

# LVHNWEEKLY | HAZLETON

Your wrap-up of the week's news from LVHN.

## June's Service Star

In fall 2016, the charge nurse on LVH-Cedar Crest's 2K South received a call from bed management that a teenage boy was critically ill and fighting for his life.

The boy's situation was special, his life marked by more stress than any young person should endure. He had lost his mom to cancer the year before and watched later as his dad also underwent cancer treatment. Trying to fill the void where his mom had been were a handful of other women – the moms of his good friends.

The teen was a popular student loved by many, and his hospital room was never without the company of friends and family. Pictures and cards filled his room. After many long days and nights, he began to get better. Over time he moved out of intensive care, pediatrics, and rehabilitation, until finally he was discharged home. When he returned to school, he surprised classmates by walking onto the gym floor when his name was announced as a homecoming candidate.

The teen wanted to come back and visit the staff who took care of him and saved his life. To make his return special, Jess Dalton, RN, created a hand-painted Tree of Life in colors representing LVHN, and asked colleagues involved in his care to place their thumbprint on the tree along with their name.

"We save lives every day in the ICU," says nominator Christine Hartner, Director of Clinical Services. "This particular teenager meant a lot to us. There wasn't a dry eye in the room when he returned to us looking wonderful. We were so proud to celebrate his life."

Today, the teenager's future is bright thanks to the compassionate care he received from colleagues and the love of family and friends. He plans to play baseball in the spring and will start college this fall.



## Orthopedic Surgeon Joins LVPG–Hazleton

Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG)–Hazleton announces that Peter Spohn, MD, will join its medical group on July 1, 2017. As part of LVPG Orthopedics–Health & Wellness Center, Spohn will join in practice with orthopedic surgeon Peter Kozicky, MD, Donald Miller, PA-C, and Anna Domday, PA-C. He also is credentialed as a member of the LVHN medical staff.



Spohn received his medical degree from Oregon Health Sciences University, School of Medicine. He completed basic medical officer/aerospace medicine training at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, and is a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He also completed an orthopedic trauma fellowship at the Vanderbilt Orthopaedic Institute, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and is board certified in orthopedic surgery.

Spohn brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our community. Please welcome him to our team. Appointments are now being accepted and can be scheduled by calling **570-501-4LVH**.

## Leadership Rounds Continue

LOCATION	DATE AND TIME	LEADER
7th floor	June 19 at 6:30 a.m.	Murray Swim
6th floor	June 22 at 4:30 p.m.	Melissa Curto
5th floor	June 23 at 6 a.m.	John Fletcher
3rd floor	June 20 at 7 a.m.	Michael Golden, RN
2nd floor	June 21 at 8 a.m.	Anthony Valente, MD
ED	June 20 at 2 p.m.	Michele Konitzer, RN

## QUICK NOTES

### ✓ LVPG–Hazleton surgeons

Jayne Lieberman, MD, and Michael Mahoney, DO, recently were guests on The Sam Lesante Show on SSPTV, a local news station. To watch the interview, visit [facebook.com/LVHHazletonPA](https://facebook.com/LVHHazletonPA) or [SSPTV.com](https://SSPTV.com) and click “Show” and “The Sam Lesante Show.”

✓ **The deadline to register** for LVH–Hazleton’s colleague picnic at Knoebels Amusement Park is July 3. The registration form can be found on the intranet under “Recreational Activities.” For more information, contact the administration office at extension 6204.

✓ **June 30 is fast approaching.** Have you completed your mandatory education requirements yet? If not, visit the LVH–Hazleton intranet and click “Annual Mandatory Education.” For more information, contact the education department at extension 4326 or 4906.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Bariatric Support Group Session

Monday, June 21 • 7–8 p.m.  
LVH–Hazleton, Business and Education Center

Call **570-501-6322** for more information.

### Stroke Support Group Session

Monday, June 26 • 2–3 p.m.  
Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation

Call **570-501-4632** for more information.

### Bariatric/Weight-loss

### Management Information Session

Monday, June 26 • 6–8 p.m.  
Health Center at Mountain Top  
Call **570-501-4LVH** to register or for more information.

## Joseph Ciotola, MD, to Retire

*You are invited to a retirement reception honoring*

### JOSEPH CIOTOLA, MD

Radiologist, Imaging Services  
Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton

Friday, June 23, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Health & Wellness Center Fitness Room

Cake and punch will be served.

Please stop by to wish Dr. Ciotola a happy retirement!

## Cindy Cappel Named Acting Vice President of DOE



**Cynthia “Cindy” Cappel, DNP**, has been named Acting Vice President of LVHN’s Division of Education effective July 1. She assumes her new role with the departure of current Vice President of Education Alexander “A.J.” Lemheney, who is leaving the health network in mid-July to become Chief Learning Officer at Knowledge to Practice, a technology startup in postgraduate medical education.

Cappel returned to LVHN in 2007 when she accepted the position of Director of Clinical Staff Development. In

addition to her duties regarding clinical staff development, she’s also had responsibility for continuing education and the Epic electronic medical records training programs. She’s also been program manager for the Vizient Nurse Residency Program.™ Upon becoming Administrator for the division, she added the Simulation and Learning Center, Interprofessional Education team, and the education departments of LVH–Hazleton, LVH–Schuylkill, and LVH–Pocono to her areas of responsibility.

Cappel started her career at LVHN as a registered nurse before moving into nursing management positions. She was Nursing Director at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Pottsville (now LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street) for almost 13 years before returning to LVHN.

## Your PRIDE is Showing

**The following is a letter to the editor** of the Hazleton Standard Speaker dated June 7, 2017:

Editor:

I wish to thank all of the dedicated men and a lady from the McAdoo Ambulance and from APTS who came to our house May 18. They saved my husband John’s life.

I also wish to thank all the dedicated men and women from the emergency room at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton who gave John such excellent care.

God bless you all from the bottom of my heart.

Theresa Gronsky, McAdoo.





## Health Center at Palmer Township Opens

**In a very special celebration,** LVHN brought important health services to the people of Northampton County with the opening of the Health Center at Palmer Township. “This is an area steeped in family tradition,” says Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, President and Chief Executive Officer of LVHN. “With this health center opening, we’re making important health care services more convenient for those families.”

Health services available at the Health Center at Palmer Township include:

- ▶ **Children’s ExpressCARE:** It’s the only walk-in care service for kids in the entire region. When a child has a minor illness or injury, no appointment is needed.
- ▶ **Adult ExpressCARE:** The same walk-in service is available for grownups too.
- ▶ **LVPG Pediatrics–Palmer Township:** Its part of this health center’s focus on children. There are four pediatric sub-specialties that will have a presence at the health center as well.
- ▶ **About a dozen adult specialty services** including cardiology, orthopedics and sports medicine and urology.
- ▶ **Rehabilitation, imaging and specialty diagnostic services,** both adult and pediatric.
- ▶ **Laboratory testing** – Blood testing from Health Network Laboratories.