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Don't go to a hospital for a COVID test if ...

"We ask for the public's thoughtful cooperation to ensure our region's health care resources are available and accessible in a timely manner to those patients with the greatest need."

Jeffrey Jahre, MD
 SLHN

St. Luke's University Health Network reminds the public that the network requires a doctor's order for COVID-19 tests at its testing sites. Currently, the lines and wait times at testing sites are hours long.

People who are symptomatic and have tested positive using an at-home test should NOT seek a second, confirmatory laboratory test from the network. (An at-home test that produces a positive result in a symptomatic individual is considered highly accurate, so a second, laboratory test is not necessary to confirm the diagnosis.)

People who believe they have been exposed to COVID but are not symptomatic should NOT go to a St. Luke's hospital emer-



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People who are symptomatic and have tested positive using an at-home test should NOT seek a second, confirmatory laboratory test from the network.

gency department or a St. Luke's Care Now urgent care location for a COVID test to rule out infection. Additionally, people should

NOT go to the hospital emergency department or a St. Luke's Care Now urgent care location for a COVID test for travel needs.

"Our region is experiencing a surge in demand for testing because of the Omicron variant," said Jeffrey Jahre, MD, St. Luke's senior vice president of medical and academic affairs and section chief emeritus of infectious diseases. "We ask for the public's thoughtful cooperation to ensure our region's health care resources are available and accessible in a timely manner to those patients with the greatest need."

If you develop a fever and symp-
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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What are you looking forward to most in 2022?



"Moving in with my girlfriend."
Cassie Howey
 Bethlehem



"Excited and hoping the COVID situation will be better, making new memories with my friends, and starting my new semester at college."
Jenna Rosa
 Bethlehem

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LEHIGH CO. Election challenge Dec 2021

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

According to Lehigh Commissioner and President Geoff Brace, a commissioners' meeting scheduled for Dec. 30 was for "tie-breaker certifications."

The meeting was tentatively scheduled to react to the results of an ongoing court case, but since no decision was reached in the case, there was no need for a meeting.

The results of the court case, which challenges whether undated mail-in vote should be counted, has not been decided. At issue is the election in a judgeship contest which left incumbent David Ritter (R) with more votes than challenger Zachary Cohen (D). If the contested votes are allowed, there is a strong possibility that the election could go to Cohen.

The issue does not keep other officials who were elected from taking their office when their municipalities have their annual reorganization meetings.

Lehigh County swore in five commissioners Jan. 3.

Incumbent Lehigh County Commissioners Jeffrey Dutt (R) and Geoffery Brace (D) were sworn in, along with newly-elected commissioners Zachary Cole Borghi (D), Anthony Pineda (R), and Ron Beitler (R).

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE-CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Faith Bauer, Angie Alozie, Lucy Alozie, Enid Jackson and Erin Perry are among the volunteers that keep Christmas for Kids running smoothly. More photos on page A2.

Christmas event marks 18th year

BY JENN RAGO
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Christmas for Kids founder and CEO Enid Jackson is a human dynamo.

She is amazing to watch as she organizes volunteers, delegates tasks, categorizes toys, and moves parents and children

through this improvised gift distribution center on the fifth floor of the Wells Fargo building on the Southside.

This program had been at Broughal MS in previous years, but due to COVID restrictions found it necessary to find another site. Jackson

expressed gratitude to all the sponsors who provided toys, food, volunteers, and to the owners of the Wells Fargo building for making this site available.

Women of Excellence, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower girls and their

families, organizes this yearly event. Jackson has led the Christmas for Kids program for 18 years, saying, "we started out providing for kids in Easton and Bethlehem but the program has grown so much we now care for the entire Lehigh Valley."

Feb. 6 Souper Bowl is on; register by Jan. 19

This event, returning for its 12th year, will feature creations from some of the top restaurateurs in the region.

ArtsQuest is proud to offer guests a chance to sample the best of the Lehigh Valley, one spoonful at a time, during Souper Bowl XII. This culinary experience will take place from noon - 3 p.m., Feb. 6 in the ArtsQuest Center's Musikfest Café, presented by Yuengling. General admission tickets will start at \$32 for ArtsQuest members and \$36 for the public. VIP Tasting Tickets will also be available

for purchase on steelstacks.org.

These passes will include early entry into the venue, a free drink ticket for any Yuengling beer, wine from Franklin Hills Vineyards, or a soft drink, plus automatic entry into a VIP only raffle for a chance to win a yearlong pass to the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas and a Yuengling beer cooler.

This event, returning

for its 12th year, will feature creations from some of the top restaurateurs in the region. A panel of expert and celebrity judges will choose the best vegan, seafood-based, cream-based, meat-based, most surprising ingredient and most original creations. Guests will also choose who wins the coveted "People's Choice" award. This event will also feature a live performance from Lehigh Val-

ley-based jazz-blues band, Dolcetto Trio. Attendees can also enter a raffle for a chance to win gift cards donated by the participating restaurants.

So far, this list of restaurants includes: The View at Morgan Hill, Daisy Hill Kitchen and Grill, Hampton Winds Restaurant - NCC Culinary Arts Department, Molly's Irish Grille and Sports Pub, Forks Mediterranean

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What are you looking forward to most in 2022?



"A Lego set, my birthday, new episodes of Sailor Moon, and vacation."
Jesse, Anne, Leah & **Jacob Kelly**
Northampton



"To work on myself and do some self reflection."
Tyler Mandanaro
Bethlehem



"I just turned 21 and am looking forward to new opportunities as well as more positivity instead of negativity."
Caitlin Johnson
Bethlehem



"Starting new intentions and establishing some things I've been meaning to."
Kyah Smith
Bethlehem

New equine officer introduced for holidays



The Bethlehem Mounted Police Patrol added another four-legged officer at the 'Holiday with the Horses' open house Dec. 12, which was held at the Quadrant Private Wealth stable facility. Mason, a 5-year-old half Percheron and half Belgian steed weighs over 1,900 pounds and stands over 17 hands tall, making him the largest horse in the unit and largest officer on the force. He received his badge, name tag and Bethlehem star rosette in a brief ceremony. Mason has been undergoing training since August and was donated by Larry Heinrich and his adopt-a-horse-sponsors are Karen and James McIntyre. His partner is officer Mark Kuntzman. **Above:** Officer Mark Kuntzman primps Mason prior to his introduction as the newest horse assigned to Bethlehem's Mounted Police unit.

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WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE-CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Christmas for Kids founder Enid Jackson and officer C.R. Stokes of the Lehigh Police Department spend a Saturday before Christmas filling and dispensing gift bags for needy children.



Faith Bauer and **Angie Alozie** help distribute Christmas gift bags as part of the Christmas for Kids program.

TESTS

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toms such as a cough or difficulty breathing, call your doctor for medical advice. For St. Luke's patients, please do one of the following:
• Call your St. Luke's Physician Group practice.
• Download the St. Luke's app to utilize the video visit feature to

connect with a doctor. For patients without a doctor, please call the St. Luke's Coronavirus hotline at 1-866-ST-LUKES (785-8537), option 7.
Fully vaccinated and boosted individuals with mild non-progressive COVID symptoms such as a runny nose do not need to go to a hospital emergency department or urgent care

center. Individuals experiencing more serious COVID symptoms such as difficulty breathing, sustained high fever, confusion or the inability to maintain adequate hydration should seek medical attention, and for such individuals a visit to a hospital emergency department or urgent care center may be appropriate.
Jahre noted that peo-

ple who go to a hospital emergency department or urgent care location may experience longer wait times because of the ongoing surge in COVID-19 Omicron cases. "We ask people to be respectful to our staff, who are working diligently under very challenging circumstances," he said.

Contributed article

BOWL

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Deli, Roasted, Joe's Tavern and Palette & Pour, the new full-service bar and quick-service kitchen located on the first floor of the ArtsQuest Center. Any restaurants interested in participating must fill out a form by Jan. 19, to reserve a station at this popular event.
The Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School Culinary Arts

student team, led by Instructors Lawrence Fortunato and Scott Ferry, will work to defend their two-time "People's Choice" title at this year's event.
"This is a great opportunity for students to get out in the community and show what we are doing is a viable career path," Fortunato said. "We love to showcase the success of our students."
In 2019, the student team whipped up a

pumpkin bisque with smoked gouda. In 2020 the team brought home the Souper Bowl Spoon for a second year in a row by using the same fall flavor flair for a brand-new creamy maple bacon sweet potato soup.
"If we keep winning, I told the administration we are going to need a trophy case," Fortunato said.
Tickets for this delicious event can be purchased on steel-

stacks.org or by calling the ArtsQuest box office at 610.332.3378. General admission is \$32 for ArtsQuest members and \$36 for the public. VIP Tasting Tickets start at \$59 for ArtsQuest Members and \$64 for the general public. For more exclusive ticket access and advance purchase opportunities, become an ArtsQuest Circle donor today.

Contributed article

Plastic bags get a brief reprieve

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh County Commissioners Dec. 8 tabled a proposed resolution to tax or place a consumer fee on the sale of one-time use plastic bags in Lehigh County. Resolution 2021-41 will remain off the agenda permanently unless re-introduced this year.

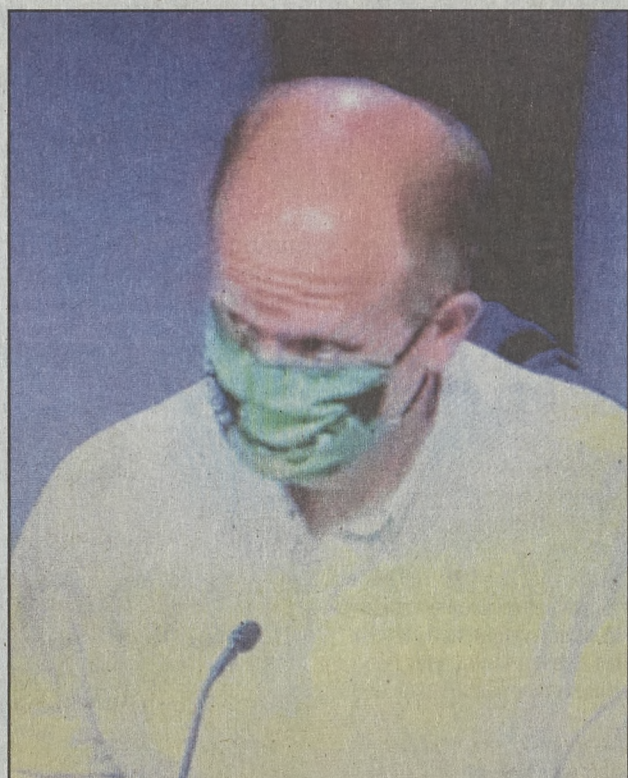
Commissioner Amy Zanelli abstained from the vote, citing potential conflict, as she will be a judge and possibly would see litigation on the subject come onto her court docket.

The proposal would authorize the county to require businesses who offer the plastic bags to customers to charge a 10 cent fee per bag, with the money collected going to other environmentally friendly causes.

Commissioners need to carefully consider the implications of the measure and to consider enforcement, according to Dan Hartzel, who made the motion. He said he also wants to ensure that businesses have a chance to understand the measure and have a chance to comment on it before it goes up for a vote.

PennEnvironment, an environmental advocacy group, had withdrawn

LEHIGH COUNTY



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

President County Commissioner Geoff Brace calls for public comment on a resolution to table a bill that would impose fees on the sale of one-time use plastic bags in Lehigh County.

support of the resolution when they realized the county's version sent collected money to the county rather than to the retailers.

"We have serious concerns that this is a violation of the Commonwealth Code. In

light of these changes, I wanted to let you know that PennEnvironment is no longer supporting this ordinance," said representative Faran Savitz in an email commissioners.

A state ban on restricting use of plastic

bags has expired. The resolution as currently written imposes a 10 cent fee on each single-use plastic bag used by a customer to carry goods sold by a retailer. The fee would be effective six months after the law goes into effect. Eighteen months later, the fee would go up to 15 cents per bag.

"Single-Use Plastic Bag" are defined in the resolution as a material made through a blown-film extrusion process.

Some categories of single-use plastic bags, such as bags used by the retailer to package merchandise for resale, would be exempted from the law.

Customers buying merchandise through the SNAP or WIC program are also exempted from the current draft of the resolution.

The law would have teeth in that it provides for a \$300 fine and imprisonment for not more than 90 days for retailers who violate the ordinance.

Outgoing Commissioner Percy Dougherty (R), who sponsored the bill, said he agreed to the motion to table because he understood that Commissioner Zakiya Smalls (D) would re-introduce the measure this year.

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



FACTS

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level.
- Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms.

Following the directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit public gatherings, several of the following meetings/activities might be changed, canceled, streamed or online. Masks may be required. Check websites and social media as available.

Current items

ARTSQUEST GUIDELINES: ArtsQuest is using a number of best practices and procedures based on guidelines from the CDC, City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visit artsquest.org/safety to view current health and safety guidelines.

BETHLEHEM PALETTE CLUB: Member's Juried Exhibition of Bethlehem Palette Club members' art work from Jan. 5 to Feb. 13. A closing reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 13. The Bethlehem City Hall Rotunda Gallery, located at 10 E. Church; is open to the public weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays. Club membership is open to artists and those interested in the arts. Visit www.bethlehempaletteclub.org

4-H SEEDLING SALE: The Northampton County 4-H program is once again sponsoring the annual seedling tree and fruit tree sale. The sale benefits the 4-H youth in the county and supports various programs throughout the year, including camps, fairs, trips, the annual achievement banquet and other club activities. For order forms call or email the Penn State Extension - Northampton County Office. Deadline: Feb. 1.

NEW NIHM EXHIBIT: A new exhibit focusing on Bethlehem's General Superintendent and Chief Engineer John Fritz is now on display at the National Museum of Industrial History. The Works of a Mechanical Genius: The Legacy of John Fritz marks the 200 anniversary of the birth of industrial pioneer and mechanical genius, John Fritz. The display closes in October 2022. National Museum of Industrial History, 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmi.org/virtualmuseum>; call 610-694-6644 for schedules. NMIH museum is open. For hours and dates, timed ticket purchases, information about mask requirements, social distancing protocols and more, visit <https://www.nmi.org/visit/admission-hours-and-directions/>

Wednesday, January 5

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, ages 14 and older 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

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Thursday, January 6

Chair Exercises: 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Seniors 50 and up Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Friday, January 7

Registration deadline for free bowl of soup courtesy of Traditions of Hanover from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at 5300 Northgate Drive. Must register by Jan. 7. Choose one: asopao de pollo (chicken and rice stew) or Italian wedding soup or New England clam chowder and homemade bread. Call 610-882-0400.

Saturday, January 8

Mac & Mocktails trail, noon to 5 p.m. Historic District. Information, registration: <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/mac-mocktails/> and receive confirmation, start at Bethlehem Chamber office, 74 W. Broad St., suite 240 for passport and map, go to locations and pickup samples

Tuesday, January 11

Bridge players, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Wednesday, January 12

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, ages 14 and older 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

The Bethlehem Press calendar listings are, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of printing. We are not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of information submitted by external parties.

MEETING BOARD

Municipal notes

BETHLEHEM WASTE FACILITY: The Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility re-opened Jan. 3.

Effective immediately, Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center, 635 Illick's Mill Road, will not be accepting any Styrofoam materials. They hope this change is temporary and will advise once they begin accepting Styrofoam materials again. Thank you for your understanding and continued patronage.

BETHLEHEM CITY HALL: Reopened Jan. 3.

GRACEDALE AWARD: Lamont McClure and the administrators at Gracedale Nursing Home announced recently that AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community Health Choices has awarded an additional \$94,388.49 for the good work on quality measures. This one-time payment for SNF Quality Enhancement Programs is passed on the facility's performance on benchmarks related to percentage of (1) high-risk long-stay residents with pressure ulcers; (2) long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine; (3) long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine; (4) long-stay residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury; and (5) short-stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission.

SCAM WARNING: The Northampton County Sheriff's Department has received reports about an individual contacting residents and claiming to be Lt. Rich Johnson. Said individual then states there is a warrant out for the resident's arrest and that they need to pay via a bank check or a money order otherwise they will be immediately arrested.

This is a scam intended to defraud our residents. The Sheriff's Department does not call residents and solicit money in lieu of arrest.

Please report any suspicious solicitations to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office at 800-441-2555 or email them at scams@attorneygeneral.gov

Wednesday, January 5

Canceled: Historical Architectural Review board Fountain Hill Finance, P.W., Personnel and House Committees, 5:30 p.m., 941 Long St.

Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Council, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.

Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission, 5 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, January 6

Northampton Co. Economic Development Committee, 3:30 p.m. NorCo Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

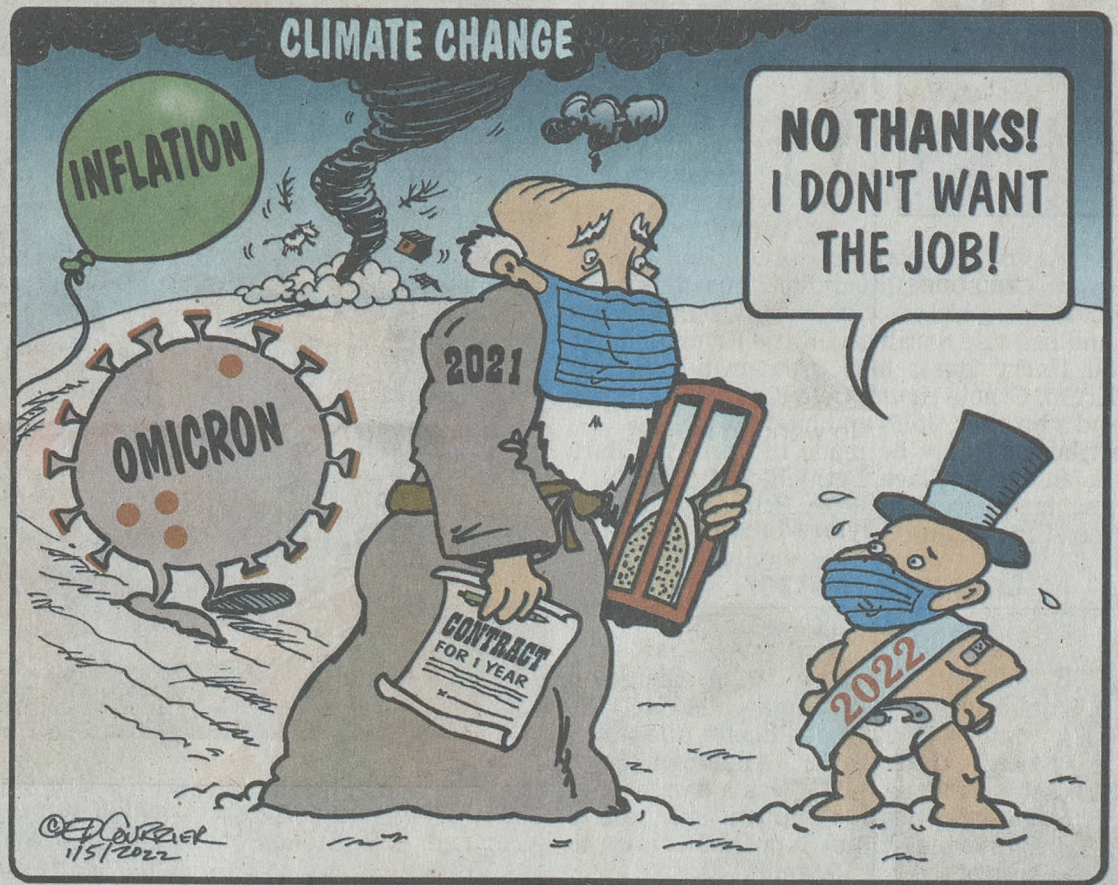
Northampton Co. Human Services Committee, 3:30 p.m. NorCo Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m. NorCo Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Illick's Mill - second floor, 100 Illick's Mill Road.

ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courrier



Lacking quorum, requests postponed

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission found itself one member short of a quorum for the in-person, masked hearing Dec. 20.

With already thinned ranks due to excused absences, the last-minute, emergency call-off from a commissioner left the board with only four voting members and the non-voting historic officer present.

Planning and Zoning Director Darlene Heller apologized and indicated she would attempt to coordinate a special meeting sometime in the first week of January, which the applicants graciously accepted. The HCC usually meets toward the end of the month.

Accompanied by Rod Delgado from Smart Graphics, Ali Kishar expressed concerns about

BETHLEHEM HCC



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Rod Delgado from Smart Graphics and business owner Ali Kishar with a signage proposal for King Wing for 129 E. Third St.

how the delay could affect the opening of his new restaurant at 129 E. Third St. planned for early January.

Their proposed signage features "King

Wing" with a cartoon rooster head for across the cornice, as well as a vinyl window sign.

Although the board could not rule on the proposal, Chairman

Gary Lader and the other commissioners advised Kishar to contact the zoning department for a permit to display his signage as a temporary banner.

PJ Century, LLC owns the building.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and residents in a designated historic district who wish to make alterations to a building's exterior. The commission's recommendations are later reviewed, and then voted on by city council before any project is allowed to proceed.

**SAUCON VALLEY
Employee health plan changes are approved**

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

With the Pa. Department of Health's statewide school mask mandate struck down on Dec. 10 by the Pa. Supreme Court, it was no

surprise that the debate continued at the Dec. 21 Saucon Valley School Board meeting.

The district's current Health and Safety Plan - which automatically went into effect as



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Student Ellen Stern urges board members to use terms like 'discrimination' with caution when referring to COVID vaccine mandates.



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of the Dec. 10 court ruling - calls for a 'tiered' masking strategy based on weekly tallies of reported positive tests throughout campus.

It was reported that all three Saucon buildings - the elementary, middle and high schools share a campus but are distributed across dedicated facilities - were fully 'mask optional' for all students and staff for the week of Dec. 13, however, at least two of the buildings were again requiring masks the following week due to an increase in cases.

Board member Edward Andres - who has led the charge at recent meetings advocating for relaxing guidelines - said he was "saddened" to hear that when the mandate was struck down, the superintendent did not immediately communicate to families that the DoH's quarantine guidelines were also discarded.

Andres (who once again was the only member of the board or administration who refused to wear a mask)

Dorothy P. (Pinter) Spengler

worked at Bell Labs



Dorothy P. (Pinter) Spengler, 94, died December 20, 2021. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Fanny (Gombocz) Pinter. She was the wife of the late George H. Spengler.

She was a Liberty HS graduate.

She worked at Bell Laboratories for many years until she retired.

She is survived by two daughters, Holly of Allentown and Connie Krum and her husband Jonathan of Rockville, Md.; two grandchildren, Clayton Krum and his wife Sarah and Katie Krum and her husband Harry Ross; four great-grandchildren, Clara Krum, Gracie Krum, Cole Krum and Crosby Ross; and a brother, John and his wife Helen.

Contributions may be made to Family Pillars Hospice, 3910 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017 Arrangements were made by Brubaker Funeral Home Inc., Catasauqua.

Emma S. Kratzer

worked in LVH- CS



Emma S. Kratzer, 97, of Allentown and formerly of Coplay, died on December 24, 2021, at Phoebe Allentown Health Care Center, Allentown. Born in Catasauqua, she was a daughter of the late Ignatius Suppan and the late Catherine (Jollie) Suppan. She was the wife of the late Raymond Kratzer.

She retired from Lehigh Valley Hospital Central Services in 1989 after 20 years in the collections department. During World War II, she was a chief clerk for the Office of Price Administration, Catasauqua.

She was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Coplay, and of the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a past secretary and a past president of the American Women's Association, the Whitehall AARP Chapter #3115, and the Coplay Saengerbund Ladies Auxiliary. She was a former member of club 55 Bowling League, Allentown.

She is survived by a son, Gary R. and his wife Patricia Cannon-Kratzer of Emmaus; a daughter, Debra A. Kratzer-Comer and her husband of Martin J. of Bethlehem; four grandsons, Jason and his wife Tarrin, Kyle and fiancé Elise, Wade and his wife Kat and Jarret; and two great-grandchildren; Dillon and Addison.

She was predeceased by a brother, Gerald Suppan; and a sister, Catherine Harmonisky.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, c/o Schisler Funeral Home Inc., 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067.

Arrangements were made by Schisler Funeral Home Inc., Northampton.

PLAN

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agreed with a parent who spoke at the beginning of the meeting. The woman said she felt discriminated against for choosing not to vaccinate her child against COVID-19. "I feel for this parent," Andres said, referring to the Plan as it was written at the time, saying it promoted "discrimination based on vaccination status."

Andres criticized upcoming upperclass trips to educational sites in cities like Philadelphia which have implemented citywide vaccination requirements in certain businesses and compared such policies to segregationist Jim Crow laws in the post-Civil War south.

Andres also suggested the Plan recognize religious objections and 'natural immunity' and cited Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, Chief of Infectious Diseases at St. Luke's, who made national news on FOX News' Tucker Carlson Tonight. In his appearances, Jahre discussed the healthcare network's disregard for CDC guidelines while allowing unvaccinated employees that have recovered from COVID to bypass its immunization requirements.

Andres eventually motioned to alter the language in a form letter sent from Interim Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty's office to families in the event of a student being deemed a 'close contact' to another who tests positive.

The letters should include no indication whether the positive student was vaccinated or not (or masked or not when under 'optional masking'), he said, with the district's "recommendation" to quarantine following CDC standards, not a requirement. Board member Bryan Eichfeld agreed, adding, "What we're doing right now is excluding kids who are healthy," asymptomatic close contacts who nev-

er test positive. After well over an hour of debate over semantics and minutia but with little pushback on Andres' general opinions, the board voted unanimously in favor of his motion. District families can now choose whether or not to quarantine and test their asymptomatic parents in the event of a notification of an exposure. It was noted that students' absences due to quarantining will continue to be considered excused.

A few district parents and residents attended the public comment portion following the vote, with all in support of optional masking. However, two high school students - Hunter Gress and Ellen Stern - spoke in favor of making cautious choices.

Stern, who first spoke up at the Dec. 7 meeting, said she felt "high school students and teachers are being kind of ignored in these meetings... you never talk about us." She noted that since secondary-level students change classes frequently and often are broken down into more specialized subjects, 'mask-only' classrooms as laid out in the Plan aren't practical at that level.

Stern also referred to Andres' claims of "discrimination" concerning the aforementioned topic of class trips, saying it is "a dangerous word to be using." She suggested that particular board members' deployment of the term is disrespectful to students who "are in a wheelchair, blind, hard of hearing," adding, "you can't only use discrimination when it comes to vaccinations."

Gress spoke briefly, noting the many attendees and Andres who, he said, did not "seem to want to follow" the Plan regarding masks. "I think it definitely speaks volumes" that some of those who voted to implement the procedures did not follow them that evening, he said.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK

The holy family has received their gifts and The Three Kings descend from the manger. From left are "King Melchior," Kevin Landis, "King Balthasar," Brock Williams and "King Casper," Edward Rogener.

42nd annual live pageant

'O come, let us adore Him'

BY LORI PATRICK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 42nd annual "Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant" performance was held Dec. 11 and 12 at the Bethlehem Rose Garden within the bandshell. Musical Prelude began at 1:45 p.m. and the story in song was performed by The Chancel Choir of Bethany, United Church of Christ, under the direction of Susan Denninger Wright. The event was opened by narrator William Schellhaas, who said the opening prayer. President of Live



Taking a moment to pet one of the many animals present after the "Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant" is Bethlehem resident Connie Cueller, who resides in view of the bandshell. She has been attending the pageant all of its 42 years. Cueller is the great-aunt of Allison Bellis, 8, of Palmerton, left, who enjoys the display every year as a family tradition.

Bethlehem Christmas Pageant David Landis welcomed guests. The pageant was organized and presented by the Reverend Leonardo Iacano for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1978 at Our Lady of Pompeii Church in South Bethlehem. If you wish to learn more, you can follow their Facebook page, "Live Bethlehem Nativity Pageant". If you care to donate or sponsor future pageants, reach out to Director David Landis at dlandis603@aol.com.



"Baby Jesus," played by baby Blake, is held by Angela Kopchak, who played "Mary" for the Live Nativity at the 8th Street Rose Garden. Once the "Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant" ended, guests were invited to the bandshell to see the actors.



Narrating the story of the Nativity is William Schellhaas as he stands above some of the shepherds and live animals during the "Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant" hosted by the Bethany United Church of Christ located at 600 West Market Street in Bethlehem.



"King Melchior" played by Kevin Landis, presents "Baby Jesus" to the audience in celebration of the Christmas live nativity held at the Rose Garden in Bethlehem.

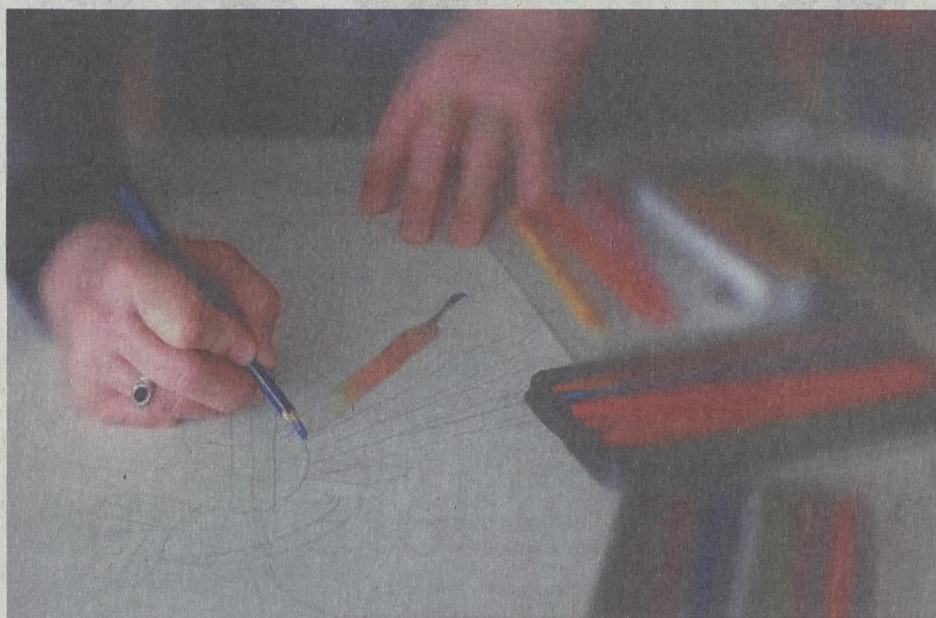
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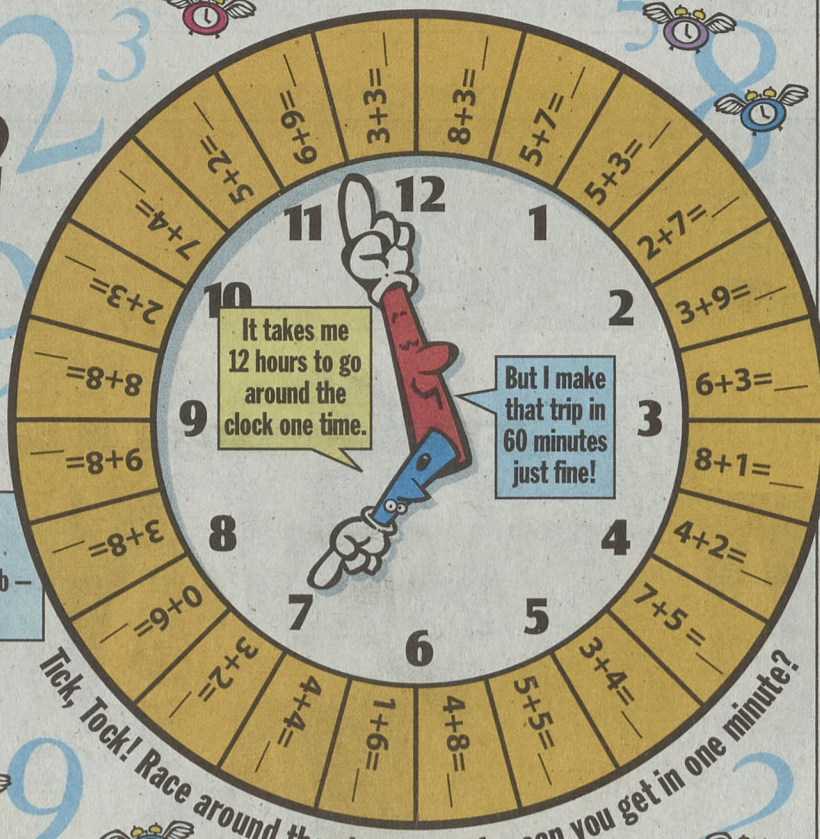
Think about something that has happened at your school or in your community or neighborhood this past week. Did you go on a field trip? Did anyone win an award or do something special? Write a press release about it!

Use the form below to organize your information.

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Write a press release using the facts you wrote on the above form.

GOT A MINUTE?



Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Students know relationships of time (minutes in an hour).

What can you do in a minute?

Can you do each of these for one minute? Find someone to time you and see!

- Balance on one foot.
- Jump up and down 100 times.
- Find 20 flying clocks on this page.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Time Match

What time do the clocks and watches on the left show?

Can you find the clocks that show the same time on the right?

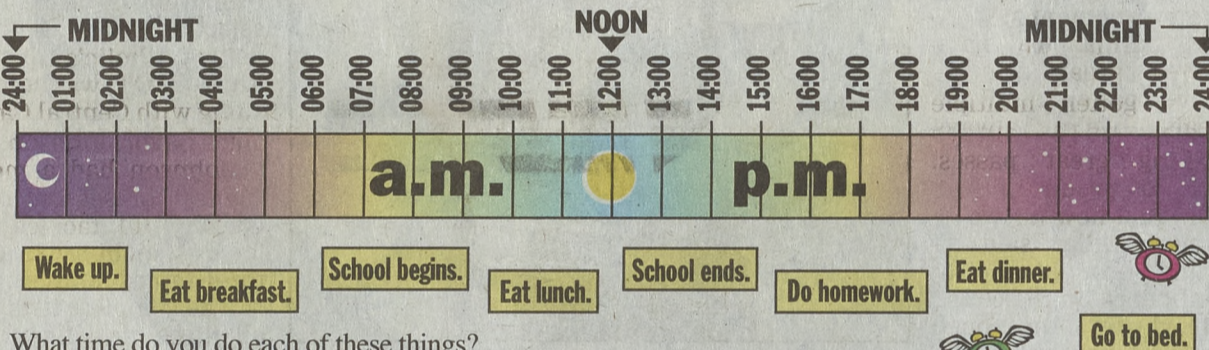
Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Tell time to the nearest quarter hour, half hour and hour.



Time Line

Some clocks are 12-hour clocks. Other clocks are 24-hour clocks. On a 24-hour clock, you start counting the hours from midnight. From midnight to noon, the hours are numbered 1 to 12. After noon, they are numbered 13 to 24.

If you don't use a 24-hour clock, how do you know if it is morning or afternoon? You can use the letters a.m. after the time to show it is morning and the letters p.m. after the time to show that it's after noon.



What time do you do each of these things? Draw a line from each box to the time line to make a "Day in My Life" timeline.

One-Minute Dashes

In one minute, how many:
 • words can you circle that start with the letter M?
 • paragraphs can you read?
 • numbers can you circle?

Standards Link: Measurements: Know relationships of time. Reading: Follow simple directions.

Send your press release to the editor of this newspaper. Be sure to include your name and contact information!

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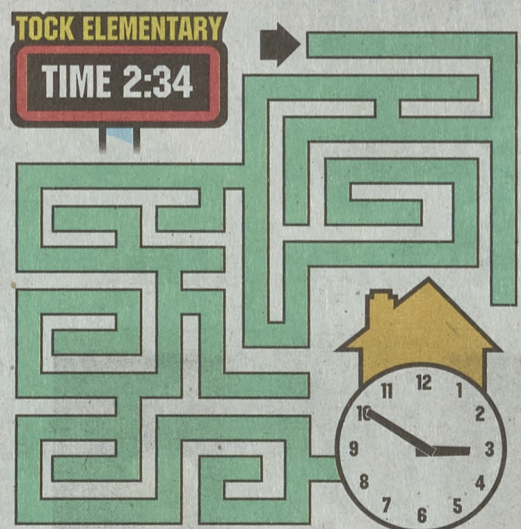
... a connection between people in a community.

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Tick Tock, Long Walk

Tony has a long walk home from school. The school clock tells what time Tony left for home.

Follow the maze to Tony's house. The clock at his house tells what time Tony got home. How long did it take for Tony to get home?



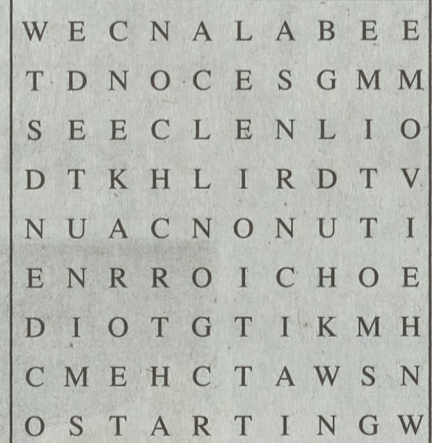
It took Tony _____ minutes to get home from school.

Standards Link: Math: Measurement: Determine the duration of intervals of time in minutes.

Double Double Word Search

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- CIRCLES
- CLOCKS
- MIDNIGHT
- MOVIE
- HOUR
- SECOND
- MORNING
- TIME
- TOCK
- STARTING
- WATCH
- BALANCE
- HAND
- ENDS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: EDITOR

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The **editor** looked through the press releases to find an idea for a newspaper article.

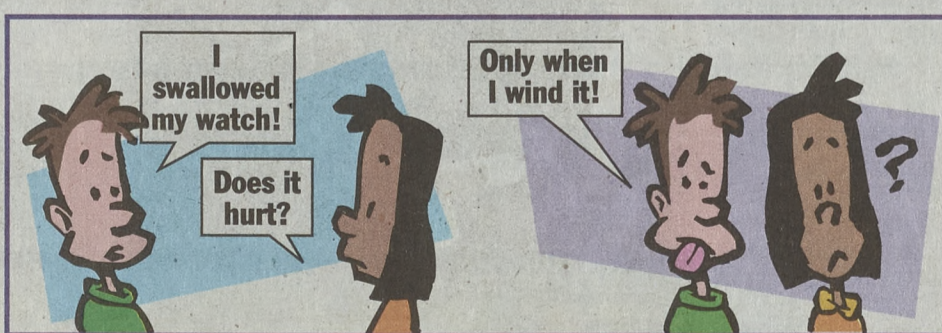
Try to use the word **editor** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

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Watch the Clock

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Becahi girls fall to O'Hara

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team hosted Cardinal O'Hara, the defending PIAA State Class 4A champs, on Monday night, but a tie at halftime ended in a 48-29 victory for the Lions.

"They're state champs and when we took the game, that's what we wanted," said Becahi head coach Jose Medina. "You know, iron sharpens iron, so for us, what better way to find out early about ourselves than to have the state champs come here."

The Golden Hawks scored nine straight points midway through the second quarter to take a 16-15 lead. Keyara Walters sank two free throws and scored two more points, Yarian Fernandez hit a three pointer, and Cydney Stanton also sank both of her foul shots.

Becahi then forced a turnover, Akasha Santos rebounded a missed shot and made a pass inside to Ella Bincarosky who converted to make it 18-15, Hawks.

Molly Rullo tied the game for Cardinal O'Hara, and the teams headed to the locker room knotted at 18.

"We hung with them for two-and-a-half quarters, but they took it up another notch," Coach Medina said. "We have to learn that, when teams do that, we have to match that intensity. That's something we'll get better at as the season continues."

Cardinal O'Hara's full court pressure in the third quarter created multiple scoring opportunities for the Lions resulting in an 11 point lead entering into the final eight minutes.

"They did a great job of speeding us up and taking away some things we like to get to. We'll make the adjustments, and we'll be better for it," said Medina. "The margin of error is so small. Sometimes we want to run this, but the defense takes that away. OK, how do we counteract that within the confines of what we run?"

The Hawks will have had less than 24 hours to regroup for their EPC matchup against Northampton on Tuesday night, past Press deadlines.

"We can't hang our heads. We've got another tough team coming in here with seven or eight wins, and I wouldn't have it any other way," Medina said. "Early on, let's get everybody's best shot, and let's see what we're capable of doing."



PRESS PHOTOS BY KATIE MCDONALD

The Liberty girls basketball team won the Salisbury Holiday Tournament title.

LHS girls win Salisbury Holiday Tournament

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Liberty Hurricanes were the 2021 Salisbury Holiday Tournament champions with a 57-28 victory over Oley Valley on Dec. 28 and a 49-22 victory over Saucon Valley on Dec. 29 at Salisbury High School.

"I liked our defensive pressure. That's something we've been working on and that we've been preaching overall," said Liberty head coach Jarrett Carnes. "It's just nice to go five straight, so we're building, and we have momentum."

Top scorers for the Hurricanes in their game against Oley Valley were Ruby Miller (17) Layla Orth (11), Emma Pukszyn (11), and Abby Thompson (9).

"The tournament was definitely a confidence boost, especially coming into the second day after winning our first game," Coach Carnes

said. "There were a lot of girls who had to step up because we had a couple girls out, so it was nice and a confidence boost for everybody."

Top scorers for the Hurricanes in their game against Saucon Valley were Orth (19), Miller (12), and Tamia Bruce (9).

Orth and Miller were named to the All-Tournament team, and Miller was tournament MVP.

"I think we have played great defense, we've gotten multiple steals, we're always making great passes. I'm so proud of our team and how far we've come," Miller said. "I think I brought a lot of confidence on the court, looked for the open shots, I passed to the right teammates, and played great defense."

Coach Carnes was proud of Miller's tournament play.

"I'm super proud of



Liberty's Ruby Miller took home the tournament MVP award.

her," he said. "She attacks, attacks, attacks. She shoots the ball, plays defense. She plays multiple sports, so I'm happy she's doing well on the court too."

Area basketball teams ready to get back to action

BY PETER CAR
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With the holiday break in the rear view, area basketball teams are now gearing up for the second half of the season.

Unfortunately, the holidays didn't bring a winning formula for the Bethlehem teams.

Liberty, Bethlehem Catholic and Freedom went a combined 1-4 last week, but that doesn't mean lessons can't be learned in defeat. Liberty dropped both of their contests at Allen, falling to the Canaries 48-44 and Hazleton 47-43.

The narrow defeats showed the 'Canes (5-3) still have plenty to work on.

"We were disappointed that we finished 0-2, however, there was plenty for us to build off," said Liberty head coach Nigel Long. "We have to improve our free throw shooting as a team. That is an area of opportunity for growth. We must also continue to grow in our defensive principles as well."

The overtime defeat to Allen was one Long hopes the team doesn't



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Liberty's (5) Joseph Barnes and (4) Joshua Farrell look to track down the ball against Northampton in a game from earlier this season.

repeat, as they blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead and were held scoreless in the overtime period.

Liberty opens the week with another difficult test against Parkland (5-3) on Tuesday, followed by Pocono Mountain East (1-4) on Friday and Whitehall (3-5) on Saturday.

"Parkland will be a

great test for us," Long said. "They are one of the top teams in our league and in the state. Along with Nick Coval, they have a ton of skilled players who compliment him well. They are also very well coached by Andy Stephens. Confidence comes from preparation. We have to continue to attack each day and build off the

foundation that we have created thus far into the season."

Bethlehem Catholic (3-2) played their first game in nearly two weeks in their 79-62 loss to Dallas last week. The Hawks have a three-game slate this week with Northampton (4-3), East Stroudsburg North (2-5) and Pocono Mountain West (2-5) on Page A8

Moore, Kanyuk named all-state

BY PETER CAR
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The Pennsylvania Football Writers announced their list of all-state football players last week, as the Lehigh Valley had five players selected in Classes 6A, 5A and 4A.

Freedom's Braelin Moore was the only selection in the 6A classification, as the Virginia Tech defensive linemen was one of the most disruptive players in the East Penn Conference trenches this season.

The two-way lineman registered 64 tackles, 16 for loss, 10 sacks and three forced fumbles on the season.

In 5A, East Stroudsburg South quarterback Bobby McClosky earned his nomination by throwing for 2,190 yards and 27 touchdowns. McClosky was the leading passer in the EPC this season.

The 4A crop had three selections led by Northwestern quarterback Justin Holmes.

Holmes threw for 1,295 yards and 18 touchdowns, while collecting 1,267 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns on the ground.

A pair of linemen round out the final two selections, as Bethlehem Catholic's Justin Kanyuk (OT) was named along with Central Catholic's Lavon Johnson.

Johnson had a monster senior season, registering 101 tackles, 36 for loss, eight sacks and three forced fumbles.

The complete lists for all three classifications is below.

CLASS 6A OFFENSE Quarterback

Beau Pribula, Central York — 6-2, 210 sr.
Ethan Kohler, Perkiomen Valley — 6-2, 215 sr.
Joey Daniels, Mount Lebanon — 6-1, 185 sr.
Ryan Zeltt, North Penn — 6-4, 190 Jr.

Running Back

Tahir Mills, Ridley — 6-1, 210 sr.
Alex Tecza, Mount Lebanon — 6-0, 200 sr.
Jaheim White, York High — 5-9, 195 sr.
Khalani Eaton, North Penn — 5-10, 210 sr.
Sam Brown, La Salle College HS — 6-0, 195 sr.

Wide Receiver

Eli Heidenreich, Mount Lebanon — 6-0, 180 sr.
Anthony Ivey, Manheim Township — 6-1, 180 sr.
Kenny Johnson, Daltstown — 6-2, 190 Jr.
Levi Carroll, North Penn — 6-4, 185 sr.

Tight End

Aiden Black, Delaware Valley — 6-4, 225 soph.

Offensive Line

Joden Nelson, York High — 6-4, 280 sr.
Michael Dincher, State College — 6-3, 295 Jr.
Brad Harris, St. Joseph's Prep — 6-4, 280 sr.
Kade Capristo, Mount Lebanon — 6-2, 270 Jr.
Jon Ramsey, Wilson-West Lawn — 6-2, 220 sr.

Cooper Cousins, McDowell — 6-6, 275 soph.

Athlete

Samaj Jones, St. Joseph's Prep — 6-1, 210 soph.

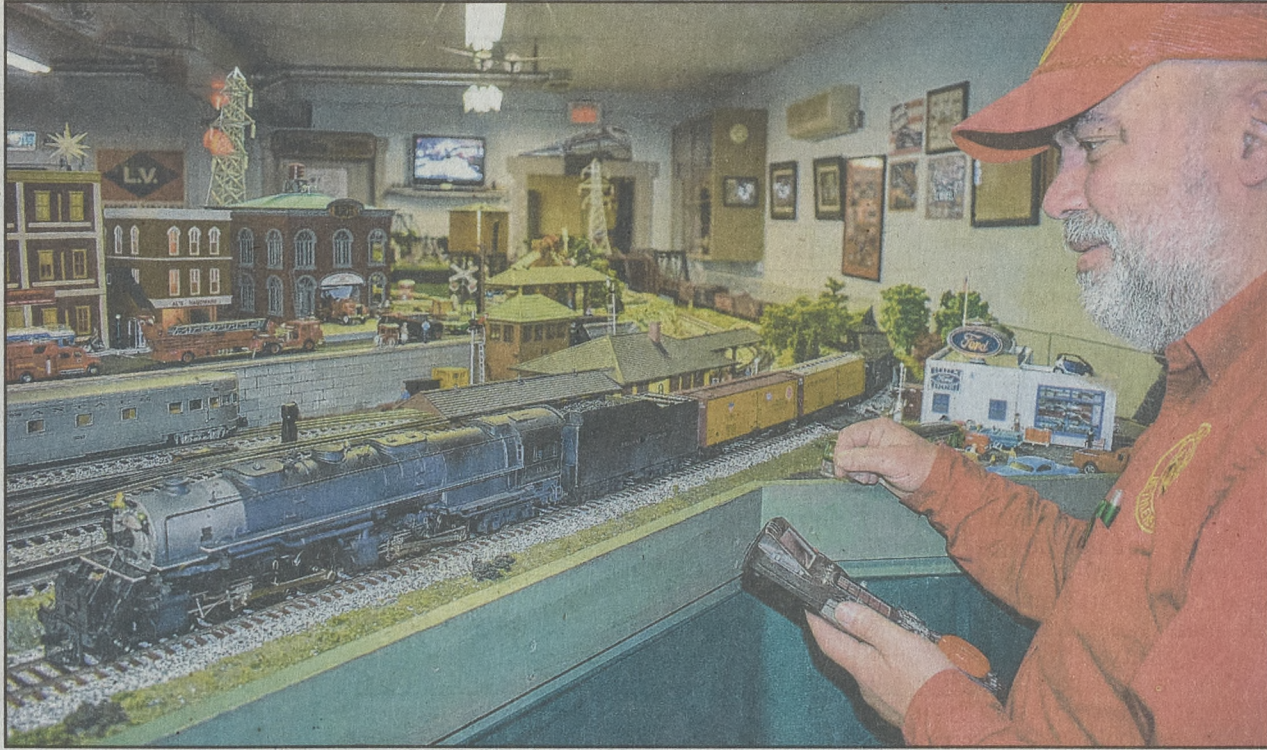
Kyle Williams Jr., Harrisburg — 6-0, 175 Jr.

DEFENSE

Defensive Line

Braelin Moore, Bethlehem Freedom — 6-3, 295 See STATE on Page A8

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Ray Viohl works a hand-held remote control as an O-Gauge 4-6-6-4 Delaware & Hudson "Challenger" loco passes by. Viohl had recently traveled to Lake Charles Louisiana to see a restored Union Pacific "Big Boy" engine as it toured the country.

PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER



Sam Wisnoski rides on his father Jeff's shoulders to better view the larger scale layout on the first floor. His brother, Ben, is supported piggy-back by his grandmother, Sue Wisnoski. The Bethlehem residents live nearby.

Railroad Days Trains always run on time here

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A little Shay locomotive slowly puffs across a trestle while pulling its load of fresh-cut logs as another steam loco at the head of the "Freedom Train" approaches underneath. Vignettes like this play across two floors of model railroads at the "Railroad Days" events hosted by the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers in early to mid December.

The event is located in a former Grange Hall at 900 E. Macada Road. since 1981, club members have built, and then built back better, miniature landscapes beginning in 1965. The model urban and rural environments are dominated by 'miles' of tracks, venerable mod-



Cameron Connors and his twin brother Emmett study the model sawmill as an HO scale freight train rumbles by. The twins and their parents Chris and Barbara reside in Bethlehem.

el steam locomotives, modern-day diesel workhorses and rolling stock.

According to society member Doug Pyatt, the BDSME has operated out of various locations in Bethlehem, Hellertown and Easton throughout its more

than 50-year history. One of their Easton club buildings burned down in 1973, destroying all but a locomotive bell, which was returned to a former member, and the club's antique trolley fare box.

The meter was re-

stored and currently stands at the first floor entrance where those who pay their 'fare' to view the trains get to ring the bell by pulling down the handle.

The members host a Boy Scout night once a year in December. Interested scouts can also earn a Railroading merit badge, explained Doug Pyatt as he held up a list of requirements that must be met. These include an understanding of various power sources for locomotives, signal knowledge, and learning operating and safety procedures.

Several area families came to enjoy the trolley cars, passenger trains, freight yards, roundhouse operations, stations, farms, villages,



Kinsley Searfoss rings the bell on the antique trolley meter. Her brother, Paxton, patiently waits behind her for his turn.



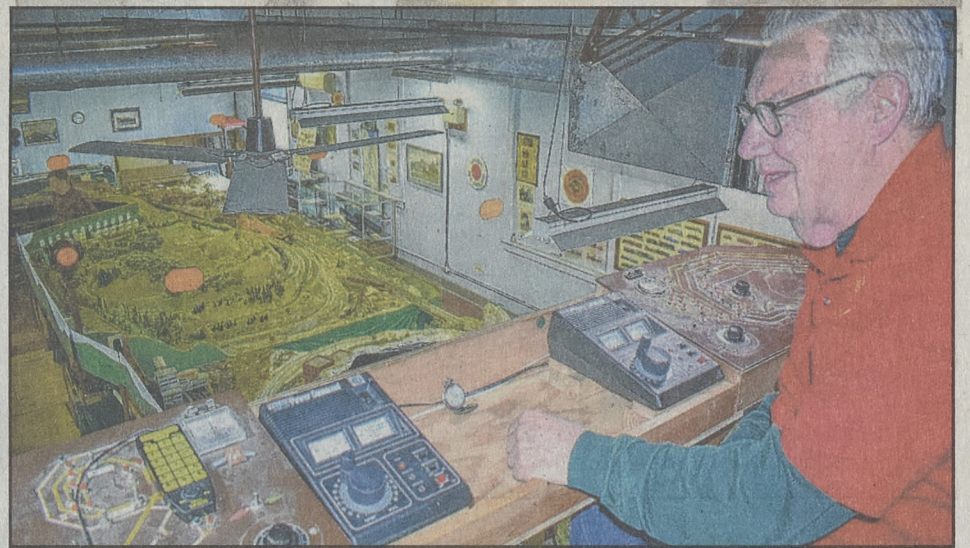
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John Fielding staffs controls from a perch above the HO layout, accessible only by climbing a freight car ladder.



From left, Mike Schlachtun and Sandy McNicol tell Doug Pyatt they drove from Frenchtown, New Jersey, again to attend the open house. "This is my favorite place to go," remarked McNicol.



Bethlehem resident Gabriel Dusold and his mom Mojca delight in the HO-scale amusement park called "Shearer's Grove." His grandfather and uncle have home HO layouts.

COVID tests: Pass/fail

Oh boy. I thought all I wanted for Christmas was my four front teeth. Then came three unpleasant surprises.

First, the dentist had an earlier opening. Yay! But then I was informed my insurance had maxed out, and the crowns would cost \$2,000. Yikes!

Then, just a few days before Christmas, I found out I'd been exposed to COVID. High ho, high ho, for testing we all go. James cried and fretted all the way to the urgent care center, and again when we got into the room with the nurse. Props to Nurse Delia at the Lehigh Valley Health Network facility on Pumping Station Road in Quakertown. She handled James' whines and tears and managed to do the test without a repeat of the nosebleed he had the first time he was tested.

So some of our plans were canceled, and some were in limbo. I was determined to enjoy the time anyway. Then Erick started having stomach pain. He has had gastric issues all his life. Another doctor visit, and lab tests meant James and I spent the morning and early afternoon in the car. We came home, and I made lunch, and then I took a nap. My optimism needed to rest.

The next day was worse. I've mentioned before that I hate waiting. For anything. Then I received a message from college; I did not pass my fall courses, and so cannot use financial aid for the winter or spring sessions.

So now the accounting certificate is going to the back burner. I will try again in the summer. Trying to do everything is both time consuming and soul killing.

By dinnertime, I was trying to remember that I was happy to be at home. But soon things began that reminded me of what I love.

My sons. Despite their 13-year age difference, and Erick's assertion that he co-parents James with me, they spat and play and banter like any close siblings.

We received negative COVID test results Dec. 24 and ran out to do some quick last minute shopping. It felt good to be out and about.

Writing. I took an extra Christmas Day assignment for the paper, because it was important and fell neatly between when the boys left with their father and the time I needed to go to my sister's house.

Making things. I gave dog toys to the owner of the Three Huske-teers Rescue. (Erick LOVES huskies). She was thrilled, and it turns out she has been buying my toys from Doggy Dao & Cat's Meow. She gives one to every new adoptee! And I am very thankful for the sweatshirt and calendar.

For Christmas, Erick gave me a set of Rembrandt pastels. When he was in Charter Arts, he borrowed my pastels, and somehow-between school and moves, they were lost. I already have photos I want to turn into paintings.

So this Christmas, I was reminded of what I love.

Then came Dec. 26. The second day of Christmas, Boxing Day, the first day of Kwanzaa. I was expecting my daughter and her boyfriend in the afternoon. I cleaned, did yoga and cleaned some more and felt progressively worse as the morning went on. I still had one home COVID test. I took it, and almost immediately, the line indicating COVID came up.

I reread the instructions and was a little relieved to see that the positive line could show up then fade during the 15 minutes waiting time. It didn't fade. I did.

By the afternoon, I was spending more time napping than being awake. I could be up for 20 minutes to half an hour, then I would have to lie down.

I arranged for my daughter and her boyfriend to exchange gifts with the boys on the front steps. I wanted to get a rapid test, but the LVHN pre-registration line was not open until Monday, and CVS's test sites were full and not taking appointments. So I rested. And contacted the people I spent time with. And fretted. And rested, and wrote, and rested, and wrote.

By the next morning, I woke feeling a little more alert. That was good, because I was parked on the street and needed to move my car. I started coffee and made breakfast for myself and James. I was walking upright, but my balance was more fragile than usual, and twice I had to put a hand on the wall for support. By the time the car was moved and breakfast was ready, I was happy to sit down. Coffee helped.

We were fortunate to be third in line at the LVHN drive-up test center on Emrick Boulevard. The staff members are awesome. James still freaks out at the tests, because of the nosebleed he had with the first one. Erick climbed in the backseat, and held James while the nurse did the swab. James cried, but it was over quickly.

By the afternoon, I decided to climb into bed. I was too alert to sleep, but couldn't focus on much of anything. If I sat up, I would cough. If I talked or coughed, I felt worse. I worried for the people I spent time with on Christmas, though I had stayed masked for most of it. And I felt thankful for the friends who reached out to see how I was feeling, or offered help.

And Sam from Bonn Place Brewing. I pick up my Willow Haven Farm Share there. When I was waiting for my previous lab test, I called and asked them to give it away, because I didn't want to risk infecting anyone. Sam texted me while we were in line at the test center. He had refrigerated my box and offered to drop it off at my home. There are truly awesome people in the world, and especially here in Bethlehem.



By Lani Goins



PRESS PHOTOS BY LAKISHA BONNELL

Participants of the Christmas City Stroll walk down Church Street in Bethlehem learning about the housing of the Moravian Community in the 1800's.

The Christmas City Stroll



The tour guide talks about the church held in the "Old Chapel" built in 1751.

The Christmas City Stroll, with certified tour guides in period dress, takes tourist on a history filled tour of Downtown Bethlehem. Tourist will learn about the founding of the city, the renowned Bethlehem Star, the Bethlehem Waterworks among other historical information. Tours ran the final week of December.

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Zachary Barker Chittick grew up in the Lehigh Valley where he attended United Friends

School in Quakertown, then went on to enjoy success as a scholar athlete at Southern Lehigh High School, class of 2006. After an outstanding undergraduate experience at Syracuse University, Zack graduated summa cum laude with a double major in polit-

ical science and international relations in 2010. He was accepted to the University of Texas Law School where he graduated with honors in 2013. During law school, Zack was a member of the Texas International Law Journal and a competi-

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BOARD

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Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. Community Room, Monocacy Towers, 645 Main St.

Northampton Co. Administration and Operations Committee, 4:30 p.m. NorCo Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton
Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

Tuesday, January 11

Northampton County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board, 4:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Hellertown Borough Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Northampton County Conservation District Board, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road. Visit svpanthers.org/Domain/572

Wednesday, January 12

Northampton Co. Karst Geology Advisory Council, 4 p.m. NorCo Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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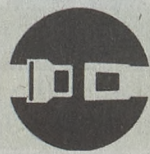
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STUDENT PROFILE

Coordinated by Julie Swan

Aidan Michels

Bethlehem Catholic HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Older sister and brother, who graduated from Bethlehem Catholic in 2014 and 2017, respectively

Favorite subject(s): I enjoy studying history, government and politics.

Activities: I am captain of the cross country and track and field teams. I am president of the band and history club, as well as student body vice president. As well as being involved in the athletics and arts department, I also participate on the debate team, mock trial team, Model UN team, scholastic scrimmage, peer listening, NHS, chess club and bowling club.

Next steps: I plan on majoring in history and minoring in business in college. I will be attending a four-year university, and I plan on going to law school.

Career goals: I plan on becoming an attorney.

Heroes: I would say my hero is my brother Kevin. I look up to him because he has been a great role model for me in life both inside and outside of the classroom.

Current job(s): I currently work at Chick-Fil-A.



Volunteer and community work: I volunteer in my school community by peer listening.

Likes: I enjoy running and playing soccer with my recreational team.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment would be winning the Garcia Cup while playing for Bethlehem Township Soccer Club.

Advice for peers: My best advice would be to get involved in your community and to not stress about life too much.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

The BASD bus drivers and NECC workers who delivered, unloaded and stored the supplies donated to the NECC.

BASD Transpo 'stuffs the bus'

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Area School District's transportation department's "stuff the bus" campaign was one of community generosity in its inaugural year as hundreds of toys, dozens of boxes of food and personal hygiene items, and thou-

sands of dollars in cash were donated over three weekends of collection at two locations. "Our community was very generous and it makes my heart happy," said BASD transportation general manager Jenny Robinson. Transportation staff delivered donations of food and hygiene products to the

Northeast Community Center and toys to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program Dec. 13. Robinson also expressed special thanks to the Route 191 Dollar Tree store for its cooperation in purchasing supplies with the donated cash. NECC executive director Paula Johnson said, "We are so grateful the

BASD and everyone who participated to help our families." She explained that food assistance and nutrition programs such as WIC and SNAP do not fund healthy snacks and hygiene products, which are the most requested items, so the 'stuff the bus' initiative met a particular need.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY

Eventful semester ends

Back in mid-December, Moravian Academy closed its doors for a relaxing winter break for both the faculty and the students. The next few months will be quite eventful on the Merle-Smith Campus as students receive acceptance letters, participate in winter sports, compete in academic competitions, perform in concerts, and sing in musicals.

The Moravian Academy girls and boys basketball teams played in the John Donmoyer Basketball Classic, which is held in memory of John Donmoyer, a beloved Moravian boys basketball coach who has been deemed District 11's all-time winningest boys coach. Although the scores were tight, the boys team unfortunately lost both its matchups in the tournament. The girls basketball team did not suffer the same fate, but in fact won both its games. Junior captain Sofia Ettle is very optimistic about this season and said,



by Elena Capobianco

"if we work hard as a team we could have a shot at the League championship. I think a lot of people were not expecting much from our team this year, but we have a lot of hidden talent that not many people have seen. It is going to be a tough ride, especially without any seniors on the team, but I think we can make it."

Look for Sofia and the rest of the girls basketball team out on the court in some of their colonial league matchups this coming month.

Moravian Academy students have won numerous academic competitions in the past few months. The Quizbowl Team under the direction of Kevin Ferdinand competed in the PBS 39 Scholastic Scrimmage and easily earned the victory. The starting team consisted of only seniors including Samit Mohapatra, Sebastian Holbrook, Theo Urban, Lilly Evazzadeh, Eric Jackson, Yiyi Chen and captain Divik Verma.

Similarly, the History Bowl Team secured a qualification for the national History Bowl Competition held in Arlington, Va. The Robotics team, under the council of Dr. Jeffrey Lawlis and Lara Cesco-Cancian, achieved a silver medal at a pre-season event. The team looks forward to an upcoming spring competition and hopes to place even higher in the new year.

Moravian Academy's annual CoffeeHouse was held in November. The show included some of Moravian's music groups, such as the orchestra, chorale and jazz band, but it also included many other performances. Some of the most memorable acts included Will Bakos on aerial silks and Sophia Mangino dancing to mxmtoon's "Prom Dress," sung by Mona Ziabari, Alison Riker, Samantha Abraham and Sebastian Holbrook.

In addition to CoffeeHouse, Moravian has begun preparing for the spring musical season. The Moravian Academy theater department is excited to announce the 2022 musical: "HMS Pinafore." Under the direction of Jarrod Yuskusaus, the students will be portraying British characters on a boat, the HMS Pinafore, in this comic opera. Junior Sofia Eckman is excited about her upcoming role as Ralph Rackstraw, a sailor who is in love with the captain's daughter, Josephine, who will be played by sophomore Alicia Gordon.

Sofia is elated that things are "starting to open back up" and she stated, "due to the pandemic, we were unable to do an in-person musical last year. I am thankful that we were able to produce streams and videos, but nothing can replace the special energy the audience, cast, and crew feel during a live performance. I think this show will be so unique and special because we are all so thankful to return to normal rehearsals and hopefully a live performance!" Mark your calendars for the "HMS Pinafore" performances in the early spring.

Lastly, many members of the Moravian Academy orchestra will be performing in the annual Red and Gold recital. Performances can be expected by Yan Yu, Emma Derby, Ellie Capobianco, Okezu Bell and Chessie Bartolacci, who have all been accepted into the 2022 Pennsylvania District 10 orchestra.

Although the first semester is coming to an end, Moravian students have already achieved so much and are excited to return in January to participate in all the special events the school has to offer in the new year.



BASD transportation staff and Northeast Community Center staff unload donations that were delivered by bus. NECC executive director Paula Johnson said the donations of healthy snacks and personal hygiene products would serve the community for the next two to three months.

Sharing at Christmastime



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY CHESTERBOOK ACADEMY

Students at Chesterbrook Academy Preschool on High Point Boulevard in Bethlehem recently donated 225 items to the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley's Holiday Hope Chests program, which helps to ensure every child receives a special gift during the holiday season by distributing more than 4,000 gift boxes to at-risk or underprivileged youth in the Lehigh Valley. For the previous month, students collected a variety of items, including toys, games, arts and crafts, winter clothing and personal care items. At the end of the collection, students organized the gifts and helped prepare them for delivery to the organization. Through this initiative, students learned the importance of giving back and helping others in the community, especially during the holiday season.

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YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

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	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Partly Cloudy	Isolated Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
	42 / 30 6-9 mph S	37 / 27 5-9 mph WSW	34 / 18 7-15 mph WNW	32 / 23 3-6 mph WSW	40 / 25 5-8 mph SSW	39 / 23 12-20 mph WNW	37 / 24 4-11 mph WSW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high of 42°, humidity of 77%. South wind 6 to 9 mph. The record high for today is 62° set in 1993. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 30°. Southwest wind 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 23°. The record low for tonight is 1° set in 2014. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 37°, humidity of 53%. West southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 65% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 27°. Southeast wind 7 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 65% chance of scattered snow, high of 34°, humidity of 54%. West northwest wind 7 to 15 mph. Friday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 18°.

Weather Trivia

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Answer: About five over a three year period.

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coal mines and tourist railroads.

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A model HO scale display occupies 800 square feet on the second floor with a 100-car coal train snaking its way through mountains, valleys, small towns and rail yards. An amusement park is one of many highlights. According to club member Tom Scharpf, "Shearer's

Grove" was originally part of the home layout of a society member who passed away. It was relocated to the society's layout in William Shearer's memory.

The last open house event for 2021 has passed. Rail fans will be able to observe these miniature railroad empires beginning the weekend of Jan. 8, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. as another year's "Railroad Days" gets on track.

Membership is open to anyone interested in model railroading. The society meets regularly on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For information, visit www.bdsme.org.

State police offer law enforcement training class for teens

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Training and Education announced the launch of The Hill Impact program, a 15-week program for children between the ages of 15 and 18.

The program provides

teens who are considering a career in law enforcement with insight on what it takes to be a PSP Trooper.

Students will have one-on-one interaction with PSP Troopers while learning about various

aspects of law enforcement. There is no charge to attend the 15-week program, which will begin in February.

Participants will meet once a week for two hours in the evening and one Saturday a month for

three hours.

Class size is limited.

Any teen who has a serious interest in attending is encouraged to contact Trooper Clint Long no later than Jan. 7 at ra-sprecruiter-acad@pa.gov or 717-497-4577.

GIFT

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for on the University of Texas Allen C. Vis International Arbitration Team. Zack was an associate at the Dallas, Texas office of McGuireWoods LLP with a focus on banking and finance. He was a member of First Presbyterian of Bethlehem and of Memorial Drive Presbyterian

Church of Houston. He enjoyed adopting rescue dogs, writing, skiing, biking and rugby.

The funding received from the Zachary Barker Chittick Endowment Fund will provide emergency supplies, shelter and housing, counseling, prevention and intervention services, assistance with education, employment, life skills development, and case

planning in any Valley Youth House program or service line.

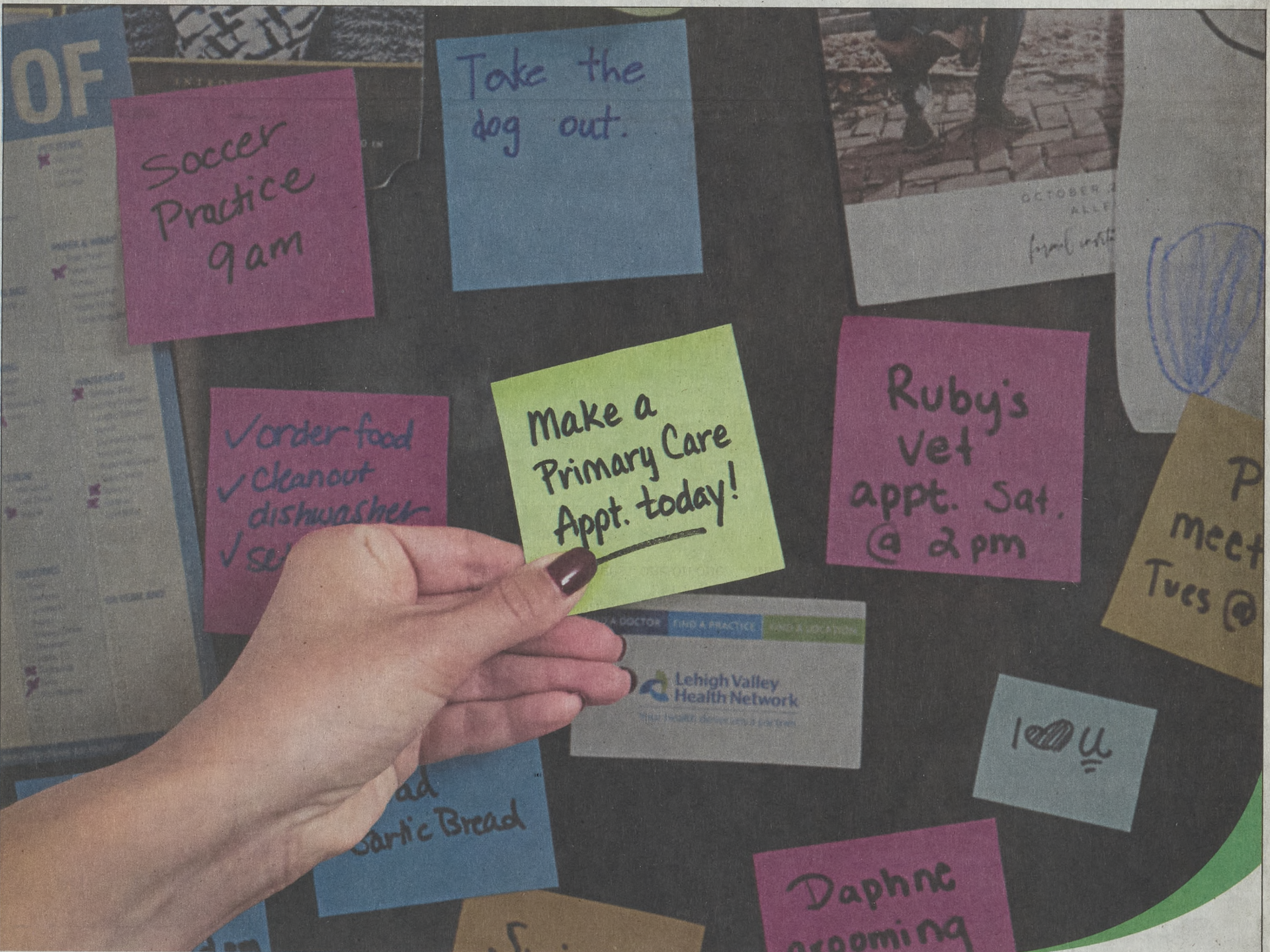
The Zachary Barker Chittick Endowment Fund will provide long-term growth interest and annual funding in perpetuity. Valley Youth House remains grateful to Barbara Barker and John Chittick for their generous support of youth and families in the community and for

ensuring the agency will continue to serve young people for years to come.

To learn more about Valley Youth House, or to make a contribution to the Zachary Barker Chittick Endowment Fund, please contact the Development Department at 610-820-0166, ext. 1320 or visit ValleyYouthHouse.org/donate.

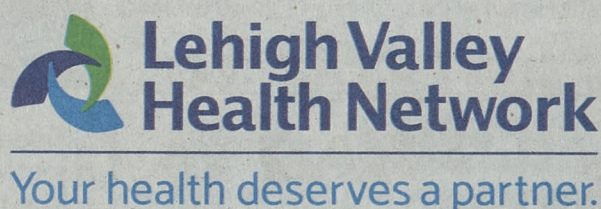
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QUEEN OF THE QUEEN CITY

Allentown's Americus Hotel reborn

BY LORI PATRICK
Special to The Press

Quietly, during more than a decade, The Americus Hotel at Sixth and Hamilton streets in center city Allentown has been through changes many deemed impossible.

As you enter the renovated and restored hotel, which is open for dining and overnight guests, with a cozy lobby, grand ballroom, mezzanine, "Windows on 6th" restaurant and five floors of 85 well-appointed guest rooms, you can't help but marvel at the transformation.

It's summarized best by something the hotel's developer and proud owner Albert Abdouche of Whitehall has said all along, "I'm going to give the old lady a facelift," always with a grin, always with great intention.

Abdouche, 61, who emigrated from Syria at age 16, brought with him a determination that reminds one of the grassroots efforts of those who built America through projects that took great leaps of faith and courage.

That's what happened when Abdouche decided to purchase the shuttered Americus Hotel at a Lehigh County sheriff's sale for \$676,000 in 2009.

The enormity of the project included every infrastructure aspect that not only overhauled but gutted from within the Americus, from its roof to the three-level subbasement. Technology updates included new electric, phone, internet, cable, fire-alarm system, security system, water pipes and drains, and tankless water heating and water softening system.

Once remediation was complete, there's was also a new fire suppression (sprinkler) system and Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant access. There's a new fresh-air system on the roof whereby filtered air is provided throughout the building and in each guest room. Air-conditioning units were worked into areas of the hotel. The Americus originally had more than 310 wood-frame windows which were



PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK

Above: Albert and Anne Abdouche, owners of The Americus Hotel, in Grand Ballroom, which features a staircase to the mezzanine, original chandeliers and restored painted medallions.

Right: Ten hand-painted medallions were restored in Americus Hotel Grand Ballroom.

in disrepair. These were replaced with Pella insulated units that can be opened.

Guest and service elevators were completely inoperable. A hand-operated car during most of the initial work moved construction workers and materials from to floor. After \$1-million in repairs and new equipment, the elevators are running, complete with an historic look.

The restaurant and banquet kitchen were overhauled with state-of-the-art appliances, new range hood and commercial epoxy floor.

Long time coming
It's been a long time coming.

If you drove through downtown Allentown during the mid-2000s, you might

remember the scaffolding surrounding the Americus, erected to protect passers-by from possible falling debris. Upon acquiring the building, Abdouche made it a priority to remove the scaffolding. The building facade was stabilized with brick re-pointing and washing by a specialty contractor.

The "merchants row" of store fronts along North Sixth Street had also been closed as a safety precaution. The stores are once again occupied by independent businesses, including a dry cleaner, barber, salon services, café and creperie. Walgreens took over the commercial space fronting Hamilton Street.

At the time of the hotel's acquisition, there was no improvement zone or

funding for Abdouche to tap into. In many ways, the Americus Hotel project was one of the first in center city's decade-plus of revitalization.

All around the Americus new projects arose, including the PPL Center, office high-rises and apartment buildings, mostly funded through the Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority (ANIZDA), or NIZ.

Abdouche says he was approached by developers who wanted to purchase the Americus and demolish it. Even though he was offered great sums of money, he says, he had the conviction to do the project for himself, his family and the commu-

nity.

At first, the ANIZDA board did not believe that Abdouche could complete the project for \$13.2 million. Abdouche says he knew he could.

After an initial \$4 million from Abdouche's other business enterprises and a work crew of about 10 people for five years, he was given the nod in 2014 to secure funding from banks as required by the ANIZDA board.

Among the banks to which he applied, Abdouche says each turned him down.

Another requirement for approval was the hiring of a construction management and hotel hospitality firm. Abdouche contracted with Marshall Hotel & Resorts, Inc. and secured a \$9-million loan and a \$1.5-million bridge loan from First Keystone Community Bank, Columbia County. A

\$1.5-million grant was awarded by Pennsylvania's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.

The ANIZDA board voted unanimously in January 2018 to approve the Americus project.

Abdouche worked closely with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to preserve the look of the hotel.

Americus open
The Americus Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham, opened in 2021. A doorman greets you. Valet parking is available at Hamilton Street. A drop-off parking zone extends around the corner at Sixth Street to the entrance door there.

Walking up the short hallway to the lobby desk, original majestic chandeliers and restored artwork on the beams and ceiling are on view. A Starbucks installation at the "Americus Cafe" and sundries for hotel guests are available. A gift shop is to open.

Gold railings encase See **AMERICUS** on Page B3



An example of one of the 85 guest rooms available at The Americus Hotel, Allentown.



The Americus Hotel lobby and "Windows on 6th" restaurant. Two chandeliers once hung in Hess's department store, Ninth and Hamilton streets, Allentown.

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AMERICUS

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stairways and the mezzanine, a perfect area to sit and talk with friends or catch up on work with your laptop.

"Windows on 6th," the restaurant led by Executive Chef Peter Quinones, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. There's a small bar with large mirrors where you can enjoy a cocktail after a long day.

While experiencing these areas, you will hear pleasant music filling the space, giving an uplifting feeling of knowing you are in some place special in the Lehigh Valley.

Large glass windows provide a view into the Grand Ballroom with its original 1927 green crystal chandeliers and floral medallions on the ceiling bulkhead that were meticulously repaired and restored. Furnishings were chosen with an eye to beauty, style and comfort.

Once you reach floors one to five, there are 80 modern-amenity guest rooms. Photographs of historic Allentown landmarks and businesses adorn halls and rooms. For guests, there's a 24/7 fitness center.

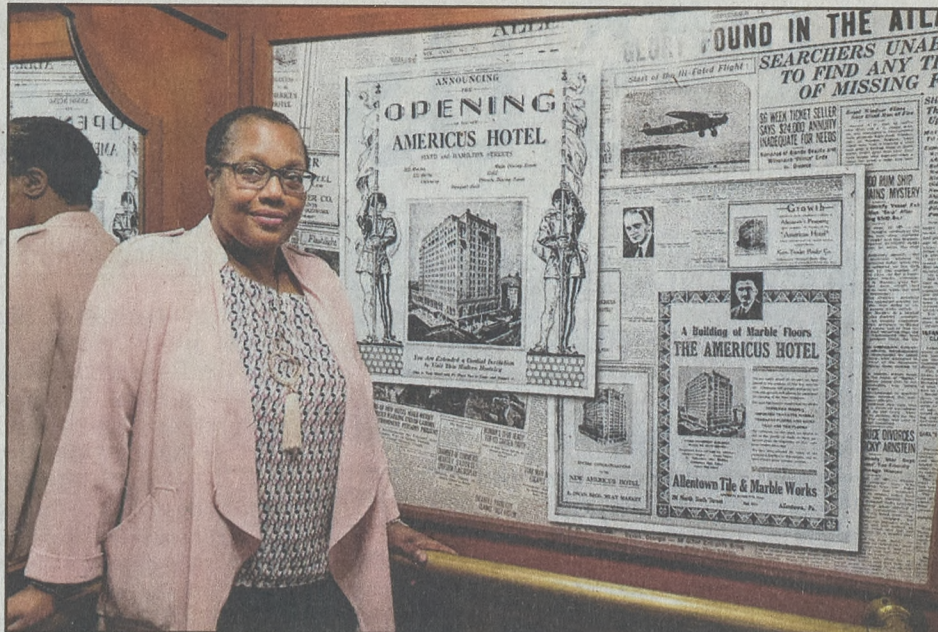
Americus found

As the story goes, the Americus Hotel, named for Amerigo Vespucci (born 1454, Florence, Italy; died 1512, Sevilla, Spain), an explorer of the New World, was built in 1926 by Albert D. Gomery in an architecture style that replicated old-world Spanish design.

The hotel was later owned by Albert and Ann Moffa. During a popular time for the hotel in the latter part of the 20th century, the hotel's smörgåsbord was a calling card and it catered to civic events, concerts, movies and distinguished guests.

There was a period when Mark Mendelson owned and operated the Americus. Some improvements in the lobby that can still be seen were made. But the infrastructure was ignored. The hotel fell into disrepair. It was shut down by the City of Allentown in 2002.

Albert and his wife, Anne Abdouche, and their five children now



Americus Hotel Controller Carolyn St. James in one of the hotel elevators that displays newspaper articles and ads relevant to the hotel's history.



Americus Hotel Executive Chef Peter Quinones at "Windows on 6th" restaurant.



View from the Grand Ballroom toward "Windows on 6th" restaurant at The Americus Hotel, Sixth and Hamilton streets, Allentown.

enjoy the newly-opened grandeur of their hotel, the Americus, taking a cue from the original intention of Gomery "to have a place for all to experience elegance and class through hospitality."

Plans for the still-developing hotel is to open floors six to nine as 48 extended-stay suites with fully-equipped kitchens. On the 10th floor will be large conference rooms and business suites.

Another ballroom is planned with a full kitchen on the 11th floor with spectacular views of Allentown. A rooftop lounge, located above the Grand Ballroom, will feature light entertainment, a small menu and could be rented for events.

The lower level off

Hamilton Street is being remodeled to once again be a nightclub with entertainment for all ages, including music and comedy.

"They gave me \$9 million and I did it. It is done," says Albert Abdouche, sitting in the restaurant with Anne as they overlook a scene of bustling people, staff and guests in the open-concept lobby.

After all the years that have passed and the toll it has had on Albert's health and finances, he and Anne can now enjoy the years to come and watch the next generation make memories and appreciate the accommodations offered by the Americus Hotel, the grand lady, the Queen of Allentown, the Queen City.

Says Albert Ab-

douche, "We need people to come see this building for all events. We have the experience. My whole family has run the Palace Center for 13 years and we have won awards with The Knot for several years. So now we are bringing the expertise for events to the Americus, along with a place to stay overnight."

Information: The Americus Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham, 555 Hamilton St. Allentown. 610-437-2327

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-ca/trademark/allentown-pennsylvania/the-amicus-hotel-trademark-collection/overview>

'Rent' is due at State Theatre

The groundbreaking Broadway musical "Rent" is coming to the State Theatre Center for the Arts, 453 Northampton St., Easton, for two performances, 7 p.m. Jan. 12 and 13, as part of the show's "25th Anniversary Farewell Tour."

Inspired by Giacomo Puccini's 1896 opera "La Bohème," Jonathan Larson's "Rent" tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and on New York's Lower Manhattan's East Village in the days of a thriving bohemian Alphabet City under the shadow of AIDS.

The Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning show follows a year in the lives of a group of artists and friends attempting to follow their dreams.

"Rent" had its world premiere off-Broadway in 1996 to enthusiastic reviews and transferred to Broadway shortly after. "Rent" won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The musical has been translated into every major language and has been performed in 27 nations on six continents.

Many popular songs have come from the show, including "Seasons of Love," "La Vie Bohème" and "Without You."

Tours of "Rent" have crossed the United States almost continuously for 25 years, with the latest tour playing five nations and 237 cities. The tour was suspended in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

Director Evan Ensign has re-staged the tour based on the original Broadway direction by Michael Greif.

The cast features Cody Jenkins (Mark), Coleman Cummings (Roger), Aiyana Smash (Mimi), Lyndie Moe (Maureen), Rayla Garske (Joanne) and Javon King (Angel).

Tickets: www.statetheatre.org, 610-252-3132

Touchstone "Follies Double Feature": Touchstone Theatre of Bethlehem had to cancel the final two weeks of the three-week

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

run of its popular holiday-themed vaudeville show "Christmas City Follies XXII" because of positive COVID-19 tests among the cast.

The show was to run Dec. 2-19, but its final performance was Dec. 5.

Touchstone is offering "Follies Double Feature" online through Jan. 10.

The program on Touchstone's YouTube channel features two versions of "Follies": the 2020 "Follies" movie and archival footage of this year's show. There is no charge to view but donations will be accepted.

Touchstone has re-scheduled "Follies XXII" July 8 and 9 as "Christmas in July," Barrio Stage, theater parking lot, with cookies, cider and caroling.

"Christmas City Follies XXII," directed by Touchstone Theatre Artistic Director Jp Jordan, brings back Touchstone audience favorites such as Bill George's Old Guy, Mary Wright's Little Red and a new incarnation of the shopping cart ballet. New skits include Joseph and Mary getting lost in Bethlehem, a public service announcement about climate change with a polar bear "bearlesque" and environmentally-conscious superhero Tommy Apocalypse (Bill George).

The "Christmas City Follies XXII" ensemble includes Samantha Beedle, Jessica Boothe, Sara Group, Krystal Hall, Abbie-Jean Litman, Robert Mills, Matt Prideaux and Sam Thompson.

Information: www.touchstone.org; 610-867-1689

"Curtain Rises" is a column about the theater, stage shows, the actors in them and the directors and artists who make them happen. To request coverage, email: pwillistein@ttonline.com

Five St. Luke's Network hospitals top list

Five St. Luke's University Health Network hospitals have been named to the Top Hospital list by Leapfrog Group, an independent nonprofit hospital safety watchdog. They are:

- St. Luke's University Hospital - Bethlehem Campus (Top Teaching)
- St. Luke's Hospital - Allentown Campus (Top Teaching)
- St. Luke's Easton Hospital (Top Teaching)
- St. Luke's Warren Campus (Top Teaching)
- Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital (Top General)

"These awards are a credit to St. Luke's outstanding leadership, providers, nurses and other hospital staff and volunteers who throughout the pandemic have maintained an unwavering focus on quality and patient satisfaction," said St. Luke's Chief Quality Officer Donna Sabol.

Leapfrog's Top Hospital award recognizes the highest performing hospitals across many areas of hospital care, including infection rates, maternity care and the hospital's capacity to pre-

vent medication errors. More than 2,200 hospitals were considered for the award. A total of 149 top hospitals nationwide were selected as Top Hospitals.

Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades awarding top marks to every St. Luke's University Health Network hospital eligible for evaluation, 10 campuses in total. St. Luke's was the only major health system in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to earn straight As, according to Leapfrog.

"We are pleased to rec-

ognize St. Luke's," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, adding, "Even with the continued strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Luke's has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to excellent health care in the Lehigh Valley community. We congratulate the board, leadership, staff and clinicians who put their patients first."

List of institutions honored as 2021 Top Hospitals: www.leapfrog-group.org/tophospitals.



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"Rent 25th Anniversary Farewell Tour," 7 p.m. Jan. 12, 13, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

AT THE MOVIES

On the web

"At The Movies" is on the Lehigh Valley Press website:

<https://www.lvpnews.com/focus/focus/>

Look for reviews by Paul Willistein of "The Matrix Resurrections,"

"Spider-Man: No Way Home," "Nightmare Alley," "West Side Story," "Encanto," "King Richard," "Spencer," "Belfast," "Eternals," "The French Dispatch," "Dune" and other recent movie releases.

There is also box office information and theatrical movie releases opening dates.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3449 Cherryville Road Northampton 610-262-5645 www.NAOG.ws Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible 7 p.m.	LUTHERAN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd. Emmaus, PA 18049 610-967-2220 Rev. Richard H. Elliott, Sr. Pastor Rev. Spencer Steele, Assoc. Pastor Rev. Tami K. Reichley, Assoc. Pastor Join us Sundays under the Tent (in person) and on Zoom 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Family Service (under the tent) Services held rain or shine Masks & Social Distancing Visit lchsemmaus.org for more info.	LUTHERAN WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 610-298-2437 Worship, 9 a.m. With Pastor Jerel Gade On Facebook Live www.weisenbergchurch.org Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.	LUTHERAN ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 5th & Chestnut Sts. Emmaus 610-965-9885 Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens www.stjohnsemmaus.org Worship, 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 a.m. Weekly Worship service online	PRESBYTERIAN (ECO) GRACE CHURCH BETHLEHEM Worshipping at Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem Rev. Dr. Mamie Crumpler, Sr. Pastor 8:30 a.m. Modern Worship 9:45 a.m. Classic Worship 11 a.m. Modern Worship Services all livestreamed at gracecb.org 610-333-5508	OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionville (at the Y of Fountain Rd & King's Hwy) The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship resumes in sanctuary www.oldzionsville.org
VALLEY CHURCH Meets in Roxy Theater, 2004 Main St., Northampton 610-984-4904 Pastor Phil Miller 10 a.m. Every Sunday Refreshments	FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 3355 MacArthur Road Whitehall, PA 18052 (610) 435-0451 The Rev. Thomas D. Busted, Pastor 8 & 10:30 a.m. In Person Worship with Livestreaming 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Babies, Adult Forum, Confirmation Class email prayer requests to FaithLutheranWhitehall.org Handicapped Accessible Hearing Devices Available	JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EASTERN SALISBURY 1707 Church Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-6933 Rev. Kathleen Coleman 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	PRESBYTERIAN PC (USA) FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EMMAUS N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts. Emmaus 610-967-5600 Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi 10:00 a.m. Worship Live Streaming Available on our Website www.faithchurchemmaus.org office@faithchurchemmaus.org	BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 601 W. Market St., Bethlehem 610-868-4441 www.uccbethany.org Pastor Todd Fennell 10:45 a.m. Worship "Come Worship With Us"	
BAPTIST LEHIGH VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH 4702 Colebrook Ave. Emmaus 610-965-4700 Pastor Roland Hammett Bible Discovery Groups, S.S. 9 a.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg. 7 p.m. www.lvbaptist.org	CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2623 Brookside Rd., Macungie (Intersection of Sauerkraut Lane) Join Us Every Sunday! 8 & 10:45 a.m. (Worship) 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m. (Family Education) Rev. Wally Vinovskis 610-965-3265 Friendly People, Awesome God concordia-macungie.com	UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville 610-767-6884 9 a.m. Sunday Worship Visit ulciv.org for worship video	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EMMAUS N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts. Emmaus 610-967-5600 Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi 10:00 a.m. Worship Live Streaming Available on our Website www.faithchurchemmaus.org office@faithchurchemmaus.org	UNITED CH. OF CHRIST ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens www.ziegelschurch.org 8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School Online worship on Facebook and YouTube Handicapped Accessible	
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SCHNECKSVILLE 3749 Route 309 North Orefield, 610-395-4970 Luke Rex, Pastor Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.	ZIEGELS LUTHERAN 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 www.ziegelschurch.org 11:05 a.m. Indoor Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube Handicapped Accessible Rev. Andrew Meckstroth, Pastor	MORAVIAN EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH 146 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049 610-965-6067 Rev. Brian Dixon, Pastor 10 a.m. in person Outdoor 10 a.m. In Person Indoor Worship Masks required Updates/zoom info available at www.emmausmoravian.org	UNITED CH. OF CHRIST JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org 610-395-2218 Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Pastor 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages		
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WHITEHALL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3300 Seventh Street Whitehall, 610-434-8661 www.WhitehallBFC.org Timothy Schmoeyer, Sr. Pastor 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030 Cherryville (610) 767-7203 www.hopecherryville.org The Rev. Jami Possinger, Pastor Worship: Sunday, 8 a.m. in the building, masks req. & 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot Handicap Access. & Air Cond. People of Hope, working together, with God, to love & serve others.	NON-DENOMINATIONAL EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH 4129 S. Church St. Whitehall 610-262-4961 Pastor Brad Roth 9 a.m. Sunday School all ages 10:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service Handicapped Accessible Child Care, Air Conditioned Blended Worship of hymns, songs and Contemporary praise! Visit us at www.egyptcc.org	QUAKERS LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512 610-691-3411 L.V. Monthly Meeting (Quakers) Meeting for Worship, 9:30 a.m. In person and Virtual Worship offered Everyone Welcome! For more info. and to attend virtual Worship visit website www.lehighvalleyquakers.org	ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC 5129 Schochary Road New Tripoli, PA 610-298-8064 Worship 9:30 a.m. Handicapped Accessible All Welcome!	
EPISCOPAL ST STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3900 Mechanicsville Rd Whitehall PA 18052 610-435-3901 Email: saintste@ptd.net Rev. Jonathan Mayo www.saintste.com Service: Sundays, 11am Holy Eucharist Livestreamed on FB @ facebook.com/whitehallepiscopal Handicap Accessible, All Welcome!	ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 18 S. Third St., Coplay 610-262-6171 Worship, 10:30 a.m. in sanctuary Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Masks & social distancing enforced for Sunday School & Worship Worship Service on Facebook Live www.stjohnscoplay.com	JACOB'S CHURCH Route 143, Jacksonville, PA Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor 610-756-6352 Adult Church School 9 a.m. Family Worship 10:15 a.m. Nursery Available Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m. Handicapped Accessible	ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 139 North Fourth St. Emmaus 610-965-9158 Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 Sunday School Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship	WESLEYAN FAITH WESLEYAN CHURCH 3356 Route 309 Orefield PA 18069 610-398-0172 Rev. Brenda Smith Worship, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Adult, Youth & Children's Ministries Handicap Accessible www.faithweschurch.org facebook.com/Faith- Wesleyan-Church-Orefield-PA	

New cross at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus lights up Cedar Crest

As part of the expansion and renovation of the Worship Center at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, a new back-lit cross was installed on the front wall facing Cedar Crest Boulevard. The sculpture of the pitcher and towel that was on that wall has been relocated to the north wall of the Fellowship Center and can also be seen from Cedar Crest.



LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

Lehigh County: visit www.lehighcounty.org/ Departments/Human-Services/Neighborhood-Senior-Centers/ or call 610-782-3254 (menus subject to change without prior notice)

- Wednesday, Jan. 5: Coconut crusted chicken, orzo w/ spinach, wheat bread w/ margarine, raspberry filled cookies.
Thursday, Jan. 6: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, spinach kale salad w/ Ranch dressing, rye bread w/ margarine, chilled apricots.
Friday, Jan. 7: Split pea soup, veal fricasse over noodles, Capri vegetables, wheat roll w/ margarine, pound cake w/ strawberries.
Monday, Jan. 10: Spaghetti w/ meatballs, parmesan cheese, tossed greens w/ Italian dressing, Italian bread w/ margarine, fresh pineapples.
Tuesday, Jan. 11: Beef barley soup, marinated turkey cutlet, rosemary potatoes, broccoli florets, wheat roll w/ margarine, ambrosia.
Wednesday, Jan. 12: Chicken Kiev, rice, asparagus, wheat bread w/ margarine, chilled pears.
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Friday, Jan. 14: Tater tot casserole, corn, carrot raisin salad, banana mousse.
Monday, Jan. 17: Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

Many Northampton County Senior Centers are now open. Visit www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx or call 610-829-4540 for information, locations, closings and current updates. (subject to change without notice)

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 1, 4, 6, 8 and empty cells.

Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid containing the solution to the previous Sudoku puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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PUBLIC NOTICE Storhouse Self Storage Lehigh Street, 1449 Lehigh Street, Allentown Pa 18103 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following space for non-payment of Rent or other charges: Sally Shani Martinez, Unit #142. Jacqueline Negron Unit #176. Grace M Martinez Unit #134. The items will be sold online January 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time. Jan. 5, 12

CRYPTOGRAM

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

See solutions on Page B8

PUBLIC NOTICE Trexlertown Self Storage located at 1455 Trexlertown Road, Macungie PA, 18062 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges: Daniele Roethlein, leased space #C625, David Hackl, leased space #E800, David Haas, leased space #11526, Raymond Ebron, leased space#J1619, Katsue Craddock, leased space#R2111. The items will be sold online January 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time. Jan. 5, 12

PREMIER Crossword By Frank A. Longo

SHADES OF HISTORY

ACROSS

- 1 Holds inside
9 Scrams
16 Many millennia
20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g.
21 Eeyore's creator
22 "Blue Jasmine" Oscar winner
23 Start of a riddle
25 Cawing bird
26 Collate, e.g.
27 Couch potatoes stare at them
28 Maple stuff
29 Thin coins
30 Prayerful plea starter
34 Designer Saarinen
37 Sparks' state
39 Riddle, part 2
45 Subject for Dr. Ruth
46 "Zip -- Doo-Dah"
47 "... Mac -- PC?"
48 Hostess snack cake
49 Onetime senator
51 Hiccup or charley horse
54 Convents and abbeys
56 Colored rings of irises
58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography
61 Footed vase
62 Agnus -- (Mass prayer)
63 Riddle, part 3
66 "This is SO frustrating!"
69 Beelzebub
70 Tools used in fixing flats
72 Huge fad
76 To date
78 Riddle, part 4
80 Ship's swerve
83 Brow's curve
85 Bygone Russ. states
86 Most speedy
87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design
91 "Oops, I messed up"
93 Comic-strip light bulb
94 Sliding-open car option
95 Like below-zero nos.
98 "... -- it just me?"
100 Highway goo
101 End of the riddle
106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later"
107 Band with the hit "Whip It"
108 -- date (plan for marriage)
109 Exuding testosterone
111 Catch sight of
113 Hobbit hunter
115 Tide type
119 Exhort

19x19 crossword grid with numbered starting points for across and down clues.

- 120 Riddle's answer
126 Aspersion
127 Carry in the uterus
128 They could use a welcome sight
129 Quick flights
130 Most bohemian
131 Tilting
24 Iris' layer
29 Miles of jazz
31 Student transcript no.
32 Long-used adage
33 Least shallow
35 P-shaped Greek letter
36 Sculler's tool
38 Promising solemnly
39 Illinois city
40 Size
41 -- culpa"
42 Oreck product, for short
43 St. Pat's land
44 Lucy's Arnaz
45 BBQ sides
50 In present times
52 Church topper
53 Bishops' toppers
55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip
57 Isolated
59 Poker IOUs
60 Fliers' military branch
64 Neopagan practice
65 Full of racket
67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers
68 Half of Hispaniola
71 Tanzanian tourist treks
73 Must
74 Pant-length measure
75 Perfume from petals
77 Chevy SUVs
79 Chuck Berry title woman
80 Rural assent to a woman
81 Together, in music scores
82 Bringing to a conclusion
84 Bracing drink
88 Singers executing quavers
89 With vehemence
90 Genetic ID
92 -- choy
96 Conclusion
97 "Goodness!"
99 Mil. officer
102 Share, as a blog entry
103 Web-footed wading bird
104 "Me neither"
105 Pioneer Boone
109 Maudlin sentimentality
110 Guthrie of folk singing
112 Legendary snow beast
114 Hacienda house
116 "Orinoco Flow" singer
117 Yemeni port
118 "Hey, over here ..."
120 Org. for club swingers
121 No, in Paisley
122 Part of TGIF
123 "Just joking!"
124 Lingerie item
125 The, in Arles

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022 ALLEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The meeting of the Allen Township Planning Commission previously scheduled for Monday, January 17th, 2022 at 7 PM has been rescheduled for Monday, January 24th, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss agency business as well as any other matters properly brought before the Commission including annual Reorganization of the Commission on January 24th.

Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a virtual Regular Public Meeting via WEBEX on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss and take action on the below listed legislation.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 3185 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO AMEND THE CHAPTER A29-1 FEE SCHEDULE.

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration Office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICES

The Whitehall-Coplay School District hereby gives public notice of the following meetings in the Whitehall High School's Large Group Instruction Room, 3800 Mechanicsville Rd., Whitehall, PA:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Whitehall-Coplay School District (the "District") shall convene Committee Meetings on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Whitehall-Coplay School District (the "District") shall convene a Board meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss any and all business that properly comes before the board.

The Board welcomes citizens to its open meetings and invites them to bring to its attention matters of concern. A member of the public present at a Board meeting may address the Board in accordance with law and Board policy and procedures.

Directions for connection to view these live-streamed public meetings will be published on the district's publicly accessible website. Individuals who need accommodations to address disabilities need to contact Michael Malay at, Boardsecretary@whitehallcoplay.org; at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Due to the Pandemic Emergency, the regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Webex.com (Please see whitehalltownship.org for further details), to hear the following appeals:

DOCKET #2002 A - JERC Partners, LXII, LLC - 171 Route 173, Suite 201, Asbury, NJ 08802. Location: 2800 Eberhart Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN Part of 549847458266, the subject property is located in a C-2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District.

DOCKET # 2013 - BETHLIN, LLC by Mr. Abraham Atiyeh - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 215 Quarry Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812367096, the subject property is located in a R-5A High Density Residential w/o Apartments Zoning District.

DOCKET # 2019 - Hadi Wakim - 528 Jefferson Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 528 Jefferson Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549893809514, the subject property is located in a R-4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

DOCKET # 2006 - Quarry Street Whitehall Development, LP - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 212 Quarry Street and 217 Chestnut Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812431716 and 640812410733, the subject property is located in a R-5A High Density Residential w/o Apts. Zoning District.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. Comments and questions may be submitted to CGittinger@whitehalltownship.com.

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status, and disability status of the Applicant.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment, is requested to contact the Zoning Officer at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

The Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board has an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and to review all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil right statutes.

The Zoning Hearing Board, in its land use and zoning decisions, does not discriminate against persons based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status and reviews all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes.

Christopher W. Gittinger Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Dec. 29, Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.com (details below) and at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, on the conditional use application of DADD Pizzeria Macungie, Inc., who is seeking approval pursuant to Chapter §27-1003 of the Township Zoning Code to permit for a craft brewery at the property located at 1091 Mill Creek Road, Suite 119, Allentown, PA 18106-9159; PIN 547511376632.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

The Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will continue indefinitely "hybrid" meetings and hearings to maximize public participation. To attend virtually, the registration link to the meeting will be posted on the Township's home page at www.lowermac.com at least 48 hours in advance.

Jan. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on January 12, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 to hear the following appeal:

#01 22 001 The Zoning Appeal of Michael & Perla Ceron, 8298 Scenic View Dr., Breinigsville, PA 18031; for a variance from Section 27-403.4.F(3) "Additional Requirements for Accessory Uses" to allow the placement of a fence which is not in conformity with this section.

Jan. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ungerer & Company (Ungerer) is providing PUBLIC NOTICE that they are seeking a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the potential discharge of stormwater runoff from their facility located at 110 and 116 North Commerce Way, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION and LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSPORTATION STUDY - 2022 MEETING NOTICE

The following meetings will be held virtually, via Microsoft Teams, for 2022: The Commission will meet on the fourth Thurs. of each month at 7pm, except the Nov. and Dec. meetings, which will be held on Thurs. Nov. 17 at 7pm and Thurs. Dec. 22 at 11am, this meeting can be accessed monthly via https://tinyurl.com/FC2022mtgs or via 610-477-5793.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Transportation Study (MPO) is committed to compliance with nondiscrimination requirements of civil rights statutes, executive orders, regulations and policies applicable to the programs and activities it administers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA ZONING HEARING BOARD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 7:00PM

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103.

APPEAL NO. 21-0314 - 1033 SOUTH CEDAR CREST BLVD 1033 Cedar Crest, LLC seeks to appeal the Zoning Officer's Decision of November 23, 2021 denying the applicants' zoning application to expand the parking lot located at 1033 South Cedar Crest Blvd and maintain the existing nonconforming buffer yard when measured from the new lot line.

A. §27-402.1.P(5)(b) - No building or facility may be used as an office or as a broadcast studio B. §27-402.1.P(6) - 2 paved, on-site parking spaces with lighting required.

C. §27-402.1.P(7) - Information pertaining to RF interference with existing communication services required D. §27-402.1.P(8) - Information on the RMS field intensity of EMR from the applicant's antenna(s) pertaining to ANSI Standard C95.3 required

A. §27-402.1.P(5)(b) - No building or facility may be used as an office or as a broadcast studio B. §27-402.1.P(6) - 2 paved, on-site parking spaces with lighting required.

All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or 610-797-4000 x5825.

Dec. 29, Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Fountain Hill Planning Commission Hearing Board will hold a meeting on February 14, 2022 at 7:00pm regarding an Appeal 2022-001 for applicant, 940 Cherokee, LLC, Fountain Hill, Pa 18015, reference to the property at 940 Cherokee Street, Fountain Hill, Pa., proposing to construct a Residential Mixed-Use Development on the eastern portion of a lot bounded by Cherokee St, N. Bishop Thorpe Street, & Pawnee Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room "A" 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

Appeal No. 01 -2022 of Troy and Lori Newcomer 5582 East Texas Road, East Texas PA. 18046. Property located in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 547570226358 1.

Appeal No. 02-2022 of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility c/o Christopher H. Schubert, Esq. P.O. Box 1265 Exton PA. 19341. Property located at Meadowyck Condominium Association 1015 Village Round, in a U-Urban Residential Zoning District.

Appeal No. 03 -2022 of Serfass Development & Acquisitions, LLC. 3764 Mauch Chunk Road Allentown PA. 18104. Property located 801 N. Broad Street, Allentown PA. 18106 in a WC-Wescosville Commercial Zoning District.

Appeal No. 04 -2022 of Shangy, Inc. 40 E. Main Street, Emmaus PA. 18049. Property located at 6480 Alburts Road, Macungie PA 18062 in a C-Commercial Zoning District.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 6:00 p.m.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Jan. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Macungie Township has scheduled the following list of meetings for its various boards and commissions for the year 2022. All meetings are scheduled to take place at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Board of Supervisors - Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Topic. Includes February 3 (September 1), March 3 (October 6), April 7 (October 11), May 5 (October 18), June 2 (October 25), July 7 (November 3), August 4 (December 1).

Planning Commission - Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Topic. Includes January 19 (Reorganization) (July 20), February 16 (August 17), March 16 (September 14), April 20 (October 19), May 18 (November 16), June 15 (December 14).

Planning Commission Work Session - Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Topic. Includes January 17 (July 18), February 14 (August 15), March 14 (September 12), April 18 (October 17), May 16 (November 14), June 13 (December 12).

Zoning Hearing Board - Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Topic. Includes January 12 (Reorganization) (July 13), February 9 (August 10), March 9 (September 7), April 13 (October 12), May 11 (November 9), June 8 (December 7).

Recreation Board - Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Topic. Includes January 20 (Reorganization) (July 21), February 17 (August 18), March 17 (September 15), April 21 (October 20), May 19 (November 17), June 16 (December 15).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following, and any other business brought before the Board.

ROBERT RUHE MINOR PLAN 2013-201 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

An application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The plan proposes to subdivide the 4.596-acre parcel into: Lot 1, containing the existing 2-story dwelling, barn and outbuilding on 1.0083 acres; Lot 2, containing 1.07673 acres; and Lot 3, containing 2.0045 acres.

PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT 1810 PA ROUTE 309 MAJOR PLAN 2020-103 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

An application to develop the property located at 1810 PA Route 309. The plan proposes the demolition of the existing structure and the construction of a 5,051 square foot convenience store with gas pumps (motor vehicle service facility) and a 60 space parking lot on the 4.056 acre parcel.

RIDGE FARM FINAL PLAN PHASE 1A MAJOR PLAN 2017-101 REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAN REVIEW

An application to develop the properties located at Huckleberry Road PA 548746422139. The plan proposes one 30,000 square-foot medical office; the construction of approximately 265 linear feet of Road F and the north side of the Walbert Avenue/Office Center Road intersection; the construction of approximately 240 linear feet of Road G and the driveway onto Walbert Avenue; the construction of the entire commercial village "Main Street"; right-of-way improvements along the entire northern frontage of Walbert Avenue east of Cedar Crest Boulevard and along approximately 515 linear feet of the eastern frontage of Cedar Crest Boulevard north of Walbert Avenue; and associated stormwater management facilities on a 9.15-acre portion of the 111.1787 acre tract.

Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department

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