

**Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era – August 25, 2011**

**Glass-is-half-full thinking**

TO THE EDITORS:

On the front page, Aug. 2, there was an article regarding the unemployment rate for Lancaster County titled, "Jobless rate jumps to 6.7 percent."

Reading further, it says that the unemployment rate here has gone up .3 percent from May.

But not mentioned is that it is also down from 8.1 percent in February of last year.

I think the headline was simply misleading. Maybe it could have read something like, "Unemployment up a bit but we're doing OK."

Lancaster County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state. What harm does it do if what we read helps us start our day thinking the glass is half full?

We are already told to be fearful enough on the silly run-ups to the evening TV newscasts telling us to stay tuned to find out just what it is that you don't know that can hurt you.

A little positivity might go a long way, but if you choose to, you can always be afraid it won't.

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