombing is the act of covering an area or objects with knitted and-or crocheted pieces. After Musikfest, the pieces will be sewn together into

afghans and donated to a local charity, through Aug. 10, Handwerkplatz.

Aerial arts: Using aerial arts and mindfulness to experience the synergy and body as one, Aerial Mind offers classes and programs to focus on adaptive aerials as a recreational source and the circus arts as a therapeutic tool, 6, 8 p.m. Aug. 8 - 10, Creativity Commons, ArtsQuest Center.

"Mini Takes The States": The Lehigh Valley Musikfest stop has the most participants registered of any of the rally stages. Mini vehicle rally participants arrive Aug. 8

at SteelStacks, line up on First Street the morning of Aug. 9 and depart for Boston to finish the last leg of the 2014 rally.

Share your Musikfest story: For the first time, Musikfest is inviting patrons to share their stories by recording video clips at the ArtsQuest Member booth. ArtsQuest will use the stories to document some of the history of the festival and share online via social media, through Aug. 10, ArtsQuest Member Booth, Festplatz. Stories can also be shared online prior to the festival at musikfest.org/stories.

ANNIVERSARY

Bartholomew

Allentown couple celebrate 40th anniversary

Dean and Linda (Curry) Bartholomew, of Allentown, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 27.

The couple was married at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem, by the Rev. Keith Brown, and still remain members.

Dean is retired from Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Linda is retired from PPL Corporation.

The couple has two children: Elise Bartholomew, of Bethlehem, and Colin Bartholomew and his wife, Sarah, both of Quakertown.

They have one granddaughter, Chelsea Grace Bartholomew.

They celebrated their anniversary this spring with a Caribbean cruise.



Dean and Linda Bartholomew

FOCUS ON THE WEB 'Jungle Book' in Allentown

See the Focus pages on the Lehigh Valley Press Aug. 6 and 7 web sites and prior weeks' web sites, thelehighvalleypress.com, for these Focus + Plus features:

Theater Feature: "The Jungle Book," Allentown Public Theatre;

Theater Reviews: "Annie Get Your Gun," Pennsylvania Playhouse; "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike," Bucks County Playhouse;

8 Days A Week arts and entertainment listings

Are you a risk taker?

When my husband reads something he finds interesting in the newspaper, he often reads part of a story aloud to share it with me.

He recently shared a survey that tested people of all ages for their risk tolerance or risk avoidance.

The conclusion: the younger you are, the more willing you are to take risks.

Specifically, the article zeroed in on financial risk tolerance. One point it mentioned was that many younger people were more willing to take financial risks even though they didn't fully understand financial basics. While older people scored a bit higher on knowing investment basics such as the intricacies of bonds versus stocks, they were less likely to take what they considered to be a financial risk.

I can see where that makes sense. Older investors know they have less time to recover from any market loss after they no longer have a steady income.

But it isn't only in financial matters that seniors are more reluctant to take risks. It carries over to all aspects of life.

Studies show the older we grow and the more experience we have, the more we try to avoid risks.

While I can see where age and experience make a difference in how we approach risk, I also think personality enters into it. Some of us just seem to have been born more cautious than others.

For me, I can't ever remember being a risk taker. But maybe that's just my faulty memory, because my friends think I do take big risks.

People tell me they think I was taking quite a risk when I sold my Pennsylvania house, loaded up the car and moved to Florida.

At the time, I knew absolutely no one in my new town. Heck, the first time I drove to the store at night, I couldn't even find my way home again.

Maybe that move was a risk. But it seemed like the right thing to do. Since then, I've never been sorry.

As I look back at big changes in life, I can see where older generations were chagrined by what they considered to be too much risk.

Decades ago, when my schoolteacher husband was offered a promotion to high school administrator, his father was alarmed. "Don't take it," he said. "You'll lose your tenure then you'll lose your job."

My father-in-law, like many in his generation, believed in safety first. Keep the job you have. Don't take the risk of getting another one.

Then overnight, or so it seemed, our children grew up, married and had families of their own.

My daughter Andrea's husband had a great job working for NFL Films. When he said he was leaving that job to go out on his own, my husband and I were alarmed. We trem-

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By Pattie Mihalik newsgrl@comcast.net



bled at the thought of the risk he was taking. All the way home we talked with trepidation about all he was giving up.

Turns out my son-in-law was right. He did much, much better on his own.

While there are definitely generational differences in attitude toward risks, we each have a different version of what is risky.

Some of my friends tell me I'm taking too much risk when I go biking. I might fall and do some serious damage, they say.

Well that could happen with every simple thing we do.

A friend's husband was changing a light bulb in their home, using a small stepladder. While reaching too far, he fell off the ladder, hit the counter and broke some ribs. One rib punctured his lung and he ended up in the hospital on a respirator. All from changing a light bulb.

My friends also tell me I'm taking insanely too much risk because I kayak in water where alligators are. Actually, alligators swim in just about every body of water in Florida that isn't saltwater. They've even been known to appear in backyard swimming pools.

Sooner or later we realize much of life involves risk, whether we want it or not.

Getting married is a risk. If we look at divorce statistics, it appears that picking a life partner is probably one of the riskiest things we can do.

Investing your money is a risk. I used to say I never gamble until I realized having money in an IRA is a gamble. Not having one is a bigger risk, but that's another story.

Every time we get behind the wheel of a car we're taking a risk. I feel safer kayaking in the water with alligators than I do driving the speedway we call the Interstate.

So I guess we're all risk takers. We just vary by the degree of risk we are willing to take.

I just interviewed a church pastor who told me he and his wife call themselves "cliff jumpers" because of the way they dive into risks most people would avoid. Both in their personal and professional lives, they embrace risk in a way I would never consider.

The pastor agreed to leave his thriving, well-established church to lead a church bleeding money and facing immediate bankruptcy.

Although others said he was crazy to take on the sinking congregation, the pastor said he wasn't averse to taking a risk.

How about you? How much of a risk taker are you?

Have you gotten more averse to taking risks as you've gotten older?

Baum exhibit concluding



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Attending the opening reception for "Gabriela Gonzalez Delloso: Symbolism & Romance," through Aug. 8, David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, The Baum School of Art, 510 W. Linden St, Allentown, are, from left: Shannon S. Fugate, Executive Director, Baum School; Carol Bury, Exhibition Sponsor, "Symbolism & Romance"; Dr. Christine I. Oaklander, Guest Curator, "Symbolism & Romance"; Jack Bury, Exhibition Sponsor, "Symbolism & Romance"; and Gabriela Gonzalez Delloso, Artist, "Symbolism & Romance." The group posed at Delloso's painting, "Beatrice Reading Dante" (Oil on linen, 36 in. x 50 in., 2013). Delloso, a widely-exhibited, award-winning painter, is a native New Yorker who teaches figure drawing and painting at the National Academy School, New York City. Baum School galleries hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, closed Saturday. 610-433-0032

Medications can cause dry mouth

Q. My mouth seems to be a bit dry most of the time. Does this mean anything?

Everyone experiences dry mouth (xerostomia) occasionally. We get it when we are under stress. But if you have dry mouth all or most of the time, you need medical help.

Symptoms are: saliva that seems thick, sores or split skin at the corners of your mouth, difficulty speaking and swallowing, bad breath, a change in your sense of taste, increased plaque, tooth decay and gum disease.

Xerostomia is related to medications taken by older adults rather than to the effects of aging. More than 400 medicines can affect the salivary glands. These include drugs for urinary incontinence, allergies, high blood pressure, depression, diarrhea and Parkinson's disease. Some over-the-counter

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medications often cause dry mouth.

Dry mouth can also be caused by cancer treatments (chemotherapy, radiation), nerve damage in the head or neck, the autoimmune disease Sjogren's syndrome, endocrine disorders, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, anxiety disorders and depression.

Sjogren's syndrome can occur by itself or with another autoimmune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus. Salivary and tear glands are the major targets of the syndrome. The result of the syndrome is a decrease in production of saliva and tears.

The syndrome can

occur at any age, but the average person with the disorder at the Sjogren's Syndrome Clinic of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research is in his or her late 50s. Women with the disorder outnumber men 9 to 1.

In addition, tobacco, alcohol (in beverages and mouthwash), drinks with caffeine, snoring and breathing with your mouth open can aggravate dry mouth.

If you think you have dry mouth, go to your doctor or dentist. Your doctor may adjust your medication that is suspected of causing the problem. Or, your doctor may prescribe a medication to stimulate saliva production.

There are other ways to improve saliva flow. Try sugar-free hard candy or chewing gum. Avoid lemon-flavored hard candy because it makes saliva

acidic, increasing the possibility of tooth decay. You can also sip water regularly, try over-the-counter saliva substitutes, avoid breathing through your mouth, and use a humidifier in your bedroom.

If you have dry mouth, you have to pay greater attention to your teeth. Brush your teeth with an extra-soft toothbrush after every meal and at bedtime. If brushing hurts, soften the bristles in warm water. Floss your teeth gently every day. Always use toothpaste with fluoride in it. If you have a sweet snack, brush right away.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com

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STATE THEATRE Freddys needs evaluators

The State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc. seeks evaluators for its Emmy Award winning Freddy Awards program for high school music theater.

The program, introduced in 2003, sends evaluators to review each of the approximately 30 high school musicals entered from Lehigh

and Northampton counties and in Warren County, N.J.

Evaluators attend at least 14 shows during the season and must submit evaluation forms which cover 21 performance and production categories.

The 2015 Freddy evaluator description and application is available at freddyawards.org

Questions: Frank Kutch, Freddy awards coordinator, fkutch@statetheatre.org, 610-258-7766, ext. 202

KidsPeace focusing on future as it emerges from Chapter 11

One year after filing for Chapter 11 reorganization, KidsPeace is putting financial hardships in the past and focusing on the organization's future as a provider of mental and behavioral health care services.

A KidsPeace reorganization plan was approved by the Eastern District United States Bankruptcy Court.

KidsPeace is continuing its mission of helping children, families and communities in need, a KidsPeace official stated in an Aug. 1 press release.

KidsPeace filed for Chapter 11 in May 2013 to re-structure bonds and eliminate burdensome pension obligations.

There were no service interruptions during this restructuring process, and

the reorganization went smoothly, allowing for emergence in about one year.

The company has continued to add staff members during this process to support its growing programs. The organization has a 132-year history and looks forward to expanding community-based services.

KidsPeace could not have reached this point without the dedication and commitment of staff members, who worked diligently to ensure quality care for the children and families remain the top priority. Bevin Theodore, KidsPeace Director of Public Relations and Communications stated in a press release.

KidsPeace, based in Orfield, North Whitehall Township, employs about 1,100 in the Lehigh Valley, including its North Whitehall Township headquarters and KidsPeace Broadway Campus, Salisbury Township. These are part of a total of about 2,000 at KidsPeace locations in 10 states.

KidsPeace Georgia is on a separate reorganization timeline from the rest of the organization, according to the press release.

Georgia stakeholders will be given additional updates regarding the status of those proceedings as KidsPeace moves to have its plan approved in the coming weeks.

Lafayette appoints head of marketing

Michael D. Kiser has been named vice president for marketing and communications at Lafayette College, effective Sept. 1.

Kiser succeeds Robert J. Massa, stepping down after five years as vice president for communications to join Lafayette's development office as deputy vice president for the college's fundraising campaign launching this fall.

Previously, Kiser was

vice president for communications at Colby College since September 2011 and director of development communications at Virginia Tech from 2005-'11.

Kiser received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Wabash College and a master of arts in English from Purdue University.

He was a consultant, journalist, fundraiser, Peace Corps volunteer in Seychelles, and teacher and teacher trainer for



Michael D. Kiser the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the Philippines.

Ben Franklin Tech investing more than \$1.2 million in firms

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP-NEP) Board of Directors has approved the investment of more than \$1.2 million in support of regional economic development.

In two separate press releases, Ben Franklin announced it will invest \$620,000 and \$593,450 in Northeastern Pennsylvania firms.

BFTP-NEP owns and manages Ben Franklin TechVentures, an award-winning business incubator-post-incubator facility at Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

Following are Ben Franklin investments in firms in the Lehigh Valley Press circulation area.

Ben Franklin announced the following early-stage company investments that are provided to clients in the form of loans.

U.S. Specialty Formulations, LLC, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$100,000. Complete set-up and staffing for a facility to produce sterile injectable pharmaceuticals for the medical community.

Cerora Inc., Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$150,000. Develop and commercialize the company's first product, Cerora Qumpass, a cloud-based software as a service medical-grade, neurodiagnostic solution. The company's MindReader is a portable electroencephalogram brain wave biosensor that measures electrical activity of the brain.

Map Decisions, LLC, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$100,000. Provide sales, marketing, product development, and customer service support. The company's cloud-based mobile platform is designed for state and local governments, utilities, oil and gas, transportation, and construction industries.

Orbweaver Sourcing, LLC, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment:

\$25,000. Complete development of a bill-of-material authoring tool as a module in a cloud-based software solution for electronic circuit board manufacturers.

Pivitec, LLC, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$21,100. Continue commercialization and enhancement of hardware and software products for audio streaming and distribution products.

Skaffl, LLC, Allentown. Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000. Complete development of Skaffl, a mobile application through which teachers and students can exchange class materials, assignments, completed homework, assessments, and grades.

XiGo Nanotools, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem. Ben Franklin Investment: \$50,000. Complete software enhancements to allow expanded sales for manufacturer of patented products that measure wetted surface area of nanoparticles and droplets using magnetic resonance technology.

Ben Franklin announced the following established manufacturer company investment. Ben Franklin provides 1:1 matching funding for work with a college or university partner on technology-based manufacturing innovation in established manufacturers.

Bosch Rexroth Corp., Bethlehem. University Partner: Lehigh University Enterprise Systems Center. Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000. Develop and implement a process to automate data collection that will drive process improvements and enable predictive maintenance for machining centers throughout the company. Bosch Rexroth manufactures motion control equipment, including hydraulic and pneumatic components.

Since beginning operation, BFTP-NEP has helped to create 16,214 new jobs for Pennsylvania workers and to retain 22,155 existing jobs, to start 458 new companies, and to develop 1,279 new products and processes.

Here's why I love 'Lucy'

"Lucy" is a foreign art house film masquerading as a blockbuster, or vice versa.

Luc Besson's crackling direction keeps the story moving faster than you can say "CPH4."

CPH4 is the synthetic substance that gives Lucy (Scarlett Johansson) superpowers that would make the Hulk or any Marvel Comics superhero green with envy.

And while there is the de rigueur car chase scene (directors are still trying to top "Bullitt," 1968, and "The French Connection," 1971), the expected spinning, crashing, flipping police cars (directors, mostly boys being boys, can't resist smashing cars as if they were toys they clutched in their hands as children) and explosions, there's nary a demolished city skyline.

There are super visuals, including montages of speeded-up urban street scenes, nature film sequences of wildlife, and vibrant microscopic organisms.

That's not to say that "Lucy" is a mashup of "Fantastic Voyage" (1966), "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968) "The Matrix" (1999) and "The Tree Of Life" (2011), with a dash of Tarantinoesque extreme characters and hip-quip dialogue, a la "Pulp Fiction" (1994).

What none of the aforesaid films has is Scarlett Johansson, who podiums as the No. 1 movie action hero. Take that "The Rock," Marky Mark, Robert Downey Jr., et al. No Iron Man suit needed for Johansson.

Lucy is a living accidental experiment gone awry. She has powers beyond superpowers. She reads minds, stops enemies dead in their tracks, and even controls your personal electronic device. She's the NSA, a military drone and heat-seeking missile all wrapped up into one.

Johansson (who follows her "Avengers" roles as the title character in "Black Widow," now in production) starts the film as an innocent bystander and becomes a damsel in distress. Johansson has the stance, attitude, minimalist style and voice (she was "Her," 2013, after all) to pull it off. Her face of sensual impassivity, ever-scanning eyes, and pensive pouty lips reveal nothing, and everything. She tilts her head, moves her arms rigidly, and walks briskly like the latest generation of robotics to march out of the lab.

Counterbalancing the cool but smoldering Johansson is the smoldering but cool Morgan Freeman as Professor Norman, a research scientist giving a TED-type talk about "what if" humans were able to harness the more than the 10 percent of their brains that they suppos-



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edly use.

Enter Lucy. She's going to 10 percent and beyond.

Lucy battles a really nasty pack of bad guys, headed by Min-sik Choi. She's aided by French police captain Pierre Del Rio (a very fine Amr Waked).

Besson ("La Femme Nikita," 1990; "Leon: The Professional," 1994; "The Fifth Element," 1997; "The Family," 2013) has marshalled a huge production, with action scenes that rival blockbusters budgeted four times that of "Lucy" (which cost \$40 million). While "Lucy" is uber violent, the violence is emblematic of the storyline.

At the film's opening, Lucy asks in a voiceover, "Life was given to us a billion years ago. What have we done with it?"

At the film's conclusion, Lucy asks, "Life was given to us a billion years ago. And now you know what to do with it."

One thing you can do is see "Lucy."

You may have to use more than 10 percent of your brain to figure out the "science" in "Lucy."

But that 10 percent will be thoroughly entertaining.

"Lucy" is not a no-brainer. "Lucy" is mind-blowing.

"Lucy," MPAA Rated R (Restricted Children Under 17 Require Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian.) for strong violence, disturbing images, and sexuality; Genre: Action Science-Fiction; Run time: 1 hr., 30 min.; Distributed by Universal Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "Lucy" was filmed on location in Taipei City, Taiwan, and Paris, France.

Box Office, Aug. 1: It's a Marvel world, after all, at the multiplex, with "Guardians Of The Galaxy," latest in the comic books' franchise, opening at No. 1 with \$94 million, biggest August opening ever and third biggest year's opening, slipping "Lucy" to No. 2, \$18.2 mil-

lion, \$79.5 million, two weeks, and keeping "Get On Up" opening down at No. 3, \$14 million, one week, with "Hercules" losing even more strength, No. 4, with \$10.7 million, \$52.3 million, two weeks;

5. "Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes," No. 3, \$8.7 million, \$189.3 million, four weeks; 6. "Planes: Fire & Rescue," \$6.4 million, \$47.5 million, three weeks; 7. "The Purge: Anarchy," \$5.5 million, \$62.9 million, three weeks; 8. "Sex Tape," \$3.5 million, \$33.9 million, three weeks; 9. "And So It Goes," \$3.3 million, \$10.4 million, two weeks; 10. "A Most Wanted Man," said to be Philip Seymour Hoffman's last film, \$3.3 million, \$7 million, two weeks

Unreel, Aug. 8:

"About Alex," R: College friends reunite for a weekend in the drama starring Aubrey Plaza and Maggie Grace.

"Into The Storm," PG-13: Richard Armitage leads storm-chasers in the action-thriller.

"Step Up All In," PG-13: The all-stars from previous "Step-Up" contests head to Las Vegas in the romantic-drama.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," PG-13: Megan Fox and Will Arnett aid the Turtles' rise from the sewers to battle evil forces in New York City in the science-fiction action comedy.

"The Hundred-Foot Journey," PG: Lasse Hallstrom directs Helen Mirren in the drama about competing French restaurants.

"What If," PG-13: Danielle Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan star in the romantic comedy about friends who fall in love.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, thelehighvalleypress.com; the Times-News web site, tronline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6-6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, and wdiy.org, where they're archived. Email Paul Willistein: puillistein@tronline.com. You can follow Paul Willistein on Twitter and friend Paul Willistein on facebook.

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'Gangway to Galilee' at Concordia Lutheran



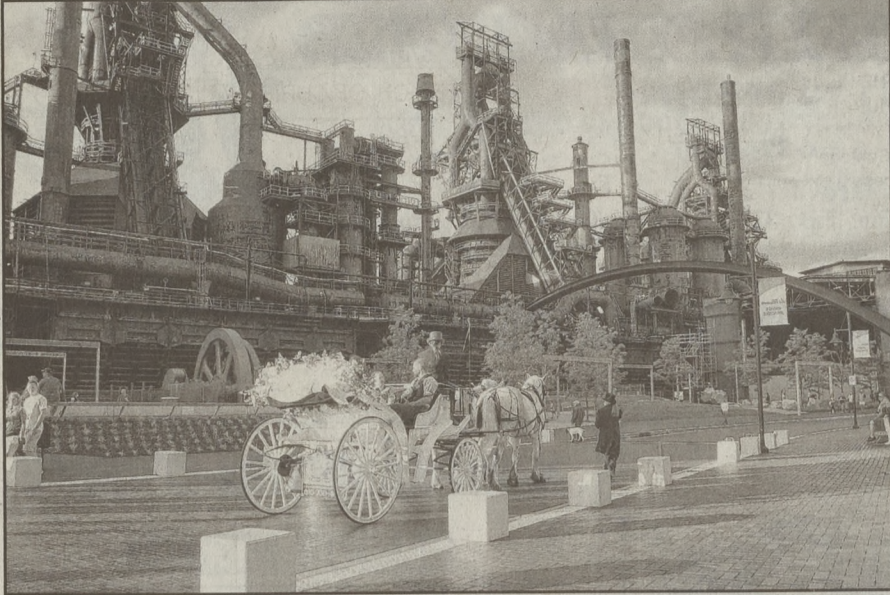
Concordia Lutheran Church in Macungie holds its annual Vacation Bible School recently where children in preschool through eighth grade join the nautical adventure 'Gangway to Galilee.' From left to right, Caleb Bosse, Jonah Bosse, Madielyn Osher, Emily Feldman, Andy Lu and Sophia Zhong get ready to sail.

The second through fourth grade classes show off their sand art crosses.

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Hot fun in the summertime, and staying cool in the Valley

Magic carriage ride



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

A carriage ride took on magical proportions against the backdrop of SteelStacks following the Sayre Mansion, Bethlehem, wedding May 24 of Stefanie Machado, a daughter of Reinaldo and Martha Machado, both of Upper Macungie Township, and Adam Tremmel, a son of Ken and Marion Tremmel, both of Albutis. Also in the white carriage, was best man, Jacob Tremmel, 10. Korie Kalavoda of Bethlehem Carriage Company was at the reins of the white carriage pulled by horses Bruce and Tillie.

Relaxing along the Monocacy



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Monocacy Park, Bethlehem, is a great place to escape the summer's heat. Alyssa Ahner, above, and her son, Hunter, age 1, right, both of Northampton, enjoy the cool shade and relaxing waters of the Monocacy Creek. The park, 1554 Schoenersville Road, is the location of Illick's Mill, which has housed the Grtrude B. Fox Environmental Center.

'Ain't nothin' but a house party'



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Musos, a Lehigh Valley-based rock band, led by Philip Fritchey, center, lead singer-lead guitar, at microphone played at a house party during the Community Block Party, held July 19 on Market Street, which was closed for the event between Center and New Streets, Bethlehem. The band derives its name from the word muso, said to be a person obsessed with music.

Churches hold block party



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Congregants of four downtown Bethlehem area churches collaborated on their first Community Block Party held on Market Street, closed between Center and New streets, noon - 4 p.m. July 19. Among those attending and volunteering, above: one-year-old Evangelia Horn, Kellye Horn, Denise Horn, Sharon Masemore, Tom Horn, Caitlyn Green and Josiah Serrano, 6, all of Bethlehem. The event, which drew a big crowd, offered free hot dogs, chips, beverages, dessert, music, children's games, and a cake walk. Host churches included Christ Church United Church of Christ, Grace Deliverance Baptist Church, New Covenant Christian Community Church and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Arts and science in play at Lehigh Valley summer camps

By DAWN NIXON.
Special to The Press

From theater to science to traditional outdoor camps, there is a camp available for every Lehigh Valley child's interest during summer.

Emma Chong, Administrator for Camp Touchstone, the summer day camp offered by Touchstone Theater, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, says, "Camp Touchstone is unique in terms of camps in the area in that kids come to the Touchstone Theatre and create their own material together."

"We work with them to create their own story and character. And we do a lot of improvisation."

Instructors are Touchstone Theatre company members. On the last Friday of Camp Touchstone,

parents and friends may attend an evening performance of the campers' original plays at Touchstone.

Financial aid is available for Camp Touchstone, from small discounts to full scholarships. "We do our best to help," Chong says.

Camp Imagine at Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown, offers theater training for area students.

Scott Snyder, Marketing Manager for Camp Imagine and the Theatre and Dance Department at Muhlenberg, is proud of the camp's 14-year history.

"For fourteen years, we have been hosting month-long performing arts camps right here on campus," he says.

"I think the campus

environment is important. It gives kids a taste of the college experience. The kids have access to our outstanding theater and dance facilities. And all of the camp workshops are taught by Muhlenberg theater and dance students and alumni."

Camp Imagine is free to students in the Allentown School District. Financial aid is available to anyone with need outside of the Allentown School District.

The Da Vinci Science Center, 3145 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, offers a completely different summer camp experience. Weekly science-themed day camps for children in preschool through the 8th grade continue through Aug. 22.

The Center has a different theme for each

week of camp, from robots to creative scientific experiments.

The Dexter Baker Steam Camp is also offered at the Da Vinci Science Center, in partnership with the Baum School of Art, Allentown. The Steam Camp focuses on the connection between art and science.

The Jewish Community Center of Allentown, 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown, hosts Broadway Boot Camp, a summer day camp presented by the Manhattan-based acting studio, A Class Act NY. Children and young adults ages 7 to 16 take acting and music theater classes and present a music revue.

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 675 E. Broad St.,

Bethlehem, offers a summer arts camp program.

Charter Arts offers one and two-week courses for middle school and high school students, ages 9 to 18, and workshops for adults, in acting, dance, music and art.

"Summer programs at Charter Arts continue the mission of our school by providing opportunities for everyone to learn through the arts," says Diane LaBelle, Charter Arts Executive Director & CEO. "Knowledge, fun and passion are in every program."

For at risk youth, Valley Youth House offers Camp Fowler.

Matt Galle, Camp Manager for Camp Fowler, says, "Valley Youth House brings their kids to the camp for a therapeutic

family camp experience.

"We foster youth development for abused and special needs kids from Valley Youth House and similar organizations throughout the summer and the entire school year."

"We also have an outdoor heated pool for which summer memberships are available to the general public."

Information:
Camp Touchstone: 610-867-1689;

Camp Imagine: 484-664-3100

Da Vinci Science Center Camps: 484-664-1002

Broadway Boot Camp: 610-435-3571

Summer Academy at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts: 610-868-2971, ext. 184

Camp Fowler: 484-223-1724



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Camp Imagine has offered theater classes for area youth for 14 years at Muhlenberg College, Allentown.



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