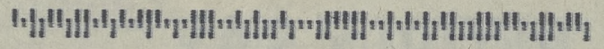




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Hawks win LVC crown

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CHILDHOOD OBESITY

LEHIGH

A growing concern

Awareness, good diet stressed

By CHRIS PARKER and NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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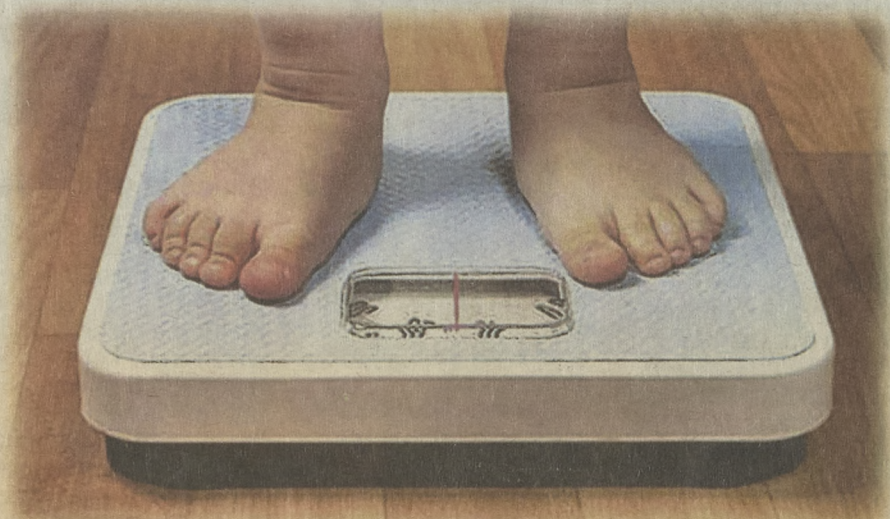
Obesity rates among children ages 2-19 have tripled since 1980, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. That means 17 percent, or 12.5 million, children are too fat. Narrow the age range from 6-17, and the percentage pops to 18 percent.

The rising tide of obesity includes babies. About 10 percent of infants and toddlers have high weights for length, and slightly more than 20 percent of children aged 2-5 are already overweight or obese, according to the CDC.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health states that annual body mass index checks are mandatory for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Those in the 85-95 percentile are considered overweight. Those in the 95 percentile and above are considered obese.

The City of Bethlehem currently estimates about 34 percent of its children are overweight or obese, said district Department Chair of Health Services Kathy Halkins. "We have a population of kids who aren't outside playing on a regular basis," she said, and

Percentage of children ages 6-17 who are obese



1976-1980	2003-2004
5.7%	18.0%
1988-1994	2005-2006
11.2	16.5%
1999-2000	2007-2008
15.0%	19.2%
2001-2002	2009-2010
16.5%	18.0%

Source: Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

explained an increasingly low-income population eats more fast food and fewer fruits and vegetables because it's less expensive to do so.

"In the old days you sat down to dinner and you had a glass of water

— maybe a glass of milk — now it's soda. A sugar drink," Halkins said.

Smorgasbord of causes

According to the CDC, sugary soft drinks, heavy advertis-

ing of junk food aimed at children, too much screen time, increasing portion sizes and a lack of support for breastfeeding all contribute to childhood obesity.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute research found that

20 years ago, a two-slice serving of pizza came to about 500 calories.

Today, two slices weigh in at about 850 calories. In the early 1980s, a bottle of soft drink was typically about 6.5 ounces and held 85 calories worth of liquid. Today, soft drink bottles are typically 20 ounces, and hold 250 calories of soda.

Not that long ago, children came home from school (after walking to and from a bus stop and taking gym class), changed clothes and went outside to play before having dinner with their parents.

Today, children are far more likely to be picked up by the school bus at their front door, then come home to play video games while snacking. Many schools have dropped gym class, and some have even curtailed or done away with recess.

Halkins said a part of the solution is education regarding availability of healthier foods and the health risks of obesity. "We need to change lifestyle, not diet."

But while students are a captive audience, reaching families with this information is another matter. Halkins said there are few outside resources available for families — even joining the "Y" is expensive — and in some neighborhoods families might not even feel going for simple walk is safe.

Additionally, Halkins said people today expect instant results from nearly every aspect of life, but "there are no instantaneous results to lose weight."

But the consequences See **CONCERN** on Page A2



William H. Hansell

County exec resigns

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Lehigh County Executive William H. Hansell resigned from his post May 17, citing growing health concerns.

Hansell was appointed last summer to fill the unexpired term of Don Cunningham.

Recently hospitalized with pneumonia and diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, Hansell has begun undergoing treatment and said in a press release he must devote his energy to combating his illness.

In his letter of resignation, Hansell stated, "I have been proud to serve as Lehigh County Executive for the past year. I felt that it was the culmi-

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Obesity at a glance

Here's a snapshot of some key findings from a National Center for Health Statistics survey on the prevalence of obesity in the United States:

- In 2009-2010, 35.7 percent of U.S. adults were obese.
- In 2009-2010, 16.9 percent of U.S. children and adolescents were obese.
- In 2009-2010, more than 78 million U.S. adults and about 12.5 million U.S. children and adolescents were obese.
- Between 1999-2000 and 2009-2010, the prevalence of obesity increased among men but not among women.

• Between 1999-2000 and 2009-2010, there was an increase in the prevalence of obesity among boys, but not among girls.

• The study also found that differences in the prevalence of obesity between men and women lessened between 1999-2000 and 2009-2010, with the prevalence of obesity among men reaching the same level as that among women.

Also, age differences in obesity prevalence varied between men and women. The prevalence of obesity was higher among older women compared with younger women, but there was no difference by age in obesity

prevalence among men. Among children and adolescents, the prevalence of obesity was higher among adolescents than among pre-school-aged children.

There has been no change in obesity prevalence in recent years; however, over the last decade there has been a significant increase in obesity prevalence among men and boys but not among women and girls overall. The Healthy People 2010 goals of 15 percent obesity among adults and 5 percent obesity among children were not met.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think of the National Transportation Safety Board's proposal to lower the legal blood alcohol level from .08 to .05?



"What are they doing to adequately provide alternative means to get home whether it be bus, train or cab in suburban areas? So, it's inevitable that more people will be arrested."

Brian Newman
Bethlehem Township



"I'm opposed to that. I believe that for people who are drinking and driving it will not make a difference, and it will only give the police cause to issue more tickets. The publicity will help."

Tal Eyal
Great Neck, N.Y.



"I think that it's great because people are drinking too much. There are too many car accidents related to young people doing too much drinking."

Carmela Eyal
Boynton Beach, Fla.



"I think it's better and safer, and hopefully it would prevent accidents. I think it's good for us."

Ronni Eyal
Great Neck, N.Y.



"I think that we have too many people that are driving drunk and the only way to lower that rate would be to lower level of alcohol."

Jill Trabish
Bethlehem



"I'll assume that the recommendation is based on respectable science, so if that's the case I'm okay with it."

Bill Adair
Logan, Utah

CONCERN

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of excess weight in children are jarring.

Consequences

The excess weight is leading children into diabetes, gallstones and high blood pressure at ever younger ages, experts say.

"In the United States alone, one-third of adults are now obese, and the prevalence of obesity among children has risen from 5 to 17 percent in the past 30 years ... Obesity is associated with major causes of death and disability, and its effect on predisposing individuals to the development of type 2 diabetes is so strong that the onset of this disease now is occurring in childhood," says a report by the Institute of Medicine, provided by Dr. Shiriki K. Kumanyika, professor of epidemiology, Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Associate Dean of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Health care providers are becoming alarmed at the rapid increase in diabetes among children. The disease has spiraled more than 20 percent since 2001.

Type 2 diabetes is linked to obesity and lack of exercise. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease.

"Both types of diabetes are increasing," said Dr. Dana Dabelea, associate dean for faculty affairs at the University of Colorado School of Public Health in Aurora. "For type 2, we have some clues as to

why it's increasing, but for type 1, we still need to better understand the triggers of this disease."

According to the CDC, about 151,000 people below the age of 20 years have diabetes. The American Diabetes Association says that 215,000, or 0.26 percent, of all under age 20 have diabetes. That's about one in every 400 children and adolescents.

"When diabetes strikes during childhood, it is routinely assumed to be type 1, or juvenile-onset diabetes. However, in the last two decades, type 2 diabetes (formerly known as adult-onset diabetes) has been reported among U.S. children and adolescents with increasing frequency," the CDC website states.

Diabetes isn't the only affliction linked to overweight.

An Aug. 24 article in the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition cited an increase in gallstones in fat children.

A study done by the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research and Evaluation found that overweight children were twice as likely to have gallstones as those who were within normal weight ranges. The risk was four times higher in moderately obese children and six times higher in extremely obese children.

Further, the obesity-gallstones link was stronger in girls: Obese girls were six times more likely to have the

condition than underweight or normal weight girls, and the risk was eight times higher in extremely obese girls. Obese and extremely obese boys were more than two and three times more likely, respectively, to have gallstones than underweight or normal-weight boys, the study found.

The study looked at more than 510,000 children between the ages of 10 and 19.

"Although gallstones are relatively common in obese adults, gallstones in children and adolescents have been historically rare," study lead author Corinna Koebnick said in a Kaiser news release. "These findings add to an alarming trend — youth who are obese or extremely obese are more likely to have diseases we normally think of as adult conditions."

As the obesity rate rises, so does blood pressure. A study by physicians funded by the National Institutes of Health found that the numbers of children hospitalized for high blood pressure is rising, nearly doubling from 12,661 in 1997 to 24,602 in 2006.

Ounce of prevention

It's far easier to start children off slim than to try to get them to lose weight. The Institute of Medicine recommends children be kept active throughout the day, and offered diets rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and low in high calorie and junk foods. The amount of

time children spend in front of the television or playing video games should also be limited. Children also need adequate sleep each night.

The National Institutes of Health suggests offering five servings of fruits and vegetables a day; choosing healthy sources of protein, such as lean meat, nuts and eggs; serving whole-grain breads and cereals because they are high in fiber; broiling, grilling or steaming foods instead of frying; limiting fast food and junk food; and offering water and milk instead of sugary fruit drinks and sodas.

Halkins suggested frequenting local farmers markets for low-priced fruits and vegetables, and while school meals are stigmatized as universally unappealing, they conform to modern health regulations.

Halkins said Health Bureau employees speak to high school students weekly — in voluntary forums — and the schools hold weight loss events and track and field days to promote exercise. Some schools, like Broughal MS, have taken to planting their own gardens to supplement kids' interest in maintaining their own good eating habits.

But school activities are expensive and time-consuming. Parent involvement is a must for childhood health. When their children are overweight, "It's a hard thing for a parent to see," Halkins said, "but we know that healthy kids learn better."

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nation of my 52-year career in local government. The decision to resign has been one of

the hardest I've had to make in my professional life."

Lehigh County Director of Administration

Thomas Muller has been appointed as acting executive.

"I have every confidence in Tom's ability to

carry out the responsibilities of this position and to serve all the residents of Lehigh County," Hansell said in his statement.

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Freemansburg community carnival, 6 to 10 p.m., Municipal Park, Cambria and Washington streets. Proceeds benefit Freemansburg Parks and Recreation.
Tunes at Twilight, Trouble City All Stars, 6 to 8 p.m., Sun Inn Courtyard; rain location: Garden level, Main St. Commons.

Friday, May 24
Freemansburg community carnival, 6 to 10 p.m., Municipal Park, Cambria and Washington streets. Proceeds benefit Freemansburg Parks and Recreation.

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Freemansburg community carnival, 4 to 10 p.m., Municipal Park, Cambria and Washington streets. Proceeds benefit Freemansburg Parks and Recreation.
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Wednesday, May 22
Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 10 E. Church St. (change of date this time only)
Bethlehem Township Zoning (as needed), 7 p.m., municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Fountain Hill Borough Council, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m. 85 W. North St.
Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, May 23
Hanover Twp. Zoning Board, time T.B.A., municipal building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Tuesday, May 28
Mayor's South Side Task Force, 4 p.m. Forte building, 1337 E. Fifth St. Call 610-865-4695.
Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road., Municipal Building.
Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Thursday, May 30
Bethlehem Planning Commission, 4 p.m. (rescheduled from May 9), City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday, May 23
Fountain Hill Memorial Day celebration, 12:30 p.m. at the Fountain Hill memorial. Veterans, Broughal Band. Address by Tom Marshall, recycling director, City of Bethlehem, and veteran.

Sunday, May 26
Bethlehem Legion Band concert, 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Rose Garden.

Monday, May 27
Bethlehem Memorial Day parade.
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GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION

Responsible reporting a must

Journalists are yet again under attack. The most recent attack is by the United States Justice Department, which seized cell phone records of Associated Press reporters and editors, in the process of investigating what it calls a national security leak.



Debra Galbraith East Penn Press editor

Associated Press President and Chief Executive Officer Gary Pruitt has called the seizure of records "unconstitutional." In a May 19 AP article on the seizure of records, "Pruitt pointed to a May 7, 2012, story that disclosed details of

a successful CIA operation in Yemen to stop an airliner bomb plot around the one year anniversary of the May 2, 2011, killing of Osama bin Laden. The AP delayed publication of that story at the request of government officials who said it would jeopardize national security." "We respected that, we acted responsibly, we held the story," Pruitt said.

Pruitt said AP published the story only after two government entities said the threat had passed. Pruitt said the Obama administration still had asked that the story be held until an official announcement about the bomb plot was made the next day. AP refused the request.

"The news service viewed the story as important because White House and Department of Homeland Security officials were saying publicly there was no credible evidence of a terrorist threat to the U.S. around the one-year anniversary of bin Laden's death," Pruitt said. "So that was misleading to the American public. We felt the American public needed to know this story."

More recently, the Washington Post reports that Fox News Chief Correspondent James Rosen may face criminal charges for allegedly reporting government secrets in June 2009. Attempting to

find out how Rosen learned about a CIA analysis, The Washington Post said FBI investigators looked at Rosen's security access card to see his State Department building activity, studied his phone records and subpoenaed his personal email.

According to AP news officials, its reporters are seeing an effect on their news gathering since the Justice Department's subpoena.

"Officials that would normally talk to us and people we talk to in the normal course of news gathering are already reluctant to talk to us," Pruitt said. "They fear that they will be monitored by the government."

All journalists count on neighbors and contacts to give leads about stories; they help lead us in the right direction to tell the stories accurately.

Take the case of Sara Ganim, a CNN reporter who, while working for The Patriot-News in Harrisburg, broke the story last year on Jerry Sandusky and led the coverage of the scandal when it became national news. For her efforts, she earned a Pulitzer Prize.

Ganim said she remembers talking with a source about a boy who came forward to police and alleged sex crimes involving Sandusky.

That source may not have stepped forward if the possibility existed that he might be

identified by cell phone records or emails.

After talking with many people, Ganim had enough information to write a story on the Sandusky investigation.

Ganim said she relied on information from five anonymous sources to fill in the details of the story. Again, would sources come forward if they felt they would be identified?

Her diligent efforts stopped Sandusky from any further contact with children.

Yes, there are journalists and news organizations who want to be "first" to get the story out there and end up reporting incorrect information before fully checking the facts.

But there are many more responsible journalists who take the time to interview multiple sources, check their facts and then write the story.

This point was reiterated at the Pa. Newspaper Association's Keystone Press Awards banquet May 18 in Harrisburg.

Guest speaker Matt DeRienzo, group editor for 21st Century Media News, LLC, in Connecticut, reported on the effect the Sandy Hook shootings had on his organization.

He thanked the numerous reporters, photographers and videographers who helped his group, some from Pennsylvania, tell the story of the community that suffered such a

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William Cusatis, 86, died May 1, 2013, at his residence in Bethlehem. Born in Hazleton, he was a son of the late James and Marie (Potts) Cusatis. He was the husband of the late Evelyn "Betty" (McMurtrie) Cusatis for 52 years.



He was a 1945 graduate of Bethlehem Technical High School.

He was in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a staff manager for Prudential Insurance, where at one time he was the top staff manager in the country. He later

owned and operated Little Jim's Drive In, Nazareth Pike, with his wife.

He was a director for Susquehanna Health Care.

He is survived by a son, James and his wife Jeanette of Bethlehem; a stepson, Edward and his wife Diane Kellner of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandsons, Jeremy Cusatis and Brad and Derek Kellner; and a sister, Dorothy.

He was predeceased by a sister, Betty Jane Denofa; and a brother, Michael.

He was active within the Democratic Party and was, at one time, president of a local Democratic club.

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

Wallace "Wally" Frankenfield
of Bethlehem Township

Wallace "Wally" Frankenfield, 70, of Bethlehem Township, died May 2, 2013. He was the husband of Janet (Goedke) Frankenfield.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons,

Jason and Justin Frankenfield; a brother, Earl Frankenfield; and two grandchildren, Alicia and Nicholas.

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

Timothy Stephen Branscom
PBNE brakeman

Timothy Stephen Branscom, of Bethlehem, died May 6, 2013. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Russell and Ruth (Pazzetti) Branscom. He was the husband of Kelly Jo (Stauffer) Branscom, of Zionsville, for 29 years.

He graduated from Ss. Simon and Jude School, Nitschman Middle School and Blair Academy. He attended the University of the Americas, Mexico City.

He was a brakeman for PBNE for 23 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Megan Branscom-Hall of

Zionsville; and Kelyn of Massachusetts; a son, Andrew Timothy of Bethlehem; two brothers, Russell Jr. and his wife Virginia Branscom of Newbury, Mass. and Ben Branscom of Auburn, Maine; two sisters, Susan Branscom of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Sally and her husband Steve Donches of Bethlehem; a grandson, Matthew; and eight nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to: St. Luke's Hospice, Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Viola M. Hyduke

St. Matthew's Church member

Viola M. Hyduke, 92, of Bethlehem, died May 4, 2013, at Blough Health Care Center, Bethlehem. She was the wife of the late Andrew J. Hyduke. Born in Stockton, near Hazleton, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Olga (Miller) Peterson.

She worked for Western Electric for many years and retired in 1978.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She was a member of the Sanborn Family Association of New Hampshire.

She is survived by three children, Darlene and her husband John Bailey of Davidson, N.C., Virginia Evans and her husband Ron Moss of Statesville, N.C. and Andrew R. and his wife Susan of Bethlehem; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Lester and Charles Peterson.

Contributions may be made to the church, 521 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, PA 18018, for the World Hunger Appeal.

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

Theresa "Tessie" Sobota

Sokols member

Theresa "Tessie" Sobota, 82, of Bethlehem, died May 7, 2013, at Gracedale Nursing Home, Nazareth. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late John and Eva (Bednarik) Sobota.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS.

She worked briefly at the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. She had a calling to join a religious community but became ill prior to professing her vows.

She was a former parishioner of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. She was a member

of the Catholic Sokols.

She is survived by a sister, Veronica of New Hampshire; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by four sisters, Margaret, Mary, Agnes and Elizabeth; and a brother, John.

Contributions may be made to Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, 617 Pierce St., Bethlehem, PA 18015, or Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064.

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grievous loss.

DeRienzo recalled his frustration on getting "scooped" on five different stories - all as events were unfolding - and all proved inaccurate because of the need for those other organizations to be "first" to get the news out.

Responsible journalists, such as DeRienzo and Ganim, depend on reliable sources for information. Those sources often require anonymity without fear of retribution. Taking

that guarantee of safety away restricts a journalist's ability to gather information and tell the public what it needs to know.

The public deserves to know the truth and journalists rely on sources to uncover the many layers leading to the facts.

When a government impedes journalists' ability to gather news, it definitely impacts our constitutional right to a free press and creates a situation where rumor is more likely to be reported as fact.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Race winners from left are Rouba Daher-Mansour (Third Place, Women's Division with a time of 25:59); John Spirk (Second Place, Men's Division with a time of 21:31); Dr. Lynsey Biondi (Second Place, Women's Division with a time of

23:14); Stephanie Jones (First Place, Women's Division with a time of 22:34 minutes); Edmund Ogutu (Second Place, Men's Division with a time of 21.30); David Mariner (First Place, Men's Division with a time of 21.29).

YWCA'S RACE AGAINST RACISM HELPS BY Raising awareness

By DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The first three medal-winning men crossed the finish line within three seconds of each other in the annual "Race Against Racism" five kilometer race in Bethlehem April 27. They ran in perfect temperate weather under blue skies.

The race, sponsored by the YWCA, is to raise money for the Young Women's Christian Association's Racial Justice Program, according to Corrina Passaro, the association's director of development.

Dr. David Mariner, 58, of Shavertown, came in first by leading the field and earning the Men's Division first place medal. Mariner is a vascular surgeon and works at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Right on Mariner's heels was Edmund Ogutu from Palmerton, winning the second place medal in the Men's Division. Ogutu, 57, originally from Kenya, said he had just recovered from abdominal surgery.

Sixteen-year old Bethlehem Catholic HS student John Spirk was the third man across the finish line. He said he runs the 800-meter and hurdles in school. Spirk is the son of Bethlehem City Solicitor Jack Spirk.

Stephanie Jones of Catsauqua crossed the finish line only a minute behind the men to take the Women's Division First Place medal.

Lehigh Valley Health Network Health Systems' Dr. Lynsey Biondi followed Jones across the line at Adler Place and Highland Avenue. Biondi's family was there supporting her. Her husband, Craig, and daughter Lula seemed thrilled with Mom's success. Her son Jubal slept through the whole thing.

DeSales University student and William Allen HS graduate Rouba Daher-Mansour medaled at third place in the Women's Division.

Maria Spirk, 18, John's sister and fellow Bethlehem Catholic student, also ran the race.

People were at the race for many reasons, but many had definite ideas about racism and supported the YWCA's program to reduce racism in America.

"It's definitely irritating that racism still exists," said Jack Spirk. "It needs to be put to an end but it has a long way to go."

Ogutu said he supports the YWCA and shares the organization's values.

Taylor Lutz, a volunteer at the race, said she is involved in the Coalition Against Racism which she said is a program of the YWCA.

"There absolutely is racism everywhere," Lutz said. "This gets people to actually think about racism. We have events, and dialogs with people from different walks of life and discuss how they have experi-

RESULTS

Top 3 Men's Division

Dr. David Mariner 21:29
Edmund Ogutu 21:30
John Spirk 21:31

Top 3 Women's Division

Stephanie Jones 22:34
Lynsey Biandi 23:14
Rouba Daher-Mansour 25:59

Overall Group Winners
(Medal winners above are exempt from this classification).

Men

Ages 11 - 19 Alexander Ardl 24:10
Ages 20 - 29 David Vargas 24:43
Ages 30 - 39 Daniel Jones No time given
Ages 40 - 49 Christopher Orem 22:41
Ages 50 - 59 Basil Glares 22:22
Ages 60 + Gary Dobias 25:12

Women

Ages 11 - 19 Sarah Romeiser 27:26
Ages 20 - 29 Kayla Sherry 28.31
Ages 30 - 39 Jill Penglage 27:09
Ages 40 - 49 Alison Cesare 28:54
Ages 50 - 59 Wendy Walker, No time given
Ages 60 + None



Volunteers Taylor Lutz of Bethlehem and Shelly Speirs of Bethlehem Township helped administer the Race Against Racism.

Abby Gassler, a student at Nitschmann MS, said she was there, "because I wanted to know if I could run three miles." She was accompanied by her father, Thomas Gassler Jr., who ran with his daughter. "The Race Against Racism appealed to me," said Biondi, whose adopted children are African-Americans from Alabama, "because we are a mixed race family."

Kayla Sherry from Lehigh-ton said she ran, "to support the charity."

Alexander Ardl, a student at Northampton HS, said he ran, "to get in shape for football."

"I don't like racism," Ardl added. "There's a lot of it still around here."



Maria Spirk and John Spirk from Bethlehem Catholic HS, stretch before starting the 5-K race.



Third Place (John Spirk), Second Place (Edmund Ogutu) and First Place (David Mariner), sprint to the finish line in the Men's Division.

enced racism and how to make it better.

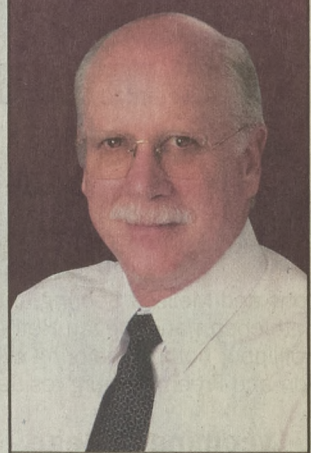
Bethlehem Township's Shelley Speirs said, "Racism is an issue we still deal with today in many ways." Speirs

said she is an avid runner and is a new board member of the YWCA's board of directors.

Daher-Mansour said, "I love the cause - it's a good cause."



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Alvernia University

Three Bethlehem residents graduated May 11 from Alvernia University. They are Coleen E. Cumello, master's degree in education with a focus in urban education; Hilary A. Emrock, bachelor of arts in criminal justice with a minor in psychology; and Kenneth Robert Reiter, bachelor of arts in behavioral health and the main campus Behavioral Health Director's Award.

Carolina Coastal University

Mary Lawrence, of Bethlehem, graduated May 11 with a bachelor of arts in communication degree from Carolina Coastal University

Lycoming College

Three Bethlehem residents are May graduates of Lycoming College, Williamsport. Earning bachelor's degrees were Randi Bosch, business management; Lindsey Hunsicker, psychology; and Adriana Rivera, history.

Champlain College

Adrianna Alpaugh of Bethlehem recently graduated from Champlain College with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

Moravian College

Moravian College held commencement exercises May 11 in the outdoor quadrangle behind the Hauptert Union Building, Main Street Campus. Local students who earned bachelor of arts degrees are: Alexandra N. Bolcar; Kevin R. Brennan; Anita Christine Brown, George Tyler Award (shared); Sarah C. Burcaw; Stacy V. Candelario; Luke J. Cimera, magna cum laude; Steven N. Delturk, honors in English, summa cum laude, Charles A. Albrecht memorial award (shared), alumni prize for outstanding achievement in Humanities, Zinzendorf prize; Dayna C. Gross; Gloria Jean Jedinak; Kaitlin A. Kenyon, Joel M. Labriola Jr.; Kyle J. Longenecker; Sarah Catherine Maloney, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners outstanding senior award; Noah B. Mayer; Ausjoli C. Nieves; Molly W. Rambo, cum laude; Eldar Sejdic; Aaron O. Thieme; Julio F. Vélez; Stevan Lawrence Villar; Kirby Lynn White; Sara Teresa Worley; Megan Danielle Zoch, cum laude; and Marissa Elisabeth Zondag, all of Bethlehem; Catherine A. Benner; Jessica L. Davies, honors in psychology, magna cum laude; Carlie L. Lambert, magna cum laude, Irving S. Amrhein prize in French; and Elizabeth J. Leidich, all of Hellertown.

Bachelor of music: Michael P. Finelli and Zachary T. Martin, both of Bethlehem.

Bachelor of science: Diane M. Ankrom; Limarie Bernhard; Heather Buczui-Zwolak; David Michael Burgermeister; Frank N. Capobianco; honors in computer science, cum laude; Jacob Donchez, honors in biochemistry, summa cum laude, Biochemistry prize; Kelly L. Holder, magna cum laude; Hau V. Lai, cum laude; Sarah E. Marsh, summa cum laude; Caitlin Rose McGeehan; Jacqueline Noel Miller; Trishna A. Patel, magna cum laude, George Tyler Award (shared); Linda Ann Potillo; Satbir Singh; and Alexandria Nicole Vesely; all of Bethlehem; Morgan Siegfried, Freemansburg; Kristine Marie Heverly; Carol A. Kachmarsky; and Michelle A. Resetar-Sayenga, R.N. to B.S. Program Graduation Award (shared); all of Hellertown.

Master of business administration: Christopher Caflin; Jeffrey D. Craig, M.B.A. Prize (shared); William N. Donbar, class speaker (master's degrees) at Commencement, M.B.A. Prize (shared); Adelinex Espinosa; and Emily Elizabeth Zieger, all of Bethlehem.

Master of education: Sandra J. Chabot, M.Ed. Humanitas Award; Lauren Beth Ezzell; Sarah G. Farrell; Mario M. Marcozzi; Dierdre Kathleen Sumpter; and Michelle Wallach, all of Bethlehem.

Master of science: Janice Eileen Broniec, graduate student award in Nursing (Clinical Nurse Leader); Karen Collins Dietz; Tracy Lynn Groller, graduate student award in Nursing (Nurse Educator, shared); Shelley D. Penchick; Cynthia A. Reade; and Barbara Wescoe; all of Bethlehem; and Marlee Wilson, Hellertown.

Northampton County CCC

Three local students are among the graduates of Northampton Community College's registered nursing program. Michelle Homlish, Victoria MacRae and Gregory Palmatier, all of Bethlehem, received nursing pins at a Jan. 26 ceremony.

State University of New York

Kyle Wodzicki of Bethlehem Township graduated magna cum laude on May 18 from State University of New York at Oswego. He won the outstanding senior meteorology award, Department of Meteorology, at an April 19 ceremony. He earned a bachelor of science degree in meteorology, and minors in mathematics and audio design and production.

University of Pittsburgh-Bradford

Stephani Peterson of Bethlehem graduated with a bachelor's degree in social sciences on April 28 from University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

Walsh College

Dickran Guerguerian of Bethlehem, a master of science in accountancy major, graduated from Walsh College, Michigan, this past summer.

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DEAN'S LISTS

Central Penn College

Three Bethlehem and two Freemansburg students have been named to the Central Penn College dean's list for the winter 2013 term. They are Darlene Gombosi, accounting; Jasmine Robinson, corporate communications and Melissa Sebring, business administration, all of Bethlehem; and Megan Hetherington and Benjamin Mastrolillo, both of majoring in criminal justice administration and Freemansburg residents.

Lycoming College

Two local students were named to the Lycoming College dean's list for the spring 2013 semester. They are Randi Bosch, business major, and Lindsey Hunsicker, a psychology major, both of Bethlehem. To earn dean's list status, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50 for the semester.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Moravian Village of Bethlehem honored its 100-member volunteer auxiliary at an April 25 appreciation luncheon. Sue Lorenzetti, director of life enrichment at Moravian Village, said that the volunteers include Moravian Village residents, college students, local high school students, area corporate employees and residents from the community at large. After a light lunch, Lorenzetti

presented a special "Star Award" to auxiliary founding members William Aubrey and Elizabeth Hittinger. Students from the Arts Academy Charter School's choral ensemble, under the direction of vocal music instructor Deborah Martin, performed a selection of songs to entertain the group of volunteers. **ABOVE:** Volunteers and guests are treated to a private luncheon.

Village values volunteers



Elizabeth "Betty" Hittinger and William "Bill" Aubrey are recognized with a Star Award for their roles in founding the Moravian Village Healthcare Volunteer Auxiliary nine years ago.



The Arts Academy Charter School's fifth and sixth grade choral ensemble provide entertainment after lunch.

Council takes legal action

Court will rule on sealed bid contract dispute with Stoffa

By CAROL SMITH
Special to the Bethlehem Press

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Claiming disregard of council members and a violation of the county's Home Rule Charter, Northampton County Council moved to stop the county executive from hiring LifeStar Response to be Gracedale Nursing Home's non-emergency medical transport service provider.

By a 7-1 vote at its May 16 meeting, council empowered its solicitor to seek an injunction to prevent the county from entering into a three-year contract with LifeStar. Councilman Bob Werner, who supports the county's choice of LifeStar,

was the single opposing vote to council's action. Councilman Bruce Gilbert was absent.

Feeling its legal authority challenged and the Home Rule Charter violated, council will take the administration to court to determine if County Executive John Stoffa illegally put the medical transport contract out to a sealed bid after council had rejected two earlier Requests for Proposals identifying LifeStar both times as the low bid over current contract holder Nazareth Ambulance Corps (NAC).

Comparing the total price of the sealed bids from LifeStar and NAC shows a difference of \$174,000 over three years. NAC would receive \$818,820 over three years, or \$273,000 a year. Life Star's total bid was \$644,520, or \$210,600 for the first year, \$214,800 for the second and \$219,120 for the third.

In Stoffa's view, going to sealed bids for Gracedale's routine medical transport needs, such as doctor's appointments and X-Rays, is the fiscally responsible action to take. With capital improve-

ments needed at Gracedale, it is important to save money wherever and however possible without jeopardizing the quality of residents' care.

But awarding the contract to LifeStar now through the sealed bid process circumvents council, which has shown unwavering support for the local ambulance company. Last month, by a 3-6 vote, council members refused to award a contract to LifeStar Response. This was the second time council threw out the low bid on the RFPs in favor of NAC. NAC is currently working on an extended contract which is set to

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Drug possession

Police arrested a man and woman on a litany of charges following a domestic dispute May 11. Officers responding to a call in the 400 block of Third Avenue around 4:45 a.m. observed alleged drug paraphernalia in the home and requested a warrant to search the premises.

They discovered a "large amount" of marijuana, heroin, unspecified paraphernalia, a motorcycle and \$9,000 cash.

Alexander Bernardini, 42, is charged with possession of paraphernalia and simple assault.

Mildred Martinez, 32, of Livingston Street, is charged with possession of paraphernalia, possession with intent to deliver and criminal conspiracy.

BRIEFLY

RIDE SAFE

Ytsma bike tour set for June 2

The Pat Ytsma Ride Safe bike tour will be held June 2 at Earl Adams Memorial Park, Breinigsville. The event will benefit the Ytsma children's college fund. Check-in begins at 7 a.m.; the ride starts at 8 a.m.

Ytsma, an advocate for bicycle safety, died Dec. 8, 2012, from injuries sustained in an accident while riding his bicycle. Call 610-865-2621 to sponsor or to join the ride.



John R. Mehler, administrator of Northampton County Area Agency on Aging, presents awards to Bethlehem residents Elayne Dellatore, left, and Wilma Reinhold. Dellatore has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Northampton County for 41 years. Not only does she deliver meals, she is also a member of the "Knit Wits," a group of Meals on Wheels volunteers who produce lap robes for distribution at the holidays. Dellatore is also a member of the Women's Guild at her church, and has volunteered at Musikfest and Christkindmarkt. Reinhold has also been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Northampton County for the past 41 years. She likewise participates in the work of the Knit Wits, a group which crafts lap robes for distribution to clients during the holidays. Ms. Reinhold serves as financial secretary for her church and is a member of the Women's Guild. A member of the Church Council, Reinhold has spearheaded fundraising dinners to address debt reduction and building needs.

Bethlehem residents honored

The Advisory Council of Northampton County Area Agency on Aging honored 11 older adult residents, one older adult who received the Intergenerational award, one couple and one group - all of whom have contributed their time and talents for the benefit of others

in the community. May has been nationally designated as Older Americans Month since 1963 and on May 2 the Advisory Council recognized the older adults in Northampton County at Wesley United Methodist Church. Honorees included Airwine Hall, Pat Rondinelli, Anita Ackerman-Brody, Jane Schaeffer, Evelyn Gulick, Wilma Reinhold, Ismael Rodriguez, Larry Rondinelli, Lachlan Peeke, David Valley, Harold Thomas, Gary Birks and Elayne Dellatore. DelMargaret (Peggy) Fluck was honored posthumously.



Ismael Rodriguez of Bethlehem is very well known to Holy Infancy Church as the chef for special events. He is heavily involved in providing transportation to other older adults and needy families to medical appointments. He shovels snow for those who need help and many other special deeds of good will.



Harold Thomas of Bethlehem makes beautiful and intricate Moravian Stars, which he distributes to everyone he meets. He also makes small Christmas Moravian candles. An active member of the Kiwanis Club, Thomas has also worked with the Bethlehem Cops 'n' Kids Program.

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LEHIGH COUNTY

Proposed shopping center needs TIF

By ANDREW CASS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Lehigh County Commissioners had the first reading and discussion of a tax increment financing (TIF) plan for the proposed Hamilton Crossings shopping center at its May 8 meeting.

The proposed Hamilton Crossings shopping center is located along Krocks Road between Route 222 and Hamilton Boulevard in Lower Macungie. The shopping center would include a Target and a Costco.

The currently vacant land brings in about \$57,000

in property taxes for the East Penn School District and Lehigh County. The proposed \$140 million shopping center would significantly raise the real estate taxes on the land. Under the TIF, 50 percent of the tax revenue from Hamilton Crossings over the next 20 years will be used to help pay for the project. During that time, the East Penn School District would receive about \$570,872 in tax revenue annually. Lehigh County would receive about \$135,000 annually. After the 20 year TIF ends, the school district would receive \$1,289,084 annually and the county would receive \$294,120 annually.

Developers said the project would not happen without the TIF, which will be used to help pay for infrastructure upgrades such as road improvements, storm water improvements and utility upgrades.

In order for the TIF to go into effect, the developers

need approval from the East Penn School District and Lower Macungie Township as well as the commissioners. East Penn was expected to vote on the plan at its May 13 meeting. If approved by the school district, the county commissioners would then vote May 22. Lower Macungie commissioners are the last to vote on the plan.

Commissioner Michael Schware said the project was a good idea.

"My wife likes it more than I do," Schware said. "She can't wait to go to Costco."

Schware, however, said he had a problem with the TIF.

"I understand there are infrastructure issues with the property, but I don't necessarily think that should fall back on the county to give up a portion of the tax revenue to help fund it," Schware said.

Schware added that he doesn't think the county should be at the same per-

centage as the school district or township.

"We don't share some of the other revenues they get," Schware said. "Personally I think out percentage should be zero. If the school district and township wanted to try and go along with it that's fine, I wouldn't try to block it, but I don't think we should be giving up one dollar of tax revenue for this project."

East Penn School Board Member Ken Bacher, who was part of the TIF advisory committee, said the project is a significant tax savings and will help keep the tax rate down for East Penn's constituents.

"I strove very hard to make protections for the tax payers and I think that's reflected in the product," Bacher said.

The next commissioner meeting will be held May 22 in the public hearing room of the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown.

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expire in June.

The county's Home Rule Charter states that a sealed bid contract requires that the lowest bidder gets the contract and does not require council's vote of approval. It

also ignores council's two previous refusals to accept LifeStar.

Councilman Lamont McClure's resolution asks council's solicitor to find out by a court order whether the county exec-

utive's action was legal. McClure said his understanding of the HRC permits sealed bids when the price of the service is the only determining factor.

So now the court will decide if council's authority overrules the county executive's authority.

"It's about branches of government and how we do business," said Council President John Cusick in support of the legal action.

Also supporting the legal action, Council Vice President Peg Ferraro said, "It's a blatant disregard to the people who sit on council. We're the checks and balances." County council is the governing body of the county.

Council's next regular meeting is at 6:30 p.m., June 6 at Northampton County Courthouse's third floor, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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Dr. Klinger is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Lehigh Valley Optometric Society.

Dr. Klinger is now accepting patients

Northampton CC

Local student Awarded Hites Scholarship

A Bethlehem resident at Northampton Community College (NCC) has been awarded a Hites Foundation Scholarship. Brian Fry, a business administration major, will attend DeSales University where he will study finance. The Hites Transfer Scholarship Program, the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation support the academic achievement of Phi Theta Kappa international honor society for students at two-year colleges.

NCC Commencement

Carmen Twillie Ambar, J.D., president of Cedar Crest College, will be NCC's spring commencement speaker May 23 at the Spartan Center, Main Campus. Approximately 900 students received associate degrees, diplomas and certificates.

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

Research conference June 1

Moravian's seventh annual Action in Research Conference will be held June 1 at the college. Registration deadline is May 26. Social justice educator and advocate Linda Christensen will deliver the keynote address. Local college and university students and faculty will share their teacher action research. Act 48 CEU provided pending final approval.

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

PEOPLE

University of Scranton

Alyssa Thorley of Bethlehem was recently inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the national honor society for students in Jesuit colleges and universities, at University of Scranton. Juniors, seniors and graduate students who have distinguished themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service are eligible for membership.

Elizabethtown College

Monique D'Almeida of Freemansburg was featured in Elizabethtown College's senior art show. The show, which ran from May 5 through 18, featured ceramics, computer based art, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media.

Alvernia University

Hillary Emrock, of Bethlehem, was named a member of Alvernia University's chapter of National Residence Hall Honorary in spring 2013. The Bethlehem Catholic HS graduate is a criminal justice major.

Misericordia University

Misericordia University recently presented the Misericordia Logo Service Award to Alyssa Leonard of Bethlehem at the 30th annual Student Affairs Leadership Awards Dinner in Insalaco Hall on campus. The award recognizes students who exhibit qualities of service to the campus and regional community.

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Sgt. John Karb accepts the donation of CPR training materials from Carol Kuplen, chief operating officer of St. Luke's University Hospital-Bethlehem and chief nursing director for the St. Luke's University Health Network, and Donald Seiple,

vice president of operations for St. Luke's University Health Network. Officer Tim Cooper, Sgt. Bob Urban and Bethlehem Explorer Post 301 cadets Jeremy Chessen, Samantha Becker and Mateo Oswald join Karb to accept the donation.

PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

'Life saving' donation

St. Luke's University Health Network officials recently donated CPR training materials to the Bethlehem Police Department, including eight adult and eight infant training mannequins, along with CPR training workbooks and educational materials. At a presentation

ceremony April 16, St. Luke's University Health Network-Bethlehem COO Carol Kuplen explained the hospital's belief "in community education on life saving strategies." St. Luke's Vice President of Operations Donald Seiple said the hospital's ongoing relationship

with city law enforcement made it an easy decision to support this kind of program. Bethlehem Police Sgt. John Karb accepted the donation, which he said allowed the department to update and replace training mannequins and materials that were

more than 10 to 15 years old. The donations will be used to train police officers in CPR and certify more CPR training instructors in the department. Karb also pointed out that they would be used to train and certify cadets in the department-sponsored Explorer Post 301.

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Thanks, but no thanks to deal

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

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

At their May 6 meeting, Bethlehem Township Commissioners passed on an opportunity to purchase 60 acres of state-owned land on Church Road. This land is located on the north side of Penn DOT's Park and Ride, located at William Penn Highway. Under state law, the township had a right of first refusal.

Commissioner Michael Hudak asked that Manager Howard Kutler send a letter to PennDOT advising that the township is "not interested, but thank you." With no discussion, Hudak's motion passed unanimously. It had been the subject of an executive session earlier that night.

This decision ends the possibility of a land swap with developer Lou Pektor. He has a contract to purchase about 25 acres from Central Moravian Church, located next to Housenick



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE
A concrete liner for stormwater drainage to Monocacy Creek needs a little work.

Park. He had proposed a land swap for the larger PennDOT tract.

"I don't think the township or any municipality wants to be in the real estate business," President Paul Weiss had previously said. He also had concerns about the legality of any land swap.

In other business, commissioners unanimously authorized Gregory Duncan, of T and M Engineering Associates, to prepare a grant application and engineering estimates for a more comprehensive and green holistic approach to addressing their issue with an eroded

concrete channel. The channel is a manmade conveyance to the Monocacy Creek between Gloucester Street and Route 191.

The intent would be to reline the existing concrete drainage channel with another alternative material; as an additional measure, the engineer will look at developing a flow rate control facility (or detention basin) upstream near the terminus of Gloucester Street to help reduce flows going to a newly relined channel.

Conceptual planning, estimation and preparation of grant applications will cost the township \$13,850. Commissioner Tom Nolan worried that the whole area next to the car wash is going to be in the Monocacy Creek. But Manager Howard Kutler assured commissioners, "This isn't something we're under water to fix at this minute."

Parks receive open space funding

NORTHAMPTON CO.

By **CAROL SMITH**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

South Bethlehem's Greenway and four other municipal parks will receive grant money for park projects.

As part of Northampton County's Open Space Advisory Board recommendations, Northampton County Council at its May 16 meeting approved funding for South Bethlehem's Greenway, Forks

Township Community Park and Bangor's Memorial and Pennico parks projects.

Funding is approved as a 50-50 match between the county and other funding sources. A county grant of \$172,000 with matching grants of \$130,000 from the City of Bethlehem and \$42,000 from other sources will allow for development of the South Bethlehem

Greenway and Skateplaza as consistent with the city's parks plan. Grant money will provide restrooms, a shade pavilion, picnic tables, seating and greenscape/landscaping.

Forks Township Community Park will receive \$50,000 for a community skate park project and \$21,000 to upgrade security cameras at the park.

In Bangor, three basketball courts and one vol-

leyball court at Memorial Park will be rehabilitated and at Pennico Park improvements to the ballfield and volleyball equipment will be made. Bangor will provide \$89,740 and Northampton County will match with \$88,551.

Council's next regular meeting is at 6:30 p.m., June 6 at Northampton County Courthouse's third floor, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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The Becahi softball team poses after winning their third-straight LVC title last week.

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Hawks win LVC title

It's their third-straight crown

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls softball team won its third consecutive Lehigh Valley Conference championship by defeating Emmaus, 4-0, last Thursday at Pates Park in Allentown.

Winning pitcher, Joelle Morey, said, "It's amazing because no one's ever done it before."

Becahi leftfielder, Lauren Visconti, was the first to score for the Hawks on an RBI by Morey in the first inning.

Visconti also had a diving catch in the third inning, the same inning when Emmaus had the

bases loaded but were unable to capitalize.

Morey said, "I work on pressure at practice all the time. I felt composed pretty well, and I always got the infield to be there for me."

The Hawks also had bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth inning, setting the stage for Marisa Merriman, who was hit by a pitch. Minutes later, the call was overturned, and Merriman ended up making the last out of the inning.

"I have to admit, I was really upset when they did that," said Merriman.

Morey found herself in another tight spot in the top of the sixth inning

when Emmaus had runners on first and second base with one out, but Morey proceeded to strike out the next batter, and Becahi centerfielder Julia Madison made an exceptional catch to end the inning.

Madison then singled in the bottom of the sixth, and catcher, Jean Markovic, reached first base on an error. Still thinking about the overturned hit-by-a-pitch call, Merriman had her say with a 2 RBI double, scoring herself on an RBI by Emily Brandstetter.

"When I go to the plate, I'm neutral, but that last at bat, I wasn't," Merriman said. See **Hawks** on Page A11.



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

The Becahi girls raise their trophy following a 4-0 win over Emmaus in the finals.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

Gracie Hargrove of Liberty took gold in the shot put last week at Blue Mountain during the district track and field meet.

Blanchard, Harewood and Hargrove win gold

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic senior, Mara Blanchard, and Liberty senior, Casey Harewood, won gold medals in jumping events, and Liberty senior, Gracie Hargrove, won gold and silver in throwing events at the District XI Track and Field Championships last week at Blue Mountain High School.

Blanchard took first place in the pole vault with a height of 11-0.

"I was really nervous. There was stiff competition and pressure, but I got all my attempts on the first try. Once I got 11 on

See **Gold** on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

Mara Blanchard of Becahi took gold in the pole vault at last week's district meet.

Relay teams off to states

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Between Bethlehem Catholic and Liberty, one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal were clinched at the District XI Class AAA Track and Field Championships last week at Blue Mountain High School.

Becahi's Jade Kubitsky, Lexi Reightler, Katie Altpeter, and Mara Blanchard not only won the gold medal in the 4x4 relay, but also broke a school record with a time of 4:00.80.

"I knew right away because I was watching the time. I told Mara right away, and she was really surprised. We all ran together, and we were jumping up and down. We were counting on the 4x4 because our 4x1 got messed up," said Kubitsky.

Earlier in the day, the same team had a baton drop in the 4x1, which prevented them from placing.

Leading off the 4x4, Kubitsky said, "I actually felt like I had my best start at districts, one of the best starts I ever had. I wanted to go all out and sprint as hard as I could."

Reightler and Altpeter kept up the pace for Blanchard, who ran anchor.

"I couldn't hear [the runner behind me], but I could hear people cheering," said Blanchard. "We were able to hold our own and break the school record again."

A silver medal was won by Tyler Horton, Sean Moroney, Freddie Simmons, and Austin Biege, also from Becahi, in the 4x4 relay with a time of 3:26.93.

"It was amazing. What kept me going at the end was taking my team to states," Biege said.

The Hawks actually had the lead until the very end of the relay, when Nazareth's Tanner Lipsky caught Biege.

"It was neck-and-neck in the final 100. He just had a little more energy than I did at the end," said Biege.

The Hawks dropped their time in the 4x4 by six. See **Relay** on Page A10

More Track

• Horton and Reightler win gold in hurdles

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INSIDE SPORTS

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BASEBALL

Freedom needed an extra-inning, walk-off home run to get by Northampton on Monday.

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VOLLEYBALL

After a loss in the LVC finals, Becahi looks forward to



states, while Liberty was hoping for a trip to the district finals.

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THEY SAID IT

"I was just looking for a good pitch to hit and he hung a curve ball right over the plate. Everybody was telling me that he [Kunkel] was getting tired and that I should take some pitches. I obviously got the right one."

JARRETT CLYMER ON HIS GAME-WINNING HOME RUN AGAINST NORTHAMPTON

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Walking off!

Clymer's extra-inning HR sends Pates to quarters

By PETER CAR
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All it took was one swing of the bat to change the outcome of Freedom's season Monday afternoon in the opening round of the District 11 4A playoffs.

And based by the smiles coming from the Patriots dugout, things worked out in their favor.

Jarrett Clymer hit a walk-off home run in extra innings to give Freedom a 4-3 victory over Northamp-

ton to setup a showdown against top-seeded Whitehall this afternoon.

Clymer was the lead-off batter in the bottom of the eighth when he found the right pitch from Kids' starter Garrett Kunkel to blast over the fence for the victory.

"I was just looking for a good pitch to hit and he hung a curve ball right over the plate," said Clymer. "Everybody was telling me that he [Kunkel] was getting tired and that

I should take some pitches. I obviously got the right one."

The solo blast helped Freedom (13-8) overcome an afternoon that saw them commit four errors to hang on for a rematch with LVC champion Whitehall (19-2), who whipped the Pates 10-0 earlier this season.

Freedom head coach Nick D'Amico felt some relief walking away from Monday with a win, knowing that his team got a lit-

tle bit of good fortune on their side in the seventh inning, as Northampton had runners on second and third.

The Kids had a chance to roll the dice by sending a runner home on a pitch that ricocheted off the catcher's leg, down the third base line, but the Northampton runners stayed in place and left them stranded to end the inning.

The Pates then got a See **Pates** on Page A11



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE LUBERTI JR.

Freedom's Jarrett Clymer rounds the bases after hitting an extra-inning, walk-off home run Monday afternoon against the Kids. The win advances the Pates to a meeting with top-seeded Whitehall.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Becahi's Evan Blair reacts after he and the Hawks fell in the LVC finals last week

VOLLEYBALL

Becahi eyeing states; LHS hopes for D11 finals

By PETER CAR
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A loss in the Lehigh Valley Conference championship hasn't derailed Bethlehem Catholic's hopes for repeating as the 2A state champions again.

The Hawks fell to Parkland in four games last week to relinquish their hopes of claiming an LVC championship, but that's all water under the bridge at this point for head coach Jeff Koch.

As Becahi doesn't have any competition this week in district play, due to no other qualifiers, the Hawks are getting ready for a state run, just like they did a year ago.

"We are already refocused and ready to make a push to compete for a state title," said Koch. "As a team we're doing a lot of things well on the volleyball court, but certain areas offensively, like having quicker tempo and more efficiency are being addressed."

"Blocking at the net and having better timing with one another is also big so we can become more effective defensively, and compete in all areas of the game."

The Hawks will play Saturday morning at 11 a.m. against the District II champion at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

Koch hopes it'll be a good Memorial Day week-

end for his team, as the loss to Parkland left them without one of the pieces of hardware they've coveted as a program.

"Losing to Parkland was no doubt disappointing, but our season is not over yet, and we need to keep in mind that our last goal of the season is to compete for a state title," he said. "After losing to them, we learned that we need to become a more efficient team like Parkland without compromising who we are. We are an explosive, powerful team, but we just need to learn when it's time to go for the home run, or just get on base."

Liberty stayed in the See **Vball** on Page A11

TRACK

Horton, Reightler golden

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic hurdlers, Tyler Horton and Lexi Reightler, may not have a track to practice this technique-driven event, but that did not stop them from clinching gold medals at the District XI Track and Field Championships last week at Blue Mountain High School.

Horton was a double gold medalist, winning the 300 intermediate hurdles in 38.46, and the 110 high hurdles in 14.5.

"The 300 was a pretty tight race. [Nazareth's] Carter [Taylor] was out on my right side, but I didn't hear him," Horton said.

Taylor won the silver in 38.48.

"I knew he would pull something out, but I didn't know he would do it at the last minute. I was definitely happy," said Horton.

Becahi sophomore, Freddie Simmons, won the bronze medal in the same event with a time of 38.88, and placed fourth in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.99.

The 110 high hurdles was also a tight race, as Horton won by five one-hundredths of a second.

"I felt like I could have done a couple things better. I was pleased with my time, but not with my speed between hurdles," Horton said.



PRESS PHOTO BY BOB FORD

Becahi's Tyler Horton took home gold in the 300 hurdles at last week's district track meet.

Horton was the district champ in both events last year; then, in Class AA.

"It feels great, and it's better as a 3A district champ. No one can use the excuse that I'm in 2A. I'm running the fastest times, and it feels great," he said.

Reightler had two goals in mind, before the girls' 300 intermediate hurdles.

"I wanted to beat her [Central Catholic's Emmy Geis], and I wanted to improve my time. It was a close race the entire time. The last few hurdles, I felt her right behind me," Reightler said.

At the last two hurdles, Reightler pulled away.

"I was so happy I like to end my high school career this way. It's a great feeling," she said.

Reightler's father, a coach for Catasauqua, was the first to congratulate his daughter.

"I didn't want to do [hurdles] at all last year," said Reightler. "I'm glad I stuck with it."

Reightler, Horton, and Simmons will compete at the PIAA State Track and Field Championships this weekend at Shippensburg University.

Gold

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relieved," Blanchard said. It was only the second time Blanchard reached 11-0 outdoors. The first was during Becahi's meet against Nazareth this season.

"I worked on getting further into the pit, being able to get on bigger poles, and holding up higher," she said.

Stroudsburg's Taylor Sullivan also reached 11-0, but had misses, and therefore, placed second.

Blanchard said, "It was nice. It was definitely cool because I won in double-A [last year], but I had to win in triple-A [this year]."

Harewood took first in the high jump at 5-4.

Hargrove placed first in the shot with a distance of 40-1/4, and was second in the discus with a distance of 112-10. Parkland's Oksana Wittbrodt was the discus gold medalist with a distance of 113-7.

Blanchard, Harewood, and Hargrove will compete at the PIAA State Track and Field Championships this weekend at Shippensburg University.



PRESS PHOTOS BY BOB FORD

Above, Freedom's Jason Lopez was fourth in the 1600 while Liberty's Rachel Finn, below, was fourth in the pole vault.



Relay

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seconds. "We all knew that if we wanted to make it, we needed to pull good times

for all of us. It's a great feeling. It's good to be going to states with this team," Biege said.

Liberty's 4x1 relay team of Ehymer Ortiz, Adam Uliana, Josiah Wright, and Gerald Vital won the

bronze medal with a time of 42.77.

All three relay teams will compete at the PIAA State Track and Field Championships this weekend at Shippensburg University.

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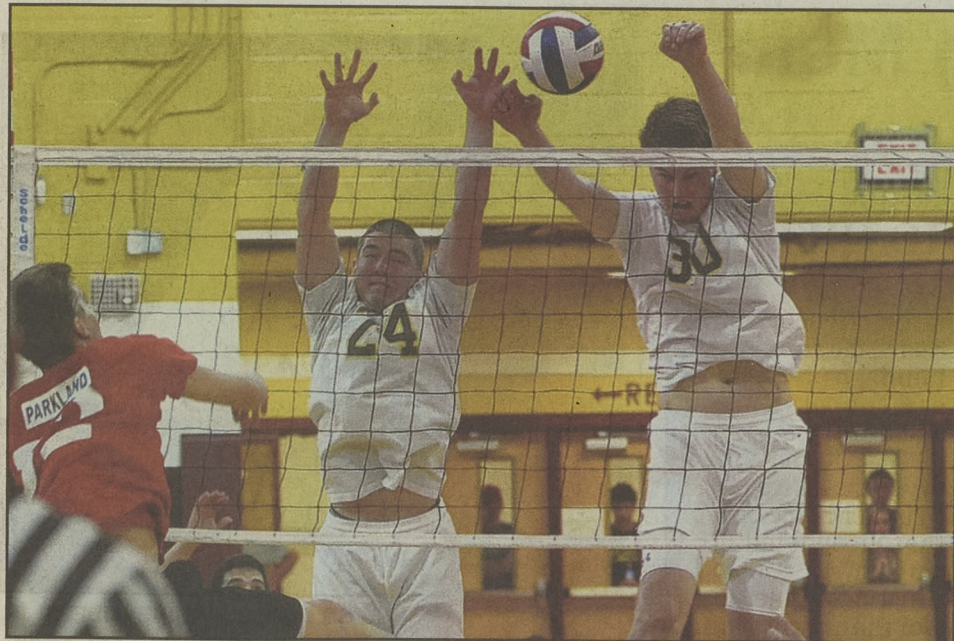
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The Hawks Preston Rusin, left, and Matt Husek go up to block a shot during the LVC volleyball finals last week. Becahi now looks forward to states.



Twenty Golden Hawks signed their letters of intent in a ceremony at the school last week.

Twenty Hawks sign their letters of intent

By PETER CAR
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It's been known for awhile that Darian Cruz would be heading to Lehigh to wrestle, but three other teammates of the Bethlehem Catholic wrestling team joined a festival of athletes last week to announce their college destinations.

An ensemble of 20 Golden Hawks signed the dotted line in a conglomeration of fall, winter and spring athletes making their college announcements.

Connor Hedash, was one of four wrestlers to move onto the next level, as he'll attend the Air Force Academy.

Hedash comes from a family that has military ties, as his oldest brother graduated from West Point and his other brother is a junior there as well.

"Just the opportunity it presents is great," said Hedash of picking Air Force. "It's a free education, you're guaranteed a job after graduation, you actually get paid when you go there, so it's a great deal. After talking with their coach, I just

felt that was the best opportunity."

Teammates Josh Alpha and Ryan Todora went different, but similar routes, as they'll both stay in Pennsylvania to wrestle in the PSAC, but for different schools.

Alpha is heading to Kutztown, while Todora chose Bloomsburg. As those two stay in state, Hedash is looking forward to living in Colorado Springs.

"It's beautiful," he said. "The academy is literally at the base of the Rockies. I'm an outdoorsy type of guy, so it's going to be a great fit."

Evan Blair never thought that volleyball would be his sport of choice when he came to Becahi as a freshman, but he signed on to continue his volleyball career at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina.

The Falcons compete in the Division-I level and Blair is happy to have found his niche.

"I always pictured myself playing college football or basketball," said Blair. "Through the years, I came to love volleyball and Pfeiffer was just a great fit."

Blair now hopes he can help lead Becahi to some end of season hardware, as the Hawks gear up for another state title run.

"We have our goals for this postseason," he said. "We'd like to replicate what we did a year ago, but we have to take one step at a time."

Other signees on Monday included: Julia Atiyeh (Moravian, tennis); Cecilia Perez (Albright College, basketball); Tyler Spanitz (Wentworth Institute of Technology, volleyball); Joelle Morey (St. Peter's University, softball); Matt Husek (Holy Cross, basketball); Lauren Visconti (Manhattan College, softball); Meaghan Roszyk (Fordham, XC/track); Lauren Hess (DeSales, volleyball); Brandon Porter (West Chester, basketball); Zac Sedler (NCC, basketball); Mark Kaweck (Elmira College, volleyball); Megan Strucko (College of New Jersey, XC/track); Mara Blanchard (Lafayette, track); Jackie DeSarro (Scranton, softball) and Marissa Merriam (Marietta College, softball).

Vball

Continued from page A10 playing field following last Friday's five-game victory over Freedom in the opening round of district play.

The Hurricanes are seeded second in the District 11 3A bracket and took on sixth-seeded Whitehall last night in the semifinals.

That result was past Press deadlines, but head coach Neiad Ammary

knows it won't be a problem getting his team ready for any opponent in districts.

"We are already playing every match as if it is the championship," he said. "Our guys understand that it's single elimination from here on out, so our focus is just on competing with integrity and intensity."

"Whitehall is a formidable team, for sure. They have a couple of really good players, and they likely have a chip on their

shoulder, since we ended their season in districts last year. We also know that, in the postseason, the team that manages its emotions more effectively often wins."

A Liberty victory on Tuesday would pin them in tomorrow's finals at Whitehall against either top-seeded Parkland or fourth-seeded Emmaus.

The district championship is slated for a 7 p.m. start.

Pates

Continued from page A10 major momentum swing in the top of the eighth with one out.

Freedom picked off Jaden Daubert at second base and then relief pitcher Jackson Zappas struck out Dane Hooven to end the inning and set up Clymer's heroics.

"It was a tough read on the pass ball in the seventh and I don't blame them for not sending the runner, but we got a little break there," said D'Amico. "The pickoff and strike out in the eighth was huge for us. We practice that a lot and that came up big for us."

Nick Johnson started and pitched 6 1/3 innings for Freedom on Monday, striking out four and walking four batters in the contest, that eventually led to Zappas earning the win.

Liberty (15-6) had Monday off, but travel to Parkland today in the three-six matchup, which is certainly the most difficult early matchup in the District 11 4A bracket.

Head coach Andy Pitsilos has seen his team lose two one-run battles to



PRESS PHOTO BY MIKE LUBERTI JR.

Freedom pitcher Jackson Zappas helped to close out a Patriot win over Northampton on Monday.

Parkland this year, once by a 1-0 affair, and then last week's 4-3 defeat in the LVC semifinals.

Tyler Duff got the win for Parkland (19-3) in both of their encounters this season and is expected to be the starter against Liberty today, while Pitsilos plans to go with pitcher Matt Leon.

"Leon didn't throw in either of the two games we played them, but he's our hottest pitcher at the moment," said Pitsilos. "We don't go into any game thinking we can't win, but we know we can't have three errors and walk the first batter of every inning like we did last week."

Hawks

Continued from page A9 said. "This feels unreal. It's great. It's a real credit to our team."

Morey pitched a 1-2-3 inning in the seventh for the league championship.

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DISTRICT 11 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

BASEBALL
4A
May 20
(9) Northampton at (8) Freedom, 4:30; (10) Bangor at (7) Pleasant Vy., 4:30.
May 22
Winner of NHS-FHS vs. (1) Whitehall, 4:30; (5) Emmaus at (4) Stroudsburg, 4:30; Winner of Bangor-PV at (2) Pocono East, 4:30; (4) Liberty at (3) Parkland, 4:30.
May 24
Semifinals at Hackett Park, 4:30 & 7
May 29
Finals at Coca-Cola Park, 7:30
May 22
(5) Northwestern at (4) Lehigh-ton, 4:30; (6) Blue Mt. at (3) So. Lehigh, 4:30.
May 24
Semis at Parkland
Winner of LHS-NW vs. (1) Tamaqua, 7; Winner of Blue Mt.-Solehi vs. (2) Pottsville, 4:30.
May 28
Finals at Coca-Cola Park, 7:20
May 22
(5) Pine Grove at (4) Catty, 4:30; (7) Minersville at (2) N. Schuylkill, 4:30; (6) Pen Argyl at (3) NDGP, 4:30.
May 24
Semis at Limeport
Winner of PG-Catty vs. (1) Salisbury, 7:15; Winner of PA-NDGP vs. Winner of NS-Minersville, 4:30
May 29
Finals at Coca-Cola Park, 4:30.
1A
May 22
(5) Schuylkill Haven at (4) Marian, 4:30; (6) LV Christian at (3) Moravian, 4:30.

May 24
Semis at Pine Grove
Winner of SH-Marian at (1) Williams Vy., 7; Winner of LVC-Moravian vs. (2) Tri Valley, 4:30
May 28
Finals at Coca-Cola Park, 4:30
SOFTBALL
4A
May 21
(9) Stroudsburg vs. (8) Whitehall, 4; (13) Eastburg S at (4) Freedom, 4; (12) Bangor at (5) Liberty, 4; (10) Pottsville at (7) Nazareth; (11) Pocono East at (6) Emmaus.
May 23
Winner of SHS-WHS at (1) Pleasant Vy.; Winners of Eastburg S-FHS and Bangor-LHS at TBD, 4; Winner of Pottsville-

Nazareth at (2) Northampton, 4; Winner of Poc East-EHS at (3) Parkland, 4.
May 28
Semis at Pates 5 & 7.
May 30
Finals at Pates, 7.
3A
May 23
(5) Wilson at (4) Saucon Vy., 4; (6) Blue Mt. at (3) So. Lehigh, 4.
May 28
Semis
Winner of Wilson-Saucon vs. (1) Becahi at Moravian, 5; Winner of Blue Mt.-Solehi vs. (2) Palmerton at Parkland, 5.
May 30
Finals, TBD
2A
May 23
(5) N. Schuylkill at (4) Notre

Dame GP, 4.
May 28
Semis
Winner of NS-NDGP vs. (1) Catty at Parkland, 7; (3) Pen Argyl vs. (2) Pine Grove at Northwestern, 4.
May 30
Finals, TBD
1A
May 21
(5) Nativity at (4) Mahanoy Area, 4; (7) Notre Dame ES at (2) Minersville, 4; (6) Marian at (3) Williams Vy., 4.
May 23
Semis at Blue Mt.
Winner of Nativity-Mahanoy vs. (1) Tri Valley, 7; Winners of Minersville-NDES and Marian-Williams Vy. 5.
May 28
Finals at Blue Mt, TBD

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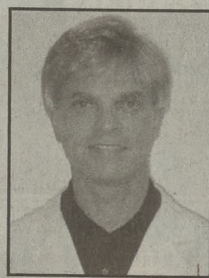
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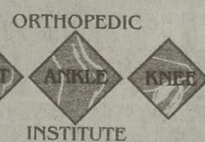
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Freddie Ramirez Jr., Northampton County Veteran's Affairs Director, will be at Rep. Steve Samuelson's office, 104 E. Broad St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 24. He will be available to answer questions about veterans' services and benefits that may be available to county residents. For information, call 610-867-3890.

POTHOLES
Hotline now
open for calls

The City of Bethlehem 2013 Pothole Hotline is now open. Potholes reported through the hotline will be repaired within 48 hours in nearly all cases by the city's Public Works Department. Call 610-865-7053 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A voice-mail system will answer calls in the evenings and on weekends.

Green thumbs on Main



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

The Northside Bethlehem City Cleanup in the downtown area of Main and Broad streets attracted volunteers of all ages April 27. Gardeners Carol Repsher and Mark DiPietro, both Bethlehem residents, dig holes for flower plants and ground cover on the Main Street sidewalk. The eighth annual spring cleanup was attended by some 75 workers who picked up litter, cleaned out planters and planted spring flowers, according to Loly Reynolds of the Downtown Bethlehem Association, which organized the Saturday morning activity.



Wearing Northside City Cleanup volunteer T-shirts, Miguel Mendoza and Matt Chajnacki of the Bethlehem Catholic HS History Club green up a planter along Main Street with flowering plants.

St. Luke's recognized for organ donor efforts

The Gift of Life Donor Program recently presented St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem Campus with a Medal of Honor from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS annually awards Medals of Honor to hospitals around the nation, recognizing those healthcare professionals who make a commitment to organ and tissue donation. In recognition of its outstanding organ donation rates, St.



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Luke's University Hospital-Bethlehem was named a 2012 recipient of this prestigious

award, which recognizes hospitals for achieving an organ donation rate of 75

percent or greater during a 12-month period. St. Luke's University Hospital-Bethlehem

has received this award every year since it was first offered in 2005. "Gift of Life works

closely with our hospital partners to help create the opportunity for meaningful donation, out of what is often a difficult, stressful situation for our donor families," says Gift of Life President and CEO, Howard M. Nathan. "Knowing the importance of these gifts helps our healthcare partners to be dual advocates for both our donor families and transplant recipients."

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ARTS ACADEMY
Annual gala to be held May 31

The Arts Academy Charter School will hold its second annual Celebration of the Arts from 6 to 9 p.m. May 31 at the DaVinci Center, 3145 Hamilton Blvd. bypass, Allentown. The middle school, with a focus on the arts, is located in Salisbury Township.

On display at the event will be artwork created by academy students, bidding on silent auction items and food prepared by Maison Blanc Catering. Staff and student musicians will provide the music. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For information, visit www.arts-cs.org or call 610-351-0234.

HOLY FAMILY
Father's Day breakfast June 16

Holy Family Manor Auxiliary is holding a Father's Day pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 16 in St. Mary's Hall, 1200 Spring St.

Platters, for eat-in or takeout, include pancakes, choice of meat (sausage, bacon or ham), fruit cup, home fries and a choice of one beverage (coffee, tea, juice or milk). Tickets are available at the Holy Family Manor reception desk, from auxiliary members, from the Office of Community Relations and Development or at the door.

Proceeds benefit programs and services for residents and help to support charitable care. For information, call 610-965-5595, ext. 522 or 610-997-9409 or email rlance@hfmanor.org or aruggiero@cshhcs.org.

LOCAL ARTISTS
Come together for children

Money from the Bethlehem Area School District budget to build playgrounds for area schools might be around the corner. But that will not stop teachers, students and parents from raising money on their own.

As part of The Ice House Tonight Series, several artists will come together to raise funds for a new playground for Fountain Hill ES. The art show presented by Fountain Hill students will feature several local performers including performers from the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts and the Hispanic American League of Artists.

The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 25 at the Charles Brown Ice House Stage, located on 56 River St. in Bethlehem's Sand Island. The event begins 8 p.m. There is an admission charge. The admission ticket includes a raffle ticket for a chance to win local art and goods from area businesses.

For information about this fundraiser, contact Em Finney at efinney@beth.k12.pa.us

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AT THE HOTEL BETHLEHEM

Churchill remembered

By CAROLE GORNEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was "carry on," "cheerio" and "old chap" at the Hotel Bethlehem's recent dinner in honor of World War II British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, one of the many world dignitaries and celebrities who have stayed at the 90-year-old historic hotel.

Churchill was invited to visit Bethlehem in 1929 by Charles M. Schwab, then president of Bethlehem Steel, which hosted all of its VIP guests at the Hotel B. That summer and early fall, Churchill had been on a tour of Canada and the United States. The son of American mining heiress Jenny Jerome, Churchill was in New York City on Oct. 30, the worst day of the stock market crash.

In commemoration of the great British statesman's visit in 1929, the hotel's Tap Room recently offered a special authentic food and drink menu, along with British-inspired entertainment. If you looked carefully, you could even spot Winston, himself, in the person of Dave Schaff, hanging out at the bar. He had popped by to hear the music and enjoy his favorite stogie and liquid libation.

Schaff admitted that he actually was an engineer at the hotel who had done such a good job playing Santa at Christmas, the management thought he could impersonate Churchill.

"I do have a little bulldog face," Schaff observed. Seeing "Churchill" at the bar was a reminder of one of the stories that were often told by or about the great man. Allegedly, a socialite once exclaimed in his presence, "Sir, you are drunk," to which Churchill replied, "Madam, you are ugly. In the morning, I shall be sober."

One of the alcoholic beverages Churchill might have enjoyed in his day, and the one that was on the Hotel Bethlehem's Churchill Dinner menu, is Strongbow's Hard Cider, a dry beverage made from a blend of bitter-sweet cider and culinary apples imported from Hereford, England. It was very popular in Great Britain, as well as in America before Prohibition. Today, it is one of the top 10 drinks sold in English and Welsh pubs.

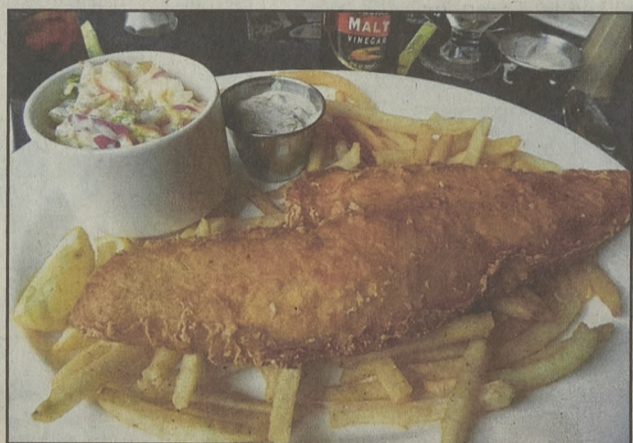
The night's nosh, of course, had to be traditional fish and chips - translation, batter-dipped haddock and French (freedom) fries. Served, of course, with salt and malt vinegar, and accompanied by cole slaw. Topping off the fare was rum raisin toffee bread pudding.

Helping set the proper English tone for the evening was singer Jennifer Beierle, a musical performance major at Moravian College. Her tribute to the music of Great Britain included selections from the Great American Songbook, which contains many contributions from British composers, such as London-born Sir George Shearing and Elvis Costello. Beierle was accompanied by Lou Lanza, who also happens to be her music teacher, and who belted out a few numbers of his own to the delight of listeners.

By way of a review, the Winston Churchill Dinner was a worthy tribute to the prime minister. The fried haddock portion was huge, came crispy, moist and piping hot. The bread pudding was a bit dry, but you could certainly taste the rum. Winston would have approved.



Dave Schaff poses as "Churchill" for a night under the photo of the great British prime minister whose stay at the Hotel Bethlehem in 1929 was commemorated at a recent theme dinner.



Authentic British fish and chips with malt vinegar was on the menu at the recent Churchill Dinner.



Moravian College music major Jennifer Beierle, accompanied by her teacher Lou Lanza, sang a variety of British songs at the Winston Churchill Dinner, including many from the 1940s.

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SDEP
Vocal scholarship competition June 6

Star of the Day Event Productions will hold the second annual high school vocal scholarship competition its June 6 at the Allentown Brew Works.

The contest is for junior and senior high school students.

For information, contact starofthedayprods@yahoo.com or visit staroftheday.org.

VYH
Jammin' for Youth set for June 8

A Jammin' for Youth benefit for area homeless and dependant care youth will be held at 7 p.m. June 8 at Steel Stacks.

Local musician Adam Web and DJs Jam-Rock, and Sol Controller will perform and Kasey Lynn's Catering will be the food provider. Tickets will be available at the door, online at www.valleyouthhouse.org or by calling 610-317-0721.

BETHLEHEM
Park movies begin June 8

Bethlehem Movies in the Park will open the 2013 free season June 8. The movies, which run through July 30, and their locations, are as follows: The Sandlot, June 8, Northdale Park, City Line Little League at Lansdale Ave.; Madagascar 3, June 25, Elmwood Park, Dellwood St.; Rise of the Guardians, July 9, Highbee Park, 530 Spring St.; Back to the Future, July 16, Clearview Park, Abington Road; Wreck-it Ralph, July 24, Bernie Fritz Park, Memorial Ave.; Jurassic Park, July 30, Friendship Park, E. North St. Shows begin at sundown.

STEELWORKERS
Walking tours to be held

The Steelworkers Archives will conduct tours of the former Bethlehem Plant from 4 to 8 p.m. June 7, July 5, August 2 and Sept. 6.

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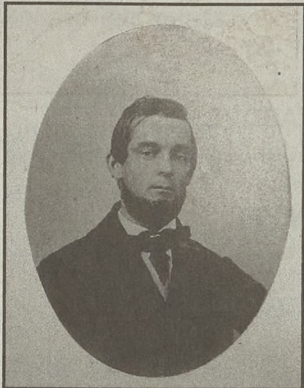
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THIS WEEK IN
BETHLEHEM HISTORY

**Bethlehem homes:
The builders**

Charles H. Groman



Charles H. Groman (Courtesy of the Moravian Archives, Bethlehem.)

Groman (1862-1940) was born in Allentown and moved with his parents to South Bethlehem. Groman joined the family contracting and bricklaying business, Groman Brothers, which was the largest brick manufacturer in Bethlehem. The company built the Anthracite Building, Central High School, Allentown State Hospital, the Ingersoll-Sargent Company building in Easton, and numerous private residences. Groman was a city councilman for nine years and served as treasurer of Northampton County (1899-1902). He was a founding member of the Lehigh Hook and Ladder Company (1884). Groman married Mary Louisa Bachman and they had a son.

Robert Pfeifle



Robert Pfeifle (Courtesy of the Moravian Archives, Bethlehem.)

By age 19, he found his true vocation, carpentry. He also learned to play the harmonica, tap dance and box. Looking for a new adventure, he packed up his things and took the train to Bethlehem in 1902. He found work as a carpenter and the love of his life, Gertrude E. Heller. They married in 1905 and had four children. Pfeifle established his own carpentry shop and from 1905 to 1929, he built more than 600 homes, churches, theaters and banks.

John F. Stefko



John F. Stefko (Courtesy of Samuels Collection.)

Stefko (1886-1961) arrived in America at age 16 from Slovakia in 1901. He worked in the mills of the Atlas Cement Company at Northampton. Stefko came to South Bethlehem to work for the Michael O'Reilly clothing company. He was a recruiter for Bethlehem Steel during World War I and spoke both Slovak and Hungarian. After attending the South Bethlehem Business College, he became a banker and wholesale liquor store distributor. He purchased the Minsi Trail Farm and constructed 1,600 homes.

He was appointed to the first board of the Bethlehem Housing Authority in 1938. In the late 1940s, Stefko offered to bulldoze a road between the Minsi Trail Bridge and Easton Avenue, if the city would black top it. The highway was finished in the mid 1950s, and was named Stefko Boulevard.

COMPILED BY KAREN M. SAMUELS

HEALTH NOTES

Trail Challenge scheduled

The Get Your Tail on the Trail challenge from Bethlehem to Freemansburg will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 25 beginning at Sand Island. Each participant receives a free backpack, water bottle and instructions about how to log miles. There will be prizes for milestone goals.

Hosts Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) and St. Luke's University Health Network's additional area events are at 9 a.m. June 1, Carbon County Trailhead, Jim Thorpe; June 29, Lehigh Canal Park off Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown; and July 27 at the Perkiomen Trail, Quakertown; and at 10 a.m. Sept. 28 at Hope Road access, Easton; and Oct. 26 at Hugh Moore Park, Easton.

Events include the St. Luke's HealthStar van, free giveaways and snacks. Register at www.tailonthetrail.org or call 1-866-StLukes (1-866-785-8537).

Medical students recognized

The program for Scholarly Excellence, Leadership Experiences, Collaborative Training (SELECT), an affiliation of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and The University of South Florida's College of Medicine (USF) begun in 2011, had an orientation on May 6 for the clinical education portion for that first group. LVHN president and CEO Ronald Swinford, M.D., introduced the students and presented their white lab coats as they start their third and fourth years of medical school training.

Sacred Heart opens 100th anniversary

More than 400 guests attended Sacred Heart Hospital's Cen-

See **HEALTH** on Page A16



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

Liberty and Freedom HS students, usually rivals when it comes to sports, work together as they participate in playground games.

**RIVALS RALLY
AGAINST
PEDIATRIC CANCER**



Alexis Davis is pushed by Mikey Brandle as they take first place in a scooter race. Both students attend Freedom.

LEFT: Rachael Klose participates in the motivational speech at the start of the Mini Thon. Klose is a Liberty sophomore and was there to fund the cure.

Bethlehem Area School District was proud to hold its first Mini Thon recently! The event was an eight-hour long dance marathon to raise money and awareness for pediatric cancer through the Four Diamonds Fund and is inspired by Penn State's Thon. Mini Thon is a joint effort between Freedom and Liberty high schools. The goal for this year was to raise \$10,000, but the actual total came in at just a little under \$20,000. The event was held April 27 from 2 to 10 p.m. in Memorial Gym. Many events were planned and a portion of the night was dedicated to honoring children with pediatric cancer and their families, who presented their stories throughout the evening. Liberty's pool and stadium were open for the more than 700 students who participated.



Sam Kincaid dances to the beat as her friend Natalie Flores joins her in laughter. Both girls are Liberty sophomores.



Anthony Garcia, a Freedom student, dances in the circle during the Mini Thon.

Halle Barrett

Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Performing Arts

Grade: 12

Family members: Parents; Jack and Susan Barrett; and older sister Erin Barrett

Favorite subject: I enjoy any form of math classes because math is a concept that anyone can grasp and is unchanged no matter where you go. Math comes easily to me and that is also a factor in making it my favorite subject.

Activities: I enjoy participating in community theater at the Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center and taking voice lessons. I also commit a lot of my time to LVPA's Student Council, serving as vice president, as well as LVPA's National Honor Society as president.

Next steps: I plan on attending college to study international business with a minor in French, but that is subject to change if I am accepted into specific colleges for musical theater.

Career goals: Although my career goals are undetermined, one of my life goals is to travel the world and learn all I can about other languages, cultures and people. I would like to do everything I can to give back to anyone in need, whether it is in the community, nation or globe.

Heroes: I wouldn't say I have heroes that I idolize or strive to be like, but some of the role models and influential people in my life are my parents, George Kell, one of the directors I work with, and Tim Shuman, a history teacher at LVPA. My parents are a huge part of my life and always support me in whatever I choose to invest my time in. My parents nurture my talents and even sacrifice family time together by allowing me to go to LVPA, since I am actually a resident of Harrisburg. George Kell is also a huge part of my life due to the fact that I have worked closely with him for the past few years where he has taught me many valuable life lessons that can be applied both on and off stage. Finally, Tim Shuman is one of the most intellectual, experienced and humble people I know. He is involved extensively at school as well as in his community and cares so much for



his students. If I could be more like any of these people, it would be Mr. Shuman.

Hobbies: I enjoy performing in musicals, taking voice lessons, dancing, spending time with friends and family and helping others.

Current job(s): I work at Challenge Family Fun Center in Hummelstown and I am a math tutor.

Volunteer/community work: I commit a lot of time to performing in Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center's productions, yet I have also served as music director and choreographer for some of the pieces.

Likes: I like performing, spending time with friends, taking on leadership roles in my school and serving in my community.

Dislikes: I dislike that fact there is never enough time in the day to accomplish everything you would like to get done.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): One of my greatest accomplishments was to receive a scholarship to attend the HOBY Youth Leadership seminar in my sophomore year. It was a life changing experience and taught me a number of skills that I can never repay them for.

Advice for peers: I encourage you to take on any opportunity presented to you because you will never know how much it can help someone else or how much it can teach you.

Julia Swan coordinates students profiles for the Bethlehem Press.



PRESS PHOTOS BY BUD COLE



ABOVE: East Hill student Micaela Posh cleans her cat mosaic. **LEFT:** Students from East Hills and Nitschmann Middle Schools work on tie-dye projects.

B-Smart promotes creativity, social skills

By BUD COLE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The ArtsQuest B-Smart program for middle school students in Bethlehem began in 2000. It started with Broughal MS due to the proximity of Broughal to the Banana Factory, where the afterschool art classes are held. It now encompasses all four Bethlehem middle schools with the addition of Northeast, Nitschmann and East Hills.

B-Smart is a collaboration between the ASPIRE program of the Bethlehem School District and the Banana Factory. There are also other afterschool programs offered throughout the school district. These hands-on classes help many students adapt to social situations and allow for creativity.

Students attend twice during the year and have different classes



East Hill student Linda Mao carefully glues pieces of glass on her flower mosaic.

each time. The students travel by school bus, with two of the middle schools, Broughal and Northeast participating on Mondays and Wednesdays and Nitschmann and East Hills participating on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are five classes offered this session. This session's

offerings are Drawing/Painting, Tie Dye Art, Jewelry Making, Mosaics and Exploring the World Through Art.

Classes offered at other times include but are not limited to Photo-shop, Computer Animation, Video Game Design, Sculpture, Photography, Free Energy

(students take apart electronic devices and repurpose them). The classes offered often depend on the instructors that are available during scheduled sessions.

B-Smart is offered from September to mid-November and again after the holidays from January through mid-March. Classes begin at 4:30 p.m. and students board their buses to return to their respective schools at 5:45.

The program is free to all students in the Bethlehem School District middle schools. B-Smart is funded by ArtsQuest events, including the Souper Bowl, Appetizer Bowl and Cup Cake Bowl. Private and business donations can be made to ArtsQuest in support of B-Smart. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible. For more information go to ArtsQuest.org or call 610-332-1300.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLICNEWS

End of a fabulous year

The school year has flown by, and Bethlehem Catholic HS (BECA) has had impressive achievements in academics, sports, music and, most importantly, in service to the community.



Priscilla Liguori
Bethlehem Catholic HS

On the weekend of May 12, at the Science Fair for the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, BECA students brought home nine first place awards, five second place awards and four PA Science Talent Search awards. Emily and Lauren Russo received \$16,000 in scholarship money for Pennsylvania State University.

On May 18, band members gathered together for their annual banquet. The musicians celebrated their successful year of music with dinner, awards and dancing. On May 19, the band had their spring concert. Inspired by their trip to Walt Disney World in April, where they marched in a parade down Main Street, they performed Disney-themed songs. Favorites included pieces from "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Beauty and the Beast," and "The Incredibles."

On May 19, there was an Anniversary Mass at Notre Dame Parish to celebrate Father Ezaki's 25 years of priesthood. The BECA community is thankful for all that he has done and continues to do to energize the faithful.

Mathematics teacher and tennis Coach George Harmanos brought students on a service trip to New Bethany

Ministries on May 20. He and the students helped the community by serving lunch at the soup kitchen.

Come to BECA's Acoustic Night tonight, May 22, at 7 p.m. The senior project, led by Erin Brill and Megan Strucko, will be a night of songs, poems, refreshments and yearbook signing. Tickets can be bought at the door and are \$2. Proceeds will go to the band.

May 23 will be the Senior Farewell Mass, the last Mass all grades will celebrate together, and May 24 will be the Senior Picnic. The picnic is an in-school event in which all of the seniors spend time together as a class, wear their college shirts, and enjoy a barbecue. After school, seniors will relish their youth by taking part in activities such as a water balloon fight and riding down a slip 'n' slide.

June 5 will be the Baccalaureate Mass, a mass for the senior class and their families, where Bishop John Barres will be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. June 6 is graduation day; the senior class will miss the one-of-a-kind BECA family, yet has been well-prepared to conquer the real world.

Senior Meaghan Roszyk comments, "I know that as I am about to step out of these doors as a graduate, I will be prepared academically, athletically, morally and personally due to the many lessons, experiences and challenges I have had at Bethlehem Catholic. I am ready to face the world and all that God has prepared for me."

Senior Stephen Rossi says, "Graduation is going to be bittersweet. I'm excited to go to college, but it is going to be sad leaving BECA."

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Morgan Collins, a Nitschmann student, works on a pair of earrings for her grandmother.



Maria Seidel, a student at East Hills, paints to music in her drawing/painting class.



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Moravian students participate in state music

Three Moravian Academy student musicians were selected to participate in the State Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Festival in Erie April 17-20, which coincided with the PMEA conference. Senior Joshua Ruebeck (standing) qualified for All-State Chorus; Junior Jasmine Sun (left) qualified for All-State Orchestra on violin, and Sophomore Kara Chyung (right) qualified for All-State Band on clarinet.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Scat'd T-storms	Scat'd T-storms	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
	80 / 68	80 / 61	73 / 52	70 / 47	71 / 45	70 / 48	68 / 44
	5-10 mph SW	5-11 mph S	8-15 mph SSW	6-9 mph W	5-7 mph NW	5-10 mph NW	8-11 mph SW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 65%. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1940. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 68°. The record low for tonight is 35° set in 1936. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 80°, humidity of 57%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 61°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 73°. Skies will become mostly sunny Saturday with a high temperature of 70°.

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Aurea Ortiz not seeking re-election

By JOSE ROMAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Area School District Board Director Aurea Ortiz has decided not to seek another term on the school board. Ortiz made the announcement during a campaign event for Rogelio Ortiz, who is seeking the seat she will be leaving behind.

"I didn't go there to be a politician or a long-term politician," Ortiz said in reference to her decision to become a school board member. "I went there because there was a need and the need was covered." The need Ortiz was speaking of is the need for fair representation and diversity in the board.

Ortiz went on saying that now that she sees this need fulfilled, the time has come to move on and let others continue the work.

For Ortiz, having a more diverse school board is the real success attained during her four years as a Hispanic school board director.

"Just being there I think it's been our biggest accomplishment," she said. "I said 'ours' because it was the community that put me there."

Equal representation became a hot issue in 2006 when two Hispanic women from Bethlehem filed a federal lawsuit claiming they were dis-

criminated against when the Bethlehem Area School District Board side-stepped them for a school board vacancy. The plaintiffs also argued that the board discriminated against Hispanics by not having anyone representing them in the board.

After the lawsuit, the school district was divided into single-member regions (districts). One of the districts created after the lawsuit was District 1. The idea behind creating this district was to give a voice to areas within the school district where Hispanics make up a sizable percentage of the eligible voter population. Aurea Ortiz was the first

person to be elected for District 1.

According to several community leaders, including Ortiz, the current single-member region system has made the school board more representative of the population it serves.

But achieving and accepting diversity was the beginning of the struggles Ortiz was to face as board director. Soon after she was elected, advocating for early childhood education became her biggest and never-ending battle. "Early education is one of my passions. People simply don't see the importance of investing in our children at

early age," she said.

The seat for District 1 will not stay empty. Bethlehem resident Rogelio Ortiz, 46, announced in February he is running to replace Aurea Ortiz. Currently, Mr. Ortiz serves as president of the Lynnfield Community Center and is actively involved with other community initiatives in Southside Bethlehem. He is a Democrat and is running for District 1 unopposed.

As she prepares to leave life as a public official, Aurea Ortiz continues to warn the community about the challenges the Bethlehem Area School District will be facing in the upcoming months. She believes that increasing salaries and costly retirement funds



Aurea Ortiz has decided not to seek another term on the Bethlehem Area School Board.

and pension benefits are by far the greatest issues the school board will have to tackle in the near future.

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BTHLEHEM AUTHORITY Purchase finalized

East Allen Twp. now served by city

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Days after a public announcement by Mayor John Callahan and others, Water Authority members at their May 9 meeting ratified the necessary spending to acquire the East Allen Township municipal water system.

A deal three years in the making, Executive Director Steve Repasch said it wasn't easy, but the job is done. "It's ours now," he said. "It's the city's now."

The purchase was finalized for about \$230,000 to pay off bank loans using \$122,000 from the Wachovia bank bid-rigging settlement and \$55,000 from the city.

Directors later discussed the nearly-complete annual water report, focusing on what President Vaughn Gower said

was insufficient (more actually non-existent) spending on underground infrastructure.

Director of Water and Sewer Resources Dave Brong said that's exactly the case because recent regulatory requirements for aboveground systems were the priority.

Members agreed that despite Bethlehem standing in the nation's top quartile in water systems in terms of least accidents and malfunctions, it's still operating with pipes installed in the 1880s and severe breakage is inevitable.

They have begun to discuss how to shift infrastructure investments for a renewed focus on these old underground systems in the coming years.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. June 13 at City Hall.

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HEALTH

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ennial Celebration Gala on May 11 at Lehigh Country Club, Allentown, in celebration of Sacred Heart Hospital's 100 years of care to the Lehigh Valley community. The celebration included a cocktail hour and "A Historical Walk Down Memory Lane" historical display. The

centennial message was given by Sacred Heart HealthCare System President and CEO John Nespoli. Following dinner, there was music by Chatterband, dancing, a champagne toast and fireworks.

BECA

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Senior Adriana Fernandez adds, "I can't believe I will be graduating. I am so grateful for the unforgettable memories I have made these past four years."

June 7 is the last day of school for the underclassmen. To keep up with all the happenings at BECA during the summer and plans for the fall visit bethlehemcatholics.org.

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Welcome to the great indoors and outdoors for 27th Mayfair

By **BATHSHEBA MONK**
 Special to The Press

The magic returns with this year's Mayfair, which boasts a new venue, renewed focus on the arts, and a luscious and varied food menu.

Mayfair also has new hours, opening at 10 a.m. May 25, to accommodate school groups which are admitted free of charge, and concluding at 7 p.m. May 27.

Though the 27th annual Mayfair is again held over the holiday weekend and concludes Memorial Day, it opens on a Friday rather than a Thursday.

Mayfair 2013 is being staged at the Agri-Plex, surrounded by what's called The Mayfair Village, at the west end of Allentown Fairgrounds.

There will be three stages for music acts. The Kidstage and Liberty Park stage are outside under cover. Liberty Park stage, which fronts Liberty Street, will have a covered dance stage. Kidstage will feature a full program which also includes an opportunity for children to get involved in hands-on art experiences and interactive theater. Inside the Agri-Plex, the smaller Collector's Café will allow for solo and acoustic acts which will play well in the more intimate setting.

Vendors and artisans will sell their wares in under-cover booths in a fenced-off area in front of the Agri-Plex, as well as in the hall



PRESS PHOTO BY BATHSHEBA MONK

Mayfair Executive Director Arlene Daily, above, assures that weather won't be a problem for Mayfair 2013, May 25 - 27, in and around the Agri-Plex at Allentown Fairgrounds west end.

itself. The cover of the hall will allow a bigger variety of artisans, such as watercolorists, photographers, metal, fiber and glass artists, to

display and sell their work. The Collector's Café inside the hall features an art gallery displaying the work of some of the finest

local artists. The Pig Pen Project — yes, the stalls where the porkers are exhibited during the Allentown Fair — will boast installation and experimental art from area artists. Both of these galleries are a chance to see contemporary art conveniently and economically.

And there's a chance to see art being made. Lehigh Valley legend Barnaby Ruhe will have pride of place in front of the Agri-Plex, working on a mural as well as portraits. Artists from Google Works in Reading will provide demonstrations of different types of art: pastel, painting and fiber arts.

The rebalancing of art, music and food is the work of Mayfair Executive Director Arlene Daily, who took over management of the festival last year. The biggest challenge was diminishing the effect of punishing and unpredictable spring weather; i.e., the flooding of Cedar Beach Park, on both the exhibitors and attendees. So changing the venue to a mostly indoor event was her first accomplishment. Responding to the diverse culture of the Valley, both artistically and ethnically, was the second. This year's festival will have a full menu of music events and an expanded food selection, including vegan and vegetarian options.

And the weather? Arlene assures us, "It will be brilliant."

Information: mayfairfestival.org

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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New York premiere: "Mommalogues," a play written by Lehigh Valley playwrights Gretchen Klinedinst-Furst, above left, and Sharon Lee Glassman, above right, has its New York premiere, May 22 - June 2, for six performances at The Barrow Group Mainstage Theatre, 312 W. 36th St., New York, as part of Marvell Repertory Theatre's season. The show, which had its world premiere at Civic Theatre of Allentown in May 2012, is a collection of monologues honoring mothers and the bond they share with their daughters. William Sanders, Civic Theatre's Artistic Director and the original director of "Mommalogues," directs the New York cast: Claire Duncan, Elizabeth Stahlmann, Lisa Riegel and Sheila Stasack. Tickets: marvellrepertory.com

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Big Bad jazz: RiverJazz continues with Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, above, 7:30 p.m. May 23, Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. Since its arrival on the music scene in 1993 in a legendary residency at Los Angeles' Brown Derby nightclub, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has entertained listeners throughout the nation with its fusion of classic American sounds including jazz, swing, Dixieland and big band. Over the years, this group has built its own songbook of original dance tunes, and, nearly two decades later, is a veteran force that to this day adds new fans by the roomful every time it plays. Tickets: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378

'Dream' for Pa. Youth Ballet

By **JENNIFER MCKEEVER**
 Special to The Press

Late spring is here with rain and blooming trees and soon summer will be upon us with the "A Midsummer Night's Dream" production of the Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (PYB) of the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, 7 p.m. May 24, Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

As Shakespeare's King Oberon from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" puts it, "I know a bank where wild thyme blows, where oxlips and the nodding violet grows ..."

Here's your chance to glimpse frolicking faeries, dancing ladybugs, fireflies — and magic — with love tested by mortals and immortals spellbound by Puck. In the one-act ballet, students of the PYB will be inspired to perform for the first time a full-scale production other than the holiday season's "Nutcracker."

George Balanchine, responsible for establishing ballet in the United States, premiered his first completely-original, full-length ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," in 1962. Like Balanchine, Karen Knerr, PYB Artistic Director, will also present her first full-length ballet, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with the talented PYB students on this very special evening.

A very interesting fact is that Balanchine visited the studio of the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley years ago. Perhaps his footsteps echo in the dance halls.

Knerr is also inspired by Felix Mendelssohn's music, as was Balanchine for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Says Knerr, "I love the music. It is the inspiration."

Mendelssohn wrote the overture at age 17, after reading the play. Knerr



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Dylan Keane, a professional dancer with The Suzanne Farrell Ballet dances the role of Bottom, the donkey, and Ava Gilotti, a pre-professional student at the Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, dances the role of Titania, Queen of the Fairies, in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 7 p.m. May 24, Zoellner Arts Center, Bethlehem.

thinks, "The overture is like an introduction to the characters as each piece of music sounds like the role of each dancer."

Other music by Mendelssohn is "The Fair Melusine." If you don't recognize that, you most likely will recognize the famous "Wedding March."

Guest artists from the American Repertory Bal-

let, Suzanne Farrell Ballet and Ballet X will join the excited students in partnering with the blend of professional and pre-professional dancers.

PYB students include Colleen Reed (Hermia), Ava Gilotti (Titania), Rachel Altomose (Helena).

Jesse Sani will play Puck and Dylan Keane will be Bottom.

Knerr is spicing up the production with lighting design by Jay Woods, a professor of lighting at Purchase College State University of New York. Says Woods, "My approach to design begins with imagination and is enhanced by the experience in implementing creative solutions that deliver fresh design content."



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RiverJazz concludes: Producer, arranger, composer and keyboardist Jason Miles, above, presents "To Grover With Love," a tribute to the music of Grover Washington Jr., 8:30 p.m. May 24, as RiverJazz concludes at Musikfest Café, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. Miles, four-time Grammy nominee and a Grammy winner, honored Washington's legacy with the albums, "To Grover With Love" (2002, 2008) and "Grover Live" (2010). Miles has worked on recordings by David Sanborn, Luther Vandross, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and Aretha Franklin. He has partnered with DJ Logic and Falu to create the fusion group Global Noize. Miles latest project, with Global Noize, is the CD, "Sly Reimagined," a tribute to Sly and the Family Stone, scheduled for release next month. Tickets: artsquest.org, 610-332-3378

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Veterans' honors, concerts May 25-27 at SteelStacks Memorial Day weekend

A Memorial Day Celebration sponsored by Embassy Bank will be presented 3 - 8 p.m. May 25 - 27, SteelStacks, Bethlehem. "Our Hometown Heroes" display features more than 280 images of local veterans and active military persons. "A Time to Remember" memorial service, 6 p.m. May 27, includes a moment of silence; the National Anthem sung by Allie Santos, a graduate of Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts; and the reading of the names of local servicemen and women who died during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The National Museum of Industrial History will present the last piece of Class A armor made in the United States. The armor, a

test piece for the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal, was made at Bethlehem Steel in 1953 and is on loan from the U.S. Navy. Class A armor is distinguished because of its hard outer face that helped break up projectiles. Also participating in the celebration is The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers, the national organization dedicated to assisting soldiers deployed overseas and their families; Gold Star Mothers, the national organization of mothers who have lost their son or daughter in the service of our country; Horses 4-Hope, the nonprofit that provides free equine therapy to members of the military and others; and Stars for our Troops, which will be collecting retired

American flags, removing the stars and then sending them to servicemen with care packages. Embassy Bank President-CEO Dave Lobach finds the SteelStacks location particularly meaningful for a Memorial Day celebration. "For decades, Bethlehem Steel was known as the 'arsenal of democracy' for its output of steel that helped win two World Wars," said Lobach, a local native who grew up when the Steel was a major employer and defined the proud blue-collar work ethic of the Lehigh Valley region. "Embassy Bank feels strongly that this is an appropriate site to honor those who continue to protect democracy today and we're extremely proud to

be a part of this remembrance," Lobach said. Free concerts include: May 25 3 - 4:30 p.m., Steve Brosky and His Lil' Big Band 5 - 6:30 p.m., Mike Dugan May 26 3 - 4:30 p.m., Skunk Melow 5 - 6:30 p.m., Tavern Tan May 27 3 - 5 p.m., Billy Bauer The Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks 2013 free summer concert series presented by Highmark Blue Shield, at 7 p.m., includes: May 24, Sofa Kings May 25, Poco, Pure Prairie League May 26, Lake Street Dive May 27, The Night-hawks

Mindfulness is the current buzzword

Each time frame seems to give us new buzzwords. It's a word or words that suddenly come into vogue with a new meaning. Today's buzzword seems to be "mindful." It's not a new word or even a new practice. But it has taken on a life of its own during the past two years. It simply means focusing our attention and awareness to a new level of consciousness. The mindfulness movement has been around for a long time, probably starting with the concept of mindfulness in Buddhist meditation. Clinical psychologists also have used it for decades. Now mindfulness has entered the mainstream and we hear about it everywhere. We're told "mindful eating" is one way to control weight. In addition to not shoving food mindlessly in our mouths, we are told to eat slowly, lingering over each bite, savoring the flavor and appreciating the food. This week on Christian radio I heard about faith-based mindfulness. It calls for being acutely aware all day, every day, of God and his creation. For some, "religion" is going to church on Sunday, sitting in a pew, and listening to the sermon. After church, that's it until the following week. Mindful faith calls for looking at your world and everyone in it as part of God's creation. It calls for being aware of and appreciating all of life on an everyday basis. The big "mindful movement" started first with a call for mindful living. I didn't need to read a book or hear about that movement to live the concept. I've been doing it for years, decades actually. Of course I never called it mindful living. I simply called it being aware of the moment and living each moment to the fullest. I describe it as inhaling life, tasting every delicious morsel by taking time to see, feel and appreciate all the small moments that make up life. In other words, it means staying completely in the moment and appreciating that moment for what it is. It sounds simple, but it's not. Our minds drift. While we are doing something, we tend to always be thinking about our next activity instead of concentrating only on the present moment. One psychologist gave an excellent example of a parent giving a baby a bath. Instead of enjoying the sheer magical pleasure of the moment, the parent is thinking about what's next on the "to do" list. I've been trying for years to do more living in the moment. But sometimes, hours and even days slip by me in a busy whirl, especially when I have multiple appointments in one day. When you think about it, don't most of us spend our days like that? We go from one chore or activity to another, without savoring

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any of it. It's just "stuff we gotta do." We get in our cars and go from destination to destination, heedless to any of the beauty along the way. We don't see the puffy clouds of another beautiful day of life. We don't see the countryside as it rushes by our car window. All we're thinking about is getting there. I know I was like that during my working career. When I retired and realized the time I had left was shorter than what I had already lived, I knew I wanted to do everything in my power to savor each remaining day. Mindful living, as it is called, is just another term for savoring life and all of its sweet, tender moments. Speaking of sweet, tender moments, how many of them do you fail to see each day? If there is ever a compelling case for mindfulness, it's in relationships, the cornerstones of our life. Whether we're talking about relationships with our spouse, parents, children, siblings or office mates, our happiness depends on how we build those relationships. My theory is we don't lay enough strong building blocks in relationships, especially when it comes to marriage. Most of us tend to gloss over, miss, or take for granted what a spouse does for us. Sometimes we don't even see it. There are so many daily acts of love and caring that we don't see. How can we be grateful for something if we are not aware of the gift we are being given? One friend complained to me that her husband is a great guy, but he never remembers to buy her a Valentine's present. But he does keep her car running, works on every home improvement she wants, and gives her back rubs at the end of a day. I told her those caring acts are all Valentines. David and I both try especially hard to be mindful of each and every caring act we do for each other. I said "thank you for caring" after he spent a boring day driving me to the doctor's, sitting in the office and waiting for an inordinate amount of time, then staying cheerful and solicitous on the way home. I wanted him to know I didn't take him for granted. In much the same way, he remembers to say thank you when I make his favorite recipes or do something special to please him. Mindfulness is getting so much attention that it rates its own new magazine as well as a host of Internet sites. But the best place for mindfulness is right in our own lives. It can certainly heighten an appreciation for life.

Diagnosing plant problems not easy

Here are some questions to ask yourself when diagnosing plant problems in the landscape. What is the name of the plant? It is important to know the normal appearance and growth habit of a plant before diagnosing problems. The perceived "problem" may be normal for this plant. Accurate plant identification is the first step in diagnosing plant problems. Examples: Larch is a deciduous conifer and appears "dead" in winter. White pines shed inner needles profusely in autumn. Sweetgum has corky ridges on its stems. Variegated cultivars often appear abnormal in color. What are the common pests that affect this plant? Most plants have a limited set of insect, mite and disease pests that affect them. When diagnosing problems, it helps to know the signs and symptoms of these common pest problems. Check references such as "Penn State's Woody Ornamental Insect, Mite and Disease Management Guide" that outlines common pests of trees and shrubs. Does the plant have specific site requirements or intolerances? While many plants tolerate a wide range of growing conditions, others do not. Know the requirements of each species. Examples: Yews and Douglas fir are intolerant of wet sites. Rhododendron, pin oak, most hollies, and many other plants require acidic soils. Some plants tolerate shade, others don't. Know the site preferences for your

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around the root ball, etc. Is the site extremely wet for any extended periods during the year? Some sites are inherently too wet for certain landscape plants. Be aware of changing soil-water relations around plants due to construction, water diversion, broken rain spouting, etc. Were herbicides applied recently? Herbicides used in normal turf and landscape management rarely kill landscape plants. The ability of a herbicide to cause landscape plant injury will vary depending on its mode of action, the plants involved, and many other factors. Some herbicides cause distinct plant injury symptoms while others will cause a range of symptoms that vary with the plant species involved. Herbicides are unlikely to injure individual plants in the landscape, so if symptoms are confined to one plant and surrounding plants are healthy, consider another diagnosis. Were there recent, unusual weather conditions? Low temperature, late spring freezes, high winds, hail, drought, and excessive rainfall all affect plant growth. Weather conditions such as these are a convenient explanation when no other explanation is obvious and are sometimes inaccurately used. On the other hand, don't underestimate the impact of extremes in weather, often a year or more after the stress occurred. Does the landscape have adequate soil resources to support plant growth? New construction sites often leave just a veneer of soil over cinder blocks, rubble,

mounds of tree stumps, rocks, asphalt, etc. Unfortunately, you may never determine that this is the problem unless your postmortem includes use of a backhoe to reveal what is going on underground. Has there been any other unusual activity that may have affected tree, shrub and turf health? This list is endless. Keep your eyes peeled for the unusual. Knowledge about the site history is often essential. Examples: fired up the gas grill under the lilac, piled de-icing salted snow in the shrub beds all winter, never took the dog more than 10 feet from the porch all winter, fertilizer in deteriorating bags left under trees in the landscape, etc. Diagnosing plant problems is not easy. Trees and shrubs, like other living things, often succumb to an accumulation of stresses rather than a single factor. This makes diagnosis difficult and sometimes impossible. Experience and judgment come into play. For instance, while cedar apple rust and aphids are frequently found on crabapples each year, neither are plant killers. You must be able to discriminate among your observations before drawing conclusions. Sometimes, we fail to look closely enough to gather the information needed to diagnose the problem. "Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners. Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-391-9840; Northampton County Extension Office, 610-746-1970.

Diuretics safe, but can have side effects

Q. If you have high blood pressure, aren't you better off just taking old-fashioned water pills instead of all these fancy drugs? Water pills, also known as diuretics, are the oldest and best studied of the drugs used to treat high blood pressure, also known as hypertension. Diuretics help the kidneys flush extra water and salt from the body and decrease blood volume to lower pressure. There are three types of diuretics: thiazide, loop and potassium-sparing. They work in different parts of your kidneys. In the years since water pills were the drugs of choice for hypertension, pharmaceutical companies have developed a variety of medicines to keep your pressure in check in ways that are different from the mechanism of diuretics. These include beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, ARBS, calcium channel blockers, vasodilators, alpha blockers, and renin inhibitors. So, what should you take if you have high blood pres-

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wrote in The New York Times, "clinicians are rewarded for doing and ordering more. Pharmaceutical and medical device firms reap fortunes from physicians' orders, and a single change could cost them billions. Studies that endorse anything less than another expensive procedure or a newer and more expensive medication or the latest device are often destined for failure or a protracted struggle against drug and device companies that are willing to put up a costly fight." But, following the release of the findings, the percentage of patients taking the cheaper diuretics barely increased. The following are some blood-pressure treatment recommendations from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health: If you need to begin drug treatment, you should definitely try a diuretic first. Beta blockers are another option to begin treatment, especially if you're younger than age 60 and

do not have diabetes or peripheral artery disease. If you need multiple drugs to control your blood pressure, make one a diuretic. If you have angina (chest pain from heart disease), you may need to take a calcium channel blocker. It should be used along with a diuretic. Diuretics are generally safe, but do have side effects. The most common side effect is increased urination. For most people, this side effect improves within a few weeks of taking a diuretic. People who take diuretics may also have too much potassium in their blood if they take a potassium-sparing diuretic, or too little potassium in their blood if they take a thiazide diuretic. Order "How To Be A Healthy Geezer," 218-page compilation of columns: healthygeezer.com; "Healthy Geezer" questions: fred@healthygeezer.com All Rights Reserved © 2013 Fred Cicetti

Vietnam vet guest for Crest service

R. Timothy Ziemer, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.), U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator, is guest speaker for the annual Memorial Day Sunday Service, 9 a.m. May 26, Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 1151 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Cedar Crest and I-78, Salisbury Township. Ziemer, a Vietnam War Veteran, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and raised in Asia as the son of missionary parents serving in Vietnam. Upon graduation from Wheaton College, he joined the Navy, completed flight school, and returned to Vietnam during the war. He commanded several squadrons, naval stations and an air wing supporting the first Gulf War. Subsequent assignments

included senior fellow with the Navy's Strategic Studies Program at the Naval War College, and Deputy Director for Operations in the National Military Operations Center on the Joint Command Staff. He served as executive director of World Relief, based in Baltimore, until June 2006, when he was appointed by President George W. Bush to lead the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), a \$1.2-billion, five-year initiative to control malaria in Africa. Military uniforms or hats and medals are encouraged to be worn to the service. A reception follows the church Activity Center.

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First Presbyterian Church of Allentown welcomes confirmands



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First Presbyterian Church of Allentown celebrates its most recent class of confirmands at a service May 12. Confirmands include (in alphabetical order): Matthew Atiyeh, Christopher Boucher, Carolyn Boulay, Megan Cirocco, Victoria Connolly, Emily Emick, Joseph Fainor, Matthew Fainor, Ryan Fainor, Cathleen Gaffney, Dane Galbraith, Maria Haddad, Nicholas Khouri, Tucker Kuhlmann, Leila Mastropieri, Chloe Mathieu, Darius Mensah, Leslie Nichols, Marisol Richards, Brandon Rush, Megan Schmidt, Laura Smerker, Hannah Steele, Jake Stengel, John Waring Jr., Sophia Wertz and Sydney Wilcoxson. With the confirmands are Rev. Mike Drake, Rev. Stephen Emick and adult leaders with the church.

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For locations, call 610-782-3254. Wednesday, May 22: Barbecue chicken, barley rice, peas, rye bread, angel food cake. Thursday, May 23: Yankee pot roast, boiled potato, Harvard beets, wheat bread, diced pears. Friday, May 24: Potato encrusted Pollock, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, fresh fruit. Monday, May 27: Closed. Memorial Day. Tuesday, May 28: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, cauliflower, wheat bread, fresh fruit. Wednesday, May 29: Pork barbecue, succotash, cole slaw, hamburger roll, peach crisp. BB: Beef Barbecue. Thursday, May 30: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, zucchini, dinner roll, banana.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-559-3245. Wednesday, May 22: Stuffed flounder Florentine, rice pilaf, marinated vegetable salad, wheat bread with margarine, lemon bar. Thursday, May 23: Orange juice, friend chicken breast with lettuce-tomato-mayo on a bun, pasta salad, fruit cocktail. Friday, May 24: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, red potato salad, fresh cantaloupe, cookie. Monday, May 27: Closed for Memorial Day. Tuesday, May 28: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, Romaine salad with ranch dressing, wheat bread with margarine, tropical fruit. Wednesday, May 29: Breaded veal patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, apple walnut crumb cake. Thursday, May 30: Apple juice, chicken noodle bake, sliced carrots, wheat roll with margarine, fresh pineapple tidbits.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

Grid with numbers 1-9 for the previous puzzle.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers.

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5/22

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See cryptogram answer on page B10

Today's Cryptquip clue: I equals D

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of MICHAEL ALLEN DILCHER a/k/a MICHAEL A. DILCHER, Deceased, late of 910 Fernwood Street, Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA 18049. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael Allen Dilcher, a/k/a Michael A. Dilcher, Deceased: Vincent L. Yocum, a/k/a Vincent Larry Yocum c/o James A. Ritter, Esquire Gross McGinley, LLP 111 E. Harrison St., Suite 2 Emmaus, PA 18049-2916 or to his Attorney: James A. Ritter, Esquire Gross McGinley, LLP 111 E. Harrison St., Suite 2 Emmaus, PA 18049-2916

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PREMIER Crossword

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- 1 Appear on the scene
7 Mystery writer Christie
13 Sister of Snow White
20 Canadian dollar coin
21 As well
22 Retired female prof
23 Mischievous snake?
25 Capitol Hill bigwig
26 Bicycle part
27 Like Saturn
28 Ink-filled tool
29 Blend
30 One of the Musketeers
32 Graceful bird
34 Touchy- (overly emotional)
35 Greets with a head bob
37 What there is when a snake is inside a keg?
42 Sioux tribe member
43 Beate bride Yoko
45 Golfer Palmer
46 Vienna is its cap.
47 Study of snake vision?
50 Bottom line
52 HP or Dell products
55 Confused
56 Noble act
57 St. Louis Arch architect Saarinen
58 Canoe variety
60 Skeletal axis
62 Snake with a talk show?
65 1980s TV's "Remington"
68 "Crash" actor Koteas
69 Peaceful
70 Snake's relatives?
73 Arcade game pioneer
75 TV prizes
76 See 81-Down
77 Union foe
78 Billfold filler
82 Org. fining polluters
83 1:50, e.g.
85 Noodles shaped like knotted snakes?
88 Emerald, e.g.
89 Symbol of a team
91 Camera type, for short
92 Frying vessel
93 Thing that hones a snake's skills?
98 Part of TLC
100 Gather up
101 Treater's phrase
102 Sobbing soul
104 Sour
105 Tit-for-
106 "Pretty nice!"
110 Now being broadcast

15x15 crossword grid with filled-in words and numbers.

- 113 Living an isolated life
115 Snake's balderdash?
117 Aromatic
118 Gazed
119 "down the hatchest!"
120 "No, No, -" (old musical)
121 Mistake list
122 Broom room
28 Infamous box opener
31 Lyric poems sung by single voices
33 Newswoman Barbara
34 "As I Lay Dying" novelist
35 Star buzz
36 Big elevator producer
38 Incursion
39 Curve part
40 Connections
41 Lamb's call
44 Frank
48 Pass gingerly
49 Golf ball supporter
51 Pull along
52 Funeral pile
53 French city on the Orne
54 - terrier (dog breed)
57 Internet auction site
59 Ghana's land
61 Wall coatings
62 Film snippet
63 Petroleum
64 Actress Huppert
65 "Peter Pan" pirate
66 Pack down tightly
67 Actress Stone
68 Where some very big birds are raised
71 Goldfish part
72 Superhero insect
73 Put-on
74 Mai - (rum drinks)
77 Surfite
79 Hopefuls
80 Jazzman Kenton
81 With 76-Across, quit, informally
84 "Jimmy" has two
85 Pre-A.D. abbr.
86 Suffix with ball or bass
87 Suggestion
88 Body signal
90 Unthrifty type
93 Mete (out)
94 Actress Seyfried
95 30-year late-night host
96 Raspy
97 Kigali's land
99 Rome's Via -
103 Tokyo, once
105 Tightly strung
107 Polish river
108 Prefix with byte
109 Boone of baseball
111 "Gotcha"
112 Pay to live in
114 Filming locale
115 Pal of Tarzan
116 "Go On" network

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See crossword answer on page B10

CRYPTO SOLUTION

IF MCCARTNEY OR NEWMAN WERE ONCE YOUR PERSONAL FRIEND, I'D SAY YOU HAD SOMEONE TO PAUL AROUND WITH.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMM. OF PA BOARD OF PARDONS

The following application of the person convicted in Lehigh County will be heard by the Board of Pardons at its regular session on Thursday, May 30, 2013 in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Room 437, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA, convening at 1:00 p.m.

Stephanie G. Molloy Theft by Deception, Bad Checks

May 22

PUBLIC NOTICE LEHIGH TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

The Lehigh Township Zoning Hearing Board will convene on Monday, June 3, 2013, at six (6) p.m. for a special meeting to reconvene in order to adopt the decision of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court's ruling of April 9, 2013, for the case involving Northampton Area School District and MetroTek Electrical Services, Co. versus the Lehigh Township Zoning Hearing Board and Lehigh Township.

Laura M. Harrier, Lehigh Township Zoning Officer May 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY LEHIGH COUNTY, PA

The Township of Salisbury will receive sealed bids for the construction of a water main replacement along South Ellsworth Street, between East Paoli Street and Lynnwood Streets.

TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY 2900 South Pike Avenue Allentown, PA 18103

PROPOSAL FOR: South Ellsworth Street Water Main Construction Project All sealed paper bids, mailed or delivered in person, will be received until 10:00 AM (prevailing time) on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the Office of the Township Manager, Salisbury Township, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18103.

Copies of the Drawings, Specifications and Bid Forms may be examined and obtained at Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Wescosville, PA 18106 upon request and payment of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per set, non-refundable.

Randy Soriano Township Secretary/Manager

May 15, 22

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

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for the 2013 Bituminous Seal Coat project. Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM (prevailing time) on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP 8330 Schantz Road Breinigsville, PA 18031

PROPOSAL FOR 2013 BITUMINOUS SEAL COAT

Copies of the Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc., 6235 Hamilton Boulevard, Wescosville, PA 18106, upon request and a non refundable payment of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per set.

Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408.

Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at Township Building 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 on May 28, 2013 at 1:00 PM

Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.

Kathy Rader, Township Secretary Upper Macungie Township

May 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA May 29, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPELLANTS HAVE FILED AN APPEAL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, A HEARING TO BE HELD AT 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, May 29, 2013 AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 4225 EASTON AVENUE, BETHLEHEM, PA 18020.

Appeal # 06-2013 Bupendra Sajwan and Bhadra Parmar, 4113 Juniper Drive, Bethlehem Township, PA seek a dimensional variance from Section 275-49G(1) and Section 275-190D(5)(e) of the Bethlehem Township Codified Zoning Ordinance, as amended, for permission to construct a rear deck over 4 feet high that will encroach upon the required rear yard setback.

Appeal #07-2013: Nancy Run Fire Company, of 3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Township, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18020 seeks the following zoning remedies from the following sections of the zoning code: 1. Section 275-171.C(1)(d)1 - "Sight Lines At Intersections Of Streets."

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. Deborah Roseberry, Zoning Officer Telephone: (610) 814-6464 May 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of RUTH B. BOYER, ak/a RUTH LE-NORE BOYER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Timothy Boyer, Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

May 22, 29, June 5

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held by the Zoning Hearing Board of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, PA on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue.

1) 3117 LEHIGH ST - APPEAL NO. A-13-5574

Hear the Appeal of Kost Tire & Auto Service located in the C-3 General Commercial Zoning District for consideration of Variances from §27-703 where a message sign attached to the free-standing sign will exceed the allowed 40 SF; applicant also requests an interpretation of §27-709.B while also preserving a request for a Variance from §709 which prohibits electronic changing message signs beyond the allowed time and temperature.

May 22, 29

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

Everett L. Rich, Jr., Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

May 8, 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of JOHN R. KELLY, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Mary Ellen Kelly, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

May 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Thomas A. Comitta Associates and South Whitehall Township Community Development Department will have an Open House in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of introducing proposed updates to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance and Map, taking public comment and answering questions.

May 22, 29

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