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BASD

Directors OK code changes

Task force work forgotten, says Leeson

By ZACK LINDSEY
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Language changes in the Bethlehem Area School District Code of Conduct could allow teachers to better mediate dangerous situations in schools, but one BASD board member worries that the effects of those changes have not been thoroughly researched.

The changes, reviewed by the school board's Curriculum Committee meeting June 20 and passed at the June 27 board meeting, add depth to language regarding infractions, areas where students are not supposed to be and truancy issues.

In particular, the language about infractions defines where an infraction can happen.

The original language defined level four infractions as an "immediate danger to the safety and well-being of the school community." Now, the language explains where the infraction can take place — "during school, during school sponsored-activities on and off school property, and while students travel to and from school by district transportation."

Another part of the code of conduct motion asks the board to look at over-the-counter medications at a later date.

"District administrators are experiencing an increase in students who are using legal, alternative items to produce an altered state of mind or physical being," states the motion. The board, in coordination with the district solicitor, plans to create specific language to See **CODE** on Page A3

FIREWORKS AND APPLE PIE



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

SteelStacks provided both a new vantage point and backdrop for viewing the city's Fourth of July fireworks. Several thousand enjoyed both. **ABOVE:** The city's Independence Day fireworks burst above the one-time stacks of the Bethlehem Steel blast furnaces. More photos on Page A2.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY



Rachel Newman of Bethlehem dives into her apple pie during a children's pie eating contest held at Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks. Her parents, Bernie and Jackie, offered encouragement during the contest. More photos on A2.

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FINANCE

City says no to Bach

By BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Despite a personal appeal by Bach Choir Executive Director Bridget George, Bethlehem City Council's Finance Committee June 27 unanimously rejected a Mayor John Callahan request that taxpayers fund \$5,000 of the \$65,000 cost to travel to New York City and perform on 9/11.

Due to extreme budget constraints, City Council members were unable to justify the \$5,000 expense. Bethlehem's 2011 budget eliminates 50 positions. This includes three police officers, two firefighters and one and one-half housing inspectors. Taxes increased 0.75 mills to pay for a new EMS center after administrators diverted money borrowed for that project to cover operating expenses. Police officers are currently seeking private donations to cover the \$12,000 cost and training of a K-9 dog to replace Madjo, a 13-year veteran.

Business Administrator Dennis Reichard urged approval, arguing that \$5,000 was just 7.7 percent of the total Bach trip budget of \$65,000.

Conceding that "we are certainly lucky to have the Bach Choir," Finance Chair J. Willie Reynolds nevertheless opposed the grant.

"I don't think it's the right time for the city to be spending this \$5,000," Reynolds' comments were echoed by Dave DiGiacinto, Eric Evans and Council President Bob Donchez.

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Bethlehem trailer park

Will stone farmhouse make way?

By BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem has never had a mobile home park, but that's exactly what's being proposed at the 100 block of Applebutter Road. Developer Chris Zajacek has proposed 59 units called Applebutter Village on an 11.8 acre tract. Most of these homes will be crowded on the western side of the tract because the eastern side is obstructed by a PPL power line. But what concerns most people about this development is a 5-window wide stone farmhouse at the front of the tract, built in the 1830s, that will have to be demolished or moved.

At the Planning Com-



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

This 200-year-old stone farmhouse on Applebutter Road is to be demolished or moved to make way for a mobile home park.

mission's June 27 meeting, Bethlehem resident Bill Scheirer said "every stone house adds to the ambiance of the area and makes it more attractive to the people." He urged the developer to find some way to save the home.

Assistant Planning Director Tracy Samuelson recommended rejecting the plan outright, noting that developers had failed to meet with them to discuss deficiencies in the plan, including units stacked too closely together, which could create a domino effect if a fire broke out. She also objected to narrow streets.

Planning Director Darlene Heller noted that, in a tract of this size, there See **PARK** on Page A3

.... BY DANA GRUBB

If you could ask any question, who would you ask and what would you want to know?



"I'd ask God, 'Did you really create the earth in seven days? That's a lot of work.'" **Maryann Riker Phillipsburg, N.J.**



"I've always wondered about people who are born blind. What do they dream of?" **Cindy Kim Allentown**



"The late Carl Sagan: 'Are we alone?'" **Brian Tallarico Hanover Twp.**



"I would ask the secretary of education how we could reform education so that the focus is on the success of our kids and not politics and money?" **Sahar Simmons Bethlehem**



"I'd ask Bill Gates, 'What is the secret to success?'" **Alfonso Todd Allentown**



"The person who was around at the beginning, 'Which came first - the chicken or the egg?'" **Patrick Newsome Bethlehem**



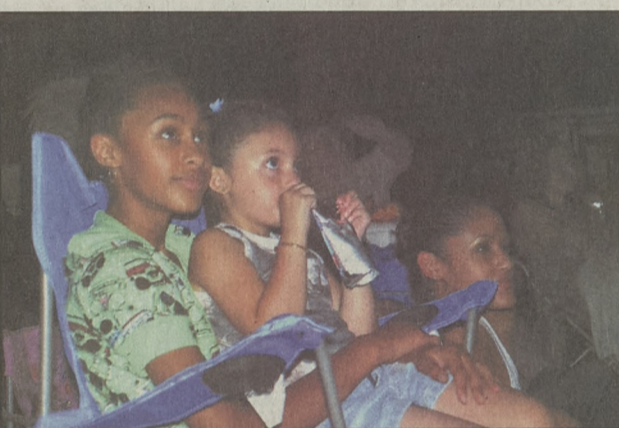
"I'd ask Regis Philbin, 'Why are you retiring Rege?'" **Jerry Rutman Bethlehem**

FIREWORKS AND APPLE PIE



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Thousands celebrated the Fourth of July listening to the patriotic strains of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra at the newly christened Levitt Pavilion. Diane Wittry conducted and Sal Viviano was the guest soloist.



Evita Figueroa, her daughter Rhyane and niece Jaylene are transfixed on the brilliant night sky pyrotechnic display rising from Sand Island. The Figueroas are from Forks Township.



Raymond, Desiree, Josh and Ralph Ramos came from Orefield to experience Bethlehem's fireworks spectacular. The excitement of fireworks is seen in the eyes Ralph as his mother Desiree enjoys his reaction.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

Daisy Stewart of Bethlehem enjoys an apple pie with the help of her cousin Malcolm Collins also of Bethlehem. His brother, Everett, cheers them on with his pinwheel during the children's pie eating contest at Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks. Stewart was accompanied by her mom, Kelly, and the Collins' were accompanied by their mom, Sara. Kelly and Sara are sisters.

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Children, apple pie, parents, and plenty of cameras were on hand as ArtsQuest hosted a children's apple pie eating contest at Air Products Town Square at SteelStacks under sunny skies.


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Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

Thursday, July 7

Lehigh Valley Chapter, Executive Women International, 5:30 p.m. Tel Esprit, 1225 N. New St. Call 610-967-1522.
Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Friday, July 8

Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission sculpture garden concert, 6 to 8 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

Saturday, July 9

Salvation Army summer sale, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Monday, July 11

BASD Board Curriculum and Facilities Committee Meetings, 6 p.m. Education Center, dining room, 1516 Sycamore St.
Hanover Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Tuesday, July 12

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
Hellertown Borough Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Wednesday, July 13

Movies in the Park's "Star Trek" at dusk. Friendship Park, E. North and Penn streets.
Lehigh Co. Board of Commissioners, 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Lehigh Co. Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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

City employee died of natural causes



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

The morning after city inspector Al Calvo died while inspecting a sewer connection on East Packer Avenue in front of Lehigh University's Rauch Business Center, construction and OSHA personnel gathered at the site. Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim said an autopsy showed that Calvo died of cardiac-related causes.

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI njastrz@ttonline.com

Mayor John Callahan's office released a statement June 30 saying Al Calvo Jr., a longtime employee of the city's Department of Public Works, died while on the job earlier that day.

Calvo, 58, was a construction inspector for the

city for 18 years. At the time of the accident he was inspecting a connection to the city's storm water system on Lehigh University's Rauch Business Center.

"We are shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Al," Callahan said via the release. "He was a dedicated employee for the

City and he will be missed. My condolences go out to Al's family and friends."

The mayor's office offered no further information as of July 1, and Public Works Director Michael Alkhal said he is not privy to the police investigation, though he said he was aware an autopsy had been performed by the coro-



Calvo ner's office. Other city employees contacted declined to comment on the record.

An autopsy found that a cardiac-related medical event caused Calvo to collapse and fall into a hole Thursday, according to Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim. Calvo's cardiac-related problem caused him to collapse and die, not his fall, Grim said.

Grim ruled Calvo, of the 1100 block of Nicholas Street in Bethlehem, died from natural causes, not any sort of trauma. Initially, it seemed Calvo died from injuries sustained in the fall.

Calvo was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 4:28 p.m. June 30, Grim said.

Calvo's obituary appears on page A4.

CORRECTION

On June 15, in a story about the convent at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, we incorrectly stated that the Sisters of St. Joseph was the order of nuns in residence. Instead, it was the Bethlehem convent for the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a teaching order of nuns. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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9 a.m. to noon, "Pandamania," Calvary Baptist 5300 Green Pond Road. For information, call 610-317-0639.

9 a.m. to noon, "In God's Green Pastures," Central Moravian Church, 2344 Center St. For information, call 610-867-5865.

9 a.m. to noon, "SonSurf Beach Bash," Messiah Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Ave. For information, call 610-691-2321.

9 a.m. to noon, "Inside Out and Upside Down on Main St.," Wesley Methodist Church, 2540 Center St. For information, call 610-865-5715.

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. "Pandamania," (meal included), St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3771 Easton Ave. For information call, 610-694-0212.

July 18 to 22

9 a.m. to noon, "SonSurf Beach Bash," First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St. For information, call 610-867-5865.

6 to 8:30 p.m., "Inside Out & Upside Down," Epworth U.M.C.; 3245 Oakland Road. For information, call 610-868-5354 to register or email epworthvbs@gmail.com or visit www.vacationbibleschool.com/epworthvbs2011.

July 25 to 29

6 to 8:30 p.m., "Home Town Nazareth: Where Jesus Grew Up," Bethany U.C.C., 600 W. Market St. For information, call 610-868-4441.

PARK

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should be more recreation available than a single basketball court.

But the main concern was that "historically significant farmhouse," slated for demolition.

Attorney James Preston, who was just retained that very day, was able to persuade planners to grant an extension of their consideration until August, but it

was conditioned on submission of a new plan by July 14, as well as a point-by-point response to the Planning Department's concerns. Those were related in a three-page letter dated June 3 and described by Planner Steven Thode as "one of the longest letters I've seen in some time."

Eugene Novak, who lives next to the property, questioned the impact this trailer park will have on traffic.

"It is very difficult to get

out from Applebutter Road to Shimersville Road and Hellertown Road," he complained, adding that vehicles have run into his home three times in this year alone.

Thode recommended that Preston meet with the neighbors and "get everyone talking."

In other business, planners approved minor changes to the plan for Bethlehem Silk Mill, located at 238 W Goepf St. Architect Eugene Berg reviewed plans for 17

studios, 36 one-bedroom and 36 two-bedroom units.

They also approved two signs atop the roof at PBS-39 new SteelStax broadcast center. These signs, which include a logo inside the satellite dish, take up just 560 sq. ft. or 2.6%, of the roof. Planning Chairman James Fiorentino thought the signs might be intended for zeppelins, but Thode stated they were for Russian spy satellites.

Play benefits YWCA



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Angela Sinkler, organizer of the V-Day Bethlehem events, presented YWCA of Bethlehem Executive Director Stephanie Hnatiw with a check for more than \$9,700. Money was raised from ticket sales to the "Vagina Monologues," which ran for three nights at the Banana Factory in March, a silent auction that ran concurrently with the event and other fundraisers. **LEFT:** Attending the check presentation (front row) Meghan Laverne and Baby Lucy, Madeline Sinkler, Angela Sinkler, Stephanie Hnatiw, Clair Silva (back row) Kate Huges, Eileen Matus, Kathy Tomaszewski, Annette Sinkler and Kathy Silva.

CODE

Continued from page A1 regulate non-controlled substances.

While the administration conducted a series of meetings on the revisions, board member Loretta Leeson said that the changes are contrary to a map that the district created a year ago. Leeson voted against the measure, not because she

specifically disagreed with any specific changes, but because she worried that the research into the changes may have been mishandled.

"The board had a direction," Leeson said. "They wanted to ... make the code of conduct more uniform, and there was a plan put together which the board approved."

The board made headlines in area newspapers when they brought back for

mer Superintendent Tom Dolucio in May 2010, to lead a task force into making changes to the code he first helped develop more than 10 years ago.

But Leeson said that the work of that task force has been essentially forgotten. Timelines have fallen by the wayside and much of the plan remains unimplemented. In particular, a survey to determine the effects of code of conduct changes was never performed, Leeson said.

"We anticipated that we would have numbers to look at" to help determine necessary changes, Leeson said.

Without those numbers, Leeson said that revisions to the code could be ineffective.

"We are now looking at revisions to the code of conduct, and being put into a position where we have to do it very quickly, without this information," Leeson said.

Leeson and board member Benjamin M. Tenaglia III voted against the code of conduct changes, but the rest of the eight-member board

voted in favor of the changes, meaning they will apply to the 2011-2012 school year.

At the same June 27 board meeting, the board approved raising the cost of an adult ticket price to sporting events. An adult ticket previously costing \$5 will now cost \$7. The adult all-sport pass will increase from \$40 to \$50, and the family all-sport pass, which did cost \$60, will now cost \$70.

Board member Eugene McEwan said that admission should be charged on some events that currently do not have admission, such as boys and girls volleyball.

"Any time we turn the gym lights on ... we're incurring electricity, which is more and more expensive," McEwan said.

Even charging a dollar at any event where gym lights are used would be beneficial, he said, but Board Secretary Stacy Gober said that charging admission means that the district would have to hire someone to sell the tickets, an expense which could offset revenue.

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Alan "Al" J. Calvo
city worker

Alan "Al" J. Calvo, 58 of Bethlehem, died unexpectedly from natural causes June 30, 2011, in Bethlehem while at work. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Alphonse J. and Ann M. (Baca) Calvo of Bethlehem.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in English at East Stroudsburg University.

He was a construction inspector for the City of Bethlehem Public Works Department. He worked for the city for the past 18 years in different capacities.

He was a pitcher for his college team and for both the Blue Mountain League and the Bethlehem Men's Senior Baseball League. He coached young athletes in several baseball divisions

including Bethlehem Catholic High School, Banko's, Jeffs, Lehigh West Bethlehem and the Babe Ruth League.

In addition to his parents are two sons, A.J. Jr. of Newport, R.I., and Nicholas J. of Bethlehem; a daughter, Michelle Ann and her husband Gabriel Marshank of London, England; two grandchildren Edith Blake Marshank and Anthony Nicholas Calvo; two sisters, Karen and her husband H. Patrick Sweeney of Lansdale and Lynne M. Calvo of Bethlehem; and a brother, Thomas J. of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to St. Ursula's R.C. Church, 1300 Broadway, Bethlehem, 18015 or to Bethlehem Catholic High School athletic programs.

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

Rochelle "Shelley" L. Latteman
ice hockey team photographer

Rochelle "Shelley" L. Latteman, 52, of Palmer Township died June 28, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospice House, Lower Saucon Township after a 12-year battle with cancer.



Born in Newark, N.J. and raised in Colonia, N.J., she was a daughter of Eugene Feldman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the late Arline (Siegel) Feldman.

She was a graduate of Rutgers University.

She worked most recently for Tioga Pipe, Forks Township, as the office manager.

She was a member of the Lehigh Valley Grace

Brethren Church, Bethlehem.

She was a soloist for Chosen People's Ministry and Messengers of the New Covenant. She was the team photographer for the Muhlenberg College men's ice hockey team.

In addition to her husband and father, she is survived by a stepdaughter, Tara Latteman of Philipsburg, N.J.; a brother, Michael Feldman of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Frayda Kleiman of Edison, N.J.; and four nephews.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Georgine H. Huff
Crystal Jade waitress

Georgine H. Huff, 97, of Allentown, died June 26, 2011, at Whitehall Manor.



Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late William and Edna (Heister) Dutter. She was the wife of the late Harry "Pete" E. Huff for 49 years.

She was a waitress at

the Crystal Jade, Hanover Township, for 10 years. She worked at the former Freihofer's Bakery.

She was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Allentown.

She is survived by two sons, Craig and his wife Patricia of Bath and Gary L. and his wife Dawn of Dingman's Ferry; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Rose E. Reidy
Notre Dame parishioner

Rose E. Reidy, 90, of Bethlehem and a part-time 25 year resident of Naples, Fla., died June 27, 2011, at home.



Born in Jim Thorpe, she was a daughter of the late Philip Rader and Mary (Dever) Rader. She was the wife of the late James J. Reidy for 60 years.

She was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church for 50 years.

She is survived by a son, Thomas F. of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three daughters, Rosemary and her husband Bruce Foreman of

El Paso, Texas; Anne and her husband Thomas Hull of Pottsville and Patricia and her husband Jeffrey Dobkin of Bala Cynwyd; five grandchildren, Rebecca Reidy Foreman, Kali Hull, Danielle Reidy Dobkin, Adam Reidy Dobkin and Nicole Reidy Dobkin; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by siblings Marie Pollack, Adam Rader, Joseph Rader and Theresa Cadden.

Contributions may be made to the Catherine Boulay Foundation, P.O. Box 323, 3440 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA 18103.

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Officer cited for DUI arrests



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

ABOVE: Bethlehem Police Capt. Dave Kravitz explained the importance of personal responsibility and the dangers of driving while intoxicated during a pre-holiday weekend ceremony June 30 outside the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks. "People often do things they regret when they're impaired," he said, adding July Fourth is by far the deadliest holiday for alcohol-related accidents.



LEFT: Lehigh Valley DUI/Highway safety co-chair Brian Downs hands awards for most DUI arrests and most traffic citations to Bethlehem Police Officer Michael Manfredo. Manfredo was one of seven local municipal, regional and state officers honored the morning of June 30.

Rotary Club grants new honors



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

ABOVE: Those earning the Service Excellence Award were Olga Negron, Kassie Hilgert and Julie Benjamin on behalf of ArtsQuest; Jeff Parks, Bernadette Holland for Embassy Bank, Pete Mikolay and David Rank, owner of Starters. Representatives of Bollinger Electric were unable to attend. ArtsQuest President Jeff Parks, center, earned the inaugural Service Above Self Award for his business efforts in the community over the years.

LEFT: Pete Mikolay, owner of Aykroyd Hardware on North New Street, accepts a new Service Excellence Award at a Rotary Club luncheon June 22. The award represents those businesses that demonstrate the highest levels of service and ethical standards. Introduced as a business recognized as "small, persistent and ethical," Mikolay said simply, "I don't want to be the biggest hardware store in town, I just want to be the best."



Disabilities Day luncheon



Engaged couple Michael Schaller and Allison Pfingstl, both of Allentown, enjoy their second year attending the Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day luncheon in April. Held at Green Pond Country Club, the 22nd annual event honors individuals and community organizations that advocate for inclusiveness and promote disability awareness in the Lehigh Valley. Event Chairman Tom Burns said the popular luncheon is an opportunity for hospital and sponsor representatives to meet residents, and for local government members to distribute certificates of appreciation.

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Robber captured

Eight months after the initial incident, police have in custody a man who allegedly committed a robbery and is suspected of numerous other crimes.

Miguel Angel Estrada, 25, of Allentown, was found by detectives and Allentown police in the 400 block of Green Street. After a short foot chase, the self-proclaimed Latin King was subdued, arrested and remanded to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Police said in a press release Estrada was identified as having allegedly robbed two men with a pistol on Oct. 26. He and a second, unidentified man approached a pair of men sitting on a Fillmore Street front porch and stole the contents of their pockets. The second male allegedly struck one victim with a baseball bat for not keeping his hands in the air, police said.

Estrada is allegedly linked with a number of other crimes, and is charged with three counts each of theft, receiving stolen property, terroristic threats and reckless endangerment; and six counts of robbery.

Police ask anyone with information regarding the second man to call the department at 610-865-7187, Det. Moses Miller at 610-997-7674 or the anonymous tip line at 610-691-6660.

DUIs

Freemansburg police, working in tandem with Lower Saucon and Hellertown police June 24 and 25 worked a DUI checkpoint on Pembroke Road in the borough.

During those two nights up to six borough officers accounted for eight DUI arrests.

Those charged are: Robert Lawrence Starling, 43, of the 9000 block of Sam Owings Place, Owings, Md.; Shawn Wasiewicz, 37, of the 3900 block of Main Road, Emmaus.; David Adkins, 40, of the 3600 block of Ninth Street, North Beach, Md.; Kevin Fayette, 55, of 1740 Forest Glenn Drive, Prince Frederick, Md.; Dewel Montalvo, 51, of the 300 block of Main Street; Jose Castillo-Anaya, 25, of the 700 block of Seitz Street in Easton; Luis Alecia, 26, of the 1100 block of Garfield Street in Bethlehem; and David Keiper, 53, of the 1600 block of Sixth Street in Bethlehem.

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Licensed master electrician Nick Vasiliou disconnects the organ console from its power source prior to removal. Vasiliou owns NV Electric.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Emery Brothers employees Parfyan Kirshnit and Clem Mirto remove the Aeolian-Skinner organ from the alcove in which it was located. Emery Brothers Inc. will recondition the console and pipes before reinstalling them later this summer.

Trinity organ restoration

According to Trinity Episcopal Church's director of music Ron Spier, the Aeolian-Skinner organ installed in the church in 1955 was the "Rolls Royce of organs" in its day. Nearly 60 years after its installation, the organ console and pipes were

removed May 16 and 17 by Emery Brothers Inc. of Allentown for a total restoration that will take about three months to complete. Once the organ is re-installed by September, two recitals will be held. Internationally known com-

poser and recitalist Dr. Charles Callahan will perform during November and the church's newly hired artist in residence, Aram Basmadjian, will be scheduled to perform as well.

Higher collection fee affects taxpayers

By ZACK LINDSEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

No matter what happens in a property tax billing issue between the City of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Area School District, "It's the taxpayers that are paying the burden," according to BASD board member Irene Follweiler.

In March, the city announced the results of a study claiming they've been undercharging the school district for property tax billing.

At the June 27 BASD Board of Directors meeting, the board narrowly approved a compromise that accepts an increase that is smaller than what the city originally asked for.

"If the city is truly incurring the cost of \$5 per bill, and [they] were charging us \$3 a bill, then the city's budget is out of whack," Follweiler said. Yet, if the district has to pay more for the billing, it will affect taxpayers as well.

"What I'm looking for here

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

is truth for the taxpayer, not a fight between the city and the school district's money."

Negotiations between the City of Bethlehem and the school district hit a snag because of specificity issues, said Superintendent Joseph Roy.

When the district agreed to a higher rate, the city set that rate for the 2009-2010 school year, but the board did not plan for a fee increase. After negotiations between the two entities, Roy said, the city agreed to keep the rate at \$3.09 per bill, which was the original 2007-2008 school year price, for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 billing period. However, the cost of the bill will go up to \$5.12 for the 2011-2012 school year. That fee increase will "represent a significant increase to the district," Roy said. But it's not what the city originally wanted; they believe that the cost of billing amounts to about \$6.40,

according to Roy.

For the district, the next year will involve research into alternative property tax billing methods, according to Board Secretary Stacy Gober.

"It is the district's intention to fully evaluate, properly bid and explore all other options for the collection of real estate taxes for the 2012 tax cycle," Gober said.

Board member Loretta Leeson asked what research district staff had done since they realized in March that there would be a billing issue.

Timing was an issue; because bills need to go out by July 1, there was no way the district could have set up an in-house service or bid a private service to get the bills out on time.

Roy said that they had done research on performing the service in-house, but the software package alone costs about \$36,000

to purchase and set up, and the district would have to hire additional staff.

But the district had issues with the policies of some of the agencies who may reply to requests for proposals. About a third of the district's taxpayers are senior citizens who go to City Hall in person to file their taxes. That demographic means that a private collections company would have to have a local office, Roy said.

Every year, the board must appoint a tax collector. At the June 27 meeting, the board voted in favor of renewing their contract with the city. It was a vote that had a bitter edge.

"We're basically forced to agreeing, because if we don't, we have no tax collection," Follweiler said.

School real estate taxes for the City of Bethlehem, Hanover and Bethlehem townships and Freemansburg and Fountain Hill boroughs are all collected by the city's treasurer.

AESOP software to manage district subs

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Meeting as the Human Resources Committee, Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) school board members voted June 20 to recommend maintaining an "unassigned general fund balance of not less than 5 percent and not more than 8 percent of the budgeted expenditures" for a given fiscal year.

The guidelines call for action by the board if the fund balance

falls below 5 percent. The board will increase revenues or decrease expenditures - or a combination of both - to bring the fund balance up to 8 percent.

The board, according to the documents introduced at the committee meeting, will apply excess funds to the Capital Reserve Fund for future capital projects, summer maintenance and long-range improvements. The board can use this excess to fund the retirement fund or other board-approved reasons.

The administration also told the committee to forward to the school board its recommendation to hire Frontline Technologies Inc. to provide substitute placement services using specialized software.

The program, called AESOP, according to its company website, "completely automates the process of substitute placement and absence management for more than 2,500 school districts worldwide."

The program will cost \$19,020

per school year.

The City of Bethlehem's tax collectors will get more money per household tax bill to collect real estate taxes for the BASD.

The city has been charging the school district \$3.09 per bill but after telling the administration that they want to more than double that to \$6.40, the administration negotiated a flat rate of \$200,000 for the collection service or about \$5.12 per tax bill.

Board member Loretta Lee-

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BRIEFLY

BAPL
Summer reading club in session

Bethlehem Area Public Library's Summer Reading Club is now in session. For more information about this and other programs, visit the website, www.bapl.org and click on the right hand box that says summer reading at BAPL. Registration is required; a Bethlehem Area Public Library card is needed. Call the Southside branch at 610-867-7852.

SALVATION ARMY
Summer sale to be held July 9

The Salvation Army will hold an open-to-the-public summer sale from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 9 at 521 Pembroke Road. Miscellaneous household goods, clothing, toys, some furnishings and more will be for sale. Profits will support The Salvation Army's programs for women and senior citizens. For information, call 610-867-4681.

FREEDOM HS
Choir benefit to be held July 17

There will be an opera and Broadway music concert to benefit the Freedom HS choir scholarship fund at 2 p.m. July 17 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St. The program features Freedom HS graduates and former choir members the Christopher Sistophers. Katherine Christopher, a 2010 graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, is pursuing a career in New York City. Alison, her sister, is a junior at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. Tickets are available in advance by calling 610-867-2039 or at the door. Refreshments will be served.

BAPL
Program offers incentives

The Bethlehem Area Public Library is holding a reading program incentive. Teens with a library card and a blue Access Pennsylvania sticker may sign up at the main library, 11 W. Church St., or the South Side Branch, 400 Webster St. to start earning prizes such as movie passes, pizza, doughnuts and more.

There will be a book discussion / film of "Water-ship Down" at 5:30 p.m. July 6. Bring your own brown-bag dinner. Additional programs are the "Mystery of the Pharaoh's Curse" at 4 p.m. July 14 and an open mic night on Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. These main library programs are limited to teens entering grades 7 to 12 who live in the library's service area (city of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Fountain Hill, Freemansburg, Hanover Township and Lower Saucon). For information, visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

Historic commission approves building updating requests

By ZACH LINDSEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

As new structures appear in the Southside's historic strip, business owners are increasingly forced to deal with a unique compromise - how to manage modern buildings, or building segments, in a historic district.

At a June 20 South Side and Mount Airy Historic Commission meeting, two different property owners had petitions for modification to structures that, while in a historic district, actually weren't very old.

Rick Cantelmi hopes to upgrade the early 20th-century warehouse which he owns at 521 E. Fourth St. While the building is a strong example of industrial vernacular style, all the windows have been replaced, and much of the loading dock area was modernized years ago, according to Bethlehem's Historic Officer, Christine Ussler.

As Cantelmi wants to attract a young or modern company to his property, Bill Deegan, a design consultant, believes that now is the time to add modern flourishes to the building. Those flourishes include a series of high-way-style reflectors that will help delivery personnel see in the loading area, but will also provide a certain aesthetic appeal. The light from the reflectors "will move like a leaf on a tree, and create a certain texture and pattern," Deegan said.

The reflectors created debate among the commissioners, but because



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PRESS PHOTO BY ZACH LINDSEY

Bill Deegan, Rick Cantelmi's design consultant, describes plans to add reflectors to a rear entrance to a building on Fourth Street.

they will be used in an area that has previously been modernized, the decision to allow them was unanimous.

"If there's any place you could do this, it's here," Ussler said.

Cantelmi wasn't the only one faced with the question of modernity in a historic area. Jeff Atkins of American Top

Team asked the commission to approve vinyl lettering on the gym and sports medicine center he co-owns at 310 E. Polk St. But it falls within the historic district, the building itself is from the 1990s.

"We've got to balance what's appropriate for the building," Ussler said of the proposed signs.

But commission mem-

bers agreed that there was room for compromise because of the situation.

The signs are "not a permanent change, and it's not a building that is very old," said commission member Beth Starbuck.

Also at the meeting, Hunterdon Academy of the Arts co-owner Antonius Bittmann asked the commission to make improvements to his property at 700 Evans St. The improvements are in line with historic standards, and include repairs to a decrepit rear porch and new windows.

But some of the work was done before the South Side Historic Commission had a chance to review the plans, an error for which the city willingly took the blame. The general contractor applied for all the proper permits and they were given, but prematurely.

The commission is an advisory board, meaning any decisions it makes must still go before the Bethlehem City Council for final approval. Even if a change to a historic structure is approved by the commission, the council must still issue a certificate of appropriateness before work may begin.

Also at the meeting, the commission:

- approved a plan to place a non-illuminated Boost Mobile sign at a new business on 746 E. Fourth Street, and
- approved restoration to a private residence at 116 W. Graham Place.

BRIEFLY

VIA
Marathon to be held Sept. 11

The Via College Cup Challenge, part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) Marathon for Via, will be held on Sept. 11. Registration is open until Aug. 12; walker registration continues through the day of the event. Event volunteers are needed.

The LVHN Marathon raises money for Via of the Lehigh Valley. There will be a five-person team relay, full and half marathons and a 5K walk. To volunteer, register or donate, visit www.ViaNet.org. For questions, call 484-893-5389 or email Via@ViaNet.org.

ACS
5k walk to be held Oct. 29

The American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5k walk for teams and individuals will be held at 9 a.m. on Oct. 29. The first annual non-competitive Bethlehem walk is a family event that features entertainments, refreshments and children's activities. Walkers, volunteers and sponsors are needed.

For information, call 610-921-2329, ext. 3022, email [liz.mccool@cancer.org](mailto:liz.mccool@ cancer.org) or visit <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/pale-highvalley>.

BASD

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son challenged the suggestion made by Business Administrator Stacy Guber.

"An audit found problems with the City of Bethlehem's tax collecting for several years in a row," Leeson said. "I'm not sure we want to be put over a barrel by the city."

"I feel your pain," said Superintendent Joseph Roy. He said he had met with Mayor John Callahan on the issue to encourage the city to charge only the cost that it incurs in collecting the tax.

"We believe they are in compliance," responded Guber. She said it's too late for commercial vendors to respond.

Leeson suggested collecting the taxes "in-house."

"We risk making errors by doing it in house," Guber said.

"It may be an option for the future," said Roy.

The school district will pay the fee in quarterly \$50,000 installments. The board will consider the request at its next regular meeting.

The committee recommended that the school board appoint newly hired Human Resources Director Russell Giordano as Assistant Board Secretary effective June 27.

'Too little, too late' say some Historic preservation plan headed to council

The plan identifies 121 properties, located in four different "tiers," for some kind of protection. Real estate consultants Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC were the actual authors of this study, and were paid with grants that Bethlehem has received as a "Preserve America Community."

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Darlene Heller's Planning Department did more last year than work on a new zoning ordinance. In addition, she used a real estate consulting firm, two community forums, a blog, and even a youth survey, to come up with a historic preservation plan. It was finally presented June 28 to Bethlehem City Council's Community Development Committee, with about 35 preservationists in the audience.

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Examples of properties considered preservation-worthy include the Bethlehem Silk Mill (Tier 1), Old Brewery Tavern (Tier 2), Rothrock Apple Farm (Tier

3) and Bethlehem Steel properties like the blast furnaces (Tier 4).

Karen Dolan, who chairs the Committee, objected to classification in different tiers because it creates the false impression of some kind of pyramidal hierarchy. Her sentiments were echoed by council member Dave DiGiacinto and president Bob Donchez. An English teacher at Liberty HS, Dolan was also unable to resist the temptation to remove some of the verbiage in the study.

With these changes, the plan was unanimously recommended to the full council.

But to some, it's not enough.

"Too little, too late," stated Mary Pongracz, who complained about the demolition of an 1861 Victorian home on the south side for a church parking lot. "I have yet to see God drive a car," she wisecracked, as council members and the audience chuckled.

More seriously, Tom Car-

roll complained, "Council really needs to get an ordinance on the books to prevent the disaster of another Broughal" referring to the middle school torn down by the Bethlehem Area School District to make way for a new school; building.

Dolan assured Carrol, "This is not going to sit on a shelf."

Council member Gordon Mowrer, who was Mmayor when Bethlehem began to promote historic preservation, stated other cities now follow Bethlehem's lead.

"Part of the uniqueness of Bethlehem is its history," he said.

But resident Bill Scheier countered, "We should not pat ourselves on the back too much. We need a demolition ordinance," referring to the stone farmhouse slated for demolition on Apple-butter Road.

Council member Jean Belinski has called for a demolition ordinance since 2007, when it became apparent that Broughal MS would be torn down.

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Y&R

Casino trip set for July 11

Young and Restless travel group is sponsoring a July 11 trip to Pocono Downs Casino Mohegan Sun, Wilkes Barre. The bus departs at 9:30 a.m. from the Bethlehem Trans-Bridge terminal and at 10 a.m. from the Tobias Drive parking lot, Hellertown and returns after a five hour stay. The cost includes a casino rebate, taxes, gratuities and transportation. Call 610-838-9472 for information.

CRPD

Blood drive to be held July 18

The Colonial Regional Police Department will hold its eighth annual blood drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 18 at the headquarter's parking lot, 248 Brodhead Road. Appointments, which are recommended, may be made by calling Barbara Hoell at 610-861-4820. Walk-ins are welcome.

HBP

Blueberry fest July 16 and 17

The 2011 Historic Bethlehem Partnership's Blueberry Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 16 and 17 at Burnside Plantation, 1461 Schoenersville Road. There will be food, crafters, demonstrators live music, theater and dance presentations. Folk artist Ed McDade will hold two shows, one geared toward adults and another one to children. There will be Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, children's colonial dress-up, games and crafts. A variety of blueberry treats will all be available. Bethlehem Police's Mounted Unit will be present. There is an admission cost. For information, call 610-691-6055.

BOSCOLA

Open container law signed June 29

Gov. Tom Corbett signed into law on June 29 Senator Lisa M. Boscola's proposal to legally allow open containers and continue the "beer-to-go" tradition that has been part of Bethlehem's Musikfest celebration for many years.

Under the new law (Act 11 of 2011), licensed bars and taverns can legally sell beer-to-go to patrons during Musikfest and other city festivals. While the city's ordinance bans alcohol in open containers, it makes an exception for "functions or activity for which a special occasion permit has been issued by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board."

Boscola said her legislation was prompted by enforcement threats from State Police Liquor Control Enforcement (LCE) agents last year based on a 1992 Northampton County open containers court ruling. She said the new law will clarify the issue "for once and for all."

"The beer-to-go tradition during Musikfest has dated back decades," Boscola said. "I am pleased that local bars and taverns can continue doing business throughout city celebrations as they always have."

Among other things, the omnibus measure also addresses liquor enforcement issues related to catering, expands business opportunities for Pennsylvania wineries and provides new opportunities for beer distributors.

New city firefighters



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Assistant Chief David Ruhf, a 35-year firefighter in the City of Bethlehem, pins son Jonathan Ruhf's badge to his lapel at the swearing-in ceremonies. Mayor John Callahan and Fire Commissioner George Barkanic observe the rite.

At a June 27 ceremony, Mayor John Callahan swore in four new firefighters taking the city's department to its full complement. Joining the department in time to attend 18 weeks of training prior to active duty are: Robert Imboden III, a 26-year-old Wilson Area HS graduate who is a U.S. Army veteran with tours in Korea and Iraq; Jared Derhammer, a 31-year-old Northampton Senior HS graduate who is a U.S. Air Force veteran and is married and has one child; Jonathan Ruhf, a 32 year old Liberty HS graduate and U.S. Navy veteran with an associate degree in computer science from ECPI College of Technology;

and George Glander, a 23-year-old graduate of Ramapo College with a B.S. in business administration and who previously worked for Glander Electric Company as an electrician and project manager. Imboden resides in Williams Township, Derhammer in Zionsville, Ruhf in Bethlehem and Glander in Boonton, N.J. Fire commissioner George Barkanic said, "Four young men are embarking on a new career. It is an honorable career." All four candidates will receive certification as EMTs and firefighters I and II prior to joining their platoons in November.

'Bethlehem is a welcoming city' Council finally passes anti-discrimination ordinance

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

CITY COUNCIL

Bethlehem City Councilors were confused June 21 about whether a "yes" vote would be for or against a proposed amendment to replace a controversial religious exception clause with one that Councilwoman Karen Dolan had proposed for the Human Relations Commission ordinance.

The discussion after the motion to adopt Dolan's amendment seemed to have unanimous support from council members, but when the vote was called by Council Secretary Cindy Biedenkopf, the council voted it down.

Dolan recovered by bringing up a parliamentary point of order and explaining to the council that in the case where it is clear the members misunderstood the instruc-

tions and cast the wrong vote, that they can have a do-over.

With a little help from members of the audience, Council President Robert Donchez got the issue back on the table and the council passed the changed amendment unanimously.

English teacher Dolan's rewritten amendment simplified the previous version, which had stumped the council at its last meeting and forced a delay in the final vote for the ordinance.

In a subsequent vote, the council passed the Bethlehem Human Relations Commission ordinance.

The action had twice packed the hearing room with supporters and with those who vehemently

oppose giving equal rights to the "LGBT" (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community.

Gertrude Wright, saying she is a Bible believer who does not want to hurt anyone, predicted the ordinance would be a "death knell for certain Christian businesses" in the city.

William Pottenger said that the new law is "not necessary in a Christian community - God is inclusive."

"Human life doesn't operate on the precept of equality," he said. "It operates on the principle of love."

"Many people are confused," he said. "I care about these confused people."

Then he volunteered to serve on the Human Rela-

tions Commission, saying, "as Abraham Lincoln brought enemies into his cabinet, I urge you bring me into the commission."

"Now people who come to Bethlehem can believe we mean it when we say 'liberty and justice for all' in our pledge of allegiance," said Marybeth Buskirk, a 16-year-old Liberty HS student.

"The LGBT community will not be discriminated against whether in jobs or housing," said Kellie Donaldson, 17, also a student at Liberty.

"This sends a clear message that Bethlehem is a welcoming city," said Rob Hopkins, who said that in the past, for some people, speaking out like this could have put their lives in danger.

The new ordinance guarantees "equal opportunities for employment, housing and use of public accommodations" and "equal access to post-secondary education institutions" to a broad cross-demographic.

It is now public policy for the City of Bethlehem to foster employment of all individuals in accordance with their fullest capacities. This is regardless of their "actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, genetic information, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status, marital status, age, veteran status, mental or physical disability, use of guide or support animals and/or mechanical aids."

The exception paragraphs exclude religious organizations from complying with the law if they contend that hiring such a person would infringe on their religious beliefs.

The new ordinance confers investigative and subpoena powers to the yet-to-be-named commission.

"It's important to keep the expanded powers in the ordinance," Dolan said.

In other business, the council approved mayoral appointments of Jason D. Schiffer of Schnecksville as police commissioner and Craig S. Finnerty of Nazareth as deputy police commissioner. Schiffer will replace retiring commissioner Stuart J. Bedics.

SKILLSUSA

Local students national winners

Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical students won gold and bronze medals at the SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo., June 24 during the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Five students brought home medals from the Lehigh Valley.

Other students from the area who competed at the national level include:

- Action Skills - 5th Place**
Andrew Acevedo (BAVTS/Northampton HS)
- American Spirit - 4th Place**
Ryan Davis (BAVTS/Saucon Valley HS)
Amanda Rivera (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
Jacqueline Gallagher (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
- Chapter Display - 5th Place**
Brendan Buttillo (BAVTS/Freedom HS)
Raul Estrella (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
Aimee Zwickle (BAVTS/Northampton HS)
- Esthetics - 7th Place**
Janice Vazquez (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
Lisette Garcia (BAVTS/Freedom HS)
- HVAC & Refrigeration - 15th Place**
Matthew Edelman (BAVTS/Northampton HS)

Tech Prep Industrial and Engineering Technology - 9th Place
Donald Elm (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
Mychal McGregor (BAVTS/Liberty HS)
Tajhir Ross (BAVTS/Liberty HS)

Four Lehigh Valley students served as Pa. National Delegates, voting for national officers and debating the business of the organization. Delegates were: Jonathan Ciallella from Lehigh Career & Technical Institute and Parkland HS, Devin Heckman from Career Institute of Technology and Nazareth Area HS, Alex Bialobrzkeski from BAVTS and Freedom HS, and Evan Medlar from BAVTS and Easton Area HS.

All winners receive medallions and frequently receive tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education. The Skills USA competition is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA. More than 6,000 students from every state and three territories competed in 97 contests in technical, skilled, and service occupations. In order to qualify for the national competition, the students competed in local and state contests. The state gold medal winners advanced to the national SkillsUSA Championships.

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Fowlers celebrate 50th with a few friends



PRESS PHOTO BY ADAM ATKINSON

Dr. Beall and Linny Fowler of Bethlehem were toasted at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks June 17. The event, with 250 people attending, was hosted by ArtsQuest and president Jeff Parks in the Fowler Blast Furnace Room, which the couple donated. The Fowlers are major volunteers and benefactors throughout the Lehigh Valley. They were married in New Jersey after she graduated from Skidmore College and he from Lehigh University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester and did post-graduate work at the University of Illinois. They moved to the Lehigh Valley 36 years ago where he has taught in the Department of Physics at Lehigh University. She has been a community advocate since coming to the area. They have four children and 13 grandchildren.

Splash pad project over budget

By MARK RECCEK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

HELLERTOWN

Hellertown council unanimously approved the construction of a splash pad area for the Hellertown pool during the June 20 borough council meeting.

Borough Engineer Bryan Smith, of Barry Isett and Associates, told members of council that the 24-jet-powered system with LED lighting will now cost the borough \$56,000. Due to a newly revised quote, the total cost of the project is estimated to exceed \$70,000. The borough initially budgeted \$41,000 for the project.

Councilwoman Stephanie Kovacs shared with her council colleagues her displeasure with the increase in the cost of the project.

"I'm not thrilled about this at all," Kovacs said.

"We made a promise to the community for a splash pad. I'm just not happy how it's turned out."

Borough public works director Tom Henshaw provided his support for the project, telling members of council that the splash pad project is a start to a necessary addition to the pool.

Also sharing in Kovacs' concern with the manner in which the project has unfolded was councilman Thomas Rieger.

"I'm not happy with how this has come about, but it's a start," Rieger said.

Councilman John Bate, who agreed with Kovacs, said because council made a promise to the community for a splash pad, the project should begin as planned.

The project is scheduled to begin in the fall and be completed by the winter.

In other business, Hellertown Police Chief Robert Shupp said officers have witnessed bicyclists failing to dismount their bikes at the Rails to Trails crossings at Walnut and Water streets. Shupp emphasized the importance of bikers walking their bicycles across the road.

"It is a roadway; you can't just fly across it," he stressed. "We'd hate to see something happen because they won't get off their bikes and walk across the street."

Bate recommended speed humps be installed at both intersections to slow down traffic.

Smith told council that it must obtain a permit

from PennDOT for the construction of a speed hump on Water Street because it is a state road. Council previously suggested the placement of stop signs at the Rails to Trails crossings at Walnut and Water streets as a means of slowing both bicycle and motor vehicle traffic.

Council president Philip Weber said council will discuss the costs of a possible speed hump project at the next meeting.

Also during the meeting, council unanimously approved the Dip N Dance special event for June 23, July 14 and Aug. 11 and approved the Dewey Fire Company's request to redeem CDs and open a money market account.

CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

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



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VOLUNTEERS

AMERICA ON WHEELS, Allentown, needs help during the summer with its education program. Contact Connie McDowell/Liz Hahn, 610-432-4200, education@americaonwheels.org.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, Bethlehem, seeks volunteers for their Healthy Families/Healthy Kids Training Camp on Saturday, Oct. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at Coca Cola Park. Contact Kathleen Bittner, 610-867-0583, x227, kathleen.bittner@heart.org.

CAMELOT FOR CHILDREN, INC., Allentown, seeks enthusiastic volunteers for Camp Camelot, Aug. 15 to 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to work with children with special needs by helping them participate in camp activities. Contact Cassie Kemmerer, 610-791-5683, cassiek@camelotforchildren.org.

EASTERN PA DOWN SYNDROME CENTER, Trexler-town, is looking for volunteer "spotters" to help special needs individuals learn to ride a two-wheel bike. Contact Kathi Eichman, 610-682-1565, eichmank@diakon.org.

HORSES & HORIZONS THERAPEUTIC LEARNING CENTER, New Ringgold, needs mature, reliable volunteers to be horse leaders and side walkers during weekly therapeutic riding lessons Mondays and Wednesdays 5-8 p.m. Contact Kassie Seymour, 610-349-6157, kassie.seymour@gmail.com.

PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION OF THE LV, Whitehall, seeks volunteers to organize inventory and coordinate upcoming September Gala. Contact Nicole Ronco, 610-393-9215, njronco@pcfvl.org.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK, Allentown, has a fun food packing event available. Contact Lindsay Deemer, 610-434-0875, ldeemer@caclv.org.

THE COCO FOUNDATION, Bethlehem, needs volunteers for its first annual Tee Time for Coco Golf Tournament at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course on Oct. 1. Contact Lisa Walker, 570-954-8024, walker_l@sdepa.com.

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

Parking will test new technology

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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BETHLEHEM

The inaugural Parking Authority meeting for new Executive Director Tom Hartley was also the last meeting for the summer.

Hartley had been on the job for only a week by the June 22 meeting, and the board typically skips the July and August meetings each year.

Members spent nearly half the meeting making certain Hartley would

have board approval to perform necessary duties and sign contracts with their pre-acknowledged approval.

Hartley also described upcoming plans for testing new devices and technology that should simplify and streamline parking availability and payment. One part of the plan, which he hopes to institute before Musik-Fest is the use of handheld electronic devices

that will allow employees to transact cash and credit card payments while on the street or at lots.

Another part of Hartley's plan will be prepay reserved parking. He said he would begin a testing phase for this service via the Internet at the North Street garage for as long as a year to determine its viability. "We want to get our toe wet with this," he said.

Finally, the installation of new electronic metering devices will also begin testing soon, Hartley said. He has requested 50 meters and 25 ground sensors for installation on Broad Street for a 90-day trial period. The sensors record when a car parks and leaves, he said, and then resets to zero. The devices have cash, credit and possibly even handheld device pay options via cellular phone applications. If such uses are workable, he said, in the future the devices could even automatically send text updates to users' phones.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 28 at 85 W. North St.

BRIEFLY

BOSCOLA Rebate deadline now Dec. 31

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola announced that the Commonwealth has extended the deadline for the state's Property Tax and Rent Rebate program from June 30 to Dec. 31, 2011. Senior citizens, widows and widowers over the age of 50, and permanently disabled individuals over the age of 18 who qualify should apply for the program.

The Property Tax and Rent Rebate program provides a rebate of up to \$650 on the combined amount of a senior's real estate property taxes for the school

district, county and local municipality paid in 2010. Seniors who rent an apartment may qualify for rental rebates of up to \$500. Rebate amounts are based on a sliding scale dependent on the annual household income.

A homeowner's combined household income in 2010 cannot exceed \$35,000. Only half of an applicant's Social Security income is included in that limit. Applicants must be 65 or older, or must be permanently disabled over the age of 18, or must be a widow or widower over the age of 50.

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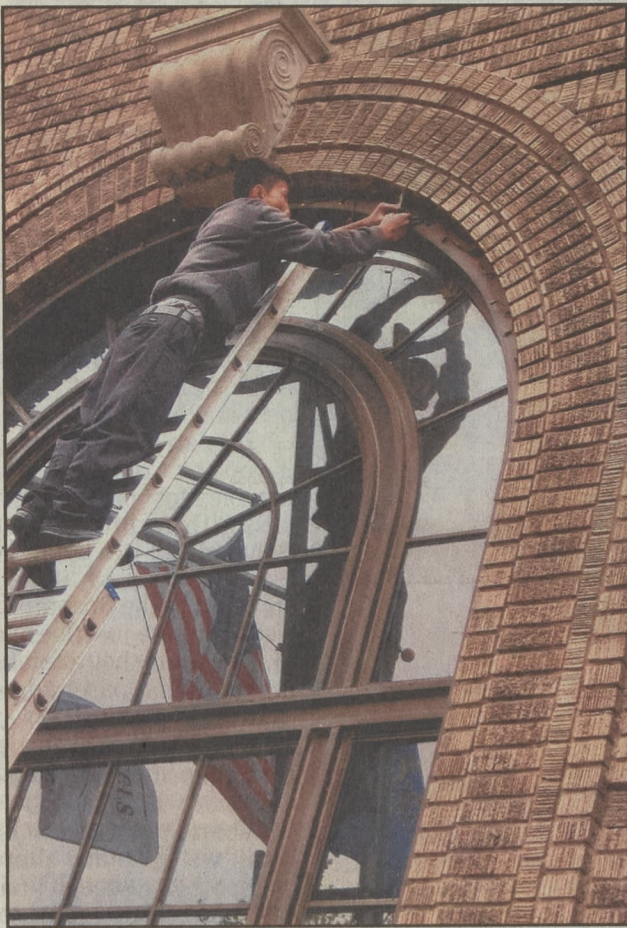


Making downtown Bethlehem brighter

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PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Hotel Bethlehem maintenance engineer Jimmy Schaff upgrades the downtown Bethlehem hostelry's year-round holiday lights to LED bulbs. Schaff, a Bethlehem resident, is reflected in the large Palladium style windows along with an American flag and the Historic Hotels of America flag. The distinctive arched windows date back to the original architectural design of the historic hotel, which was built in 1922.



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Successful fundraiser

Surrounded by family and friends who walked for him, Bubba Diefenderfer (seated, lower right), of Bethlehem, with his supporters at the Walk Now For Autism Speaks 5k walk along the Lehigh

Parkway in Allentown. More than 6,000 supporters raised some \$425,000 in contributions and pledges for autism research at the fifth annual walk.

PEOPLE

Receives scholarship

Scott Hally of Bethlehem is a recipient of a Wakefern-ShopRite \$2,000 undergraduate study scholarship. He will major in bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

While at Freedom High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society, band, orchestra, jazz band, wind ensemble and indoor drumline.

The 26-year-old scholarship program winner selection was administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support and student aid service organization.

The 2011 Wakefern-ShopRite Scholarship Program is designed to help Wakefern-ShopRite associates' children or grandchildren further their education.

Locals among Lafayette graduates

Three Bethlehem residents have graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, at the 176th commencement on May 21. Christina Marie Mingora earned an A.B. in Africana Studies. Angela Maria Urbano, who graduated cum laude, earned an A.B. in American Studies. Christina Joy DeSalva earned an A.B. in Anthropology and Sociology.

Lafayette dean's list

The spring 2011 semester dean's list at Lafayette College, Easton, included Matthew Piazza, Madeline Gambino, Christina Mingora, Angela Urbano, Scott Gordon, Sean Grim, Gavin Jones, Alex Whylings, Zachary Jones, William Barlow, Christina DeSalva, Scott Mellon, David Salter, Jeremy Fiume and Charles Vincent, all of Bethlehem. Each of the students has achieved at least a 3.60 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Columbia College dean's list

Andrew Buttermore, a fiction writing major from Bethlehem, has been named in the spring 2011 dean's list. Columbia College Chicago students must have taken at least 12 credit hours and have a 3.75 grade point average or above for that semester to be on the list.

Local man Amherst graduate

Gregory Hagar, a psychology major, graduated on May 22 from Amherst College in Amherst, Mass. A son of James N. and Susan M. Hagar of Bethlehem, he is a Parkland High School graduate.

Berkeley College graduate

Samantha Richie of Bethlehem received a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting degree from Berkeley College. She attended the Westchester Campus in White Plains, N.Y.

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Enjoying the outdoors



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Bethlehem Palette Club artist Harriet Feig puts finishing touches on her oil painting of the historic barn at the 1748 Burnside Plantation. Feig, who was attending a recent weekly Wednesday club Paint-Out, is working in oils, her favorite art medium. Owned and operated by Historic Bethlehem Partnership, the 6.5-acre "Farm in the City" is a popular site for visitors.

Health and Wellness Fair held at Sacred Heart Senior Living



PRESS PHOTOS BY DEBRA GALBRAITH

By DEBBIE GALBRAITH
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Visitors and residents of Sacred Heart Senior Living and Saucon Valley Medical Center were treated to a Health and Wellness Fair May 7.

Inside and outside there was plenty to do. There was fire extinguisher training provided by Upper Saucon Fire Department personnel as well as a visit with Upper Saucon police officer Chris Kuebler.

The event included free screenings for vision, blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, balance and stroke.

Information was also provided on the prevention, detection and treatment of medical conditions and more.

There was an excellent array of food prepared by Executive Chef and Director of Dietary Brian Kaplan available including smoothies, turkey burgers and more.

Director Suzanne Panick coordinated the event and was pleased with the attendance by both residents and the public.

The Sacred Heart Senior Living staff stops for a photo by the food stand May 7, including Jillian Washburn, of Hellertown; Myles Morton, of Easton; Executive Chef Brian Kaplan of Center Valley; Patty Kichline of Bethlehem; and Tina Vince of Allentown.



St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network provides blood pressure checks, stroke assessments and home health and hospice care to visitors at the Health and Wellness Fair May 7 at Sacred Heart Senior Living. **ABOVE:** April Fox-Carl, R.N., of Nazareth, Mary Gursky of Limeport and Lindsey Rich of Pennsburg.



Marian Rosenblum, formerly of Lower Macungie, has her blood pressure checked by Cindy Sechler, director of admissions with Phoebe Ministries in Allentown.



Bernard Nadel, formerly of Long Island, N.Y., visits with his son Michael Nadel, of Center Valley, during the Health and Wellness Fair May 7.

BRIEFLY

SKATEPLAZA
Buy A Brick
program begins

Bethlehem's world class Skateplaza is seeking donations to the building fund through a "Buy A Brick" program. The bricks will be located on a plaza at the main entrance of the Skateplaza at 1325 Steel Ave., across from the Sands Casino. Other sponsorships are available. Call the City of Bethlehem Parks and Public Property office at 610-865-7081 for more information.

READING ROOM
Program seeks
PR volunteer

Judith's Reading Room is a nonprofit organization established in 2010 by Cathy and Scott Leiber of Williams Township. The program was named for Scott Leiber's late cousin, Judith Krug. She was the director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Ana Colucci of Bethlehem, a board member, says the group is seeking a volunteer to provide assistance with publicity. For more information on the organization or volunteering, visit www.judithsreadingroom.org.

LEGION
Post needs rifle
volunteers

The Harry F.W. Johnson Post #379 American Legion's Rifle Squad is in need of volunteers to conduct Military Honors at veterans' funerals. Military Honors, which currently average one per week, are considered an honor and a duty by squad members to fulfill the funeral wishes of departed veterans. Members are rotated, so it is not necessary to participate in every call-up.

Joining the Johnson Post, or transferring to it if one is a member of the State Post, is required. Lapsed membership reinstatement is an option. Squad members are offered free membership in the American Legion as long as a squad member remains active. Uniforms, with the exceptions of pants, socks and shoes, will be provided. M-1 Garand rifle and drills procedures will be addressed.

If you are a wartime veteran, honorably discharged, the Legion meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the D.A.R. Log Cabin in the Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and West Union Boulevard. For more information, call Squad Leader John McCulloch at 610-866-8098, or Post #379 Commander Ralph Romano at 610-351-1720 or Past Commander Leonard Ziegler at 908-750-4110. The e-mail address is lziegler2019@comcast.net.

Come on By... Monumental Crafts

By ROBERT C. MOLL
As told to Jennifer Lader

A friend of mine had a little stone shop and asked me if I'd want to work part-time. I was learning auto mechanics but, being a kid and needing a job, decided to give it a try. I liked the work from the very beginning and started this business in 1979.

I'm a working owner. Every day is a challenge, something new. The work is different even though it's the same product. It can be the design or the complexity; maybe it's fitting a long name in on a small stone.

There's a feeling I get from the customer ... I can't say what is; they've said it in the letters they write to us. They talk about the workmanship and how we cared for them. We try to personalize everything. It isn't about money. When you have a good product, the money comes with it. Of course you have to survive, but that's how I feel.

We got a lot of friends out of this. Customers are thankful for our help in making tough decisions. It's a difficult time



Robert C. Moll with son and business partner Clifford Moll in their shop at Monumental Crafts in Hellertown. Robert says, "We focus on the customer and what they need."

for them. We focus on the customer and what they need.

Price is a factor in the decisions people make, so we see smaller headstones and monuments now. This is one of the biggest problems. I can

remember when \$350 would get you a big monument. Now it's \$3,000 because of the cost of granite. They have to mine it, get it out of the quarry, and ship it.

Eighty percent of what we use is out of Barre,

Vt. There's a rising demand for granite and it's opened a world market. Ten percent of what we have is from India, and the other 10 percent from the southern United States, from Georgia.

In the past, people used

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marble. The difference from granite is the hardness and how long it lasts. Go into an old cemetery; if you can't read it, that's marble. Most of our business is through referrals. Besides me, it's my wife Pam and my son Clifford. He's a partner.

We have a web page and get some business that way. We sold a stone that went out to Indiana. The man who bought it lived in town, but his parents were out there.

When the customer is local, we open our shop and let them come in and inspect it. That's routine for us.

When it's over the Internet, we ship the design. After they approve it, we cut the stone. Somebody in Arizona bought a stone to go in Nisky Hill Cemetery. I sent three drawings out so he can look at it. With us, everybody's in on it.

Hawthorne House rises from the ashes

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hawthorne House Bar & Grill, located at 702 Hawthorne Road in a quiet Bethlehem neighborhood, will re-open in the next two months. That's according to its new owner, Tom Williams of Allentown's Cityline Construction. A fire restoration specialist, Williams acquired this old watering hole after a 2009 arson. The bar's former owner, John Margetis, has been accused of setting the building ablaze after a bank foreclosed.

Williams asked Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board on June 22 to approve six outdoor tables fronting Hawthorne, in addition to six outdoor tables at the rear. He also sought approval of a 12-foot x 14-foot addition for a restroom. He'll need it, too, as he plans to offer 20 different types of beer on tap.

"We're trying to make this a little bit of an attraction so people will come there," explained Williams. Zoner Ken Kraft questioned whether the noise might disturb neighbors, but Williams responded there would be no outdoor music and agreed to close by 11 p.m. on weekends.

Neighbor Dean Guth was concerned about outdoor seating right along



Hawthorne House at 702 Hawthorne Road is set to reopen sometime this summer.

Hawthorne Street, but seemed mollified by Williams' pledge to erect a three-foot high fence. Kraft was also satisfied when Williams told him he'd charge moderate prices. "The price of the beer determines the kind of crowd you get," opined Kraft. "If you have 80 cent beers, you get nuts."

Kraft added he is very familiar with the Hawthorne House.

Chairman Gus Loupos asked Williams to work with the community, and

was assured by the Allentown businessman that he "has a good rapport with all the neighbors."

Williams' request for an expansion was unanimously granted.

In addition to a bar, zoners heard a request from a childcare center. Stefko Daycare, located at what was once a massage parlor at 2017 Stefko Blvd., is already open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operator Anna DiConstanzo told the board that

many of her customers want her to remain open on weekends, too. She explained that a child care subsidy, offered by the state to low-income families, will only be paid to one daycare.

Zoners unanimously agreed to allow DiConstanzo to extend her hours. Building owner Ronald Stauffer, who appeared with DiConstanzo, told zoners the entire block is commercial and most of the businesses there are already open all

week.

In other business, zoners also unanimously approved a request by Brian and Stephanie Bertsch for an all-season sunroom at 2158 Drury Lane. Although the covered patio will encroach on a side yard setback, it will still be 16 feet from the sidewalk and will be shrouded by a privacy fence.

Finally, zoners heard from Nick Bozakis for the third time in a year. Owner of the popular Nick's Pizza on Main Street, Bozakis also owns several surrounding properties with garages and apartments, including what may have been a stable for police horses at 64 West Spruce St. Represented by Attorney Jim Holzinger, Bouzakis asked zoners to approve a five-bay garage at the site, topped off by a two-bedroom apartment. Two of those garages would go to the tenant, and the remaining three would be for storage.

What made this proposal attractive to zoners is that the site triangle increased from five feet to 19 feet under Bouzakis' plan, increasing safety on the road. "We feel it is a huge improvement, and I'm proud to be art of it," said Holzinger.

Zoners unanimously approved a special exception.

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Jim Santanasto, 'Butch' Macri and Jim Vitale dispel the notion that too many cooks spoil the broth as they prepare the spaghetti sauce.

Community support

Take 50 pounds of spaghetti, 500 meatballs, 20 gallons of sauce and 30 loaves of bread and what do you have? The answer was the Morning Star Rotary's annual spaghetti dinner on May 5 at East Hills Moravian Church. At \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids, the Rotarians served more than 200 dinners to supporters who know a good deal when they hear about it. With salad, beverages and many homemade desserts thrown in, the successful fundraiser will continue to support community grants issued each year according to Rotarian secretary and event organizer Val Walk. Ongoing support of local charities such as the Special Olympics, Victory House and the Cops 'n' Kids Literacy Program, as well as annual grants to organizations like Habitat for Humanity, WDIY and the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley are part of the Morning Star club's more than \$200,000 in community support over the past 10 years. Volunteers from Victory House, Lehigh Valley Academy of Martial Arts and Christian worship dancers All for God Worship assisted the Rotarians.



ABOVE: Diane Elliott seems to be looking for someone to enjoy a loaf of garlic bread.



Victory House volunteer Wilmer Vandergrift doles out salads.

'Cirque de St. Luke's' raises \$300,000

By PAT KESLING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

After being a major sponsor for decades of the St. Luke's annual Charity Ball, local philanthropist Priscilla Payne Hurd, has to be tremendously proud of the recent event, which raised more than \$300,000 for the Continuing Education and Development of the St. Luke's Nursing Network.

A major patron of the hospital - if not THE major patron - she is a former chair of the board and is now chair emeritus. Hurd's age-old support of nursing and a love of the arts combined at the 99th ball which transformed Saucon Valley Country Club into "Cirque de St. Luke's."

Hula hoop artists and costumed acrobatic artists from the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts dazzled the guests, all wearing formal attire, as they arrived. Ball committee

co-chairs Carolyn Patriarco and Quintin Eshelman welcomed guests under a reception tent covered with circus themed decorations such as bright parasols, paper lanterns and fabric streamers.

Also greeting guests were honorary co-chairpersons Hank and Joanne Barnette, long time friends of Hurd's. Hank is former chairman and CEO of Bethlehem Steel. Joanne was Ball chairperson in 1980 when it was held at the Hotel Bethlehem and "We were so thrilled to make \$25,000." She is head of the board of the Allentown Art Museum and both are community volunteers.

The Barnettes were selected as honorary chairs because of their many contributions to the nursing program.

"We have had experiences with St. Luke's and the nursing staff has always been fabulous. We

are so pleased that the hospital is fortunate to have a relationship with Moravian College, where a student can go to nursing school for two years and go on to Moravian College for a bachelor's degree. Priscilla Hurd was instrumental in seeing that happen," Joanne said. The volunteers of the Auxiliary of St. Luke's Hospital organized and hosted the event under the direction of Teresa Kara, who attended with her husband, Dr. Aoun Kara.

Guests were amazed by the lovely setting highlighted by two enormous tents over two terraces and two dance floors, where the Philadelphia Band Purple Reign played in the main room and Laser DJ created a club atmosphere in the other.

Among the guests at the Barnette table were Janet Sipple, who was the liaison between the nurs-

ing school and Moravian College, Carolyn Kuplin, chair of the nursing school, and her husband Frank; and Moravian College Dean Gordon Weil and his wife Kathy.

At Hurd's table, her friend Dr. Marilyn McDonald coordinated the seating and attended with Wes Domareki. Joining them were the Rev. Dr. Chris and Kathy Thomforde, the Rev. Dr. Douglas and Barbara Caldwell, the Rev. Dr. Alf and Shari Halvorson and Neil and Beverly Vollweider.

Among the others attending on a beautiful night in Bethlehem were Tim and Virginia Oskin, John and Marti Bruno, Dr. Bengt and Lynda Iverson, Bruce and Vicki Heugel, Drea and Paul Rosko and Dr. Jim and Tara Airoidi.



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Carolyn Patriarco, honorary chairpersons Hank and Joanne Barnette, Teresa Kara and Quintin Eshelman.

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Vrinda Jagota

Liberty HS



Grade: Graduate
Family members: Parents, brother and dog
Favorite subject: English, philosophy and math: All three subjects require unusual and creative thinking.
Activities: Cross country and track; Science Olympiad; Liberty Life (school newspaper) features editor; Students in Action Club; NHS, DECA
Next steps: I plan on attending college and running competitively, and majoring in English or philosophy. I also hope to attend graduate school in the long run.
Career goals: I hope to either pursue law or to become an English or philosophy professor.
Hobbies: Running, read-

ing, thrift store shopping, Facebooking.
Volunteer/community work: Cofounder of Students in Action Club, which has raised money for a Liberty HS student scholarship and an organization in Almora, India, called Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi. I traveled to Almora last summer to work with children through the Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi.

Likes: Running a personal record; chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream; traveling, The Great Gatsby; Gossip Girl; Polish water ice; The Bell Jar; Birkenstocks; Facebook; Forever 21; Salvation Army
Dislikes: Bad races/workouts; studying for SATs; chronic procrastination; instances when Spellcheck is not an option

Greatest accomplishment (so far): National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist

Advice for peers: "Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious and immature." - Tom Robbins

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The Spring Garden Elementary School PTA recently sponsored a Family Fun Night, giving students a hands-on reptile experience, offering a mechanical pig race and selling bake goods to raise money, all in the name of fun and giving families an opportunity to spend an evening together and develop school spirit. The PTA raises funds to support activities such as field trips, periodicals for the classrooms and educational enhancements like a smart board, according to PTA president Amy Young.
ABOVE: Spring Garden ES students cheer on their favorite mechanical pigs in the family fun night pig race.

Family Fun Night at Spring Garden

SCHOOL NOTES

ND Speech team takes team trophy

The Notre Dame Speech and Debate Team hosted the Crusader Pre-Nationals Tournament on May 14. Notre Dame won a team trophy with a first place in team sweepstakes

The award winners were Natalie Prager, first place, Declamation and fourth place, Dramatic Performance; Vicki Baker and Jonathan Tabuzo, fourth place, Duo Interpretation; Zaneta Bell, first place, Laurel Kandianis, second place and Irene Kurtz, fifth place, Impromptu; Zaneta Bell, first place, Sara Prager, fifth place and Tom Kennebeck, sixth place, Oral Interpretation; Jonathan Tabuzo, third place, Tom Kennebeck, fourth place, Laurel Kandianis, fifth place, Original Oratory; Irene Kurtz, first place and Ryan Carrigan, second place, Student Congress.

Natalie Prager earned a Degree of Excellence and Jonathan Tabuzo earned a Degree of Distinction from the National Forensic League.

ND students complete CPR training

Notre Dame sophomores and junior biology students participated in a cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training program on June 7. CPR is an emergency procedure for a person whose heart has stopped and /or who can't breathe.

The session centered on compressions, airway and breathing (CAB). An AED is a portable electronic unit that diagnoses potentially life threatening cardiac (heart) arrhythmias. Joseph Kramer Jr., the school principal, hopes to offer CPR training to all students in 2011. His goal is to have all students, faculty and administration trained in CPR and AED.

Irene Mast, program manager, CPR and First Aid training; Mary Ellen Hittner, instructional manager of Nursing Education; and Donald Pond, educational program manager, Healthcare and Emergency Services; all from Northampton County Community College; and Paula Seery, R.N., provided the instruction.

The 49 students received certification cards.

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Teacher Mrs. Reppert and John Michael Keiffer celebrate their pig's victory.



Student Zachary Johnson meets a four and one-half foot long American alligator named Elvis, who is held by Reptile Canyon owner Todd Bagenstose. Johnson said he "felt good about touching an alligator."



ABOVE: Morgan Bagenstose is joined by students Katie McNulty and Christina Remache, who get a chance to touch her corn snake named Sunglow.



LEFT: Kate Kauffman displays Alex, her bearded dragon lizard.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College Health career camp set for July 18

NCC will hold an interactive health career camp for 11-14 year olds from July 18 through 22 in Penn Hall, room 109. The hours are 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday; 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday. Eastcentral PA Area Health Education Center and Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network are co-partners.

There will be tours of the college, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center and the Valley Central Veterinary Hospital. There will be an aging and sensitivity training seminar and a simulated car crash where responders will use the Jaws of Life to extract a victim. Ambulance, fire truck and EMT staff will be on hand to demonstrate. There is a fee. Contact the college for more information.

For more information or for detailed course descriptions, or to register, go to www.northampton.edu and click "search courses," or call 1-877-543-0998.

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

Moravian College

Facchiano completes leadership program

Moravian College student Michael Facchiano '12, of Allentown, recently participated in the Ruck Leadership Institute development program with fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon members and alumni facilitators. The Leadership Challenge, co-written by SigEp alumnus Barry Posner, was the focus of the event. The institute is named in honor of Frank J. Ruck Jr., former Grand SigEp president.

Facchiano, a financial economics student, is his chapter's president. He is a thrower on the track team at Moravian.

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



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Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Performing Arts students who star in 'Not Behind the Wheel' are Gabriel Hoffman, Kailea Atwell, Johnny Schaffer, Mathew Bazulka, Rachel Davis, Lizzie Underwood, Abigail Gillespie, John Hernandez, Natazia Edwards, Lexi Mateo and Vanessa Miller.

'Not Behind the Wheel' debuts

By DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Students at the LVPA were joined by representatives of Verizon, the Bar Association of Lehigh County, eMedia Works, the Lehigh Valley Foundation and parents at a March 24 assembly premiering "Not Behind the Wheel," a video aimed at teenagers that addresses the dangers of texting while driving.

Developed by the Bar Association and funded with a \$15,000 Verizon Foundation grant, "Not Behind the Wheel" features 11 student

actors from LVPA, and a jazzy up tempo approach to warning about the dangers of texting while operating a motor vehicle.

"It's more than business," said Dan Reavy, Verizon's external affairs director. "We have to be guardian angels in our communities."

City of Bethlehem police lieutenant Don Hoffman's daughter Gabriel appeared in the video and Hoffman attended to show his support.

"It's important because it'll make kids think about the implica-

tions of texting and driving," he observed.

LVPA senior Russell Brown was impressed when he learned from the short video that in the time it takes to send a text an auto travels the length of a football field.

"If your eyes are off the road for the length of a football field, that's crazy," he said.

Copies of the video will be distributed to school districts throughout the Lehigh Valley with the hope that it will be used in drivers education training.

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Scholarship recipients

St. Michael the Archangel School students Maximus Ebert and John Luis Alvarez (middle) with school principal Stephen Mickulik (left) and The Honorable William E. Ford (right). The students were recently each chosen to receive \$1,000 scholarships to attend an Allentown Diocese

high school. The Bishop's Scholar Society Awards were held at Alvernia University, where the Honorable William E. Ford, judge of the Lehigh County Court and Ebert's grandfather, was keynote speaker. The boys are both headed to Allentown Central Catholic HS.

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Basic Seminar July 11-16

Many of the crucial problems we face in our nation today are the result of the disintegration of godly character. Character is that internal fortitude that inspires one to do what is right when doing wrong would be easier. It is what you are when no one is looking. The family is the primary laboratory for character development. The family has been under tremendous attack for years, and it is crumbling. The result has been moral devastation in every element of our society. More than ever, parents need wisdom to develop godly character in their children. Where does a parent turn today to find the guidance that is needed?

Among the best resources to help parents build strong godly families is the Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP) which conducts the Basic Seminar emphasizing the foundational biblical principles with practical applications. These truths help parents to "Train up a child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6) "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). Among the topics are: "Principles of effective child training," "Tracing surface problems to root causes," "Resolving family conflict," "Conquering bitterness and anger," "Establishing marriage harmony," and "Discovering God's will." One alumnus noted, "Because of the changes I saw in the lives of those who had attended, I was compelled to go to this Seminar twenty-four years ago. It gave me vital answers for my marriage, my work, and my children, and I attribute a large part of my joys today to what I learned and applied from that Seminar."

The Basic Seminar will be conducted in English and Spanish at our church via video July 11-16 (Monday - Thursday at 7 - 10 pm; Friday at 9:30 am - 8 pm; Saturday at 9:30 - 6 pm). I urge you to register now at: www.iblp.org, or print the registration form at: www.naog.ws/reg.pdf and bring it with you.

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BUD'S VIEW
 By Bud Cole



My wife Bev and I have been driving through Jim Thorpe for many years on our way to and from other destinations, but we had not placed the quaint borough on our "places to visit" list until recently. What we found was a wonderful place for a day visit or longer and it is within an hour's drive from anywhere in the Lehigh Valley.

Mauch Chunk, the former name for the village of Jim Thorpe, received its name from the Lenni Lenape Native Americans who originally occupied the area along the Lehigh River. Mauch Chunk meant Bear Mountain in their language and it referred to a local mountain resembling a sleeping bear.

Josiah White, one of the founders of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company (LCNC), founded the village of Mauch Chunk in 1818. Its location at the Lehigh River influenced its importance as a canal and railroad town most noted for shipping anthracite coal. It is the county seat of Carbon County.

The Mauch Chunk Gravity Railroad was built in 1827 by the LCNC to carry coal. This 8.7-mile downhill gravity-run track transported coal from Summit Hill area coal mines to Mauch Chunk. The Gravity Railroad not only stimulated commerce in the region; it was also very important to the Industrial Revolution.

By the 1850's, the Gravity Railroad, as it was called, had stopped transporting coal and had become an



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The mansion on the hill in Jim Thorpe is the Asa Packer Mansion.

amusement ride for thrill-seekers. The fee was 50 cents, which translates to about \$12 a ride in today's economy. The round-trip ride, covering more than 16 miles, drew visitors from as far as Philadelphia and New York City. Today, the remaining railroad bed is used for hiking and biking.

The 2000 census lists Jim Thorpe's population as 4,804, not much higher than Mauch Chunk's population of 4,020 in 1900. Following the death of Oklahoma Native American athlete Jim Thorpe in 1953, the Boroughs of Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk bought Thorpe's remains from his third wife. The boroughs merged together to form the borough of Jim Thorpe.

The goal was to restore interest in the two boroughs, thus bolstering business and

attracting tourists following the loss of the major coal industries to the post-industrial economy. A monument and small park mark his remains. Thorpe attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, and went on to Olympic fame and professional sports.

Jim Thorpe has been called the "Switzerland of America" because of its mountainous setting, picturesque scenery and architecture. There are many styles of architecture in the town, including Federalist, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Richardsonian Romanesque, Romanesque Revival and Second Empire. Much of the original architecture remained in good condition because it was covered by aluminum and vinyl siding. The town is also known as the "Gateway to the

Poconos."

Asa Packer, an American businessman, pioneer railroad tycoon, philanthropist and founder of Lehigh University, built a three-story mansion in Mauch Chunk in 1861. The mansion, built over a cast-iron frame, has a distinctive red-ribbed tin roof and centrally-located cupola. The Queen Anne style mansion cost \$14,000 to build. The restored adjacent Harry Packer Mansion was used as a model for the Haunted Mansion in Disney World. It hosts meals, lodging and ghost dinners.

The borough also has many charming mom and pop shops. Bart Springer, President of the Jim Thorpe Chamber of Commerce and a local businessman, said, "We have many little shops, which will take care of any See **THORPE** on Page B2

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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Machine age: The Machine, above, a Pink Floyd tribute band, performs at 7 p.m. July 8, Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, Bethlehem. The Machine was formed in 1988 by Tahrah Cohen, drums, and Joe Pascarella, guitar, vocals. The band includes Scott Chasolen, keyboards, vocals, and Ryan Ball, bass, vocals. According to Spin magazine, The Machine "sounds exactly like Pink Floyd." Rolling Stone magazine has hailed their "chilling accuracy." The Machine's recordings include 1999's "Softly Spoken Magic Spells," a concert recorded at The Wetlands, New York City; 2006's "Two Nights at the Keswick"; and 2005's "The Machine Unplugged," recorded at BB King's Blues Club, New York City. The Machine has accompanied the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Delaware Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony Orchestra and Richmond Symphony Orchestra. The concert includes state-of-the-art lighting and multimedia. A cross-section of Pink Floyd's 16-album repertoire is performed, including, on occasion, "Dark Side of the Moon" in its entirety. 610-332-3378



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Penn State LV Centennial: The Gallery at Penn State Lehigh Valley is participating in the kickoff of the campus' centennial celebration with the exhibition, "Penn State and Beyond," featuring the paintings and prints of Allentown architect, artist and Penn State alumnus, Richard Greenleaf, including "Old Main Autumn," above. The exhibit, Greenleaf's first solo exhibition in the Lehigh Valley, runs July 11 - Aug. 25. Greenleaf, a member of Lehigh Art Alliance, has exhibited in group shows at the Allentown Art Museum and Lehigh University. The Penn State exhibition features more than 50 paintings and prints of scenes, from impressionistic ocean scenes to architectural cityscapes. Subjects include Lehigh Valley sites and recognizable spots at Penn State's University Park campus. His style is a colorful blend of realism and impressionism using acrylics with a watered technique. Greenleaf created a scene of the new campus in Center Valley for the centennial, exhibition and for permanent display at Penn State Lehigh Valley. An artist reception, free and open to the public, is 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. July 20. 610-285-5261

More **8 DAYS A WEEK:** Page B3

To be or not to be in the spotlight

The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF) at DeSales University is celebrating its landmark 20th anniversary. This is the second in an occasional series.

June 10 - I have been looking forward to today since the festival began: Rehearsals start for the repertory shows, "Pride and Prejudice" and "Hamlet," July 19 - Aug. 7. In repertory, or rep, the cast for one show doubles as the cast in the other production. This is a creative new experience for PSF, and I must say, for the acting interns, as well.

So, after performing in the fantastical children's show, "Sleeping Beauty," through Aug. 6, I dash back to my quarters on campus to remove my fairy make-up, grab a quick lunch, review lines for the upcoming rehearsal, then dart back to the theater.

"Hamlet" rehearsal was first. To be candid, I was terrified. Only two days before, I found out I would be joining the cast as an ensemble member. I was ecstatic, to say the least. Many actors in the cast have been performing Shakespeare's works since before I was born. We gathered in the studio, seated around long tables set up in a square so everyone could be seen. I sat in rapt attention as the cast poured over the script aloud for the first time together.

I felt honored to be surrounded by such talent, albeit overwhelmed. To hear Shakespeare's language delivered with so much eloquence and understanding is a gift. I was even asked to



Behind the Scenes
 By Eliza Martin

fill in as a reader for one of the cast members who could not attend the rehearsal. I shivered with nerves and exhilaration as I delivered the lines, hoping I got it right.

After a few hours, we begin the next rehearsal, "Pride and Prejudice." A few new cast members joined us, but for the most part, it was merely a switch from one script to the next. What a whirlwind! This first reading was just as mesmerizing as that for "Hamlet," and perhaps more so, as I watched the same actor playing Hamlet transform into Mr. Wickham, or Ophelia melt into Elizabeth Bennet. Again, my adrenaline skyrocketed as I read my lines, but was gratified to find the older actors such attentive, encouraging performers.

After six hours of read-throughs, we went to the company picnic, where the PSF Volunteer Guild provided delicious food and the actors, fellowship.

June 11 - Today was quite long. We performed "Sleeping Beauty" for a packed house. I think it was our best performance yet. There was a short lunch break and it was back to the theater to begin the tech rehearsal for "South Pacific." I was assigned to the electrics crew, operating a spotlight.

As "Spot Op 2" (Spotlight

Operator No. 2), I sit high in the rafters above the balcony seats, projecting a beam of light onto the actors who take center stage. As they move, I move with them. It becomes sort of a choreographed dance between technician and performer. I was constantly changing the color or sharpness (focus) or breadth of the light, helping to set each scene's mood.

June 12 - Today was filled with "Pride and Prejudice" and "South Pacific" rehearsals. For nearly 12 hours, I was hurriedly scribbling down notes in my script from our table work, blocking "Pride and Prejudice," or doggedly following a "South Pacific" actor with my spotlight as he or she whirled about the stage.

June 13 - I spent my day apartment-hunting in New York City with another acting intern. It was enlightening, to say the least.

June 14 - Back to the bittersweet grind of the festival today, I successfully spent 12 hours in the theater, worked on four different shows, and continue to master the art of the spotlight. All in all, it was a most exhausting but fulfilling day in the life of a professional theater intern.

June 15 - Today, we performed "Sleeping Beauty." We had 15 minutes to scarf down the lunch stage management bought us, and it was off to "Pride and Prejudice" rehearsal for half an hour. My next four hours were spent in the catwalk's rafters of the Main Stage theater, operating my spotlight as "South Pacific" direc-

tor Dennis Razze worked several select scenes.

A long dinner break followed, and it was back to the theater for "South Pacific"'s first preview. Audience members from across the community came to watch the dress rehearsal; the responses were wonderful, complete with a standing ovation.

June 16 - Today was filled with another "Sleeping Beauty" children's show performance, "Pride and Prejudice" rehearsal, and more touching up on "South Pacific." I had just enough time to bake cookies for the company, and it was back to the theater for our second preview. The audience was even more engaged tonight. The show was beautifully received, and even the "The Comedy of Errors" cast came to support the production.

June 17 - The interns' morning began with another energetic audience for "Sleeping Beauty." I had a lovely break afterwards, and was able to catch up on several emails and writing assignments. Afternoon will be used for napping before we prepare to open "South Pacific." It is a big night for our company, and afterwards, there will not only be a champagne reception, but a cast party at a local pub. I can think of no other profession where celebrations are so traditionally fused to the work's production.

Eliza Martin is an acting intern for Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival's 20th anniversary season.

