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Above: Lifeguard Austin Bradley, 18, watches swimmers at the pool in North Boundary Park in Cranberry. Labor Day marks the close of the season at the popular pool.

Right: Linda Midcap, owner of Hair Gallery along Route 19 in Cranberry, poses for a portrait inside her salon. She is especially busy in the days leading up to a long holiday weekend as folks rush to celebrate what is, in reality, the end of the summer vacation season.



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SALUTE TO LABOR

There's Linda Midcap cutting hair and Jonathan Duffill cutting trees; Tim Clark patrolling borough streets and Barbara Meek patrolling hospital halls; Bob Marshall pouring coffee and David Albright pouring concrete.

Behold the American worker — ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Monday — Labor Day 2012 — is a time to pay tribute to the contributions such workers make to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

And, in the spirit of Yankee ingenuity — and perhaps as a last grasp at summer's unofficial end — we take a day off to do it!

Nearly 130 years after the first Labor Day observance — Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, thanks to that city's Central Labor Union — the esprit de corps among workers in the Pittsburgh region will be on display Monday. The day celebrates those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." The quote is from 1880s labor leader Peter McGuire, who is credited by some with first suggesting a formal Labor Day.

Here's a pictorial salute to those who labor here.



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Above: Officer Tim Clark of the Carnegie Police Department stops to talk with Marion Ramous, a teller at Citizens Bank, as he patrols along Main Street in Carnegie.

Right: Bob Marshall and most of his staff at Bob's Diner in Carnegie, a busy gathering place in the town, will be working on Labor Day. Many eateries in the region, however, close for the holiday.

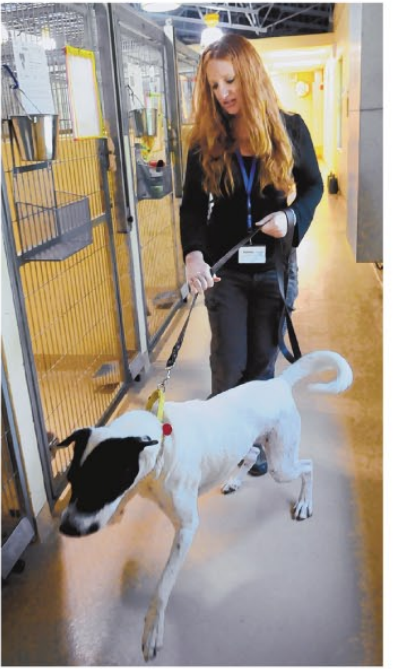


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Right: Members of the Shaler Area High School marching band stand front and center for band director George Tepshich as they do breathing and balance exercises on the first day of band camp this month. Look for more on marching bands as the season begins in next week's Extra cover story.



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