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**BASD**  
Roy's  
2nd  
week  
update  
Bigger challenges  
than expected

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

After the first two weeks of the school year, Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy has provided the community with a COVID-19 status update, saying returning to a regular class

Dr. Roy's  
welcome  
back letter  
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schedule after last year's partial school days and elearning has been a bigger challenge than expected, but staff and students are adjusting well.

Roy said there have been 84 reported cases since the beginning of school, and the numbers are increasing more quickly than expected, and while the numbers are getting worse, they're in proportion to the increase in numbers across the county.

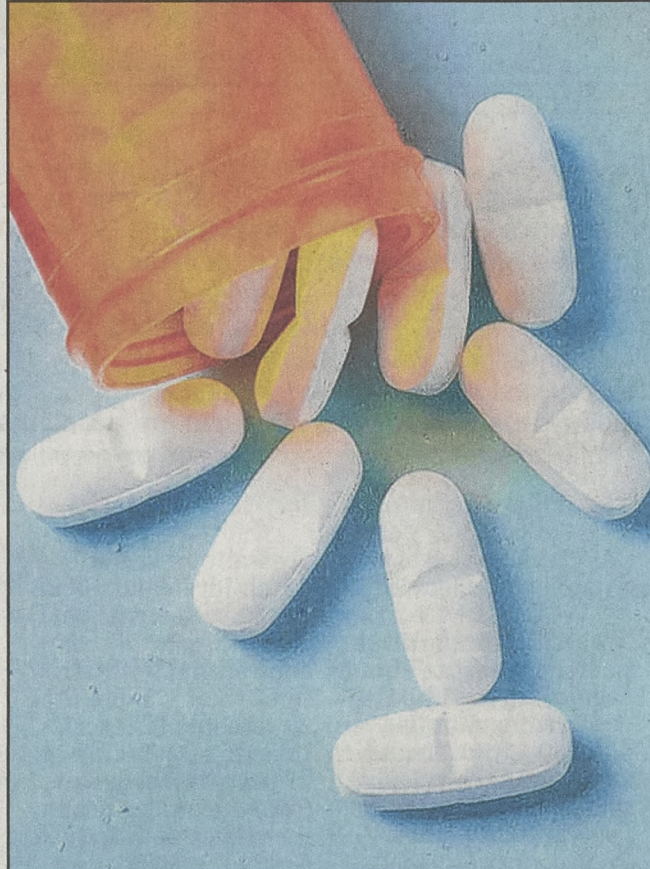
Roy said high community spread is being monitored by contact tracing, and BASD is reviewing the number of positive cases on a "school by school basis, taking a holistic approach in conjunction with the health bureau recommendations."

Miller Heights ES returned to remote learning this week after recording 12 positive cases within such a small school.

On a positive note, Roy announced happily that no fully vaccinated students have been identified as having COVID, and stressed the need for vaccination.

He concluded by encouraging age-appropriate students to be vaccinated and for parents to be steadfast in monitoring their children for COVID symptoms. He said he understands everyone's enthusiasm to remain in school but stressed the need for vigilance.

Miller Heights update  
On Sept. 17, Superintendent See **BASD** on Page A2



THE LIMITS OF  
**RESILIENCE**  
PART 1

This is the third piece in a four-part series about teen mental health. In the first article, we discussed the increase in teen mental health complaints during 2020; the second piece covered the rising incidence of teen suicide attempts prior to the pandemic. This article investigates the problematic link between antidepressants and suicidal ideation; the final piece covers the financial incentives for medical facilities to max out their available space and staff without buffers for times of crisis.

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## Teens & the pandemic

### Lack of child psychiatrists risks inappropriate depression treatment

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

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and suicidal ideation; the final piece with cover the financial incentives for medical facilities to max out their available space and staff without buffers for times of crisis.

As covered in the first two parts of this series, children and adolescents have been diagnosed with emotional, mental and psychological disorders at a high rate for more than a decade, a problem that has only worsened globally since March 2020, when

COVID-19 shut down the country. Challenges to appropriate treatment include the problematic nature of many psychoactive medications and the lack of medical professionals with the training to prescribe and monitor the use of these drugs in a pediatric population.

The United States does not publish pediatric antidepressant prescription data on an annual basis; however, existing data gives hints about the widespread

usage of these drugs. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data from 2005-2010 indicate that 3.1 percent of American teens were taking at least one antidepressant; 3.9 percent were taking medication for attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); and 1 percent were taking at least one antipsychotic drug.

From the 1998 period to 2005-2010, antidepressant use in teens grew See **TEENS** on Page A2

**PEOPLE SAY**  
BY DANA GRUBB  
What is your dream job?



"Continuing nursing."  
**Lois Schnupp**  
Newbern, NC



"A resort reviewer traveling all over the world and staying at different resorts."  
**Nichol Schreiber**  
Bethlehem

**PEOPLE SAY**  
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**INSIDE TODAY**  
Meet a few of the unvaccinated  
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## Bethlehem Harvest Fest returns

### Event footprint will feature more of Broad Street

Bethlehem's popular Harvest Fest will be back and bigger than ever for 2021.

"We've added more music, more tasting trails, and more fun than ever," says Downtown Bethlehem Association (DBA) Manager Tammy Wendling.

The event, with its street vendors, sidewalk sales and specialty foods, takes place Saturday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. along Main Street and Broad Street in Historic Downtown Bethlehem. This year, the event footprint will feature more of Broad Street, including a new entertainment stage which allows plenty



Jennifer Metcalf, proprietor of "Butterfly Kisses," turns Madison Murphy of Emmaus into a very pretty unicorn.

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What is your dream job?



"A physician assistant. I'm applying to school right now."  
**Dianellys Campos-Jimenez**  
Emmaus



"I'm doing my dream job. I'm a first responder chaplain."  
**Peter Keady**  
Palmer Township



"Owning my own architectural firm and helping people who need assistance with renovating their homes like on 'Extreme Makeover-Home Edition'."  
**Averie Schnupp**  
Philadelphia



"I would love to not have to work for pay. As a former teacher I know the need for helping teachers to be organized in their classrooms and would like to do that."  
**Kris Keady**  
Palmer Township

**BASD**

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tendent Dr. Joseph Roy presented a follow-up COVID report regarding Miller Heights ES. Miller Heights will return to live classes next week after nine days of virtual learning.

Roy said one lesson learned from Miller Heights is that children can be contagious without showing symptoms. A child exposed to a person who is positive for COVID outside of school needs to be quarantined, (check with pediatrician for time line).

Another lesson learned is that COVID is spread through the family and hence through the community. An example of this would be an elementary child who is exposed can pass the virus to an older sibling, possibly in high school.

Lastly, Dr. Roy emphasized the importance of parents monitoring family symptoms and being vigilant when children have been exposed or are showing symptoms.

"We do not want to reignite the chain of transmission," he said.

**LETTER FROM DR. ROY**

Dear BASD Community

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year!

To quote the Grateful Dead, "What a long strange trip it's been" from March 2020 through summer 2021. Every person in our school community has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us have lost loved ones. Our children have not experienced "normal" school days in well over a year. Our teachers, principals and support staff shifted into overdrive to support students and families. Parents had to pick up the burden of serving as tutors and teachers at home - while balancing new and interrupted work schedules.

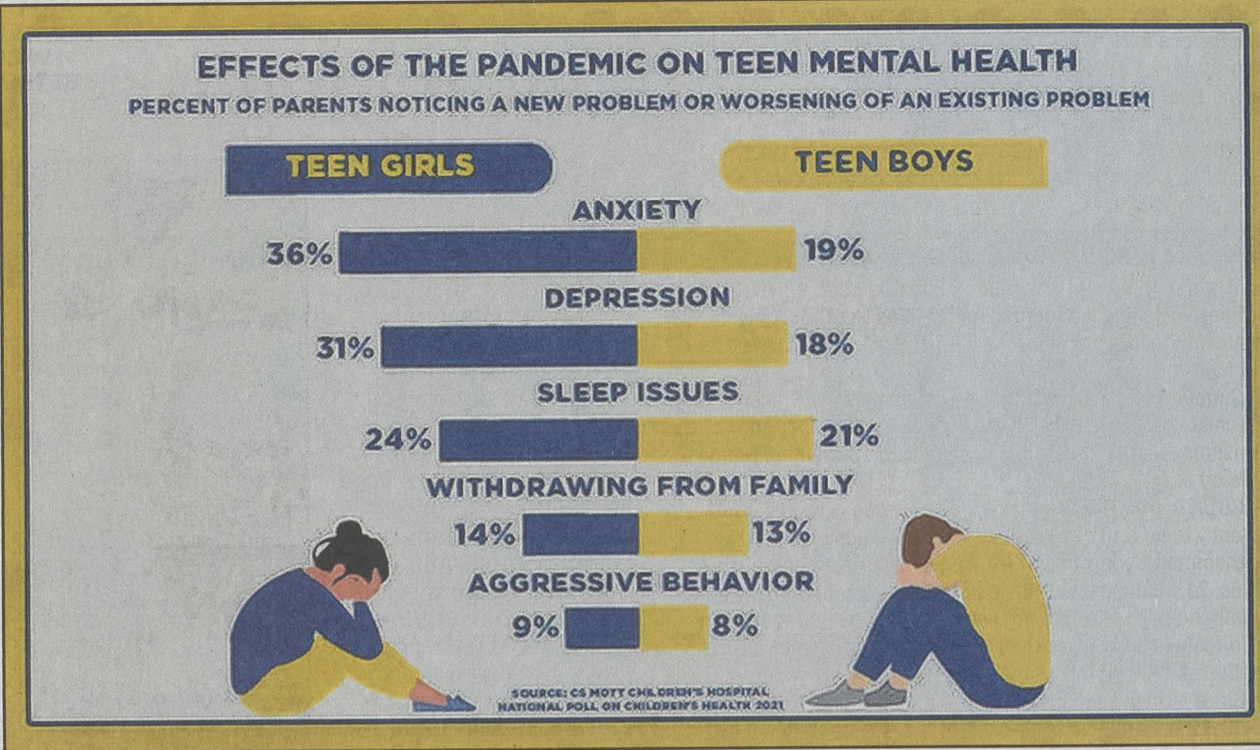
It has been an emotional and physical load for all of us. Yet, we persevered. We collaborated. We connected with each other to support each other. We remembered that compassion and grace in relationships is an antidote to the stress of the pandemic.

We enter this school year with renewed enthusiasm. Our children will be in school five days a week. Students learn best in-person and through interactions with teachers and peers. But, we need to be clear eyed about what lies ahead. The virus has made a resurgence in the past couple of months. We need to continue to implement mitigation strategies to protect our students and staff from the virus when in school. For details, please see our Tiered Mitigation Plan document: BASD's Tiered Mitigation Plan.

I urge all eligible students, parents, staff and community members to get vaccinated if you have not already. The surest way to continue to move toward and guarantee the in-person education we all desire is stamp out the virus.

Best wishes for a healthy and wonderful school year!

Sincerely,  
**Joseph J. Roy, Ed.D**  
Superintendent of Schools



GRAPHIC COURTESY MICHIGAN MEDICINE

Forty-six percent of parents say their teen has shown signs of a new or worsening mental health condition since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, according to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health at Michigan Medicine. Parents of teen girls were more likely to say their child had a new onset or worsening of depressive symptoms and anxiety than parents of teen boys. "Just as young people are at the age of being biologically primed to seek independence from their families, COVID-19 precautions have kept them at home," says poll co-director and Mott pediatrician Gary L. Freed, M.D., M.P.H. "Pandemic-related lifestyle changes have wreaked havoc on teens' lives, with many experiencing disruptions to their normal routines. The poll suggests that pandemic-era changes may have had a significant mental health impact for some teenagers. The nationally representative report is based on responses from 977 parents of teens ages 13-18.

**TEENS**

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six-fold, and ADHD drug use grew more than 1,900 percent. Researchers involved in the study noted that these figures may be an undercount. Although medication use was independently verified for survey participants who responded positively, no checking was done to validate negative responses.

Treating teen depression is different than prescribing drugs for well understood teen ailments like swimmer's ear or athlete's foot. Suicidal ideation (forming suicidal ideas from conception to implementation) is a known side effect of antidepressant medications, which carry the highest level of warning from the FDA: a boxed warning, often called a "black box warning." The label for fluoxetine, also sold under the trade name Prozac, warns patients of an "Increased risk of suicidal thinking and behavior in children, adolescents, and young adults taking antidepressants" and instructs physicians and caregivers to "Monitor for worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors."

The fluoxetine label shares the "class warning" that is present on all antidepressant drugs: "Pooled analyses of short-term placebo-controlled trials of antidepressant drugs (SSRIs and others) showed that these drugs increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behavior (suicidality) in children, adolescents, and young adults (ages 18-24) with Major Depressive Disorder

(MDD) and other psychiatric disorders."

**Many prescriptions written, despite shortage of mental health professionals**

While children and teens taking antidepressants - whether they're approved for pediatric use, or prescribed "off-label" - there just aren't enough professional specialists to do the job. Data reported in 2021 show that 70 percent of U.S. counties have zero child or adolescent psychiatrists. Much of the prescribing of psychoactive substances is done by family physicians rather than specialists, and patients often receive no specialized follow-up care. NHANES data from 2005-2010 show that roughly half of teen patients receive inadequate ongoing monitoring, follow-up, or non-pharmaceutical psychiatric or psychological care. During 2005-2010, 6.3 percent of American teens ages 12-17 were taking at least one psychotropic medication, and only 53.3 percent of these teens had seen a mental health professional in the past year.

The dearth of adolescent psychiatric specialists is taking its toll on teens in western nations. Data from the U.S. are sparse, but figures from Western Europe indicate that antidepressant prescription to adolescents regularly deviates from clinical guidelines. For example, in the Netherlands, 60 percent of teens were prescribed an adult starting dose, rather than the lower recommended dose, and researchers described overall adherence to guidelines as "poor."

In the U.K., as many as 75 percent of antide-

pressant prescriptions for children and teens were written without consulting a child or adolescent psychiatrist. In Germany, more than 25 percent of prescriptions to outpatients 12 to 18 years old deviated from the guidelines in the choice of drug type. Given the high rate of non-specialist prescribing and poor guideline adherence, some researchers are calling for increased training for pediatricians and family practitioners.

**Pharmacy-based care to the rescue?**

Recent decisions by pharmacies such as CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Health to add mental health counselors to their stores might seem like a solution to the shortage, but a closer look reveals a mixed bag. The pilot program at CVS involves licensed clinical social workers trained in cognitive behavioral therapy and is limited to 13 locations in major cities such as Philadelphia, which are not part of the teen psychiatrist "deserts" that make up most American counties. Additionally, CVS does not have plan for its therapists to provide long-term care or care for disorders that require more than a few visits.

Walmart's pilot began in Arkansas and Georgia, and will reach Florida and Illinois during 2021. However, the locations are—like those of CVS—in or near major metropolitan areas, like Atlanta, where other psychiatric resources exist. Care is provided by licensed clinical social workers from Beacon Care Services. These professionals do not treat major depressive disorder, but coordinate care with

individuals' primary care providers if a counseling session indicates depression.

Walgreens is taking a slightly different approach, attaching VillageMD medical clinics to hundreds of its retail locations. By the end of 2025, the companies plan to have between 500 and 700 full-service medical offices co-located at retail pharmacy locations. According to a press release from VillageMD, more than half of these clinics will be in areas designated by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services as "Health Professional Shortage Areas" or "Medically Underserved Areas." However, VillageMD's website indicates that only primary care, physical therapy, aesthetics, neurology, podiatry, and general surgery professionals are available at its clinics. The Press had not received a response to our request for information about future child psychiatrist plans by press time.

There is much debate in the medical literature about the appropriateness of prescribing psychoactive substances to teenagers with developing brains and rapidly changing body chemistry. Two recent peer-reviewed papers discuss the risks of psychoactive medications (<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsy.2020.00717/full> and <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5044489/>). Two other papers raise the possibility of under treatment as an unintended consequence of black box warnings (<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsy.2019.00294/full> and <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/> See **TEENS** on Page A3

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

**GRACEDALE:** Administrator Jennifer Stewart-King reports that vaccinations for staff and residents are continuing at Gracedale Nursing Home with a goal of vaccinating everyone at the facility by mid-October. Currently, 93-95 percent of residents and 58-61 percent of the staff are vaccinated against COVID-19.

"The health and well-being of our residents is our highest priority," says Stewart-King. "We hold a vaccination clinic once a week at Gracedale in an effort to make sure everyone who can get vaccinated, is vaccinated."

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has announced an intention to release an interim rule in October requiring facilities, including long-term care facilities like Gracedale, to vaccinate their staff as a condition for participating in Medicare and Medicaid.

Currently, all family and compassionate visit at Gracedale must be scheduled through the Therapeutic Recreation Department and all visitors must follow the facility's infection prevention protocols while on site.

**COUNTY PRISON:** The Director of Corrections reports that currently there are 19 cases of COVID-19 among inmates at Northampton County Prison (NCP). Since the start of the pandemic, 215 inmates have tested positive; 196 have finished their quarantine periods or are no longer at NCP. Seven Department of Corrections staff and two vendor employees have also tested positive and are currently in quarantine.

Since March 2020, NCP has conducted 4,249 tests for COVID-19 on inmates. All new inmates are tested when they come into the facility and must show a negative result before they are transferred to General Population; residents are tested on a random basis. PrimeCare Medical does daily temperature checks, movement of inmates is restricted within the facility and meals are served in the housing unit. In-person visitation is prohibited and no volunteers are permitted in the facility. Cloth masks are provided and inmates must wear them whenever they leave their cell. Any inmate participating in work release or work programs within NCP must be vaccinated.

NCP has held 15 vaccination clinics so far this year and vaccinated 338 inmates. Currently, 278 inmates in the facility are fully vaccinated. Shots for inmates and staff are administered by PrimeCare Medical. The vaccinations are not compulsory and are only provided to those who request them.

**AROUND TOWN**

*A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website. 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.*

**TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Kids Club Childcare at the Bethlehem Township Community Center reopened Sept. 20. The hours of operation are:  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday. For more information, inquire at the front desk, BTCC, 2900 Farmersville Road; or visit [www.bethlehtownship.org/btcc/](http://www.bethlehtownship.org/btcc/).

**LITTLE LEAGUE GO FUNDME PAGE:** The Southside Little League baseball field was flooded when Hurricane Ida remnants moved through Pennsylvania. Southside Little League Coach Roy Ortiz created a GoFundMe page with a \$10,000 goal to clean up the field, replace damaged equipment and rebuild the team's concession stand that was destroyed in the flood.

Visit the GoFundMe link at <https://gf.me/v/c/gvs/southside-little-league>. For additional information, visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Youth-Organizations/Youth-Softball-and-Baseball](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Youth-Organizations/Youth-Softball-and-Baseball)

**OKTOBEFEST:** Oktoberfest presented by Lehigh Valley International Airport will be held Oct. 1-3 and 8-10, 2021, at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

Oct. 1 through 30: Historic Downtown Bethlehem second annual Scarecrow Showdown, Oct. 1 through 30 along Main and Broad Streets. Winner announced Nov. 1. Information: [www.facebook.com/events/142262817976981/?event\\_time\\_id=142262871310309](http://www.facebook.com/events/142262817976981/?event_time_id=142262871310309)

**BURNSIDE SATURDAYS:** Visit Burnside Plantation from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through November. There will be barn, house and kitchen tours. Meet the gardeners, peek inside the Burnside House and experience the Summer Kitchen. There will be children's activities and crafts.

You Pick, We Pick organically grown produce, herbs and flowers from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (cash or credit card donations) will be held Oct. 20. This is not a pick-your-own. Bring bags, baskets or buckets. Produce is first-come, first-served.

The plantation is dog-friendly. Parking is available on site at 1461 Schoenersville Road. For more information, visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/saturdays-at-burnside/>

**Friday, September 10 to Friday, November 5**

**A Matter of Balance:** Managing Concerns About Falls. Free series by the Bethlehem Health Bureau. Geared to ages 60 plus. 10 a.m. - noon. Moravian University, room 135, 1441 Schoenersville Road. For more information or to register, call 610-865-7083 or email [askbb@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:askbb@bethlehem-pa.gov)

**Wednesday, September 22**

**Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife & other gardeners;** help maintain garden beds at the Hoover Mason Trestle. All skill levels welcome. 5:30 p.m. 711 E. First St. <https://allevents.in/bethlehem/hoover-mason-trestle-garden-maintenance/200021137821047>

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

**Thursday, September 23**

Chair Exercises: 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Program: "River of Grace" - gospel singing. Seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26**

Annual Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, hosted by the Celtic Cultural Alliance Colonial. Industrial Quarter, 459 Old York Road. For information and schedules, visit [www.celticfest.org/](http://www.celticfest.org/)

**Saturday, September 25**

SouthSide Fall Greenway and side streets cleanup, plant flowers, prune, paint flower pots and bollards. 1 to 4 p.m. Email [missy@southsideartsdistrict.com](mailto:missy@southsideartsdistrict.com) to volunteer.

Cops 'n Kids book giveaway, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celtic Heritage Hollow (by the footbridge over the creek near Luckenbach Mill).

Celtic Classic Tartan Parade. Steps off at 11:30 a.m. from City Hall. Ends on Highland Field (near Spring and Conestoga Streets). Opening ceremony at noon. For information and schedules, visit [www.celticfest.org/](http://www.celticfest.org/)

29th annual Morning Star Rotary 5K Run/Walk. 9 a.m. For information, visit <https://marathons.ahotu.com/event/rotary-celtic-classic-5k-run-walk-and-10k-run>

**Sunday, September 26**

**POSTPONED:** 68th annual Festival of Bands concert is postponed until spring of 2022 due to spiking COVID-19 cases. The concert, which benefits ARC of Lehigh and Northampton counties, featured musicians from local Marine, Municipal, Pioneer and Allentown bands.

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**Honoring the Borinqueneers**

**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

In partnership with the City of Bethlehem, Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem (CADCB) celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month recently with a ribbon-cutting for the Borinqueneers' Memorial. Located on the South Bethlehem Greenway, between Webster and Taylor streets, the memorial features a Domino Table, allowing Southside residents and guests to enjoy a game beloved to the Hispanic and Latino community.

"It is a fitting tribute and a daily reminder to us of their sacrifices and heroic actions for this nation," said Bob Donchez, Bethlehem mayor. "And it is a wonderful way to honor Latinos, specifically Puerto Ricans, and their contributions to our history, culture, and achievements - not only here in Bethlehem, but to the United States."

The event featured speakers: Efraim "Bulldog" Santiago, founding member of Borinqueneers Motorcycle Club and member of the Congressional Gold Medal Alliance; Bethlehem Councilwoman Olga Negrón, member of the Congressional Gold Medal Alliance; Norman Bristol Colón, PA Department of Community and Economic Development;



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY

The memorial features a Domino Table, allowing Southside residents and guests to enjoy a game beloved to the Hispanic and Latino community.

Stephanie S. Augello, executive assistant to the mayor; Dr. Mary C. Foltz, co-director of the Southside Initiative; and Yadira Colon-Lopez, director of CADCB. Bethlehem-based Las Americas Bakery provided pastries for the event.

"This event is a representation of a community that came together to create this interactive memorial in honor of not only our local Borinqueneers, but those around the United States who served their country proud," Colon-Lopez

said. The 65th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed "the Borinqueneers" during the Korean War for the original Taino Indian name for Puerto Rico (Borinquen), is a Puerto Rican regiment of the United States Army. The 65th Infantry Regiment participated in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and in what is known by the United States Department of Defense as the Global War on Terrorism. On June 10, 2014, the 65th Infantry was awarded the Con-

gressional Gold Medal. The regiment's motto is Honor et Fidelitas, Latin for Honor and Fidelity.

The Borinqueneers' Memorial is in collaboration with the City of Bethlehem Councilwoman Olga Negrón, the Southside Initiative, CADCB, and families of The Borinqueneers. The memorial was funded by the City of Bethlehem and Southside Vision 2020, a program of CADCB and the City of Bethlehem.

Contributed article

**TEENS**

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One thing is clear: Taking psychoactive medications is different than taking a course of antibiotics for an uncomplicated bacterial infection. In other

words, the pills do not obviate the need for ongoing medical observation, but rather, heighten its importance.

Ongoing involvement with a mental health professional specializing in teens is key to managing the risks of depression, whether pharmacological treat-

ment is used or not. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) advises, "In addition to medications, other treatments for children and adolescents should be considered, either to be tried first, with medication added later if necessary, or to be provided along with

medication. Psychotherapy, family therapy, educational courses, and behavior management techniques can help everyone involved cope with disorders that affect a child's mental health" (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/mental-health-medications>).

Contributed article

**FEST**

Continued from page A1 of room for people to distance, according to Wendling.

Last year, the pandemic forced event organizers to cancel Harvest Fest for the first time since its inception in 2006. Downtown business owners are counting on a good turnout for the event this year to make up for last year's losses.

**Music lineup**  
With three entertainment stages, music will fill every pocket of the downtown area all day. Guests will enjoy the new Broad Street

stage with outdoor seating; the Biergarten Stage near the historic Smityh, and the ever-popular Main Street Stage.

- Biergarten Stage  
11 a.m. - Pentley Holmes  
1:20 p.m. - Zaire  
3:40 p.m. - Cunningham & Associates  
6 p.m. - Scott Marshall Band
- Main Street Stage  
11 a.m. - Kyle Yankow  
1:30 p.m. - Melody Cruz  
3 p.m. - Paul Knack
- Broad Street Stage  
11 a.m. - Ginger and the Schnappes  
1:30 a.m. - Tim Harakal

3 a.m. - Seth Witcher

**Tasting trails**  
Harvest Fest features three different tasting trails: a Wine Trail; a Soup Trail; and a Beer Trail. To ensure appropriate social distancing, trail passes will be strictly limited and sign in times will be staggered. There are 350 passports available for the Soup Trail, 350 for the Wine Trail and 600 for the Beer Trail. Individual sampling cups and hand sanitizer will be available at each location. You can order your passports at GetDowntownBethlehem.com.

**Scarecrow showdown**  
A parade of creative

handmade scarecrows will decorate the downtown as part of the second annual Scarecrow Showdown. This is an event that the DBA created in 2020 as more people looked for outdoor family activities. Participants decorate scarecrows and Harvest Fest visitors vote for their favorites. Those interested in creating a scarecrow for the display can purchase a kit online.

"From silly to spooky, it's so much fun to see the creative ideas participants come up with," Wendling says.

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**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.

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Robert James Byrne

Independence Park Chief Ranger



Robert (Bob) James Byrne, 73, died Sept. 2, 2021. He was a son of the late Robert Anthony and Margaret Catherine Byrne of Bethlehem. He was the husband of Mary Eleanor (Harris) Byrne for 49 years.

He was a 1966 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS. He attended Penn State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Park and Recreation Administration.

He joined the National Park Service and was first posted at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, West Branch, Iowa. He was then the sub-district ranger for Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Lovell, Wyoming; a district ranger at Canyonlands National Park, Utah; a chief ranger at both Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio, and at Independence National Historic Park. He completed his 34 year park service career with a return assignment to Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, where he was the assistant superintendent.

He was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service for his work on the Bicentennial of the Constitution Celebration.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Jenny (Guinan) and her husband Oliver and their two sons, Mannix and Bram; and two sons, Jeremy and his wife Michelle and their four children, Collin, Kaiya, Cora and Quinn; and Jacob and his partner Ashley and their two children, Arlo and Emery.

He was predeceased by an infant son, Joshua Robert.

Contributions may be made to NationalParks.org or StJude.org.

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

Lorraine (Michael) A. DeCrosta of Bethlehem



Lorraine (Michael) A. DeCrosta, 95, a lifelong Bethlehem resident, died Sept. 10, 2021, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret (Stein) Michael. She was the wife of the late Thomas W. DeCrosta for 70 years.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas W. Jr. and his wife Diane of Reston, Virginia, and Scott and his wife Rebekah of Cypress, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Katharine DeCrosta; a brother, Thomas E. Michael; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Dr. Jeffrey DeCrosta; and a sister, Margaret Rudolph.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale St., Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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David Joseph Valek

Hannaberry HVAC vice president



David Joseph Valek, 64, of Bethlehem, died Sept. 6, 2021, after battling courageously through illness. Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late Joseph S. Valek and Margaret (Lipka) Valek. He was the husband of Lisa Elizabeth (Kienle) Valek for 41 years.

He was a 1975 graduate of Liberty HS where he was a member of the Grenadier marching band.

He attended Kutztown University and Lehigh Carbon Community College for electrical and HVAC trades.

He and his wife owned and operated Advanced HVAC Supply Company for 10 years. He was employed currently by Hannaberry HVAC, where he began in the installation department, moved to the sales department, then to the management team. He was the vice president of Hannaberry for 30 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Hunger and her husband Erik and Rebecca Gardner and her husband Scott; two grandsons, Jacob and Nathan Hunger; a sister, Maryjean Haberl and her husband Bill; two brothers, Joseph W. S. Valek and James J. Valek; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

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Boy Scout Troop leaders Jim Swain and Tom Barlow direct the burning and disposal of worn flags.



Iliia Khalouf, Star Scout, Boy Scout Troop# 379 explains and prepares for flag retirement ceremony.

Flag retirement ceremony marks Hanover Patriot Day

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Sept. 11, 2021 marked the 20th anniversary of the four coordinated terrorist attacks by the militant Islamist group known as al-Qaeda against the United States. This anniversary, now known as Patriot Day, was highlighted in Hanover Township.

Matt DeGeorge, recreation director for Hanover Township, welcomed everyone to the event. "Today, 9/11 represents service," he said, "and it's a very different world than it was 20 years ago."

DeGeorge introduced

World Trade Center survivor Jeff Perlman, the event's key speaker. Perlman spoke to a packed room about his experience.

"Never forget 9/11 but always remember 9/12," he said, recalling the sense of patriotism shared by Americans following the attacks.

DeGeorge directed the crowd's attention to the flag retirement ceremony being held outside.

Hanover Township Manager John Finnigan Jr. welcomed the community, the Boy Scouts, and American Legion Post #379 to this solemn ceremony.

Scout Iliia Khalouf of

Troop #352 spoke to the crowd about his personal knowledge and feelings regarding 9/11, an event that happened before he was born. He explained the significance of the retirement of the flag.

"The proper way to dispose of worn and tattered flags is in a respectful, honorable ceremony," he said. As the scouts prepared to burn the flags, American Legion representatives played "Taps" and presented a rifle volley salute. The scouts concluded this event by burning multiple retired flags as two bagpipers from Liberty HS played "Amazing Grace."



John Finnigan, Hanover Township manager, welcomes community to flag retirement ceremony.

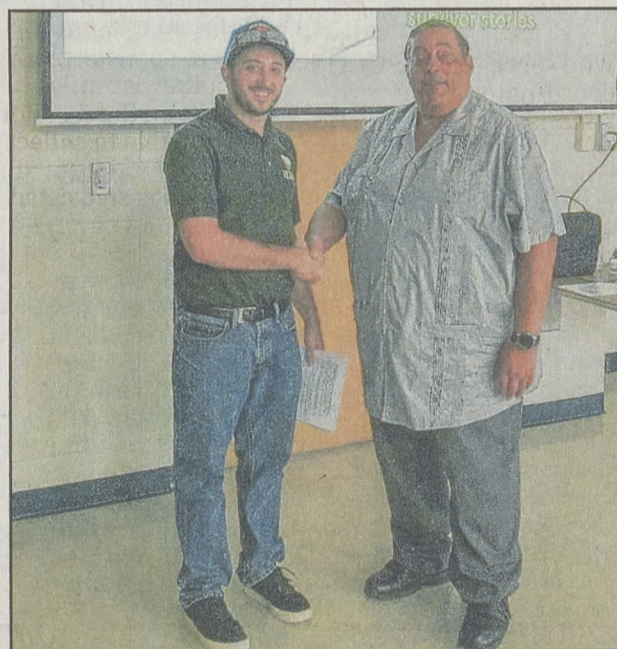
'I just kept moving down the stairs'

WTC survivor Jeff Perlman shares his 9/11 experience

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Now a resident of Hanover Township, Jeff Perlman looks like your typical township resident. Unbeknownst to many, this gentleman is a two-time survivor of attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. Perlman, then an employee of Dean Witter, had an office on the 67th floor during the 1993 bombing, and was on the 56th floor of the South Tower during the 2001 attack. Now, 20 years later, Perlman said he still experiences moments that bring back the memories and terror, but not as bad as it was during the first 10 years.

Surrounded by family, friends and commu-



PRESS PHOTO BY JENN RAGO

Matt DeGeorge, township recreation manager, welcomes Jeff Perlman, the keynote speaker at Hanover township Patriot Day celebration 9/11.

nity members, Perlman recounted memories prior to 9/11, during 9/11 and after.

"It was amazing being above the clouds," he told the audience. "There were times when it would be snowing [at the 56th floor] and raining down below."

On Sept. 11, 2001, he was on the 14th floor when the second plane hit the second tower.

"I just kept moving down the stairs," he recalled. "I knew I had to get out of that building."

Perlman made it out of the building, moments before it collapsed trying to make his way up Broadway.

"Black clouds of death and debris came barreling down Broadway," he said. "I ducked into a storefront to avoid being swept into the dust."

Ultimately, Perlman maneuvered his way to his home in Queens.

In 2009 the Perlmans moved to Pennsylvania and now live in Hanover Township. Perlman's five grandchildren sat spellbound in the front row as their grandfather told his story. All five were born post 9/11. Perlman said he now likes to focus on 9/12 - "a real day of unity and service... helping one another, a glorious spirit of unity."

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**BAND FESTIVAL**

Sept. 26 concert postponed

The 68th annual Festival of Bands concert scheduled Sept. 26 is postponed until spring 2022 for the welfare of both the musicians and the audience members due to spiking COVID-19 cases.

This popular concert benefiting the ARC of Lehigh and Northampton counties features musicians from local Marine, Municipal, Pioneer and Allentown bands.

**VALLEY**

4-H Dirty Gloves runs to Oct. 1

The 4-H Dirty Gloves Gardening SPIN Club and contest, open to ages five to 18, has been held live at 6:30 p.m. beginning July 8 and will end Oct. 1 at the pavilion at Cedar Creek Park West, Allentown.

The per 4-H member fee covers the classes and activity and supplies kits. Kits include a 4-H tool tote, gardening trowel, stake, gardening workbook, seeds, soil, gardening gloves and produce recipe cards. Non-4-H members must register in <https://4h.zsuite.org> and pay the 4-H membership fee in addition to the class fee.

The sessions have been planned by 4-H teen, Kamryn Pink, who attended the National Agri-Science Summit in the spring. Gardeners will plant carrot seeds, make a seed tape and a paper seedling pot, root a sweet potato, make a seed viewer, hear guest speakers, plant a container garden and take a virtual farm field trip.

For more information about the above events or other 4-H activities, call 610-391-9840 or email [LehighExt@psu.edu](mailto:LehighExt@psu.edu).

**NORCO**

Senior Centers now open

Northampton County Senior Centers are now open. Hours and menus vary per location.

Please visit <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx> or call the center you are interested in for site specific details.

Basilio Huertas Senior Center, 520 East Fourth St., Bethlehem. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (610) 868-7800, ext. 227.

Old York Road Center, 720 Old York Road, Bethlehem. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (610) 691-8409, ext. 128.

Saucon Valley Community Center, 323 Northampton St., Hellertown. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (610) 838-0722.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TAMI QUIGLEY

Gearing up for the LEPOCO Bike/Walk-a-Thon Sept. 15 at Rosemont Lutheran Church, Bethlehem are, from left, Scott Slingerland, Diane Dilendik, Amanda Zaniesienko and the Rev. Jack Steltzer. LEPOCO's offices are housed in the basement of Rosemont.

**Peace, ride, walk set for Oct. 2**

BY TAMI QUIGLEY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The wheels are in motion for the Bike/Walk-a-Thon sponsored by the peace and justice organization LEPOCO (Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern) to raise funds for its ongoing work. The event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 9.

As a local peace group, LEPOCO has worked locally since 1965 to build a just society and a peaceful world through nonviolent action.

"It's a fundraiser to support our ongoing programs, but it's also a little bit symbolic with an environmental message," said Nancy Tate, who serves as LEPOCO coordinator along with Amanda Zaniesienko.

Noting the event was first held in 1979, Tate said, "There was not as much biking when we started. There's much more now, especially during COVID. We also have walking for those who are not up to biking. It also builds community within the organization."

Tate said the event was often held in the spring, though canceled last year due to COVID.

She said since the weather around Memorial Day can be hot and muggy, they are hoping for nicer, more pleasant weather this year in early fall.

The event will kick off at Rosemont Lutheran Church at 1705 W. Broad St., where the LEPOCO Peace Center moved its offices in June 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. Participants will gather on the front lawn beginning at 8:15 a.m. for a light breakfast, bike safety check, registration and body warm-up. Participants will leave at 9 a.m. to walk 4.5-6.5 miles or bike 23 miles. Each participant will ask co-workers, friends and family to sponsor them for a dollar per mile amount or a flat fee. For those not able to collect pledges, a minimum \$10 self-pledge is suggested.

This year's participants include Rosemont pastor the Rev. Jack Steltzer.

Tate said in the past, the event has raised between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

When participants complete their routes, the pledges will be collected. The event will wrap up at Rosemont by about noon. All participants are expected to be

vaccinated.

Joining Tate and Zaniesienko in bringing the event to fruition on the planning committee are Diane Dilendik, convener of the committee; Scott Slingerland, director of CAT - Coalition for Appropriate Transportation, who mapped out the bike route; and Walt Garvin.

Walkers will start at Rosemont and walk through lovely West Side neighborhoods to the towpath and back on the Southside Greenway. A shuttle back to the church will

be available from the parking lot near the tennis courts on Sand Island. If walkers take the shuttle, the route will be 4.5 miles, or 6.5 miles if they walk back to the church.

For bikers, this year's all-new route is a blend of neighborhood streets and multi-use trails that highlights how to peacefully connect the LEPOCO Peace Center to Bethlehem's Southside Greenway Trail and the Saucon Rail Trail in Hellertown to the turn-around at Upper Saucon Town-

ship Community Park. This route is 59 percent on paved/gravel trails, 19 percent on quiet rural roads, 17 percent on neighborhood streets and 10 percent on urban connector roads. Instead of going of the mountain, bikers will be going around it - no big hills.

Maps will be provided at the start. The ride/walk will take two to four hours to complete. A LEPOCO support vehicle will be on call to assist tired participants or bikers with problems.

Riders are encouraged to take their bikes to CAT at 1935 W. Broad St. for a complimentary mechanical check before the event.

LEPOCO thanks the following businesses and organizations for generously supplying the Bike/Walk-a-Thon with in-kind contributions: Aardvark Sports Shop, Bethlehem; Book and Puppet Store, Easton; CAT - Coalition for Appropriate Transportation, Bethlehem; Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem; Nature's Way Market, Easton; Saucon Valley Bikes, Hellertown; and Tom Ardizzone Tai Chi, Bethlehem.

The event will be held in light or intermittent rain. If there is a steady rain, call the LEPOCO Peace Center for confirmation. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 10 - gather at noon, walk and ride at 12:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in biking or walking may contact the LEPOCO Peace Center for pledge sheets at 610-691-8730.

For more information on LEPOCO visit <https://www.lepoco.org/>.

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Tuesday, September 28

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Wednesday, September 29

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, film: "The Story of Pearl Buck", 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

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MEETING BOARD

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 on line. Masks may be required. Check websites and social media as available.

**NORCO BALLOT ON DEMAND:** The Northampton County Elections Office announces that Ballot-on-Demand voting for the Nov. 2 general election will be available at the Government Center, 669 Washington Street, Easton, from Sept. 20 until Oct. 26. The Elections Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Extended hours will be available beginning Oct. 4: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m..

Residents of Northampton County who are eligible to vote can come to the Elections Office, register if they have not already, fill out a ballot application, vote on a paper ballot and turn it in all in the same visit. Showing ID is required before receiving your ballot.

Registered voters who have already applied for a mail-in ballot are not eligible for Ballot-on-Demand and must wait to receive their ballot in the mail. The Elections Office expects to start mailing ballots out by the beginning of October.

Wednesday, September 22

Northampton Co. Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4 p.m. 85 W. North St.

Bethlehem Zoning Board, 6 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

In person: masks are required. For more information, visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/calendar-planning-zoning](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/calendar-planning-zoning)

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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Thursday, September 23

CANCELED: City of Bethlehem Code Board of Appeals, 3:30 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Bethlehem Planning Commission (replaces original Sept. 9 meeting date), 5 p.m. 10 E. Church St. Masks required. For more information, visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/calendar-planning-zoning](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/calendar-planning-zoning)

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Friday, September 24

Northampton Co. Spotted Lanternfly Control Committee, 1 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

South Side Task Force, 4 p.m. Place to be announced.

Monday, September 27

Bethlehem Twp. Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, September 28

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Supervisors, 7 p.m. Municipal building, See BOARD on Page A7

PEDIATRIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Isabella's Story

*Editor's note: September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. On its website, The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, has been sharing stories each day of local pediatric cancer warriors through its "30 Days, 30 Stories" project. The following is one of those stories.*

My daughter, Isabella, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (a type of bone cancer) in her left femur in August 2019 at 9 years old. Instead of heading to fourth grade, we headed to the hospital for her to begin chemo. We lived in the hospital for almost a year ... but it felt a whole lot longer. During that time, Isabella had a total femur replacement and lots of physical therapy. We got through all of it with the help of our family, friends, and amazing organizations such as PCFLV.

Isabella ended treatment in May 2020 with clean margins and clear scans. We enjoyed our summer being able to be home. On Nov. 13, 2020, we went for six months scans to find out Isabella had relapsed. Not only was it back in her leg, but it had metastasized to her lungs. The prognosis wasn't good. We began reaching out to other hospitals for opinions, as obviously we wanted to do whatever we could to save our little girl.

With the help of the osteosarcoma group on Facebook, we found



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Dr. Peter Anderson at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Next, we were scrambling to figure out how we were going to do this. PCFLV helped to make sure it happened. They helped us not only to have a place to stay while we were out there but also with gas and food cards for the trip.

Since December 2020, we have been traveling to Ohio to see Dr. A twice a month for chemo and scans. Isabella has had surgery to remove her lung metastases at the University of Michigan Hospital and has been doing very well. Our next goal is to remove what came back in her leg and try to get her back to no evidence of disease.

After her lung

surgery, Isabella was supposed to start another type of infusion. Well, that infusion is on a worldwide shortage. With the help of another organization, we have reached out to hospitals around the world and the manufacturer in all different countries and nothing. It really blows my mind that this could even be a thing, and our children definitely deserve better. Because we were unable to get that medication, Isabella has started another one, and we all are hoping for the best.

We are extremely grateful to PCFLV and all the organizations that are out here fighting alongside of us making sure our kids matter and doing what-

ever they can to help make sure our children get the treatments that they need. Thank you for being here not only for our children, but for our families as well; grateful to each and every one of you!

Written by Isabella's mom, Chastity

Please consider donating in Isabella's honor to support PCFLV's mission. Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley: [www.pcflv.org](http://www.pcflv.org)

Please also consider helping local kids with cancer by donating blood at Miller-Keystone Blood Center: <https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/centers>

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3630 Jacksonville Road.  
 Saucun Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

**Wednesday, September 29**

Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave. Access to the Zoom video conference: Zoom Meeting ID # 831 5283 0534; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83152830534>; Dial-In: 1 (267) 831-0333.

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**CELTIC FEST**

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**Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26**

Annual Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, hosted by the Celtic Cultural Alliance Colonial. Industrial Quarter, 459 Old York Road. For information, schedules, directions and volunteer opportunities, log on to [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org), visit on Twitter (@CelticClassic) and friend the event on Facebook ([facebook.com/CelticClassic](https://www.facebook.com/CelticClassic)).

U.S. National Highland Games and Championship events, 23rd annual Celtic Classic Fiddle Competition, Celtic Classic Invitational Pipe Band Competition: see daily schedules. Visit [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org).

**Friday, September 24**

Highland Field highlight events: Sponsor reception, 4 p.m. Haggis Bowl 2021, 5 p.m. Challenge Caber, 5:30 p.m. Wayside Farm Border Collies, 6:30 p.m.

Celtic Cross Intersection: Celtic United Pipe Band.

**Saturday, September 25**

Celtic Heritage Hollow highlights: (by the footbridge over the creek near Luckenbach Mill) Cops 'n Kids book giveaway, Children's activity tent, 69th PA Irish Volunteers, Clans and Societies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Irish Soda Bread competition, noon, U.S. Naval Academy Pipe Band, 1:30 p.m. 69th PA Irish Volunteer Band, 3 p.m. Sheep to Wool, 4 p.m.

Celtic Classic Tartan Parade. Steps off at 11:30 a.m. from City See **FEST** on Page A8

**Supt. Butler announces retirement**

**SAUCON VALLEY**

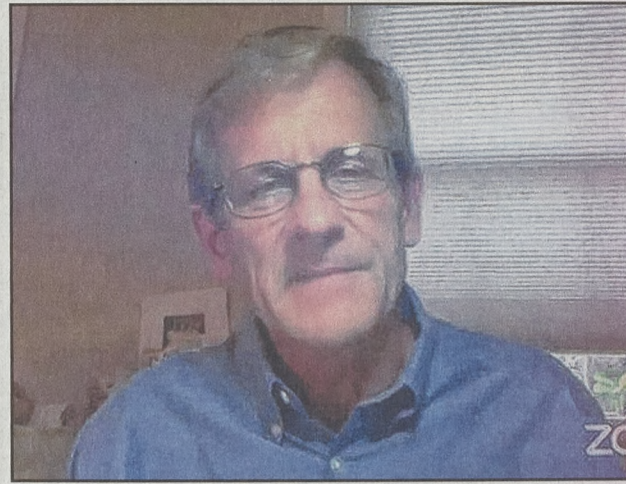
BY CHRIS HARING  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Sept. 14 Saucun Valley School Board meeting was fairly short, and with the exception of the announcement of Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler's impending October retirement, somewhat uneventful.

However, in a common scene throughout the country, the meeting maintained a sense of tension, albeit not as broad or fierce as what's transpired elsewhere. The conflict stemmed from the district's enforcement – or lack thereof, according to some – of Governor Tom Wolf's recently-enacted statewide mask mandate.

The meeting began with board member Sandra Miller asking to file a verbal protest against a member of the audience, later self-identified as Keith Gerstenberg. Gerstenberg entered the building maskless and refused to wear one when asked, sitting with a smirk as Miller expressed her discontent that board President Susan Baxter refused to address the issue.

The business portion of the meeting moved



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler announced his upcoming retirement. Butler has been with the district since 2017 and a replacement has not yet been named.

swiftly and without much discussion aside from Butler's departure, which was first communicated to district parents via email at the end of August. Butler has been superintendent at Saucun Valley since moving from the Hazelton Area School District in 2017.

Board Vice President Dr. Shamim Pakzad shared some kind words regarding Butler's tenure, saying, "lots of good things happened" during

his four years Baxter added that the board would be accepting his resignation "with regret."

Butler then said a few words, thanking the board for the opportunity to lead the district through a period which he called "a challenge, but also a joy." He publicly thanked his wife Kathleen and his sons, as well as district personnel, saying "This is a fine school with a great faculty and staff." He closed by thank-

ing the community, with whom he described his dealings as overwhelmingly positive.

The public comment portion of the meeting initially featured only one email submitted by a district parent who had a few suggestions regarding the elementary school's lunch offerings. However, board member Shawn Welch spoke up before Baxter could close the session, asking, "are we sure there's nobody who wants to say anything?" He was referring to Gerstenberg, who then suggested that he did wish to speak.

"I came here purposely without a mask because this is a mandate, not a law," he said. "It's stated in there that you can't physically remove me or take me out of here, so I don't know what that act was tonight when I came in here," he added, referring to the aforementioned conflict at the beginning of the meeting.

Gerstenberg went on to suggest that the school board has the authority to "supersede the government," saying he believes "it is borderline child abuse to interfere with the breathing of a child." See **SAUCON** on Page A8

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Hall. Ends on Highland Field (near Spring and Conestoga streets). Opening Ceremonies at noon.

Highland Field highlights: Piping Field, 1:30 p.m. Drum Major competition, 2:30 p.m. Caber toss, 3:30 p.m. Massed bands, 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Grade 4 pipe band awards, 5:45 p.m. Border Collies demonstration, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 26

Ice House, Ecumenical service, 10 a.m. Celtic Heritage Hollow (by the footbridge over the creek near Luckenbach Mill): Youth Fiddle workshop, 10 a.m. Cops 'n Kids book giveaway, Children's activity tent, Clans and Societies, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celtic Poetry competition, 11:30 a.m. Children's Celtic storytime, 4 p.m.

Highland Field highlight events: Challenge Caber, 2:45 p.m. Kids' Highland Games, 3:15 p.m. Athletic Awards, 4 p.m. Scholarships and Awards, 4:15 p.m. Massed Bands, 4:45 p.m. Grade 3 band awards, 5 p.m. Wayside Farm Border Collies, 5:30 p.m.

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## SAUCON

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He also criticized the district's procedure for requesting masking exemptions, saying, "I'm not going to take my child to a doctor and ask to get a thing saying they don't need to wear a mask. This is still the United States - our Constitution still gives us the freedom."

Welch thanked him for his comments and encouraged another maskless man, whose name was not audible but who said he had a child in sixth grade in the district, to step up to the podium. The man brought up the July parent survey regarding masking and did not seem to understand or follow the developments of the last few months, calling the survey an "illegal census."

He continued in this manner briefly, with board member Bryan Eichfeld answering, "I'm against the masking, and a lot of the board members feel that way too... we are up against some very tough issues." Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald said the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court will be hearing arguments over the next two weeks and that a decision would likely come by Oct. 1 whether or not the statewide mask mandate would be upheld.

"I understand your frustration, but your frustration is not with these nine members," Fitzgerald said, adding, "I get it, trust me." Welch affirmed Eichfeld and Fitzgerald's opinions and personally thanked the men for coming.

Baxter allowed the unidentified man one more question, in which he broadly inquired about the board's intent to adopt Critical Race Theory (CRT), a niche, university-level course of study which has not been adopted in any school district across the country. Butler and the board affirmed that CRT is not under consideration, although when the man asked if "the state" could "sneak it in" to curriculum materials, Welch simply urged him to pay attention to what his child was bringing home.



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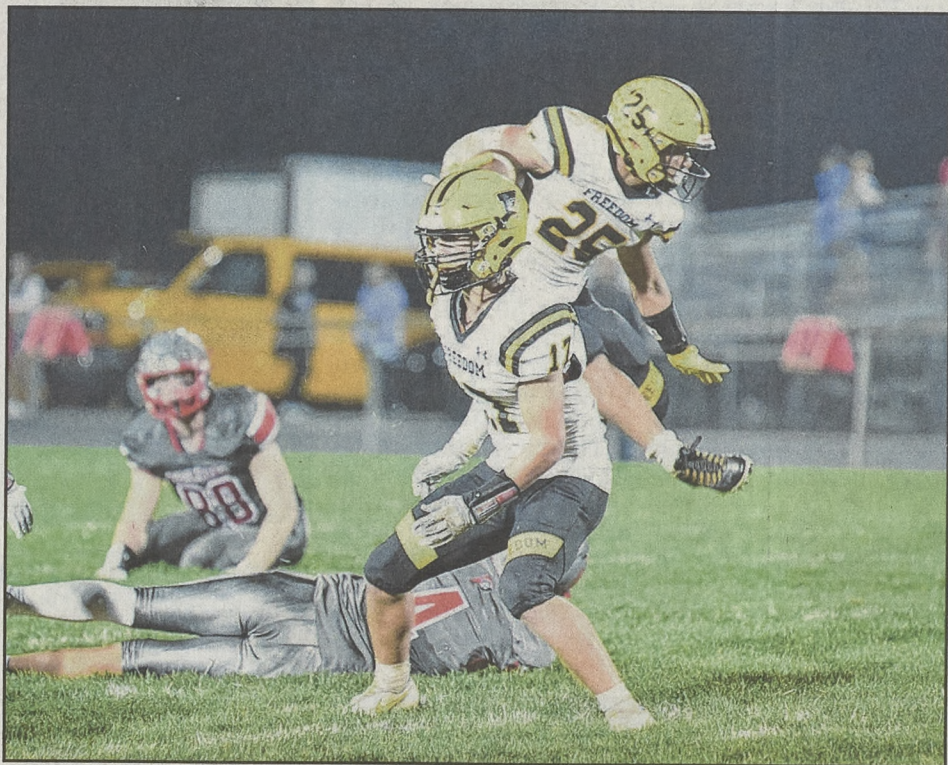
# Freedom falls to Parkland

BY CJ HEMERLY  
Special to the Press

The Parkland High School football team has been playing with fire over the course of its first two weeks. The Trojans trailed in both games in the fourth quarter, and at some points by double digits, but came back to win. That was once again the case in its most recent game, behind to Freedom in the final quarter before staging a comeback to win the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference South Division matchup, 19-15, last Friday night at Parkland School District Stadium.

The teams went into halftime with Parkland (3-0 overall, 2-0 EPC) leading 13-9. Following the intermission, Deante Crawford ran into the end zone for a one-yard score to put Freedom (2-2, 1-2) on top 15-13, a lead that held into the fourth quarter. The play capped a 12-play, 55-yard drive that took up over five minutes off the clock.

"I thought we could've played with a



Deante Crawford takes to the air to try and get some extra yards during Freedom's look to Parkland.

little more energy in the first half and controlled the line of scrimmage more," Roeder said. "We said to them at halftime we had to answer the bell, and we did that."

But the Trojans con-

ected on two field goals by its kicker, Gryffin Mitstifer, from 41 and 40 yards respectively, and they were able to hold on and get the victory without scoring an offensive touchdown in

the second half.

Freedom jumped on top early with nine straight points in the opening eight minutes of play.

Sophomore Noah Pierre returned the

game's opening kickoff 60 yards to Parkland's 25. Crawford then took a handoff 14 yards on the first play from scrimmage, but the Patriots settled for a 23-yard field goal from Zeyad Ragab.

Two possessions later, quarterback Brian Taylor zipped a pass to Owen Johnson-McCormick, who caught the ball, broke to the left sideline and dashed 87 yards for a touchdown. The point after attempt was blocked, and Freedom led 9-0.

But, as the Trojans have done in the past, they relied on their run game and blocking to make headway. Dahliir Adams scored from two yards out, on his sixth carry of the drive, and Mitstifer's PAT made it 9-7 with 1:50 remaining in the first quarter. Sophomore backup quarterback Luke Spang found classmate Trey Tremba for the only score of the second quarter as Parkland went ahead 13-9.

"You can't give up some of the negative See **FHS** on Page A11.

# Nazareth rallies to stun Becahi

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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There was a point in Saturday's football game between Bethlehem Catholic and Nazareth when the Golden Hawks were looking toward a possible mercy rule victory, but the Blue Eagles showed no mercy on Becahi and pulled out a stunning 42-41 victory at Bethlehem Area School District Stadium.

"We had them on the ropes. We needed a killer instinct to put them away, and we don't have the killer instinct," said Becahi head coach Kyle Haas, "and there was a distinct change in body demeanor from our energy and the way we carried ourselves in the first half to the second half, and every time we came off this field and gave up a touchdown, I told them, 'You gotta keep playing. We're still winning.'"

Becahi led 41-14 with 8:03 remaining in the third quarter after Antonio Ramos intercept-

ed a pass by Nazareth quarterback Sonny Sasso and ran 41 yards for a touchdown.

"We were talking about, after the touchdown that put us up four (touchdowns), we gotta go for two next time for the mercy rule," said Coach Haas.

But that's when Nazareth started its comeback and wouldn't stop until it finished.

Sasso's pass to Mason Kuehner, and Tyler Rohn's run to the end zone put the Blue Eagles within two touchdowns, still trailing 41-28.

With 36 seconds left in the third quarter, Sasso ran two yards for another Nazareth touchdown.

"We literally were there, and something changed, and you could see it," said Coach Haas. "The way our kids were walking around, and [Nazareth] still had energy. It's not like our kids are out of condition. Maybe we're play-

See **BC** on Page A11.



Becahi's Eric Wert hauls in a one-handed catch during Saturday's loss against the Blue Eagles.

# LHS-BC rivalry on tap this week

BY PETER CAR  
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Shawn Daignault and Kyle Haas are friends and former colleagues. They're also going to be direct competitors as long as they coach Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic respectively.

The first chapter of that saga takes place this Friday night when the city rivalry contest between both teams kicks off at 7 p.m. at BASD Stadium.

Both coaches are plenty familiar with each other, as Daignault was Haas' defensive coordinator last year at Northampton. Their relationship had both of them swapping ideas in the offseason about instilling new cultures at their new schools, but it's fair to say that there won't be much dialogue between both of them this week as they prepare to play.

"We're friends and I really respect the job he's doing at Liberty," said Haas of Daignault. "We haven't really talked much during the season, but I'm proud of what he's doing over there. The longer he's there, the better that program is going to become."



Liberty's Kyndred Wright finds running room during a game against Central from earlier this season.

Both programs are enduring their own shares of struggle this season, as the Hurricanes (1-3) have dropped three straight games since winning their season opener. Last week's 23-22 defeat to Stroudsburg certainly has left a bad taste in the mouth of Liberty players.

"Overall I would say it's appropriate," said Daignault

of the team's psyche coming into this week. "No one is happy about losing games, especially ones that we are pretty sure were winnable, but I do think we believe that we can be much better. The team is keeping a focus on daily improvement and we know that if we can continue to improve, better days are ahead."

Becahi (1-3) is also reeling

from a one-point defeat last week, falling to a talented Nazareth team 42-41.

The Hawks led 41-14 in the third quarter, only to see Nazareth score 28 straight points for the miraculous comeback.

It's a defeat that Haas acknowledged was a tough pill to swallow.

"The kids are obviously disappointed in the loss," Haas said. "After a loss like that, it was heartbreaking, but I don't have to worry about them carrying that over to this week. When you're playing in a city rivalry game, it's big for everyone."

Friday's winner could use the contest as an opportunity to build momentum heading into the second half of the season. Daignault knows his team needs to execute better in all facets if they want to win more games.

The lessons from last week will hopefully resonate moving forward.

"Little things add up to big things," said Daignault. "This is something we talk a lot about but last week's game was a stark example of how that can work in a negative way. There were many small See **RIVAL** on Page A11.

# Liberty girls blank the Zephyrs 2-0

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty's girls soccer team poured on the pressure to defeat Whitehall, 2-0, last week at Whitehall.

"That was an expectation we talked about before the game, making sure we're pressuring them higher up the field and forcing them to play back and continuously make them feel uncomfortable," said Liberty head coach Andrew Uhler.

Hurricane senior Ariana Reid had the assist on the Hurricanes' first-half goal scored by Hannah Oliver.

"I waited and saw Hannah running in between two of the Whitehall girls, and then I

passed it on the outside and then she took a touch. It felt great, and it actually felt better than scoring the goal," Reid said. "Our chemistry was really there today. We're doing what we're supposed to be doing to become that really good team."

Liberty freshman Natalya Teran scored the Hurricanes' second goal in the 64th minute on an assist by Caitlin Ohl.

"We had to keep exploiting those wide areas and their outside backs. They have some great speed on the outside, particularly number three (Ava Wells). She's great," said Coach Uhler. "Alyssa Marsteller put us under a lot of pressure; number 31 (Sarah Wakim) also, so

we wanted to account for that, but also use it against them because they were quick to get high up the field, but we have the same kind of speed. Then we were able to exploit on the counterattack."

This past weekend, Freedom defeated Stroudsburg, 1-0, at Freedom, and Bethlehem Catholic defeated Liberty, 1-0, at Liberty.

Becahi's goal was scored by Jianna Brown toward the end of the first half.

Gabby Amato made 10 saves for the Golden Hawks, and Sophia Albino made 12 saves for the Hurricanes.

No stats were available from the Freedom game.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD

From left to right are Anthony Barczynski, Christian Lopez, William Hawach, Peter Martinez and Alberto Cocirio.

# Becahi boys knock off Liberty in soccer

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Not even a Beca bounce could stop the Golden Hawks from pounding the Liberty Hurricanes in the Hawks' 6-1 victory over the 'Canes last Friday at Bethlehem Catholic.

"They wanted it. They wanted it," said Becahi boys head soccer coach John Hohn. "And we came off a big win earlier in the week against Pocono Mountain West (10-2), and they played well on that large field. This is a very small field, and that's our advantage here, so Liberty comes here, and we have to capitalize on it. We tried a different formation today as well. Some of my guys who normally play in the back of the field were up front because they're more aggressive, and that gave us that push up high, and it worked."

Liberty's only goal came on an own goal when the ball took two high bounces, last kicked by Becahi's Matthew Yusella.

"It was unlucky. Beca bounce is what we call it. I don't blame anyone for it," said Becahi goalkeeper Christian Lopez, who had four saves. "I've always said that strikers can give you goals and win you games, but the defense is really what can win you championships. Our defense was really solid, and we worked together

better than we ever had before. They got back on the ball, and stayed together, and were really aggressive, which I loved."

While Becahi's defense held off the Hurricanes, Becahi's offense made its attack 10 minutes in.

Beca forward William Hawach took two shots a minute apart that just missed, when midfielder Alberto Cocirio blasted a shot to the upper left corner from 18 yards out on an assist by Sebastian Cortez.

"It was a wonderful goal, so I was very happy. It was a good curve," said the exchange student from Italy, who made the Italian celebration mask sign across his face as the Hawks went up 1-0.

Liberty keeper John Smith made a tough save on a shot to the bottom corner by Ethan Wiles, and tipped a ball out for another save.

After the own goal tied the game with 2:48 remaining in the first half, Anthony Barczynski promptly scored on an assist by Cocirio.

"Alberto got a pass out of space to me at the edge of the area, and I saw the ball and knew I had to go for it, and I went to the keeper's bottom corner and it went in," Barczynski said. "It was good to get the momentum back right after they scored and carry that into halftime. That

was a real boost."

But as halftime approached, Coach Hohn had a decision to make.

"I actually was debating playing a more defensive game and riding out the 2-1, but I asked one of the captains, 'What do you want to do?'" said Hohn. "This is their team too. They wanted to go for it. So I said, 'Do it. When we get to about 15 minutes left, if we're still 2-1, I'm gonna back up our defense and we're gonna ride out a 2-1 win.'"

That wasn't necessary, however, as Hawach scored twice within 25 seconds in the 54th minute to put the Hawks up 4-1, and after two big saves by Smith, Beca midfielder Peter Martinez found the back of the net twice within 90 seconds in the 77th minute.

"For them to score like they did, I couldn't be more proud," said Hohn. "It's been years since this school beat Liberty, and I have 12 seniors, so these have been the [sigh] games the last three years, but they wanted it."

Also on Friday, Freedom was a 4-1 winner over Easton.

Michael Krents, Stephen Callaghan, Omar Rodriguez, and Sebastian Garces were the Patriots' scorers, while Peter Tichy had two assists, and Austin Hoffert had one.

Tristan Willey had three saves for the Pates.

# Pates remain unbeaten

BY PETER CAR  
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Freedom continues to dominate on the volleyball court this season, as the Pates are one of a handful of programs in the area that remain undefeated.

The Pates (7-0) knocked off Stroudsburg, Easton and Dieruff last week, with the

Rovers being the only team to take a game away from Freedom.

This week has four matches on tap for Freedom with a big one coming on Wednesday against Parkland (5-0).

Parkland is always a gauge for every team, as the Trojans are perennially one of the district title contenders each year. The Pates swept

East Stroudsburg North on Monday night to kickoff their week.

Outside of Wednesday's matchup, Freedom also has home matches against Liberty and Alen on Friday and Saturday to close out the week.

The Hurricanes (4-2) are coming off a loss to Bethlehem Catholic last week, but rebounded with a sweep over East Stroudsburg South on Monday. They have a tough week ahead with Emmaus and Freedom on Wednesday and Friday respectively.

Bethlehem Catholic is hoping they're building some momentum, as the Hawks have won four straight since losing to Emmaus in five games on September 10.

After topping Pleasant Valley on Monday, Freedom has Central Catholic and Dieruff on tap this week. The Hawks should be able to push their win streak forward with this week's slate.



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From left to right are Ariana Reid, Hannah Oliver, Sophia Albino, Caitlin Ohl and Natalya Teran following their game against Whitehall.

# Meets start for harriers

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Cross country season opened for Bethlehem Catholic, Freedom, and Liberty harriers on Sept. 14 when the Hurricanes hosted the Golden Hawks, the Patriots, Pleasant Valley, Pocono Mountain East, and Pocono Mountain West at Louise Moore Park.

All three Bethlehem schools won their meets against all three Pocono schools, but it was Freedom that had the top places with Alex Heidemann and Dylan Boyle finishing in first and second, and Avaline Fihlman finishing in second behind Ella Bray from PM West.

"It was a new course for them," said Freedom head coach Bob Thear. "Basically, it's two, big, outer loops. It is pretty logical, but the course could have been faster. The grass was really long yet in a lot of spots."

Heidemann took first place in the boys race.

"There wasn't anyone around me, so Coach had me go out a little conser-



BY MIKE HAINES

Alex Heidemann, shown here at DeSales, recently took first place.

vative and hold on and keep a good distance in front of the pack," Heidemann said. "I really liked the course. It was pretty flat, and there weren't too many turns, no hills."

Heidemann, a senior, finished with a time of 17:55.

"Medaling at states is just kind of the end goal. I just have to keep racing like I am. Based on the invitationals over the

last week, I'm feeling pretty confident as far as the season goes and my fitness currently," he said. "We have a lot of freshmen, but we have some injuries and lost a few to Lehigh Valley Academy's cross country team, but we make the most of what we've got and hopefully have a winning record."

Boyle is one of those freshmen.

"I just tried to keep Heidemann in my sight most of the time, not try to pace with him because he's really fast," Boyle said. "I went out the first mile pretty hard and I tried to stay behind the Liberty pack, and then on the second mile, I passed them all and tried to stick with Heidi. It felt pretty good and awesome to finish."

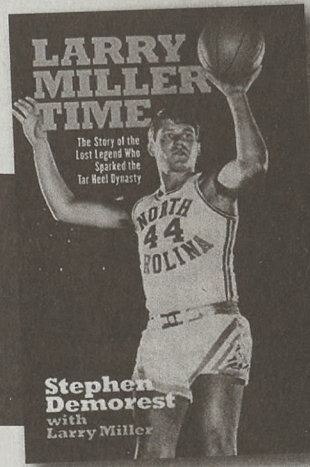
Fihlman, a sophomore, was sidelined last year with an injury, but Coach Thear was confident in her ability to place high last week.

"I saw her running in some of the workouts with some of the boys, and I thought she would run around 21:00, so we had her run a little conservative at Moravian. See **RUN** on Page A11

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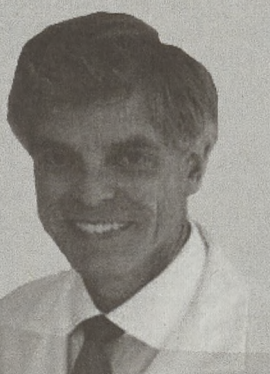
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Liberty's Sarah Fitzpatrick and the rest of the Hurricanes are set for a tough week ahead.

## 'Canes face tough week in field hockey

BY PETER CAR  
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Liberty's field hockey team is off to a 5-1 start, but the Hurricanes have a tough road this week against some of the top teams in the East Penn Conference.

The Hurricanes take on Nazareth (6-0), Parkland (7-0) and Pocono Mountain East (5-2) in a three-game slate that will surely test the mettle.

Head coach Jill Dorn knows this is a big week for the program riding a four-game win streak.

"This week coming up is going to challenge us for sure," said Dorn. "After witnessing the way they played Whitehall [over the weekend], I think they showed themselves exactly what they are capable of. We spoke to them before the game about Whitehall being undefeated and that winning under these circumstances is an experience they

deserve to show themselves what they can do if they keep their mindset."

Liberty earned their signature win of the season on Saturday over the Zephyrs (7-1) with a 2-1 victory. Tula Sobrinski and Danielle Walz pocketed goals for Liberty to knock off the once unbeaten Zephyrs. "The message we are continually sending is to know the value of their talent," said Dorn. "They have been working to play like a team and do the little things right. We have a lot of young girls out there who are having to mature quickly as varsity players."

Last week also marked a milestone for Dorn, as she recorded her 200th career win during their 6-1 win over East Stroudsburg North on September 14. This is Dorn's 21st season heading a program, previously coaching at Po-

cono Mountain East (16 years) and Pleasant Valley before taking over the reigns at Liberty.

"You cannot reach this type of milestone without a great staff and players," Dorn said. "I've been fortunate enough to encounter both in my times between Pocono Mountain, Pleasant Valley and Liberty. Being closer to home, in a great community, makes this time around more special."

Freedom (1-5) and Bethlehem Catholic (1-5) have both struggled to find their footing this season, but the Golden Hawks recorded their first win of the season last week when they knocked off the Pates 4-3.

Becahi has Allen, Pleasant Valley and East Stroudsburg North this week, while Freedom plays Emmaus, Easton, Northampton and Liberty on deck.

## Hawks trying to get back on track

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

With his team holding a 27-point lead over Nazareth, Bethlehem Catholic head coach Kyle Haas and his Golden Hawks had a good feeling.

Twenty minutes later, Haas and his troops were sick to their stomachs.

In an unprecedented happening this football season, Nazareth posted a 27-point rally to edge Bethlehem Catholic 42-41. It certainly sent some vibrations around the Bethlehem area.

The Hawks previously dropped some heartbreaking losses to Northampton and Whitehall.

"We just keep finding different ways to lose," said Haas. "Each way has torn our hearts out."

"We wanted to start fast, and we did. We simply ran out of gas. We condition our kids well. Maybe we aren't working our kids hard enough in practice."

Haas noted his team had a viable shot to ground the Blue Eagles, but they couldn't convert a fourth down with just under six minutes left. In turn, Nazareth responded with the game-winning drive.

"All we needed to do is get a couple of first downs and make some stops," added Haas. "It just all unraveled. We weren't focused enough."

Haas stated that his team needs to take an honest evaluation of itself.

"We dress 38 or 39 kids," he said. "We have seven or eight kids that are injured. But we don't have enough of the upperclassmen totally involved. I believe our senior class is split right down the middle. That was the issue before. If we have to, we will play with the younger kids."

"It's a weird dynamic right now,"

Senior quarterback Jaden Ricahrdson continues to have a banner season for Beca. Against Nazareth, Richardson completed 22 of 34 passes for 227 yards with a touchdown, and he ran for 93 yards with a score. Haas has considered having him play safety this weekend.

"He has made some big plays for us," said Haas about his quarterback. "He is our main weapon right now. We want to protect him, but he also needs to make plays."

"We need to put our best 11 players on the field, and he may be on defense."

Beca will meet Liberty (1-3) Friday night in an expected rivalry game. The Hurricanes have dropped three straight after an opening night 24-16 victory over East Stroudsburg South. They dropped a 23-22 decision to Stroudsburg last week.

Haas will be reunited with Liberty head coach Shaun Daignault, who was his defensive coordinator at Northampton. He also "penciled in" the probable return of Justin Kanyuk, Max Johnson, Jacob Stoudt, Eli Thompson, and Kyle Melson to the lineup.

"They have kids that can run," said Haas of his next opponent. "Up front, the matchup should be even. They try to run the same stuff with different formations. It will be a good game, and it will be good to catch up with Shawn (Daignault)."

"We have to get over this and play at a high level. We need to avoid mental mistakes, and the kids have to be held accountable. We need to keep everyone on the same page. If we can do that, we will see where we are at the end of the season."

## SUBURBAN DART LEAGUE

Week 1  
St. Paul's beat Star of Bethlehem 9-2, 8-6, losing the middle game 8-6. Leading hitters for St. Paul's: Rich Kern 9-15, Paul Slimmon 7-14, Kevin Gross 6-14, with HRs from Jennifer Erkingier, John Hoysan, Alan Antry. For Star of Bethlehem, Bryan Frankenfield was 7-13, Jacob Hoffert 7-13 (HR), Bill Hoke Sr. 6-13.

It was Christ UCC sandwiching 1-0 and 3-2 (12in) wins around a 9-3 loss to Light of Christ. Top hitters included Garry Hunsicker 5-12, George Gasper 4-11 (HR) for Christ UCC, while Andy Mickelson was 8-14, Terry Knauss 6-13, Todd Jones 5-13, Dan Halteman 5-14 for Light of Christ.

With Carol Voortman going 5-13, and HRs from Jim Voortman, Ted Lankey, Joe Belvins, Ebenezer won 2-1 and 5-4 (13in) over Emmanuel, losing 1-0 (no-hitter). Chuck Achenzie went 5-14 and Kim Williams had HR for Emmanuel.

The match Dryland and Farmersville was postponed and will be made up at a later date.

Week 2  
Donnie Laudenslager hit a game-winning triple in Game 2 (going 5-12, 2 HRs), Ed Yost & Eric Yocum 5-11, Keith Laudenslager 4-12 as Christ UCC moved into first with a sweep of Dryland 5-0, 3-2, 4-2. Hitters for Dryland were Jim Goldman 5-11, Shawn Sigley 4-12.

Farmersville moved into 2nd sandwiching 8-2, 2-1 wins around a 2-0 loss to Emmanuel. Leading the way for Farmersville: Gene & Dave Campbell 4-11. Chuck

Achenzie & Jim Hill 4-11 each, with HRs from Troy Haydt & Jeff Hoffert for Emmanuel.

In other action, Ebenezer shares 2nd place with 3-2 (13in), 9-7 (17in) wins over St. Paul's, losing 4-1. Top hitters for Ebenezer: Paul Yoder 7-18, Steve Gountis 6-17 (GWHR Game 2 & cycle for the night), with Carol Voortman & Jim Voortman each 6-18, HR from Frank Travoto. For St. Paul's, Alan Antry was 9-17, Kevin Gross 8-18, and Amber Gross 4-16 (HR).

Star of Bethlehem sandwiched 4-0 & 3-2 wins over Light of Christ losing 3-2. Bill Hoke Jr. 5-12, Scott Hoffert 4-11, Bryan Frankenfield 4-12, Ron Frankenfield HR for Star of Bethlehem, Rich Hasonich 6-12, Terry Knauss 5-12, Dan Halteman 4-12 & Todd Jones 4-12 (HR).



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Becahi goalie Charlene Weiner makes a save against Emmaus in a recent game.

## RUN

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Academy (Lion Invitational) and she was 11th there, and she was 16th at DeSales (Invitational), so I told her, 'You're gonna be in the front of this race. You need to be ready for that.' And she said, 'You mean top 10?' and I said, 'No, in the very front so don't panic if you're in that position because that's where you belong.'"

Fihlman's time was 20:59, and Bray's was 20:46.

"She was behind me for most of the race, and once we got to the finish, she caught up and passed me," said Fihlman. "Yeah, I was

[mad]. I don't feel like I'm the fastest, but it was good competition. I think I need to review the courses more before I run them because I wasn't sure where to kick."

Maddie Mumma came in third for Liberty with a time of 21:12, and Aubrey Yeager placed fourth for Freedom with a time of 23:23.

"I started out pretty fast to try and get with the pack. It got me out there further, so if I had to slow down, it wouldn't put me too far back," said Yeager. "The course was a little challenging, especially going with two loops, but it was flat so it felt better."

finding solutions. It's time to be less patient. The message of saying 'we're trying to figure it out' is getting old."

Taylor was 13-of-24 for 157 yards and a touchdown. Crawford

## GIRLS TOP 10:

1. Ella Bray (PMW) 20:46, 2. Avaline Fihlman (F) 20:59, 3. Maddie Mumma (L) 21:12, 4. Aubrey Yeager (F) 23:23, 5. Violet Koszul (L) 23:35, 6. Emily Orrico (L) 23:43, 7. Mikailyn Matakavage (L) 23:48, 8. Margaret Burke 24:28 (B), 9. Julia Bricco (B) 24:45, 10. Kayla Lazorik (L) 24:52

## BOYS TOP 10:

1. Alex Heidemann (F) 17:55, 2. Dylan Boyle (F) 18:33, 3. Owen Reilly (L) 18:38, 4. Jacob Rivera (L) 18:56, 5. Daniel Smith (B) 19:00, 6. Jacob Orrico (L) 19:05, 7. Cole Rufe (L) 19:12, 8. Ryan (F) 19:16, 9. Aidan Michels (B) 19:16, 10. Ben Pfefer (L) 19:23

finished with 15 carries for 88 yards and a score.

Freedom has another test in the competitive EPC South Division as it travels to take on a 3-1 Nazareth team on Friday night.

## BC

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ing too many kids both ways, but we don't have anybody else, so it's one of those deals where we have to watch the film and see exactly what happened schematically, but I think a lot of it had to do with, just, we didn't put them away when we had to, and the most disappointing thing was the way we responded when they started to come back."

Becahi took over on downs with 8:07 left in the game but couldn't convert on fourth-and-2, and Nazareth took possession around their own 45-yard line.

The Blue Eagles drove to Becahi's 30 when Sasson found Jake Hilarczyk in the end zone to tie the game, and Chris Bugbee's extra point proved to be the game winner with 4:15 remaining.

"It's crazy. We called a post and it was...I'm so ecstatic...Catching that ball, excitement

## RIVAL

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things that happened that in and of themselves won't lose a game for you but when there are lots of them, they add up to have a tremendous effect on the final result and it was too much to overcome. As coaches we need to do a better job teaching the little things so that we can have them add up to positives instead of negatives. The other thing I will say is that it is clear that we have a bunch of guys who are willing to

going through my head, it's just amazing," said a breathless Jake Hilarczyk. "Incredible. I was so excited. Everyone on the team came out and cheered me on. It was great."

"We were down big. The captains brought us together and told us to stay locked in, come back, and score. Coaches told us game's not over, plenty of time left, and we took that to heart. We grinded all week at practice. We knew we could do it, and I believed in us all the way."

Becahi's first touchdown came with 6:09 left in the first quarter when Jamel Claments picked up a fumble by Hilarczyk and ran 52 yards to the end zone. Five minutes later, Becahi quarterback Jared Richardson completed a 40-yard pass to Eric Wert, and Zyaire Morris scored the Hawks' second touchdown on the next play.

Becahi's defense came out hard and fast in the first half, while

Richardson led the Hawks to three touchdowns, and kicker Anthony Barczynski had two field goals.

"I was proud of the way they played in the first half. That's their capability, but whether or not they can maintain it, that's the next thing we have to correct," Haas said.

In the second quarter, Richardson completed a pass to Ethan Shelton to put the Hawks up 27-14, and Richardson ran in for his own touchdown early in the third quarter when the Hawks still led.

"We got into that funk and couldn't get out of it," Haas said. "No matter how much I challenged them, when you look into somebody's eyes and they have the 1,000 mile stare, it's a scary feeling as a coach because you know there's something going on, and we didn't respond the way I hoped we would respond. We'll fix it."

ish games. I think we've gotten better each week and the kids see that, but they have to finish games now."

Despite what both coaches are going through this season, a contest between Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic always ensures to bring out the best of both sides.

"This is a city rivalry and the records don't matter in games like this," Haas said. "Both teams are coming into this confident they can get a win, so we're really looking forward to playing on Friday."

# Kid Scoop

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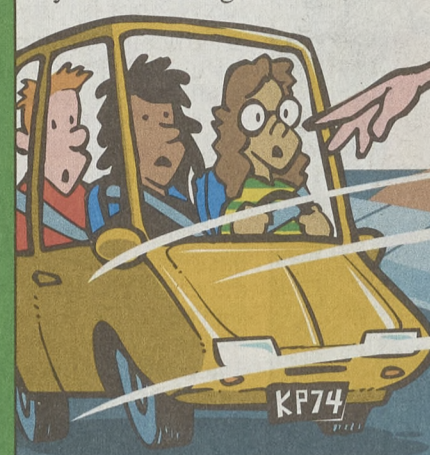
## The Great Skateboard Debate

Should people be able to ride skateboards on sidewalks? Some people say, "For sure!" and others say, "Definitely not!" Today's *Kid Scoop* looks at both sides of the issue and lets you ask, think and decide for yourself.

### Skateboards on sidewalks?

**YES!**

Streets are dangerous places to ride skateboards. Riders risk being hit by a car or falling in front of one.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that skateboarders should never ride in the street.

### Skateboards on sidewalks?

**NO!**

Some people are afraid that skateboarders zipping along sidewalks endanger pedestrians, especially older people and small children who may have difficulty getting out of the way of a speeding skateboard.



Concerns for the safety of skateboarders and pedestrians has led to the development of skate parks in many communities.

### What's YOUR opinion?

Before you answer, ask, think and then decide.

### Ask!

Ask friends and family members for their opinion. Write down their reasons for or against skateboarding on sidewalks on a sheet of paper.

### Think!

List three reasons why some people say YES to skateboards on sidewalks and three reasons why some people say NO to skateboards on sidewalks.

YES

NO


### Find the two identical skateboarders.



### Extra! Extra! Skateboard Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper to find:
- A picture of a street or sidewalk
  - Something with wheels
  - A person who might ride a skateboard
  - The letters that spell pedestrian

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Together: History of Skateboards

Below are some TRUE facts about skateboarding history as well as a few that are FALSE.

Do the math under each statement. If the answer is EVEN, that statement is TRUE. If the answer is ODD, it's FALSE.

**1958:** The skateboard is made from roller skates attached to a board. It is a way to surf when there are no waves—sidewalk surfing.  
 $12 + 14 - 8 =$

**1963:** The first skateboard contest is held in California.  
 $27 + 19 - 4 =$

**1969:** Tony Hawk wins the stunt competition at the first X Games.  
 $21 + 11 - 9 =$

**1973:** The invention of urethane wheels turns a formerly noisy, bumpy ride smooth and silent. Because the urethane wheels grip concrete better, curbs, ditches and other terrain become skating courses.  
 $27 + 15 - 3 =$

**1976-78:** The California drought forces homeowners to drain their pools. Empty pools become mini-skate parks. New tricks are invented.  
 $19 + 19 - 8 =$

**1977:** President Jimmy Carter makes history by skateboarding to his inauguration ceremony.  
 $27 + 19 - 5 =$

**1985:** Scientists in Norway discover an ancient skateboard dating back to the year 535 A.D.  
 $17 + 13 - 7 =$

**2000s:** Many cities have built skate parks and provide camps and lessons that are available to young people.  
 $22 + 8 - 4 =$

Standards Link: History/Social Studies: Students know how to interpret timelines.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SKATER in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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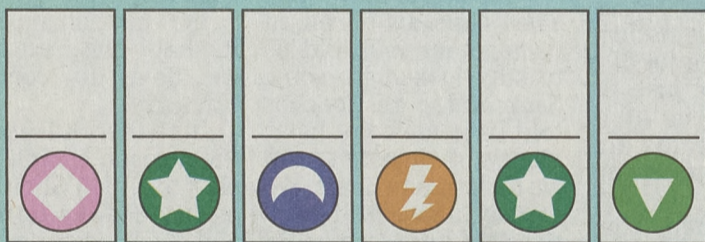
### Decide!

You've asked questions, you've thought about what each side has to say. Now it's time for YOU to decide. Write down your opinion here:

Standards Link: Research: Students compare information and draw conclusions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

The most important piece of equipment a skateboarder needs is a



Use the Skateboard Secret Code to find the answer.



A E H L M S T

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- SKATEBOARD  
 DEBATE  
 SIDEWALKS  
 AFRAID  
 OPINION  
 RISK  
 SECRET  
 SAFETY  
 RIDE  
 WHEELS  
 HELMET  
 ASK  
 THINK  
 PATH  
 ISSUE

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

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E	W	H	E	E	L	S	K	S	T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PEDESTRIAN**

The noun **pedestrian** means someone who travels by walking.

**Pedestrians** should always use crosswalks when crossing the street.

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

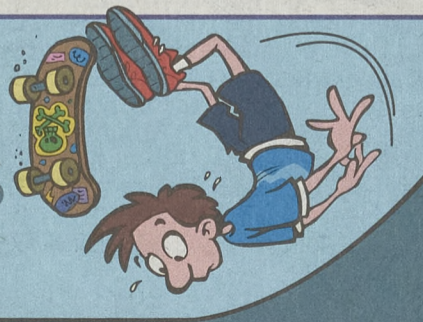
### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Having a Say

Look at the letters to the editor section of your newspaper and read a letter that interests you. Do you think the person did a good job of expressing his or her position on this debate? What could you add to their letter?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Students respond to comments (e.g., gives reasons in support of opinions, responds to others' ideas).

### Why didn't the skateboarder wear his helmet?



ANSWER: Because he wasn't using his head.

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**Team Dawson members** take a moment for a photo backstage with their entry of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria marked Colonial Regional Police. Jared Dawson of Hamburg, third from left, would go on to drive and place second in the final moments of the Demolition Derby at The Great Allentown Fair. Dawson took home \$400 for this feat.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK



**The Great Allentown Fair 2021 Queen** Mackenzie Blatt of Kutztown, stands with Fair mascot Moodonna to honor the National Anthem before the Demolition Derby. Queen Blatt is a sophomore at Lehigh Carbon Community College and also led the crowd in the first countdown of the competition.

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**Burnside Saturdays activities**

Visit Burnside Plantation for Saturdays at Burnside from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays through November. There will be barn, house and kitchen tours. Meet the gardeners, peek inside the Burnside House and experience the Summer Kitchen. There will be children's activities and crafts.

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The plantation is dog-friendly. Parking is available on site at 1461 Schoenersville Road. For more information, visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/saturdays-at-burnside/>

**OCTOBERFEST**

**Pierogipalooza is new addition**

ArtsQuest presents Pierogipalooza, at 2 p.m. Oct. 2. Passports may be purchased (lower price in advance of the event) by visiting [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org). Passport holders receive their choice of any six pierogies at stations throughout the SteelStacks campus, 101 Founders Way.

Pierogies may be purchased individually. Savory varieties include Buffalo chicken, baked potato, jalapeño popper, Philly cheesesteak and Reuben pierogies; sweet varieties are the sweet potato pie, maple and marshmallow. One of the stations is Palette & Pour, a new full-service bar and quick-service kitchen, on the first floor of the ArtsQuest Center.

Pierogipalooza is part of ArtsQuest's 11th annual Oktoberfest, presented by Lehigh Valley International Airport. The festival features brew samples, live music, local artisans, dachshund dog parade and the Pennsylvania State Steinholding Championship. Visit [steelstacks.org/Oktoberfest](http://steelstacks.org/Oktoberfest) for more information.



**Fairgoers are eager** and waiting to climb aboard the new attraction by Powers Great American Midways, a 100-foot ferris wheel called "Itsy-Bitsy Spider."

PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK



**It's a family affair** for the Ritter Derby Team of Emmaus. Backstage and ready for some smashing is John (7) in his "Firecracker" Cadillac Escalade and brother Trent (4) in his silver pick-up truck, "Dozer". The boys' parents, Trish and Mark, also compete in different heats held by J&J Demolition Derbies.

**CITY**

**Scarecrow Show-down in October**

Historic Downtown Bethlehem's second annual Scarecrow Show-down will be held Oct. 1 through 30 along Main and Broad streets, downtown Bethlehem. Kits may be purchased online.

Pick kits up on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon by September 17 at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce office, 74 W. Broad St., suite 240. Decorate scarecrow and return it to the office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24.

Entrants receive a voting link to share with others. The winner will be announced on the Heart of Bethlehem Facebook and Instagram pages on November 1. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)



**Opening the Great Allentown Fair Demolition Derby** is the Kids Power Wheels heat. Kids ages 4 to 10 can enter this category. The object is to pop all four balloons attached to a contestant's Power Wheel vehicle. Once all your balloons are popped you are out. Owen Beware from Emmaus won the heat. Owen is shown in the mohawk helmet and the Chevy Silverado pick-up truck.

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# About free speech

Recently I had an unexpected opportunity to explain the First Amendment to my youngest son James, especially the right to free speech.

As we were walking home from his school, he told me the boys' bathroom had been flooded. Unfortunately, this was part of an odious Tik Tok challenge called Devious Licks. The challenge was to steal or destroy school property, and it's happening all over. I expressed my dismay that this was happening at his elementary school. I understand the vandalism was also happening in the secondary schools. I told James I wished Tik Tok, an online video platform that seems to have taken the pranking videos that used to be prolific on YouTube, could be banned.



By Lani Goins

James asked if Tik Tok could be banned. (I don't let him watch it, but some of the YouTubers I work with mention Tik Tok.) I explained that the First Amendment gives us the right to freedom of speech. For the most part, we are free to express our opinions without fear of government reprisal. Of course there are some limitations, but in contrast to countries that don't have this right, we are very fortunate.

I did not mention that the divorce agreement includes a provision that neither my ex nor I is allowed to say anything derisive about the other in James' presence. Sometimes, curbing freedom of speech is sensible. It's called decorum, or having good manners, or simply being polite.

I talked about the Federal Communications Commission, and how it can use fines and other actions to keep broadcasters in line. Though in the end, the Tik Tok challenge and its hashtag were removed by Tik Tok, thousands of dollars in damages have already occurred in our schools.

So James got a history lesson, and Tik Tok is still not welcome in our home.



Jo Evans adjusts a proclamation from Mayor Robert Donchez that is included in a city hall display that recognizes the signing of the U.S. Constitution Sept. 17, 1787, the day that delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the historic document that established the framework for governance in the United States of America.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### General information

Visit the Bethlehem Area Public Library at 11 E. Church St. (main) or 400 Webster St. (Southside branch) or 2740 Fifth St. (Coolidge) or visit [www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv-3jQ11us\\_WkQW/featured](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv-3jQ11us_WkQW/featured) and [www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events](http://www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events) for a variety of items. For hours, information or to speak with staff members, call 610-867-3761 (main-11 W. Church St.) or 610-867-7852- 400 Webster St. (Southside branch) or 484-892-6267 (Coolidge). Chat service and general information: visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) (main) or at [www.facebook.com/paBAPL](https://www.facebook.com/paBAPL) or [www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm](https://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm) (Southside) or <https://www.bapl.org/coolidge/> (Coolidge).

Events are held live and virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. There is a "grab and go" check-out; place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door or inside.

Due to the pandemic: hours, masking and capacity limits may change without prior notice. Check the websites or call via phone.

### Main library

#### Wednesday, September 22

Lessons from Hurricane Maria: "Grassroots Organizing Across the Puerto Rican Diaspora - How do we use community and art spaces to foster change?" 6 to 7:30 p.m. Zoom. Must register: visit <https://www.bapl.org/events/gonzalez/>

Registration deadline for Toni Morrison Book Club and for BAPL Film Club Movie of the Month (see Sept. 23 entries)

Family Story Time for all ages, outside either in the garden near the teahouse or on the Library porch. No registration required. Social distancing and masks are a must; ages two and up. Seating mats will be provided or bring something from home. 10 a.m. Stories, songs, fingerplays. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/events/family-storytime-for-children-of-all-ages-at-main-3/](http://www.bapl.org/events/family-storytime-for-children-of-all-ages-at-main-3/)

#### Thursday, September 23

Toni Morrison Book Club: Love. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration required by Sept. 22 for Sept. 23. Zoom meeting information will be sent by email. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/toni-morrison-book-club-7/](http://www.bapl.org/events/toni-morrison-book-club-7/)

Movie: Ball of Fire (1941), comedy with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck. View on Kanopy on your own time; join online Zoom discussion from 7 to 8 p.m. September 23. Registration is required by Sept. 22. Email invitations for Zoom will be sent out the day prior to the event. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/bapl-film-club-ball-of-fire/](http://www.bapl.org/events/bapl-film-club-ball-of-fire/) for more information and to register.

#### Saturday, September 25

Hispanic Heritage month celebration, grade two and up. Life and art of Frida Kahlo, Mexican folk music, culture. No registration required. Masks are a must. 2 to 3 p.m. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/hispanic-heritage-month-celebration-presentation-for-grades-2-adult-at-main/](http://www.bapl.org/events/hispanic-heritage-month-celebration-presentation-for-grades-2-adult-at-main/)

Sensory Friendly story time. Interactive session for grades one to five. Puppets, manipulatives, simple rhythm instruments or scarves, bubbles. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/sensory-friendly-storytime-for-grades-1-5-at-main/](http://www.bapl.org/events/sensory-friendly-storytime-for-grades-1-5-at-main/) for information.

### SouthSide

#### Wednesday, September 22 to Thursday, October 7

Homework help for grades K-12. 4 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/homework-helpers-the-south-side-branch/](http://www.bapl.org/events/homework-helpers-the-south-side-branch/)

#### Wednesday, September 22

Storytime at the South Side Farmers Market. At the tent along Greenway near Taylor Street. Visit [www.bapl.org/](http://www.bapl.org/)

#### Sunday, September 26 - most days through Thursday, October 28

Try Anytime Storytime, DIY storytime corner for caregivers and kids. Themed books and crafts (changed weekly), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information: [www.bapl.org/events/try-anytime-storytime-at-south-side-2021-09-26/](http://www.bapl.org/events/try-anytime-storytime-at-south-side-2021-09-26/)

#### Through Thursday, September 30

Plan a family movie night: free kit with a family-friendly film, companion book, popcorn (limited supply), 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pick up kits at Southside while supplies last. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/south-side-plan-family-movie-night-2021-09-26/](http://www.bapl.org/events/south-side-plan-family-movie-night-2021-09-26/)

DIY Adults Cutting Board menu. Pick up kits at SouthSide while supplies last. All day through Sept. 30. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/events/diy-kit-for-adults-cutting-board-menu](http://www.bapl.org/events/diy-kit-for-adults-cutting-board-menu)

## PEOPLE

### The Citadel recognizes Horvath

Matthew Horvath, of Bethlehem, was recognized for academic achievements at The Citadel during the spring 2021 semester.

Gold stars are awarded to cadets and students at The Citadel who achieve a 3.7 grade point average or higher. Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list.

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## BETHLEHEM CHAPTER DAR

# Recognizing Constitution's importance

BY DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

For the second year in a row the Bethlehem Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has installed a display in the first floor hallway of city hall to recognize the importance of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by members of the Constitutional Convention on Sept. 17, 1787.

"We just want the public to be aware of the Constitution and the Bethlehem Chapter of the DAR," says Jo Evans, who doubles as the local Chapter's chaplain and chairperson of the Constitution Month initiative.

Included in this year's exhibit is a proclamation from Mayor Robert Donchez, a small model of the DAR House located in the City's Rose Garden, and a graphic which explains the governmental format created in the document.

Evans also noted that the Bethlehem Chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on May 14, 2022.



Included in the display is a graphic that explains the governmental structure that the U.S. Constitution created.

# Erickson announces retirement

## NORTHAMPTON CC



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Dr. Mark Erickson has announced his plans to retire as president of Northampton Community College in summer 2022.

this is. The programs here are some of the best I've ever seen."

Said Erickson, "For the past nearly 10 years

it has been the honor of my lifetime to be part of the NCC family and work with our faculty and staff members to

make this a college of the community that transforms the lives of our students by ensuring access to a life-changing college education.

"I like to say NCC transforms the lives of our students. Well, the truth is, it also transforms the lives of its presidents! I have been forever changed by my experiences here, by our students and by our dedicated faculty and staff members. NCC has become an integral part of the fabric of my life and will always hold a special place in my heart."

Dr. Erickson will continue to lead the institution until his retirement in summer 2022. The college's board is expected to initiate a national search soon to find his successor and establish a search committee to guide that process.

Contributed article

# Hispanic Center gets \$100K for vaccine program

The CDC Foundation announced the selection of the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley among 150 national community-based organizations receiving grants of up to \$100,000 for vaccination outreach and reduction of health inequities among communities at higher risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The unprecedented infusion of federal funding will allow the Hispanic Center to expand existing work promoting vaccination access and addressing vaccine hesitancy

among Hispanic/Latino, African-American, and immigrant communities throughout the Lehigh Valley in efforts to reduce disparities in vaccination rates in neighborhoods that have been most impacted by the pandemic.

Over the next eight months, the Hispanic Center will work in collaboration with a wide network of medical and neighborhood partners throughout the Lehigh Valley to implement a coordinated campaign of neighborhood-based vaccination events, a bilin-

gual media strategy, and build a network of credible, frontline nonprofit and community messengers to disseminate accurate and up-to-date information on vaccination opportunities.

"We are honored to be recognized for our community-based approach to addressing the pandemic, and we are thrilled that we will be able to expand our efforts to reach more of our neighbors here in the Lehigh Valley at a moment when vaccination is more important than ever," said Exec-

utive Director Victoria Montero.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Hispanic Center has played an active role in responding to the local impact of the COVID-19 virus, particularly among people of color and low-income community members who have been most disproportionately affected in the Lehigh Valley.

For more information on the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley, contact Montero at (610)-868-7800.

## St. Luke's Health Network

## Habitat home repair partner

St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley to help its neighbors obtain exterior home repairs at little or no cost to the resident owner.

The Habitat for Humanity Repair Program serves homeowners who meet eligibility and income guidelines and are interested in assistance with necessary exterior home repairs that address safety, security, accessibility and code violations. The program focuses on the Jordan Heights (between Tilghman and Hamilton and Seventh and Jordan streets, Allentown) neighborhood surrounding the St. Luke's Campus. Homes in the Jordan Heights neighborhood average about 200 years old and many need costly repairs.

The Habitat for Humanity staff and/or subcontractors make exterior home repairs, such as roof, foundation and siding repairs.

St. Luke's established the St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus Community Health Initiative, which brings together community-based organizations to improve access to care, reduce rates of chronic disease and improve mental and behavioral health. Other subcommittees are working on workforce, substance use disorders, chronic disease and education. The subcommittee works with many other government entities, community organizations, businesses and individuals to meet the family's needs. This includes the city of Allentown, City Center Allentown, a real estate development company that is revitalizing downtown, and Community Action Lehigh Valley (CACLV). The goal is not only about repairing the structure, but also about creating a healthy living space for the families.

The Habitat for Humanity Repair Program has helped five families so far but would like to repair 25 homes a year, according to Ellen Denizard, MPA, Community Health Liaison Manager, St. Luke's Allentown and Sacred Heart Campuses. Eligible participants must own the home, maintain homeowners' insurance and be current on mortgage and property tax payments. Income guidelines are based on family size, ranging from \$45,900 for an individual to \$86,550 for a family of eight.

St. Luke's invites community organizations and businesses to become involved with the St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus Community Health Initiative by joining a committee. The Initiative also welcomes contributions from businesses or individuals. For more information, contact Denizard at 610-776-5456 or Ellen.Denizard@sluhn.org.

## Implant relieves chronic pain

Chief of Neurosurgery Doron Rabin, MD, recently implanted the newly FDA-approved Medtronic VANTA SCS Recharge-Free Spinal Cord Stimulator in a patient with chronic pain. Rabin is among an elite group of specialists introducing this innovative device to leading hospitals nationwide.

After undergoing a successful spinal cord stimulator trial through St. Luke's Spine & Pain Associates, the VANTA SCS Recharge-Free spinal cord stimulator can be implanted to manage chronic leg and back pain. This smart device, whose pulse signal delivery can be adjusted by its user through a small, cellphone-like controller, can accommodate the person's level of pain or physical activity or body position.

## COLLEGE NOTES

## Northampton Community College

## OSHA grants awarded

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration awarded \$151,661 in grants to Northampton Community College. One of the grants is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The monies would fund education and training programs to help workers and employers recognize infectious diseases, including coronavirus health hazards, and identify preventive measures for a safe workplace.

NCC would offer three to four hours of COVID-19 training to 700 healthcare industry employers and workers. Included would be persons who are of limited English speaking, low/nonliterate, youth, at-risk workers and small businesses. Training will include OSHA's emergency temporary standard, and understanding worker rights and employer responsibilities.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 states that employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

## CSA Level 2 course begins Oct. 6

Northampton Community College is offering a new Nursing Assistant Level 2 40-hour course to prepare participants to work in an advanced care setting. The course includes a combination of lectures and hands-on labs to train the student in performing more complex patient care skills. Those skills include phlebotomy, point of care testing for diabetic patients, bladder scans, EKGs, catheter removal, and assisting licensed nursing personnel in sterile technique situations.

The course will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 6 through Dec. 15, at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St., Bethlehem. Certified nurse aide certification is required. There is a mandatory orientation session from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Fowler Center. There is a class fee which includes materials needed for the class. To enroll, visit the course catalog on [www.northampton.edu/healthcarecerts](http://www.northampton.edu/healthcarecerts) or call 610-332-6585.

## Rethink Award grand prize winner

The U.S. Department of Education named Northampton Community College as the grand prize winner in its Rethink Adult Ed Challenge competition to advance pre-apprenticeships. The college was chosen from 85 submissions representing 31 states, Guam and the District of Columbia. NCC will receive \$250,000.

College representatives spoke at the Department of Education's Sept. 23 virtual workshop for adult education providers. The workshop shared the learning from the challenge. The department's Creating Adult PreApprenticeships course was previewed.

Through the national challenge, the department aimed to address equity and access barriers and drive greater and more diverse participation in apprenticeships and the broader workforce.

## DEAN'S LISTS

## DeSales University

Five local residents were named to the Summer 2021 dean's list at DeSales University. The students are Patricia Crique, Cailey Sanchez, David Ring and Erica Heaney, all of Bethlehem; and Ada Dejesus-Torres, of Freemansburg.

To qualify for the dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.50 GPA on no fewer than 12 credit hours.

## Southern New Hampshire University

Ryan Peppe, of Bethlehem, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 dean's List. Eligibility for the list requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Shareina Flowers and Erik Ibe, full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above, were named to the summer 2021 graduate's List. The full-time students must earn 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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## Meet the unvaccinated

These are the people with whom the president's 'patience is wearing thin'

BY THERESA O'BRIEN

Special to the Bethlehem Press

On Sept. 9, 2021, President Joe Biden took to national TV and announced his plans to compel an additional 80 million U.S. citizens to take coronavirus vaccines. He rebuked the 1 in 4 Americans who remain unvaccinated in strikingly harsh terms, saying: "We've been patient, but our patience is wearing thin, and the refusal has cost all of us. So please do the right thing."

To better understand the motivations of those who have not availed themselves of the vaccine — who are doing the wrong thing, in the president's estimation — the Press spoke with people who have chosen to decline the shots. What emerged were not stories of selfishness and fear, but of deep concern for family and the future of the world we live in. They reveal how "doing the right thing" is very much at the crux of the decision to remain unvaccinated, and a gesture toward the complex nature of vaccination decisions in a modern democracy.

## Meet Dale

"Dale" is a married man with young children. He is a member of a military reserve group, as well as working as a contractor for the same group in a civilian capacity. His field is occupational health and preventive medicine.

"My job focuses on identifying health hazards and quantifying them," he explains.

"The memo [directing all National Guardsmen and Guardswomen to get COVID-19 shots] hasn't been released," he says, "but it's common knowledge that it's coming out."

Dale has prepared exemption paperwork that he plans to submit when the memo is officially issued. He was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, a fact that has been documented in his employer's records. He notes that the Pfizer and Moderna shots were tested on cell lines from aborted human fetuses, and that the Johnson & Johnson shot was grown in aborted fetal cell lines. Although he acknowledges that some women may find themselves in a position where abortion feels like the best course of action, he is firm in his belief that "to benefit from abortion in any way is morally unethical."

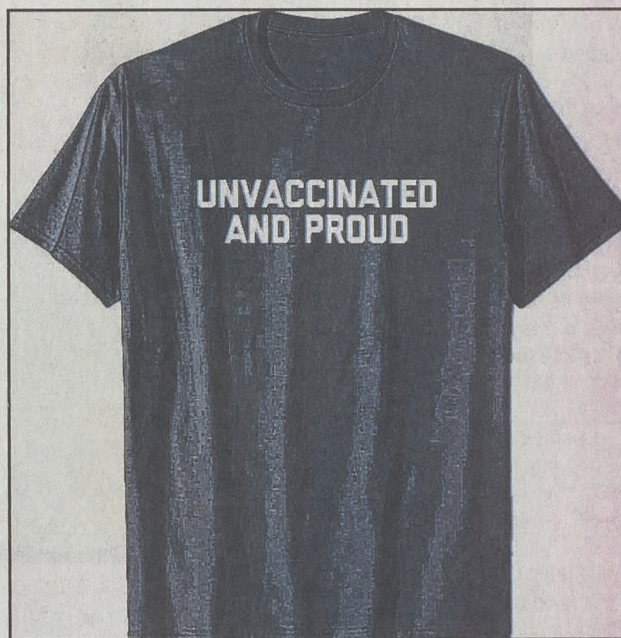
Dale is far from the image President Biden has painted of a recalcitrant believer in marginal political views. He isn't out to make a statement. He just doesn't want to violate his conscience in order to do his job.

"I'm not making any demands, and I absolutely love my job," he tells the Press. "I've made a career out of trying to keep people safe and healthy. I've been in my organization for 11 years and doing this job for seven years."

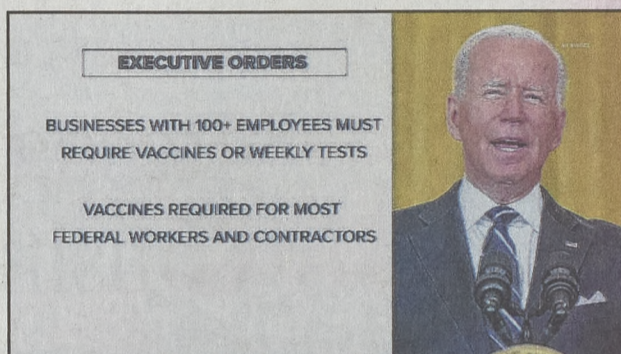
Dale is fairly confident that his sincere religious opposition to the current COVID-19 shots will be respected, but he is deeply concerned about soldiers who feel that they don't have a choice.

"There are a lot of soldiers in my organization that are afraid that if they go against this mandate, they will get a dishonorable discharge," he says. "It really breaks my heart."

## ANOTHER VIEW



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## Meet Hank

"Hank" is a software engineer whose employer is a military subcontractor. He received an email Sept. 13 stating that all contractors will have to attest to having completed a COVID-19 shot series or show a negative test prior to entering any Department of Defense (DoD) facility. Additionally, the email warned, "If you are not fully vaccinated, then please make plans to become fully vaccinated as quickly as possible. If you are seeking exemption from vaccination, then prepare for the weekly COVID-19 testing from our DoD partners or the authorized self-tests. At some point, non-vaccinated status may result in denial of access to DoD and federal installations and buildings. This may impede your ability to adequately perform you [sic] job responsibilities." The email also advised Hank that further regulations will likely be added.

Hank spoke with us a few hours before receiving the email, when he feared facing a path to mandatory vaccination through either President Biden's proposed OSHA rule or the president's less detailed promise of mandating the vaccine, without the option of weekly testing, for all contractors. Given the high number of people who have serological evidence of infection, he said it's possible he would be able to demonstrate prior infection and be considered exempt from the mandate, based on Army Regulation 40-562.

However, if that avenue is closed to him, he says he will still choose not to be vaccinated.

He is a young man with a trim build and no pre-existing conditions, so he does not see a benefit to taking the shots for himself. The most important factor in his refusal, however, is his opposition to the creation of a national immunization registry. He points to the association of COVID-19 shots with adverse events like myocarditis — "kids with heart problems" — and contends that the push by public health officials like Dr. Anthony Fauci has less to do with the danger from this particular virus, and more to do with building the

infrastructure to track Americans' vaccination status.

"The only reason they want to [inoculate] everybody is to get everybody constantly tracked," he says. "and I don't want to be part of that. I don't know why there aren't more leaders standing up against this."

If he loses his job over his refusal to let President Biden make his health decisions, he says, "I would probably just look for a different job, even if I had to get a different career," until the panic over this virus subsides.

## Meet Kyla

"Kyla" is a high school teacher in a very large urban school district. She has been teaching for nearly three decades, and has had a job since she was 16 years old.

"I have never not been employed," she tells us. "Never."

It's not just the dignity of labor that is at stake for Kyla. She's also a single mother of two children, living in a world of food price inflation that has only gotten worse in her region. Noting that locally grown produce is harder to obtain because of farmland being sold to real estate developers, she reports that "people right now are paying attention, and growing their own fruits and vegetables."

Concern about her ability to feed her family in the event she is fired or placed on unpaid leave has prompted her to start stockpiling food.

"Every time I go to the store, I'm putting canned goods aside," she tells us.

Why has she chosen not to get one of the shot series currently available in the U.S.? She's concerned about the ethics of testing and producing vaccines in aborted fetal cell lines, and she's uncomfortable with the way animals were used in COVID-19 shot development. If she were to take a COVID-19 vaccine, she's more inclined to consider one of the plant-based ones currently in clinical trials (<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines9090992>).

Kyla is also living with an autoimmune deficiency, and is concerned about the blood clot side effects reported

in the medical literature for all of the COVID-19 shots on the U.S. market. She also tells us that the family members and friends she has lost to COVID-19 were all fully vaccinated.

"So you want me to take this," she asks rhetorically, "and hope it won't happen to me?"

What about the religious and medical exemptions we've heard so much about? Kyla tells us that she and her colleagues have been instructed to file their requests for religious or medical exemptions, but points out that if the exemptions are granted, they are likely to delay, not prevent, being terminated.

"You have four choices [if your exemption request is accepted]," she says. "You can use your remaining sick time. You can take six months unpaid leave. You can be placed at a virtual academy, where you could be asked to teach any grade from kindergarten through twelfth grade. You can resign—not retire. Even with the exemption, that is what they're giving you."

## Meet Yolanda

"Yolanda" grew up in Asia and now lives in Europe with her husband, with whom she has several children in their teens and 20s. She has a bachelor's degree from a small liberal arts college in New England and an MBA from a prestigious business school. She has worked on Wall Street and for the Federal Reserve Bank in Washington, D.C.

"First and foremost, I am a mother," Yolanda tells us; for the past several years, she has also been a small business owner, administering a foreign language school that teaches the families of diplomats and employees of multinational corporations with operations in her city of more than half a million people.

Although Yolanda is not a U.S. government employee or contractor, many of her students are likely to be affected by President Biden's promised contractor mandate, either as employees or as the spouses of employees; the operations of several major American companies are located in her city.

Having laid off teachers because her school became financially unsustainable during the pandemic, Yolanda anticipates remorse for business owners who are forced to fire their unvaccinated staff members.

"These are the people who used to work for you and with you," she says, "and I let them down [...] They need to make ends meet."

She also has her eyes on where the pursuit of "zero COVID" is taking the U.S. She fears for her son's ability to continue his studies at a university in the U.S., where he has filed a religious exemption, because U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy announced Sept. 13 that the federal government will be scrutinizing these exemptions and rendering judgments on applicants' faith.

Perhaps most troubling is when Yolanda points out that countries with very low numbers of coronavirus cases have achieved these numbers not through vaccine-induced herd immunity, but through what she

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**YOUR LOCAL WEATHER**

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Scattered T-storms	Showers Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
	79 / 65 4-13 mph SE	74 / 58 7-10 mph SE	69 / 52 4-8 mph WSW	72 / 53 2-6 mph WSW	71 / 54 2-10 mph W	69 / 49 4-12 mph W	68 / 51 2-14 mph SSW

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**MEET**

Continued from page A15 calls "digital totalitarianism."

"All the people have a health code app on their handy [cell phone], and also a travel app on their handy," she explains. "Domestically, in China, you can still travel around, as long as it's zero cases [but] everywhere you go, you need to show the health code [application]."

She relates a story about a friend who traveled from Beijing to Tianjin and back, unwittingly driving through a town where one resident had tested positive for coronavirus. The friend did not stop in the town with the coronavirus case, and did not even know which town it was, but the GPS on her phone notified the government's tracking system, and when she arrived in Beijing, she realized that her health code was

blocked, and she was compelled to quarantine at home for a week.

"It's arbitrary," she says of the situation in China. "You don't know when your health code will turn on you and be blocked. How long will it be blocked? [...] The whole nation is living in this fear."

She views the Chinese coronavirus control measures as a warning to Americans who don't see vaccine mandates as a threat.

"You don't know when your code will turn, and when it turns on you, you have no social credit, and you are nobody."

Yolanda asserts that American control measures have already gone too far: "No one could ever picture, in the United States, that you would have a mandate to put a jab under your skin. You would think that informed consent is the basic human right."

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## FALL PREVIEW

# SOTA authors luncheon in-person

### LITERARY SCENE

By Dave Howell

At the Ninth Annual "Luncheon With The Authors," presented by the Allentown Art Museum Society Of The Arts (SOTA), you will be able to follow the creative process of three contemporary writers as they talk about their books and how they were written.

"Luncheon With The Authors," which benefits SOTA, is at noon Oct. 7, Lehigh Country Club, 2319 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown. Book sales and signings begin at 11 a.m. The event is emceed by Brittany Sweeney, PBS Channel 39 news anchor and reporter.

"Luncheon With The Authors," a traditional event on the Lehigh Valley literary and cultural scene for the fall, is back in-person after going virtual in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

For 2021, seating capacity for "Luncheon With The Authors" is being cut back significantly to allow for more space between tables in observance of COVID-19 protocol.

A patron ticket includes recognition in the program booklet. Ticket ordering deadline is Sept. 30.

"It is interesting to hear how authors go about creating their works and talk about the process," says Mary Zegarski, "Luncheon With The Authors" Chair.

In recent years, the books chosen have been works of fiction, many of which have been tied to



Asha Lemmie

current events and cultural matters.

"They are new books, ones that have just come out. The books are chosen by a committee of four members that this year read about 20 books. They are of interest to our membership and audience.

"The event is open to everyone. It is for people who are interested in reading, obviously, and those who follow events of the world and who want a nice afternoon."

Debut author Asha Lemmie has written "Fifty Words for Rain," which is a "Good Morning America" Book Club Pick and New York Times Bestseller. It is a post-World War II coming of age story about the daughter of a married Japanese aristocrat and a Black soldier that spans decades and countries.

Patti Callahan's "Surviving Savannah" tells the story of the sinking of the luxury steamship Pulaski, which went down in 1838. The story moves between scenes on the ship and the research of a contemporary historian.

"The Kindest Lie" by Nancy Johnson takes place after the 2008 inauguration of Barack Obama. In her debut novel, Johnson



Patti Callahan

contrasts the hope of his election with the racial divisions and poverty in the United States when her successful main character visits the distressed town where she grew up.

When the luncheon was restricted to an online Zoom event in fall 2020 because of the COVID crisis, attendance went from a sellout of more than 150 in 2019 to between 60 and 80.

"It was still engaging," says Zegarski. "Everyone had an opportunity to ask questions."

Of this year's streamlined event, she says, "People will feel comfortable and not too crowded, with an audience of about 125 people."

The event is structured to begin with a talk of about 10 minutes by each author. This is followed by a panel discussion led by the emcee-moderator and an audience question and answer session.

SOTA, founded in 1964, is a volunteer organization. The members assist the Allentown Art Museum in a number of ways, such as acting as tour guides (called docents), helping to staff the museum's store, participating in children's programs, and doing fundraising projects.



Nancy Johnson

SOTA has traditionally been a women's organization. The bylaws were changed three years ago so that men are also eligible to join.

"Luncheon With The Authors" information: [www.sotapa.org/lwta2021](http://www.sotapa.org/lwta2021)

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Next week: Fall preview, Part 3

## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Classic return:** The annual Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival returns Sept. 24-26 in downtown Bethlehem after a one-year hiatus in 2020 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown. Celtic culture is celebrated with the U.S. National Highland Games Championship, pipe bands, cultural clans and societies and five stages of performers, including Barleyjuice, Fig for a Kiss and Chivalrous Crickets, from traditional Celtic to Celtic-rock. Celtic Aire, above, the premier Celtic and folk ensemble of the United States Air Force, performs Sept. 25 and 26. The group, formed in 2007, is four Airmen musicians from the United States Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants, the official chorus of the U.S. Air Force. Also, the O'Grady Quinlan Irish Academy of Dance performs. The Celtic Classic is 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 25 and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sept. 26. [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org)



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**Jersey boy:** Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, 8 p.m. Sept. 24, Penn's Peak, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe. Doors open at 7 p.m. The concert is rescheduled from July 11, 2020, and March 5. Original tickets honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes grew out of the mid-1970s' Jersey Shore music scene, following on the heels of Bruce Springsteen. The group's first three albums featured songs written by Steven Van Zandt and Springsteen. Southside Johnny's signature song, "I Don't Want To Go Home," was born during this time period. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000; Penn's Peak box office; Information: <https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all>; 866-605-PEAK



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**In Spanish:** The Mavericks "En Español," 8 p.m. Sept. 25, Penn's Peak Penn's Peak, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe. Doors open at 6 p.m. The concert is rescheduled from May 1, 2020 and Oct. 23, 2020. Original tickets honored. The Mavericks request that attendees wear face masks inside when not eating or drinking. The band encourages everyone to get vaccinated or receive a negative test result for COVID-19 within 72 hours before the concert. The Mavericks released its first all-Spanish album, "En Español," Aug. 21. The Mavericks are Raul Malo, lead singer-songwriter; Paul Deakin, drums, vibraphone, and Jerry Dale McFadden and Eddie Perez, guitar. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000; Penn's Peak box office; Information: <https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all>; 866-605-PEAK

# 'Annie' live on Civic Theatre stage

### CURTAIN RISES

By Kathy Lauer-Williams

Civic Theatre of Allentown opens its 2021-'22 season with the heart-warming musical "Annie," Sept. 24 - Oct. 10 on-stage at the Nineteenth Street Theatre.

The hit musical with its themes of hope and resilience is the perfect season-opener for Civic after the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown challenges of the past 18 months, says Civic Theatre of Allentown Artistic Director William Sanders, who is directing the show.

"What could be a better time for an eternal optimist?" Sanders asks.

"This classic audience favorite will truly fill us with hope for tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

"This show is a snapshot of a time in our history where we overcame so much and learned that as Roosevelt said, 'We have nothing to fear but fear itself.'"

"Annie" boasts one of Broadway's most memorable scores, lots of adorable children, splashy dance numbers, a funny script and even a dog on stage in Annie's pet Sandy.

"Annie" was inspired by the Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," which first ran in the New York News in 1924.

With music by Charles Strouse,



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Annie Holtz (Annie), "Annie," Sept. 24-Oct. 10, Civic Theatre

lyrics by Martin Charnin and book by Thomas Meehan, the musical follows the rags-to-riches story of plucky young Annie, from a hard-knock New York orphanage to the luxurious home of billionaire businessman Oliver Warbucks.

The original Broadway production opened in 1977 and ran for nearly six years, setting a record for the Alvin Theatre (now the Neil Simon Theatre), and receiving seven Tony Awards, including the Tony Award for Best Musical.

The show spawned a national United States tour and numerous productions around the world.

The musical features memorable songs, including "I Think I'm Gonna

Like It Here," "Easy Street," "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile," "I Don't Need Anything But You," "Maybe," "It's the Hard Knock Life" and, of course, the iconic "Tomorrow."

For the Civic production, Brian Foley is music director and Deena Linn is choreographer.

The production stars Annie Hotz in the title role and introduces Jingles as Sandy.

Featured as Annie's fellow orphans are Arianna Millheim (Molly); Madelyn Haupt (Kate); Ella Blossinsky (Tessie); Ainsley Quay (Pepper); Sierra Docherty (July) and Abigail Carrig (Duffy).

Robert Fahringer is Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks. Nina Elias Ace plays his secretary Grace Farrell.

Melisa Klausner plays the evil Miss Hannigan and Jarrod Yuskaukas and Cindy Lozada play her partners-in-crime, Rooster Hannigan and Lily St. Regis.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24, 25, 30, Oct. 1, 2, 7 and 8; 2 p.m. Oct. 3 and 10, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9, main stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown.

Free parking is available along Liberty and Allen streets near 19th Street, and on the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at 19th and Liberty streets after business hours.

Tickets: [civictheatre.com](http://civictheatre.com), 610-433-8903

"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: [PaulWillistein@tnonline.com](mailto:PaulWillistein@tnonline.com)



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## Saying grace amazingly well at mealtime

Dear Jacquelyn,  
Saying grace privately before a meal is a tradition I have always practiced. However, I often avoid saying grace when I host dinner parties because the situation feels awkward and uncomfortable. Can you please share some tips on how to say grace well in this social situation?

**RESPECTFULLY YOURS**  
By Jacquelyn Youst



that if you're about to say it in front of a group of people, maybe some of whom you don't know, then you might wonder whether what you're about to say is the best thing to say.

Usually, grace consists of a few simple words of appreciation or a short prayer.

Traditionally, as the host or hostess you are the one who says grace. If you are uncomfortable saying it, you can ask someone else whether they will do the honor.

Always ask people

privately whether they would like to say grace. If you ask them publicly to say grace and their answer is no, it's going to be awkward for everyone.

If someone asks you to say grace and you're not comfortable doing so, you can simply answer, "Thank you for asking. Not today. You'll want to ask someone else."

A long-standing etiquette that will never fade is a show of reverence.

Nothing at the table is passed or drink taken until after grace is said. Grace can be offered sitting or standing, and at the table or away from it.

If everyone isn't going to be sitting at the same

table, make sure to call all the guests together in the same room while grace is being said.

Reserving a moment at the beginning of a meal is a practice grounded in gratitude, something that benefits everyone.

Respectfully Yours,  
Jacquelyn

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## Appreciating the wonders of our world

I don't use the word awesome if I can help it because it's so overused.

We liberally sprinkle the word awesome into everyday conversation.

If we find a good restaurant that pleases us we say it's awesome.

If a friend says she'll call when she comes to town, we say that's awesome.

Actually, awesome is a powerful word when aptly applied to something stunningly extraordinary.

But it's a word that lost its power when too many people began to use it as common slang to describe everything.

While I avoid using it for that reason, I do use the word awe.

Each morning when I go for what I call my gratitude walk I tune into the ever-changing kaleidoscope of nature.

I like when I start my walk just as the day awakens and I see the first red streak in the dark sky.

As I watch the sun begin to light the lake with an amber glow, it grows in intensity until the reflection of the sky in the lake looks like the water is on fire. In times like that I feel what I can only describe as awe.

I walk the same path every morning, but every day is different because nature is ever changing. Even the air has a different smell each day and so does the wind.

Sometimes it's a soft breeze that gently kisses my face. Other times it's wind that whips up the water in a show of force.

I listen each day for the start of nature's symphony. When I hear the chorus of birds, I listen carefully to hear who's doing that day's early morning concert.

It changes every morning. Sometimes it's the mockingbirds that can sing all the parts. Sometimes it's the joyful call of a lone little sparrow. Other times it's the commanding call of a committee of crows or a pair of sandhill cranes.

On occasion four or five of those magnificent sandhill cranes do the most entertaining dance while they make their raucous call.

The more we take time to observe the smallest aspects of nature, the more we learn to appreciate the wonder of our world.

I am dazzled each day by the wonders of nature. It's seeing and hearing those tiny wonders that can turn the start of my day special into something extraordinary.

On occasion it's a challenge for me to get out there and walk.

This week, after four straight days of serious rain, I wasn't staying inside any longer. I picked up an umbrella and went for a walk.

There is no such thing as an ordinary day. Each one is a special gift. And that colorless rain-drenched day was no exception. I found myself laughing like a little kid jumping over puddles.

Although I thrive on sunny days, I was happy when I didn't let the rain stop my early morning

**WARMEST REGARDS**  
By Pattie Mihalik  
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gratitude walk.

As I take in the beauty of nature each day, I thank God for his wondrous creation.

Although I am not well-traveled, I do get to appreciate the wonders of other parts of this grand country — thanks to TV.

I just got finished watching HGTV's show on beachfront bargains in Oregon. What a beautiful state. I might even be tempted to use the word awesome to describe the rocky coast, pounding waves and majestic mountains.

When I am overwhelmed with the beauty of this world, I think of the song "What a Wonderful World."

Written in 1967, that optimistic song stayed popular through the decades because many believe as I do that it is a wonderful world.

I also believe many people in it are also wonderful. Even a casual encounter can bring home to me the goodness of people.

The woman I hired to help take care of my lawn is a case in point. Although it was raining lightly, she showed up anyhow and went straight to work. She told me regardless of rain she has to work because she's a single mother, the sole support of her family.

Although she rents a small bungalow for her and her three children, she didn't hesitate to take in a relative's child who was headed for foster care.

Then when her daughter-in-law came to her door with her four children, she didn't say there was no room for them. She took them in and put blow-up mattresses on the floor.

While she admits it means working harder and longer to support all of them, she says she couldn't turn her back on someone needing help.

"They're family," she says. "We take care of family. Isn't that what we are supposed to do?"

Well, yes. But most of us living in crowded quarters wouldn't take in five more people.

After I wrote last week's column about hard feelings in families that cause relatives to stop talking to each other, I heard from a few readers feeling the emotional pain of family separation.

Maybe that's why I was so taken with the lawn worker doing so much to help her relatives. She didn't judge their circumstances. She just tries to help.

It's nice to know there is still so much overriding goodness out there.

It is a wonderful world. And I always like to hear about caring people that reach out to help others.

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## Acne a rite of passage for adolescents

**Q: Our fifth-grade daughter is already struggling with bad acne. Is this normal? We are trying to get it under control, but how can we boost her confidence?**

**THE FAMILY PROJECT**  
By Kathy Lauer-Williams



Acne is a rite of passage for adolescents and sometimes even pre-adolescents, said the Family Project panel. Although it may be upsetting, acne is a normal part of growing up.

"It is important to normalize this change," said panelist Denise Continenza.

"Talk about biology and hormone changes. Emphasize this is a physical change and not her fault," Continenza said.

"Help her research treatment and learn what she can and can't control," said panelist Chad Stefanyak.

"Frame it that she is becoming an adult faster than her classmates. Don't minimize it and reassure her it is normal," Stefanyak said.

There are many treatments for acne available

and you can help her decide which one is best suited for her and her skin. If it gets too bad, consult a dermatologist, the panel said.

"Acceptance by peers is everything at this age," said Continenza.

"Adolescents live in the here and now, so let her know it will pass. Help her focus on other positive aspects of her life," Continenza said.

"Also, remind her that acne will eventually happen to her peers, as well, and she just started early," said panelist Pam Wallace.

"Arm her with responses if classmates say something about her acne," Stefanyak said.

"Kids can be mean. Give her a tool, something she can say such as 'I'm just growing up faster,'" Stefanyak said. Continenza suggested

practicing or role-playing with her to try out responses.

She also could explore school programs designed to boost confidence in young girls like "Girls on the Run," panelists suggested.

Girls on the Run, a national non-profit organization, help strengthen third- to eighth grade girls' social, emotional, physical and behavioral skills and is available in most area school districts.

Also be aware if this is more of an issue for your daughter or you.

Stefanyak asked, "Is she saying something or is it an issue for parents?"

"Sometimes, parents' perceptions are different than kids' perceptions," agreed Continenza.

However, it is not bad being proactive, the panelists agreed.

**This week's panel:** Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Denise Continenza, exten-

sion educator; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor, and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

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*The Family Project is a collaboration of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.*

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## Amnesia movie plot only works in reel life

**Q. In soap operas, the writers love to include characters with amnesia who don't remember their identities. Is it common for someone to actually forget who they are?**

**HEALTHY GEEZER**  
By Fred Cicetti  
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It's extremely rare.

People with amnesia usually are aware of their identities. A person's identity is among the most durable long-term memories.

Amnesia, which means loss of memory, comes in several forms.

The most common type is anterograde amnesia. People with this form have trouble learning and making new memories.

Those who suffer from retrograde amnesia have an impaired ability to recall past events and information that were once familiar.

Transient global amnesia is a temporary loss of all memory, but you remember who you are, and you recognize people you know well. It is a rare form of the disorder.

Psychogenic amnesia is caused by trauma such as surviving an

explosion. A victim of this form of amnesia can lose personal memories and autobiographical information briefly. This form of amnesia is probably the inspiration for all those soap scribes.

There are different types of memory affected by amnesia. Memory can be divided into:

Immediate: Recalling information a few seconds after learning it

Short-term: Recalling recently learned information minutes or more after a presentation

Long-term: Memory of remote events occurring months or years ago

There are other memory definitions, too:

Procedural memory about how to perform a task, such as knitting

Declarative memory about past information or experiences

Semantic memory that is independent of time, such as vocabulary

Episodic memory linked to a time, such as a birthday

Prospective memory about a future occurrence, such as a planned meeting

There are other symptoms of amnesia. These may include: confusion, disorientation, seizures, tremors, lack of coordination and false memories.

Trauma or disease that impacts the brain can affect memory. The following are some causes of amnesia:

Brain tumors, heart attack, head injury, encephalitis (brain inflammation), stroke, carbon monoxide poisoning, dementia, seizures, electroconvulsive therapy, drugs such as benzodiazepines that treat anxiety.

There are no drugs to treat most types of amnesia. Scientists are looking into brain neurotransmitters hoping to find ways to treat memory disorders.

For now, there are techniques being used to help people with amnesia. These include occupational therapy to

develop memory, and the use of electronic organizers, notebooks and photographs as reminders.

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# 'Card' accounting

The films of director-screenwriter Paul Schrader hold a lens to the world of wounded men.

There's tortured soul Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro) in "Taxi Driver" (1976).

There's heavyweight prize-fighter Jake LaMotta (Robert De Niro) in "Raging Bull" (1980).

And there's that ultimate tortured soul Jesus (Willem Dafoe) in "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988).

Schrader wrote or co-wrote the screenplays for each of these films, which were all directed by Martin Scorsese.

More recently for director-screenwriter Schrader, there was the conflicted priest (Ethan Hawke) in "First Reformed" (2017), which co-starred Allentown native Amanda Seyfried, and for which Schrader received an original screenplay Oscar nomination.

Which brings us to "The Card Counter," starring Oscar Isaac as William Tell, aka Pfc. William Tellig, a professional gambler, a poker player, who has Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) after his United States military service at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Tell was tried, convicted and imprisoned for eight years for his role at Abu Ghraib.

Tell's independent contractor adviser at Abu Ghraib was Major John Gordo (the always intense Willem Dafoe). A young man, Cirk (Tye Sheridan, who could get a supporting actor Oscar nomination), contacts Tell, claiming that Gordo was the adviser of his father, who served in the U.S. military at Abu Ghraib. Cirk's mother left his father. Cirk's father committed suicide. Cirk seeks revenge on Gordo.

Tell counsels Cirk to instead go back to school. He also recommends that Cirk reconnect with his mother.

Tell wants to compete in the World Series of Poker to win money to help Cirk pay off his college loan debts. Tell asks his friend La Linda (the always engaging Tiffany Haddish), who manages a stable of gamblers, to bankroll him on the casino poker circuit.

With "The Card Counter," Schrader directs a tense psychological thriller that recalls "The Conversation" (1974) for its surveillance trade show plot point, "The Cincinnati Kid" (1965) for its tense (and seemingly accurate) poker table scenes and "The Deer Hunter" (1978) for its contemporary American soldier PTSD topic.

Speaking of which, the Abu Ghraib story line in "The Card Counter" is based on so-called "enhanced interrogation" techniques allegedly used on foreign detainees at the Iraq prison circa 2004. At least two U.S. soldiers were convicted and sentenced to three years and 10 years, respectively, in prison.

Schrader uses the lead character diarist technique in "The Card Counter" similar to that in "The Taxi Driver." Then it was Travis Bickle. Now it's William Tell. This time, instead of the lead character festooning himself in a punk facade, the lead character's mask is his poker face. It's, ahem, William Tell's overture.

Schrader maintains a suspenseful feeling throughout "The Card Counter," collaborating again with Director of Photography Alexander Dynan ("First Reformed").

## AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein  
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The card counter is a metaphor for a tally of a person's deeds or misdeeds. Memory, of remembering the cards, becomes a curse of not being able to forget one's mistakes and moral shortcomings. Look for Oscar original screenplay and directing nominations for Schrader.

Oscar Isaac carries the film as William Tell. This is a breakout lead role for Isaac. He has the screen presence of a young George Clooney, Robert De Niro and, yes, Cary Grant. He'd make a great James Bond. Isaac's chiseled face rarely cracks a smile. He's contemplative. His is the ultimate poker face. Underneath, he's wallowing in guilt. He's unable to forgive himself for his role at the Abu Ghraib prison.

It's a significant leading role for Isaac ("Inside Llewyn Davis," 2013; "Ex Machina," 2014; "A Most Violent Year," 2014; "Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens," 2015; "Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi," 2017). Isaac's memorable screen presence has never been more so than in "The Card Counter." There's a tension in his eyes, on his face and with his body language. Look for an Oscar actor nomination for Isaac.

In "The Card Counter," no one wins the stakes. They spiral along the same path as tortured souls, unable to forgive others and themselves. Welcome to Paul Schrader's world of wounded men. Take a



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Oscar Isaac (Williams Tell, aka, Pfc. William Tellig), "The Card Counter."

seat at the table. Pick a card. Start counting.

"The Card Counter," MPAA Rated R (Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.) for some disturbing violence, graphic nudity, language and brief sexuality; Genre; Run time: 1 hr., 55 min. Distributed by Focus Features.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "The Card Counter" soundtrack music was composed by Giancarlo Vulcano and Robert Levon Been, the latter of whom also wrote several songs heard on the soundtrack. "The Card Counter" was filmed in Biloxi, Miss.

**At The Movies:** "The Card Counter" was seen in the Frank Banko Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, Bethlehem. The wearing of face masks is recommended.

**Theatrical Movie Box Office, Sept. 17-19:** "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"

continued spinning at No. 1, three weeks in a row, with \$21.7 million, in 4,070 theaters, \$176.8 million, three weeks, as "Free Guy" continued at No. 2 with \$5.2 million, in 3,288 theaters, \$108.5 million, six weeks, as director Clint Eastwood's "Cry Macho," in which he stars, opened at No. 3 with \$4.5 million, in 3,967 theaters, one week. 4. "Candyman" stayed in place, \$3.5 million, in 2,820 theaters, \$53.1 million, four weeks. 5. "Malignant" dropped two places, \$2.6

million, in 3,501 theaters, \$9.8 million, two weeks. 6. "Copshop," \$2.3 million, in 3,005 theaters, opening. 7. "Jungle Cruise" dropped two places, \$2 million, in 2,265 theaters, \$112.5 million, eight weeks. 8. "PAW Patrol: The Movie" dropped two places, \$1.7 million, in 2,269 theaters, \$37.1 million, five weeks. 9. "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," \$675,000, in 450 theaters, opening. 10. "Don't Breathe 2" dropped three places, \$665,000, in 1,003 theaters, \$31.3 million, six

weeks. 11. "The Card Counter" dropped three places, \$440,000, in 584 theaters, \$1.9 million, two weeks.

**Unreel, Sept 24:**  
"Dear Evan Hansen," PG-13: Stephen Chbosky directs Ben Platt, Amy Adams, Julianne Moore and Kaitlyn Dever in the Musical Drama. The film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical is about Evan Hansen, a high school senior with Social Anxiety disorder, and the suicide of a fellow classmate.

"Apache Junction," R: Justin Lee directs Thomas Jane, Scout Taylor-Compton, Stuart Townsend and Victoria Pratt in the Western. A gunslinger protects a newspaper reporter.

"I'm Your Man," R: Maria Schrader directs Maren Eggert, Dan Stevens, Sandra Hüller and Hans Löw in the Science-Fiction Romance Comedy. A female scientist agrees to live with a male robot during a three-week experiment.

"On These Grounds," Garrett Zevgetis directs the Documentary. A video of a white policeman throwing a black teenager from her school desk goes viral.



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10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.
- 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
- BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**
- WHITEHALL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
3300 Seventh Street  
Whitehall, 610-434-8661  
www.WhitehallBFC.org  
Timothy Schmoyer, Sr. Pastor  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Bible Study
- CHARIS FELLOWSHIP**
- LV GRACE BRETHREN**  
580 Bridle Path Rd.  
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017  
610-868-0004  
www.lvgbc.org  
Worship, Sunday 10AM
- EVANGELICAL FREE**
- GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
7343 Gun Club Road  
New Tripoli 610-298-8028  
Rev. Sean Roche  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
www.gccnt.org
- LUTHERAN**
- CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1245 W. Hamilton St  
Allentown PA 18102  
610-433-4271  
In person worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Zoom worship - 10:30 a.m.  
See our website for more information  
www.christ-atown.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
- 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 Wor-  
ship 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
- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
28 W. Main St. Macungie  
In Person & Livestream  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m.  
Call church office for more info.  
Rev. Samantha Drennan  
610-966-3325  
www.gracemacungie.org
- 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.
- 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
- JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5103 Snowdrift Road  
Orefield 610-395-5912  
The Rev. Dody Siegfried  
9:15 a.m. Worship (in person)  
Handicap Acc./Hearing  
Devices Avail.  
Also Streaming on Facebook  
or at www.jordanlutheran.org
- 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  
In Person Tent Worship,  
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. Family Service  
10:30 a.m. Livestream on  
Zoom & Facebook  
Services held rain or shine  
- Masks & Social Distancing
- NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
4004 Tilghman St. 610-395-5062  
Barry Mitchell, Transitional Pastor  
Check website for service times  
www.nativityallentown.org  
Live Streaming on Facebook
- 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
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5th & Chestnut Sts.  
Emmaus 610-965-9885  
Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens  
www.stjohnsemaus.org  
Worship, 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 a.m.  
Weekly Worship service online
- SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
4331 Main St., Whitehall 610-262-1600  
Rev. James W. Schlegel  
Wheelchair accessible  
8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship  
(with Communion)  
Education Hour 9 a.m.
- UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5500 Rt. 873  
Schnecksville 610-767-6884  
9 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Visit ulclv.org for worship video
- 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.
- 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
- ZIEGELS LUTHERAN**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
9 a.m. Indoor Union Worship  
Online Worship on Facebook  
and YouTube  
Handicapped Accessible  
Rev. Andrew Meckstroth, Pastor
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA**  
3005 S. Front Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
610-264-9693  
Rev. Christine Kass  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Live Streaming on  
Facebook.com/hokeypress  
Email: hokeypres@gmail.com  
Web: www.hokeypres.org
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM**  
Services in-person and on Facebook  
9 a.m. Contemporary  
11:15 a.m. Traditional  
Details at fpc-bethlehem.org  
Rev. J.C. Austin  
Rev. Lindsey Altwater Clifton,  
Assoc. Pastor, Formation & Justice
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH**  
Irvin & Church Roads  
Slatington near Saegersville  
610-767-4740  
REV. RASHION SANTIAGO,  
INTERIM PASTOR  
10 a.m. In person Worship Service  
Or via Facebook Live, Zoom, or Dial in.  
Call office for details to link in.  
9 a.m. Faith Formation Meets  
"Come Worship With Us"
- JERUSALEM WESTERN SALISBURY CHURCH**  
3441 Devonshire Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18103  
610-797-4242  
Rev. Donald Brown  
Designated Transitional Minister  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Harvest Home  
9:45 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
Online Facebook & YouTube
- 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
- PRESBYTERIAN PC (USA)**
- ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
139 North Fourth St.  
Emmaus 610-965-9158  
Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenger  
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship
- ST. JOHN'S UCC MICKLEY'S**  
2918 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall  
Int. MacArthur & Eberhardt Rd.  
610-821-8725  
stjohnsuccmickleys.org  
Rev. Virginia Schlegel  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. (In Person) Worship  
All Are Welcome Here!
- ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON**  
575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052  
Rev. David Quinn, Visitation Pastor  
Pastor Jameson Baxter, Bridge Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Worship with masks  
610-264-8421  
9:30 a.m. Zoom Worship service  
stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com
- ST. MARK'S U.C.C.**  
52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown  
610-797-0181  
Rev. George Eckstein, Pastor  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Handicap Accessible
- ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC**  
5129 Schochary Road  
New Tripoli, PA  
610-298-8064  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
All Welcome!
- ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
9 a.m. Indoor Union Worship  
Online worship on Facebook  
and YouTube  
Handicapped Accessible
- 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
- UNITED CH. OF CHRIST**
- 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"
- CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL UCC**  
4695 Lowhill Church Rd.,  
New Tripoli, PA 18066  
10 a.m. In Person Weekly  
Worship Via Facebook Live  
or Lowhill Church YouTube  
christchurchatlowhill.org  
251th Anniversary Year!
- CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.**  
135 Quarry Rd., Alburtis  
610-966-2991  
Pastor, Rev. Matthew Gorkos  
Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Also Live On Facebook
- EBENEZER U.C.C.**  
Route 143, New Tripoli  
610-298-8000  
Pastor Wally Frisch  
We are open (following CDC guidelines)  
Worship, 10:15 a.m. or on Facebook live  
All Are Welcome!
- GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
902 Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton, PA 18067  
GraceUCCchurch.com  
610-262-7186  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Handicap Accessible
- 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  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(Outdoors, Weather Permitting)  
9:15 a.m. Indoor Sunday School
- OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC**  
5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville  
(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.oldzionsucc.org

To have your religious services listed in The Press contact Joie Jackson Wenner at 610-740-0944 — Ext. 3703

## Special finds at Redeemer Lutheran Church



**PRESS PHOTOS BY DEBRA PALMIERI**  
ABOVE: Welcoming guests to the Redeemer Lutheran Church indoor yard sale Sept. 10 in Allentown are church members Dottie Beazley of Allentown, Dave Nowack of Schnecksville, Doug Cramer of Allentown and Todd Richards of Catasauqua.



**RIGHT:** Paulette Cramer of Allentown sold baked goods at the Redeemer Lutheran Church's indoor yard sale Sept. 10 in Allentown. She is showing walnut, chocolate chip and banana bars to this photographer. (The bars were delicious!)

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE**

The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Emmaus will meet on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA for the purpose of the hiring backgrounds, as well as conducting regular business related to the Commission.

Darryl Wentz, Chairman  
Civil Service Commission

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LOWHILL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors will hold a Budget Workshop on Thursday October 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm. at the Municipal Building, 7000 Herber Rd. New Tripoli, Pa 18066

Jill Seymour, Municipal Secretary  
Lowhill Township, 2nd Class

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Whitehall Township is currently considering purchasing a Stationary Compactor that will be used to prepare recyclables. This compactor will be stored and utilized at the Township's Recycling Center, located at Eberhardt and Range Road, Whitehall, PA, 18052. The Township is applying for a PA DEP Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant to fund the purchase of this equipment. Interested parties on the purchase of said equipment may submit comments to John Rackus, Director of Public Works, 3219 Macarthur Road, Whitehall, PA. 18052-2900 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony, evidence, input, and comment from interested parties and the general public concerning the proposed vacation of an approximate 5,780 square foot portion of Lehr Street which is situated to the south of Main Street.

Sept. 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
INVITATION TO BID  
WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PA**

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Weisenberg Township of Lehigh County, on or before 9:00 A.M. Monday, October 11, 2021 for pedestrian trail construction work consisting of

Pavement Equipment Rental for Weisenberg Township only (For 2021-2024)

Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to each entity as specified in the bid documents in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price for the annual contract amount. Individual bid packets are available at the office of Weisenberg Township, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051. (610) 285-6660.

Bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 11, 2021. Any bids received after 9:00 A.M. (prevailing time) will be returned unopened. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid" and include the contract name/description. Mail or deliver proposals to Brian Carl, Administrator, Weisenberg Township, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051. The successful bidder will be required to provide contract security in the amount of 100% of the contract within 10 days of the award of contract. All bids shall be valid for 60 days.

Weisenberg Township reserves the right to waive any informality, or make minor changes in the bids and to reject any or all bids.

Brian C. Carl, Township Administrator  
Weisenberg Township  
Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The 10.4.2021 Hanover Township Northampton County Planning Commission meeting will be held at the Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road at 7:30 PM.

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE**

Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Board of Supervisors will conduct 2022 Budget Workshops on **Monday October 4, 2021 @ 5:00pm and Monday November 1, 2021 @ 5:00pm.** The workshops will be conducted via zoom and in person. Any interested party should contact the Township office for login information by 3pm the day of the meeting.

Any miscellaneous business matters brought before the board may also be considered.  
Brian C. Carl  
Township Administrator

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2021  
TIME: 7PM  
PLACE: 90 BRIDGE STREET, CATASAUQUA  
PURPOSE: TO APPOINT MEMBER(S) TO THE BOROUGH AUTHORITY, AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL.

Sept. 22

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

			4	5	1	9	3	2
			6					1
			3					5
			7					6
			2					8
	9	6	5			7	2	4
2			8		3			9
9			1		6			7
	7	4				8	6	

Difficulty Level ★★★

9/22

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**

4	7	8	6	1	3	9	5	2
3	1	6	2	5	9	7	8	4
5	9	2	4	8	7	6	1	3
8	3	5	9	4	1	2	7	6
6	4	1	7	2	5	3	9	8
7	2	9	3	6	8	5	4	1
2	8	3	5	7	4	1	6	9
1	6	7	8	9	2	4	3	5
9	5	4	1	3	6	8	2	7

Difficulty Level ★★★

9/15

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**CRYPTOGRAM**

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QDO MLYPQ LV APOHIQYLP, FLZBR ELZ KIBB  
QDIQ DOHL-FLHGDYM?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals V

See answers on Page B7

**PREMIER Crossword**

By Frank A. Longo

**UNTHEMED #4:  
FRONT-TO-  
BACK NINE**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Upside-down-sleeping mammal
- 8 Economizes to a fault
- 14 Untrustworthy sort
- 20 One way to serve apple pie
- 21 Very solitary sort
- 22 Monkey (with)
- 23 Frigid-weather readings
- 26 Military missions, in brief
- 27 Old Ford div.
- 28 Tennis great Chris
- 29 Classic Coca-Cola slogan
- 39 "Son of," in Arabic names
- 40 Thurman of "Kill Bill" films
- 41 Volcanic flow
- 42 Watershed draining dozens of U.S. states
- 53 Busy crawler
- 54 Make sport of
- 55 Cocktail party spread
- 56 School in England's East Midlands
- 61 The Emerald Isle
- 62 Play — in (contribute to)
- 63 Heap
- 64 Graduate student's position that might include conducting experiments
- 74 "Give — ring"
- 75 Plantain lily, familiarly
- 76 Actress Ward of "Sisters"
- 77 Polite cut-in words
- 86 Drains of color
- 87 Heaps
- 88 Tulsa-to-Topeka dir.
- 89 Metropolis, e.g.
- 94 Climb
- 95 — pro nobis
- 96 Flight guess, in brief
- 97 "In time the reason shall be made clear"
- 109 Furnish with new weapons
- 110 Mean Roman emperor
- 111 Kung — chicken
- 112 "The Magic Flute" composer
- 121 Stylish filmmaker
- 122 Made giggle
- 123 Active, as a law
- 124 Out of sight
- 125 San Fran football team
- 126 Music scorer

**DOWN**

- 1 Explorer John or Sebastian
- 2 Letter before beth
- 3 Triple-time dance, in France

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
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- 4 Broody rock subgenre
- 5 Bend at a curtain call
- 6 Woodworking tool
- 7 Swarms (with)
- 8 Not at all tall
- 9 Mustard alternative
- 10 Cholera
- 11 "Delicious!"
- 12 One of 11 in a Christmas song
- 13 Carell of "The Office"
- 14 Knighted Ringo
- 15 Cappuccino alternative
- 16 Ostrich relative
- 17 Mo. in spring
- 18 Final letter
- 19 Hosp. triage sites
- 24 Riddle-me- —
- 25 KO counter
- 30 Some sorority letters
- 31 Grab — (eat quickly)
- 32 Al who won four Indy 500s
- 33 French buddy
- 34 Driveway-topping goo
- 35 Stinging hits
- 36 Lays into
- 37 Something to RSVP to online
- 38 More stable
- 42 Longtime Twins catcher Joe
- 43 Navel type
- 44 Swizzles
- 45 Airline to Oslo
- 46 Basketball — Thomas
- 47 2014 Wimbledon winner
- 48 Sickly
- 49 Compete (for)
- 50 "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" musical
- 51 Military mission, in brief
- 52 Spiner of "Star Trek" films
- 57 Neckline shape
- 58 Dinosaur in Nintendo games
- 59 Actress Kaitlin
- 60 Singer with the 2007 hit "1234"
- 65 Whac- — (reflex-testing game)
- 66 Of kidneys
- 67 Slyly spiteful
- 68 Engraved stone pillar
- 69 Divining card
- 70 Old JFK jet
- 71 "Die Lorelei" poet Heinrich
- 72 Actress Massey
- 73 Window segments
- 77 Baseballer Martinez
- 78 Stayed home for a meal
- 79 Washer cycle
- 80 Gave two pills to, say
- 81 Cool, in jive talk
- 82 That, in Peru
- 83 Singer Carly — Jepsen
- 84 A cow milker tugs on it
- 85 H.S. juniors' exams
- 90 Campaigning pro
- 91 Net address
- 92 Wash clothes
- 93 Untrustworthy sort
- 98 Have a spat
- 99 Pine (for)
- 100 "— Can Cook" (old culinary show)
- 101 Brain, for one
- 102 Food taste associated with MSG
- 103 Must have
- 104 Actress Joanne
- 105 Red lab dye
- 106 Divided
- 107 Drug dealer
- 108 Overly fond sort
- 112 Baby's cry
- 113 Yes, to Gigi
- 114 British "Inc."
- 115 Govt. agent
- 116 Of city govt.
- 117 Enzyme suffix
- 118 L-P center
- 119 Frequently, to poets
- 120 Suffix meaning "animals"

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinance at its October 4, 2021 Council Meeting:  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1215**

**AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS RIGHTS-OF-WAY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE, DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED USES, APPLICATION, FEES, SITING, REMOVAL, ALTERATION AND COLLOCATION.**

The Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Alburtis Borough Council will soon be considering the conditional use application submitted by Alburtis Exxon, LLC concerning the property located at 107 N. Main Street, Alburtis, PA 18011. This property is located in the C-1 Commercial District. The Borough previously granted a conditional use for this property to establish a neighborhood convenience store, subject to certain conditions. The applicant seeks a new conditional use approval pursuant to Codified Ordinances § 21-704(v) to continue the neighborhood convenience store but to modify the conditions to change the hours of operation to 24 hours per day, seven days per week and to keep the exterior lighting on while open.

Alburtis Borough Council will conduct a public hearing on the application at its meeting on September 29th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Alburtis Borough Hall, 260 Franklin St., Alburtis, PA 18011 and also via Zoom. The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. If you need any reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call 610-966-4777 to make arrangements.  
Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of North Whitehall Township will consider the following Ordinance at a public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2021, beginning at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the North Whitehall Township Municipal Building meeting room, 3256 Levans Road, in Ironton, Pennsylvania. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDING PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO REQUIRE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION**

Inspection and copies of the complete proposed ordinance are available for review by the public at the Township Municipal Building, by contacting Brenda Norder, Township Secretary, and will also be on file at this newspaper.

Chris Garges, Manager  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE**

No. CP-39-MD-1574-2021

IN RE: Application of Graham Security Police, Inc. for renewal; of Private Detective License

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing is set for October 7, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 2D of the Lehigh County Courthouse, 455 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA, on the application of Graham Security Police Inc. to renew a Private Detective License for a (5) year period. To be heard on this application, you must appear at that time. Miscellaneous Court Division, File no. CP-39-MD-1574-2021.

John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE**

The Northampton County Housing Authority will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 4:15 pm. This will be held virtually due to COVID-19 concerns. Please follow these instructions if you would like to join this meeting. Use the link below to attend, or call the telephone numbers listed to attend by phone.

Topic: NCHA board meeting OfficeSuite HD Meeting  
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Please contact Ms. Feiertag if there are any questions at: (610) 965-4514 ext 5-212.

Christina M. Feiertag, Executive Director

Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE MUNICIPAL ADVERTISEMENT BOROUGH OF NORTH CATAWAUQUA**

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of North Catasauqua will conduct a public hearing and consider the adoption of the ordinance summarized herein, at a meeting on October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. At said meeting, Council shall consider enacting, and if appropriate, will take a vote on adopting "An Ordinance of the Borough of North Catasauqua, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 413 Relating to Small Wireless Facilities."

The proposed ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance 413, meeting the requirements of Pennsylvania's Small Wireless Facilities Act, enacted on August 30, 2021, relating to the collocation and/or installation of Small Wireless Facilities in the Borough.

The full proposed text of said ordinance may be examined by any citizen at the Office of the Borough of North Catasauqua, located at 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, 18032, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until the date of the aforesaid Borough Council Meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof. Persons with disabilities who require any auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to observe or participate should contact the Borough Office at least five (5) days before the above date to discuss how your needs may be best accommodated.  
Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE, CHAPTER 21 THEREOF, ENTITLED STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, PART 4, MAINTENANCE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY, BY REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "OWNER", BY ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR "BUFFER YARD" AND "PATHWAY" AND BY REMOVING THE DEFINITION OF "BIKEPATH/PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY"; BY REPLACING THE WORD "BIKEPATHS" WITH "PATHWAYS" THROUGHOUT PART 4 OF CHAPTER 21; BY PROVIDING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS RELATED TO SIDEWALKS APPLY AS WELL TO PATHWAYS; TO REPOSITION AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY REMOVING TWO SECTIONS FROM PART 5, WEATHER EMERGENCIES, AS DUPLICATIVE OF PROVISIONS IN PART 4." The proposed ordinance provides the maintenance obligations of the property owner and of the Township and removes sections that are duplicated for Weather Emergencies. The Board of Commissioners will consider the foregoing ordinance at a public meeting on October 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. Copies of the full text of this ordinance are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa., or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, Pa. 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, Pa. 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting.

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 Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary  
Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE PASSED ORDINANCES**

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:

**ORDINANCES**

**1. ORDINANCE NO. 3246**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT THE WHITEHALL MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (ADMIN)  
The above Ordinances are available for review by the public in the Administration offices at Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Macungie Borough Council will hold a public hearing on October 04, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Macungie Institute Auditorium, 510 East Main Street, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062 to consider the request of Cory S. Zeisloft to have Macungie Borough vacate an unopened portion of Oak Street. Notice is hereby further given that Macungie Borough Council will hold a public hearing on October 04, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Macungie Institute Auditorium, 510 East Main Street, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062 to consider for possible adoption and may adopt an ordinance, of which this Notice is a summary, that will vacate the unopened portion of Oak Street between its intersection with Cotton Street and S. Walnut Street. The title of the proposed Ordinance is as follows:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF MACUNGIE BOROUGH, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 296, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MACUNGIE BOROUGH BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 296-9.2, VACATION OF AN UNIMPROVED AND UNOPENED PORTION OF OAK STREET, VACATING AN UNOPENED PORTION OF OAK STREET.**

Copies of the full text of the Ordinance are available at the Borough offices, the Lehigh County Solicitor's Office, and the offices of this newspaper during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to participate in this hearing.

This Notice is directed to all interested parties and generally to all owners of property appearing on recorded plans illustrating the vacated portion of Oak Street identified above and all owners of property abutting the portion of Oak Street to be vacated, including but not limited to the following:  
Cory S. Zeisloft.

John A. Brown  
Interim Borough Manager

Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Catasauqua, PA will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM in Borough Hall located at 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua, PA 18032. The subject of the hearing will be the request of:

**APPEAL NO. 2021-02** Anthony R. Villani and Scott J. Strausberger are appealing a decision by the Zoning Officer of the Borough of North Catasauqua and are asking for a zoning variance requiring for them to appear before the Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board, a variance which if granted would allow a shed to be placed in a designated front yard area. The property is located in the RO (Open Space Residential Zoning District). The front yard is found in the North Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance, **Article 6 (General Regulations); Section 605 (Corner Lots and through Lots)**, ...all yards abutting a street with a minimum cartway of width 24 feet shall be treated as front yards.... This dimensional setback prohibits the placement of a 12' x 8' Shed in the actual rear yard of the property along Howertown Road at 1300 Woodmont Lane. Placement of the shed requires a variance provided that all the standards and criteria are satisfied with approval & authorization granted by the North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board.

The applicants placement of the shed within guidelines set forth in **Article 6 (General Regulations); Section 601(Accessory Structures); 3. Accessory Structure erected in rear yard shall be that distance from a side or rear lot line within which district it is located, District, RO (Distance) 10 Feet.** A variance must be requested before the Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board as per Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance Z.O. Article 11; Section 1110 Zoning Hearing Board Function; (1.) Variances. At the hearing, the board may require any or all the conditions and/or additional conditions that they deem necessary for approval.

The applicant(s) and/or their representatives are required to attend said hearing and present testimony regarding this matter. All other interested parties may attend. A copy of the aforementioned application can be reviewed at the Borough Hall during established business hours.

David J. Kutzor  
Zoning Officer  
Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Sept. 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA ZONING HEARING BOARD TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2021 at 7:00PM**

Notice is hereby given that the Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The meeting will be held to hear the following cases:

**APPEAL NO. 21-0238 - 3505 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD**

Appeal of Muneshwar Rupa for a Variance from §27-307.2.B (Attachment 5) to maintain a 512 sq. ft. carport within the required side yard setback (6 feet required; 2 feet provided) at 3505 Country Club Road. The property is located within the R3, Medium Low Density Residential zoning district.

**APPEAL NO. 21-0239 - 1740 SEIDERSVILLE ROAD**

Appeal of Bolete LLC and Erin Shea and Lee Chizmar of the Enforcement Notice issued by Salisbury Township on August 8, 2021 for 10 unpermitted sheds/dining structures on the property at 1740 Seidersville Road. Additionally, the applicants seek a Special Exceptions (or in the alternative Variances) per §27-807.3 to maintain the 10 unpermitted sheds/dining structures on the said property as temporary structures for longer than 30 days, from §27-307.2.C (Attachment 6) for front yard setback (20 ft. required; 16.75 ft. provided), §27-402.1.ZZ(4) for location of a restaurant within 300 ft. of an existing fast food restaurant, and §27-601 (Table 6.1) for required number of parking spaces (none provided). The property is located within the C2, Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.

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.pa.org or (484) 661-5825.  
Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO BID NUMBER: Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA TITLE: Borough Building Roof Replacement AVAILABLE DATE: September 22, 2021 CLARIFICATION DEADLINE: November 18, 2021 DUE DATE: December 2, 2021 BID TYPE: Fixed Fee Contract**

Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA will receive single prime bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.procurement.com) , until 2:30 PM, prevailing time on December 2, 2021 for the construction of its "Borough Building Roof Replacement" Project to be located at 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA. All bids will be publicly opened and posted.

The project will be awarded under one (1) Prime Contract. Plans, specifications, information for bidders and forms for proposals are available at no cost on PennBid (www.pennbid.procurement.com).

A Pre-Bid Meeting shall take place at 10:00 AM Friday, November 5, 2021 at the project site. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the PennBid Program on the forms furnished by the Owner and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total price bid made payable to the Owner. Certified checks to be submitted to the office of the Architect.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price with a corporate surety approved by the Owner.

The Bidder's attention is called to the fact that this project is governed by The Borough Code of the State of Pennsylvania and that various State labor and administrative requirements apply, as noted in the Bid Documents, including the requirement that all wages paid are consistent with the Pennsylvania prevailing wage structure.

Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Question" tab. Bidder Inquiry Deadline is 11:00 AM Friday, November 18, 2021.

Award of Contract will be to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Coplay Borough reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in awarding the contract in the best interest of Coplay Borough.  
Sept. 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at their October 11, 2021 public meeting, to be held at 7:00 PM in the public meeting room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18502, and which can be viewed and participated in by the general public through this link, <http://www.whitehalltownship.org/index.html>, will be having a second reading and consider for adoption the following proposed amendments to the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance").

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BILL 30-2021**

The Proposed Ordinance Is Titled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 (Zoning) of the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance of 1989 By Adding Conditional and Permitted Uses in the C-2 Regional/Community Commercial District, Including The Use of the Coordinated Commercial Development to Section 27-80.D; And Providing Criteria for the Coordinated Commercial Development Use in Section 27-80.G; Adding Additional Permitted Uses to Section 27-80A; Adding Definitions of Words to Section 27-94A."

The purpose of the Proposed Ordinance is to add regulations to allow for Coordinated Commercial Development by allowing for two (2) or more commercial structures, of which each structure may contain one (1) permitted use, in a Coordinated Commercial Development, provided such structures are permitted uses as defined by the Ordinance, that the lot size be a minimum of five (5) acres, that the parking provided is sufficient pursuant to the Institute of Transportation Engineers or the Urban Land Institute calculations, and that the site plan contain all references for all uses and contain the appropriate materials for review as defined in the Ordinance. Additionally, provided the Coordinated Commercial Development meets the relevant criteria as defined in the Proposed Ordinance, and the Coordinated Commercial Development provides Outdoor Amenities which exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the land area, said Coordinated Commercial Development may be able to receive modified dimensional land use provisions as defined in the Proposed Ordinance. Finally, the Ordinance has added several permitted uses to the C-2, Regional/Community Commercial District.

A copy of the entire proposed Ordinance is available for the public upon request via first class mail and is also available at the following link: <http://www.whitehalltownship.org/forms/C2RegionalCommDist.pdf>.

Prepared by John F. Gross, Esquire, Solicitor for Whitehall Township.  
Sept. 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Township of Whitehall is accepting bids for the following project:

**BID #2021-09: "MAGNESIUM TREATED SODIUM CHLORIDE"**

Sealed bids will be received at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, by Lenore Brazier, Purchasing Agent, or her designee, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at which time they will be opened, in front of a township witness. Bids will be accepted via U.S. Postal Service or dropped into the Administration drop box in front of the Municipal Building. The Municipal Building is currently closed to the public, therefore bid results will be posted on the Township's website: [www.whitehalltownship.org](http://www.whitehalltownship.org). Late bids will not be accepted.

Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price shall be submitted with the bid.

Bid Documents, including plans and specifications, may be obtained beginning immediately by sending an email to request a bid packet to: [bids@whitehalltownship.com](mailto:bids@whitehalltownship.com), or by calling 610-437-5524 x 1165. Bid Packets are free of charge.

Whitehall Township reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a bid satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this Request for Bid, to accept either in whole or in part, any one bid or combination of bids, to waive or permit the curing of any immaterial defects informalities or irregularities in a bid as permitted by law, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and to take any action which the Township deems appropriate. The Township intends to select that bid(s) which, in the sole opinion of the Township is/are most favorable and in the best interests of the citizens of Whitehall Township.

LENORE BRAZIER  
Purchasing Agent

Sept. 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at their October 11, 2021 public meeting, to be held at 7:00 PM in the public meeting room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18502, and which can be viewed and participated in by the general public through this link, <http://www.whitehalltownship.org/index.html>, will be having a second reading and consider for adoption the following proposed amendments to the Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance").

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BILL 21- 2021**

The Proposed Ordinance Is Titled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 (Zoning), Article VII (Definitions and Limitations of Uses), Article IX (Schedule of Permitted Uses, Article XVI (Definitions of Words) to Reduce the Negative Impact of Commercial Cooking Operations in Residential Neighborhoods".

The purpose of the Proposed Ordinance is to add regulations to allow for more appropriate usage of commercial cooking operations in Whitehall Township by creating a definition for outdoor commercial cooking operations, prohibiting outdoor commercial cooking operations, in any zoning district, from operating within five hundred feet (500') of a residential zoning district or lawfully occupied residence and explicitly permitting outdoor commercial cooking operations in the C-2A Local Commercial District and the C-2 Regional/Community Commercial Districts.

A copy of the entire proposed Ordinance is available for the public upon request via first class mail by calling 610-437-5524 x1149, and is also available at the following link: <http://www.whitehalltownship.org/forms/C2RegionalCommDist.pdf>.

Prepared by John F. Gross, Esquire, Solicitor for Whitehall Township.  
Sept. 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE**

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 Committee Chairpersons (the "Committee") of the Whitehall-Coplay School District (the "District") shall convene Committee Meetings beginning at 4:00 p.m. on September 27, 2021. The Operations/Transportation Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m., and the Finance/Personnel Committee and Education/Student Activities Committee will follow consecutively.

The Committees welcome citizens to their open meetings and invites them to bring to its attention matters of concern. A member of the public present at a Committee meeting may address the Committee in accordance with law and Board policy and procedures. Citizens, desiring to be heard by the Committee at a regular or special meeting without prior notification, may be allotted by the Committee Chairperson a reasonable amount of time to present the issue of concern. The Committee Chairperson shall recognize the citizen and ask them to identify themselves and whom they represent.

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](mailto:Boardsecretary@whitehallcoplay.org); at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. This notice is posted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. § 701, et seq.  
Sept. 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sealed bids for operational services for municipal sewer CCTV work will be received by the Lehigh Township Municipal Authority (LTMA), Northampton County, PA until 12:00 PM, Tuesday, October 5th, 2021. Bids may be submitted attention: Dave Getz, Manager, LTMA , 1069 Municipal Rd, Walnutport, PA 18088 or by email to [ltma@rcn.com](mailto:ltma@rcn.com).

This project consists of CCTV of estimated 12,800 LF of 8 inch gravity sewer, 144 lateral connections and 107 manholes for access. Depths of manholes ranges from 4.5 to 22 ft. Contractor to produce digital reports with schematic of network, distances in feet for lateral locations and photographs of sites with potential for I/I in addition to labeled CCTV film on CD. Sewers are mostly in township roads with approx. 1,600 LF in a State Road. LTMA will provide PennDOT required traffic control in State Road and traffic control assistance with inspector in township roads. Questions regarding scope of work and requests for scope task documents can be obtained from LTMA Engineer, [abf@cowanassociates.com](mailto:abf@cowanassociates.com).

Sealed bids do not require bonds for operational services. Bids need to include a statement of estimated availability for start of work, time duration of work, and statement of years of CCTV experience.

Award of Contract, if a Contract be awarded, will be the lowest responsible bidder, but Owner reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

The work in connection with this project constitutes a Public Works by Public Body. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, age, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Hall, Jerry C., dec'd**  
Late of Northampton, Northampton County, PA  
**Administratrix: Kate M. Hall**  
c/o April L. Cordis, Esquire,  
391 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
Attorney: April L. Cordis, Esquire,  
391 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020  
Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Edward A. Fedok, Deceased.** Late of Salisbury Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/28/21. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **JoAnne W. Fedok, Executrix**, c/o Jay R. Wagner, Esq., 111 N. 6th St., P.O. Box 679, Reading, PA 19603. Or to her Atty.: Jay R. Wagner, Stevens & Lee, 111 N. 6th St., P.O. Box 679, Reading, PA 19603.  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Evelyn Vega, Deceased.** Late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 12/1/18. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Jose Angel Molina, Administrator**, c/o Kristen L. Behrens, Esq., 457 Haddonfield Rd., Ste. 700, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Or to his Atty.: Kristen L. Behrens, Dilworth Paxson LLP, 457 Haddonfield Rd., Ste. 700, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Irmgard M. James a/k/a Irmgard James, Deceased.** Late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 5/7/11. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Adam S. Bernick, Esq., Administrator**, 2047 Locust St., Phila., PA 19103. Or to his Atty.: Adam S. Bernick, 2047 Locust St., Phila., PA 19103.  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of James E. Guziak, Deceased.** Late of N. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 4/20/20. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Cynthia J. Guziak, Administratrix**, c/o Catherine Domineske, Esq., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila., PA 19103. Or to her Atty.: Catherine Domineske, Peter L. Kjenk & Assoc., 2202 Delancey Pl., Phila., PA 19103.  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of Rosie M. Sembrot, Deceased.** Late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 7/22/21. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Mary Sembrot Croly, Executrix**, c/o Andrew J. Barron, Esq., One Liberty Pl., Ste. 1800, Phila., PA 19103. Or to her Atty.: Andrew J. Barron, White and Williams LLP, One Liberty Pl., Ste. 1800, Phila., PA 19103.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the administrator or to their attorneys named below:  
**Decedent: JOHN J. WASKO a/k/a JOHN JOSEPH WASKO**  
Date of Death: July 25, 2021  
Late of: Upper Saucon Township Lehigh County Pennsylvania  
**Executrix: Judith Rantz Wasko**  
c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire  
211 W. Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire  
211 W. Broad Street  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF LAUREN L. LACESA** deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, PA. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Sherry Libbie Devine**  
c/o Steckel and Stopp LLC  
Administratrix or to her Attorney, Steckel and Stopp LLC, By: Leith W. Strohl, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF SANDRA D. KLEIN**, deceased, late of Orefield, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**KEITH W. KLEIN, EXECUTOR**  
c/o Justin L. Schell, Esquire  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF THOMAS H. NERVINE**, deceased, late of Catasauqua, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**James A. Nervine**  
c/o Steckel and Stopp LLC  
Executor or to his Attorney, Steckel and Stopp LLC, By: Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF VALANCE M. KRESGE** deceased, late of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Eric S. Wassum**  
c/o Steckel and Stopp LLC  
Executor or to his Attorney, Steckel and Stopp LLC, By: Leith W. Strohl, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080  
Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF EVELYN S. WILT**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Larry J. Wilt, Executor**  
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
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**Larry J. Wilt, Executor**  
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Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
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119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of Madeline E. Bedard** late of the Township of Upper Saucon, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to:  
**Executrix: Colette Leclerc**  
c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE  
70 East Broad Street  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN K. GERENCHER**, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to:  
**Executrix: Carol Ann Grow**  
c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE  
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P.O. Box 1426  
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Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DEBORAH A. SPADACCIA**, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to:  
**Executrix: JOSEPH FRANCIS LEESON, III**  
c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE  
70 East Broad Street  
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Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF HELEN A. FABIK**, late of the Township of Whitehall, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to:  
**Executrix: LEE ANN SMITH**  
c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE  
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Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DORIS L. GREEN**, late of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to:  
**Wayne A. Werner, Executor**  
c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE  
70 East Broad Street  
P.O. Box 1426  
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DAVID L. HANGEN**, deceased, late of the Borough of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Jean Hangen, Executrix**  
625 Lincoln Avenue  
Northampton, PA 18067  
Or to her Attorney: Richard D. Director, Esquire  
7619 Tilghman Street  
Allentown, PA 18106  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JAMES H. JORDAN**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Mary P. Halliday, Executrix**  
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Or to her Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF EVELYN S. WILT**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Larry J. Wilt, Executor**  
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Or to his Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG  
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Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JANET L. CONAWAY a/k/a Janet Conaway**, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Joel E. Conaway, Executor** C/O Pamela N. Zetterberg, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 4461 Kohler Drive, Allentown, PA 18103.  
Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF EVELYN S. WILT**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Larry J. Wilt, Executor**  
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Or to his Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
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119 E. Main Street  
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Sept. 15, 22, 29

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF EVELYN S. WILT**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Larry J. Wilt, Executor**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of JANET NINNO** Deceased, late of Upper Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Debi L. Becker, Executrix**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of JEFFREY SCOTT FLEXER**, Deceased, late of the Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**James C. Flexer, Administrator**  
c/o his attorney:  
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE  
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of Kenneth Harold Petrakian**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.  
Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Deborah Roberts**  
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or his attorney: Marc Kranson, Esquire  
523 Walnut Street  
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Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of Walter J. Amante**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.  
Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Josue Amante II**  
(Administrator of the Estate of Walter J. Amante)  
3811 Crest View Drive  
Allentown, PA 18103  
or his attorney: Marc Kranson, Esquire  
523 Walnut Street  
Allentown, PA 18101  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF AVELINA SANTOS ROSADO a/k/a AVELINA ROSADO**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Anthony Guerrero**  
Administrator  
Address: c/o Bruce W. Weida, Esq.  
245 Main Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
or to his Attorney: Bruce W. Weida, Esq.  
245 Main Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF RETA M. STEIN**, deceased, late of Slatington, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Stephanie Druckenmiller**  
a/k/a Stephanie Stein Druckenmiller  
c/o David B. Shulman, Esquire  
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1935 Center Street  
Northampton, PA 18067  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF HELEN J. MCCAULEY**, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:  
**Joanne Mancini, c/o The Roth Law Firm**, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TRUST NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that **Stanley K. Gutekunst**, the surviving settlor of The Gutekunst Family Trust Under Agreement Dated 10-05-2000, as Amended, has died, and no personal representative has yet been appointed for said decedent's estate. All persons having claims or demands against said Decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the successor trustee, **Lisa G. Lawson, c/o The Roth Law Firm**, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or her attorney, **Larry R. Roth, Esquire**, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CATHERINE KOCHENASH**, deceased, late of Northampton Borough, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.  
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **MAJORIE MARTIN and KAREN SEREMULA, Executrices**, c/o Frank W. Yandrisevits, Esq., 24 W. 21st Street, Suite 105, Northampton, PA 18067 or to their Attorney, **FRANK W. YANDRISEVITS, ESQ.**, 24 W. 21st Street, Suite 105, Northampton, PA 18067.  
Sept. 8, 15, 22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF BRANDON HEIST**, deceased, late of Nazareth Borough, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **JEFFREY LUKE HEIST, ADMINISTRATOR**, c/o Frank W. Yandrisevits, Esq., 24 W. 21st Street, Suite 105, Northampton, PA 18067 or to their Attorney, **FRANK W. YANDRISEVITS, ESQ.**, 24 W. 21st Street, Suite 105, Northampton, PA 18067.  
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Prior to embarking on a road trip, travelers can't be blamed for getting caught up in the sights they're on the cusp of seeing. But it's equally important that drivers take steps to prepare for unsafe driving conditions. Even if the forecast is nothing but sunny skies, driving conditions can suddenly take a turn for the worse. The following are a handful of unsafe conditions drivers may encounter on the road, and what they can do to make it through such situations safe and sound.

**Aggressive drivers:** Aggressive driving or road rage is a significant issue, more so than some drivers may recognize. A 2016 survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that nearly 80 percent of drivers expressed significant anger, aggression or road rage behind the wheel at least once in the previous 12 months. The insurance experts at Geico® recommend that motorists who encounter aggressive drivers do their best to stay away from them. Consider safely changing lanes, gradually slowing down or even exiting the highway. Geico® advises against stopping, as that can lead to potentially dangerous confrontations.

**Bad weather:** Bad weather can include anything from snowfall to driving rain to thick fog. Though it's wise for drivers to consult

the weather forecast prior to hitting the road, no forecast is 100 percent accurate, which underscores the importance of knowing what to do when conditions suddenly take a turn for the worse. If inclement weather appears unexpectedly, slow down and be sure to leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. The automotive analytics firm J.D. Power notes that many experts recommend drivers double the cushion between their vehicles and the ones in front of them when driving in rain, snow, sleet, and other adverse weather conditions. Doing so can help to offset the slower brake time that occurs when driving in bad weather.

**Debris:** Road debris can include anything from materials that get blown away from roadside work sites to falling rock to tire treads to items that fall off of other vehicles. The suddenness of and the potentially serious consequences of being hit by or hitting debris is why a proactive approach is ideal. Avoid tailgating so you have ample room to maneuver should anything fall into the road. It's also important to leave room on the side of your vehicle so you can swerve out of the way. On especially long road trips, share driving duties so whoever is behind the wheel is fresh and alert. Alertness improves reaction time, making it much more likely drivers can avoid debris.

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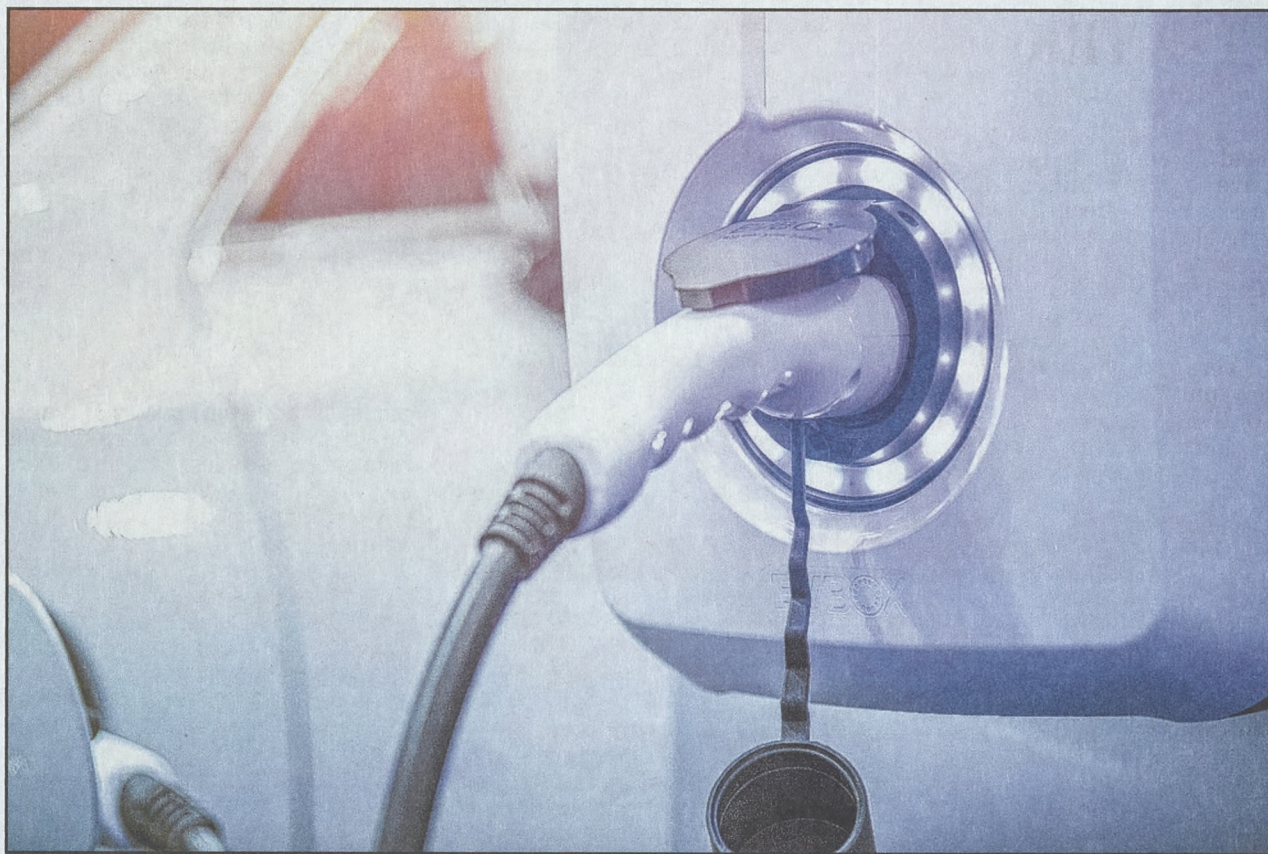


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Drivers can embrace various strategies to keep electric vehicles running strong on long road trips.

# How to road trip in an electric car

Seasoned travelers know that few things match the excitement of taking to the open road. Whether you're heading off for parts unknown or following a carefully planned itinerary, a road trip promises to be a unique experience.

Drivers can up the uniqueness ante even further by taking an electric car on their next road trip. Many people who take driving vacations may fly into a new city or country and then rent a See **ELECTRIC** on Page 3

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# ELECTRIC

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car as they prepare to hit the open road. Electric vehicles, or EVs, have become increasingly available in rental fleets in recent years. Travelers interested in trying something new may be intrigued by the chance to get behind the wheel of an EV on their next road trip. This can be a great chance for drivers who are interested in one day purchasing their own EVs to get their feet wet.

Some drivers may not know what to expect when taking a long trip in an EV. Though it's understandable to have some hesitation, the following are some ways to navigate your first extended trip in an EV.

- Determine the charging time of your vehicle. The automotive experts at J.D. Power note that EVs come with different types of charging systems. Level 1 are the most readily available EVs, and these come with a standard 120-volt three prong plug that's common in modern homes in the United States. That's convenient, but

charging using a Level 1 outlet may take a significant amount of time and only provide a few miles per hour of charging. If you're renting an EV, confirm which type of car you're getting and emphasize to the rental agency that you prefer a car that can be charged easily and effectively. One that can be charged overnight and provide hundreds of miles of driving time after a full charge is ideal.

*Drivers can embrace various strategies to keep electric vehicles running strong on long road trips.*

- Look for EV-friendly lodging. Many hotels now feature charging stations exclusively for guests with EVs. Some hotels include the cost of utilizing such stations in their parking fees, while others may charge an additional amount. Either way, the convenience of find-

ing a hotel with its own charging station outweighs any extra costs, as cars can be charged overnight while guests are asleep, leaving more time to travel in a vehicle that's fully charged each morning.

- Find some RV parks along your route. RVs have required charging stations for years, so RV parks typically have these stations available for a nominal fee of around \$50. RVs typically are Level 2, so EV drivers that require Level 2 charging systems should be able to charge their vehicles at RV parks. In addition, many RV parks now also provide charging stations for Level 1 vehicles, though drivers should confirm which parks have such offerings prior to embarking on their trips.

- Drive in moderate weather. The software experts at Geotab note that cold weather affects EV range. Though battery thermal management systems have been designed to keep batteries within an optimal temperature range to minimize loss in battery performance, battery range is adversely affected when driving in extreme cold. Geotab notes that 70 F is the trip efficiency sweet spot.

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The sticker price is important, but the cost of insuring a vehicle also can determine just how much a vehicle will cost buyers each month.

Insurance premiums are determined after providers consider various factors, including the age of the driver, his or her accident history and how much he or she drives.

The make and model of the vehicle also goes

a long way toward determining just how much drivers will have to pay to insure their cars and trucks. The insurance comparison site The Zebra ([www.thezebra.com](http://www.thezebra.com)) notes that the following were the five most expensive vehicles to insure in 2020.

**1** BMW i8: Getting behind the wheel of this high-performance sports car cost drivers an average of \$4,303 in insurance premiums. That's a relatively small price to pay for a vehicle with a manufacturer-suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$147,500.

**2** Maserati Quattroporte: A luxury sports sedan with an MSRP just under \$100,000, the sleek Maserati Quattroporte cost drivers an average of \$4,062 in annual insurance premiums.

**3** Nissan GT-R: As a manufacturer, Nissan might not be associated with the world's most expensive automakers. But its GT-R, a high-performance sports luxury vehicle with an MSRP of \$113,540, will cost drivers a luxury-like \$3,864 in annual insurance premiums.

**4** Maserati GranTurismo: With the highest MSRP (\$150,380) of any car in the top five, the Maserati GranTurismo might be seen as a relative bargain to insure, costing drivers an annual average of \$3,735.

**5** Mercedes-Benz S-Class: The S-Class is a classic Mercedes-Benz luxury sedan with an MSRP of \$94,250. Drivers can expect to pay an annual premium of \$3,684 to insure this sleek and stylish example of classic luxury.

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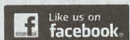
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# Drivers delaying vehicle maintenance

Many drivers recognize the importance of vehicle maintenance, but a significant percentage of drivers are putting off taking timely care of their cars and trucks. IMR Inc. surveys 25,000 households each quarter, asking participants how they have serviced and maintained their vehicles. In the first quarter of 2020, much of which

occurred prior to the declaration of a global pandemic, nearly 18 percent of respondents indicated they had delayed vehicle repairs or maintenance. IMR classified "delayed maintenance" as repairs and maintenance that vehicle owners intentionally put off despite knowing the vehicles needed them. That conscious decision to delay maintenance

and repairs could prove costly in the long run, as adhering to a routine maintenance schedule is a great way to ensure cars stay on the road longer. In addition, adhering to manufacturer-recommended maintenance schedules is a great way to discover minor issues before they escalate into larger, more costly concerns.

## The very real benefits of wearing seat belts

The importance of wearing seat belts in vehicles has resonated with drivers and passengers across the globe. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the national seat belt use rate in passenger vehicles in 2019 was 90.7 percent. And despite their simplicity, particularly when compared to the various other technol-

ogies available in modern vehicles, seat belts remain an incredibly effective device against injury and even death, though only when drivers and their passengers remember to engage them. For example, the NHTSA notes that seat belts saved an estimated 14,955 lives in 2017 alone. Unfortunately, the NHTSA also reports that 47 percent of

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# Stock up on vehicle breakdown supplies

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A 2017 survey from AAA found that 40 percent of drivers in the United States are not ready to handle a typical roadside emergency breakdown. The organization estimates it helps some seven million motorists get back on the road each summer. A well-equipped roadside emergency kit may help drivers get their vehicles back on the road on their own.

· **First aid kit:** The first aid kit will celebrate its 133rd birthday in 2021. The Johnson & Johnson company began commercializing first aid kits in 1888. Having a first aid kit in the car to treat minor injuries can be helpful in the event of an accident or even after injuring oneself during a breakdown.

· **Fire extinguisher:** Cars are full of various mechanical parts and are susceptible to catching on fire. The National Fire Protection Association says vehicle fire extinguishers need to be rated for Class B and C fires.

· **Jumper cables:** A weak or dead battery is often the culprit in breakdowns. Jumper cables enable drivers to get a charge from another motorist, and may help get a person back on the road quickly. If possible, get a set of cables that also comes with safety gloves and heavy duty clamps, offers Defensive Driving Online, a defensive driving course.

· **Mobile phone/charger:** A mobile phone is essential for calling for assistance, but the phone is only useful if it's charged.

· **Blanket:** Keep a blanket in the trunk or another storage area. Should the vehicle die in cold weather, that blanket can help keep passengers warm until assistance arrives.

· **Basic tools:** Tools like a screwdriver, ratchet set and wrench may

enable drivers to complete minor repairs. Tools also should include tire-changing gear, such as a jack and lug nut remover.

· **Traction aid:** Non-clumping kitty litter or sand can provide the traction needed to get off of a slippery area of roadway.

· **Flashlight:** A flashlight can help keep you visible and able to see your surroundings in dark conditions.

· **Flares:** Should a breakdown occur in the dark, flares can alert other drivers.

· **Snacks and water:** Water and food that stores well, such as emergency rations, granola bars or trail mix, can quell hunger pangs and provide an energy boost while waiting for help.

· **Rope/bungee cords/tarp:** These items can be used in various situations to secure a vehicle.

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# 3 ways to get more out of your devices on long car trips

Once an uncomfortable means to a worthy end, long car trips have changed quite a bit since many of today's adults age 30 and over were children. Parents are no doubt familiar with the familiar cry of, "Are we there yet?" emanating from the backseat. But such queries are now less frequent than they once were. And that's thanks in large part to devices and the access to data that they provide.

Devices can help passengers stay occupied on long trips. Devices vary in terms of their capabilities, and that can affect just how useful they are on the road. But the following are three ways for travelers to get more out of their devices while on the road.

## 1. Download, download, download

Downloading prior to a trip allows travelers to access content offline. That

means service interruptions and Wifi dead zones won't interrupt podcasts, television shows or movies. Downloading ahead of time also saves people without unlimited data plans from having to pay data overage charges.

## 2. Turn your phone into a WiFi hotspot

Smartphones have direct access to high-speed mobile network connections that tablets and laptops won't be able to access without a little handiwork. That handiwork involves converting a phone into a hotspot, which can be done easily through the settings function in most smartphones. Once the phone is established as a hotspot, other devices can typically piggyback on its network connection.

## 3. Accessorize your vehicle

Starting down at a smartphone or tablet for

hours on end is no one's idea of comfort. Thankfully, comfort need not be sacrificed for entertainment. A headrest mount can be attached to the headrest of a front seat and accommodate a variety of devices, including smartphones and tablets. Devices are simply slipped into the mount so passengers won't have to hold them in their hands as they watch their favor-

ite television shows and movies. Headrest mounts may be convenient, but kids might not be able to reach touchscreens while buckled in. In such instances, parents can replace their existing headrests with headrests with built-in monitors that come with remote controls that make it easy to adjust volume and other settings without undoing a seat belt.



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Classic car restoration can be an engaging hobby.

## Classic car restoration for beginners

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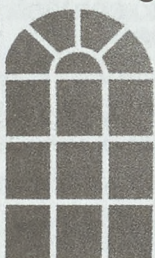
Restoring a classic car can be a rewarding hobby, particularly the first time

a vehicle emerges from its owner's garage and hits the open road. Car buffs interested in restoring a classic car of their own can consider various factors before they lift the

hood on this challenging yet rewarding hobby.

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## Time and Money

It's hard to know if a classic car restoration will cost owners more time or money, but restoration novices should expect to spend a lot of both as they work to restore a ride to its former glory. CarsDirect.com estimates that a restoration done by a professional shop can cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and that does not necessarily include the cost of the vehicle. If the financial commitment raises an eyebrow, perhaps would-be car guys and gals should look away from the estimated time it takes to restore a classic car. CarsDirect notes that it can take around 1,000 hours for DIYers to restore a classic car. The excitement of restoring a classic car can quickly wear off if owners don't have enough time and/or money to keep the project going at a steady pace.

## The Car

Some car buffs may already envision which type of car they want to restore. Some may want to restore a classic Ford Mustang like the one they drove in high school, while others with a flare for automotive history might want to restore a 1930s classic. Whatever your preference, make sure you find a car that won't bust your budget. Even the initial cost to purchase the car from a local salvage yard can be deceiving. Some cars might only be affordable because they've experienced such extensive damage that the cost to restore them will be especially high. It's good to know what you're looking for as you begin to scour newspaper classified ads or visit local salvage yards. But allow yourself some room for flexibility in regard to the type of car you're willing to restore. That can ensure you aren't breaking your budget right away or overcommitting yourself to a project that may prove beyond your range of abilities. Online car forums can be great places to get some insight into restoration, especially for beginners.

## The Project

In addition to determining which car to get and how much time and money you can realistically devote to the restoration project, car enthusiasts must determine which tools they'll need, where they're going to work on the project and the availability of discounted parts. Discounted parts can help offset considerable restoration costs, so access to a local seller or salvage yard can be a significant advantage. The internet has made finding parts easier, as resources like CheapAutoParts.com can be invaluable. A place to work also is a must-have, so garages may need to be outfitted to make projects more enjoyable. Tools also can be costly, though CarsDirect notes that different steps in the process require different tools. That can make it easier to spread out the cost of buying new tools.

Classic car restoration can be an engaging hobby. Novices are urged to learn as much about restoration as possible before they decide to fully commit to this potentially rewarding endeavor.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Modern cars are technological marvels, and it turns out drivers may value tech over all else, including their choice of automaker.

A 2017 study from Autotrader asked 1,000 participants an assortment of questions about technology and car buying.

Roughly 60 percent of millennial car shoppers and more than 40

percent of baby boomers indicated they would switch vehicle brands just to get the technology features they want.

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Tire rotation is an important component of vehicle maintenance.

## Why is tire rotation so important?

Vehicle owners need to keep maintenance on the mind to ensure their cars and trucks are operating at peak capacity. Various components should be checked and serviced at key intervals. Oil changes and fluid top-offs are part of routine maintenance, but it can be easy to forget about other important parts of the vehicle, including tires.

Rotating tires is vital to their upkeep. Bridgestone Tires advises that tire rotation involves routinely repositioning a vehicle's tires in specific patterns from front to back and side to side. According to Big O Tires, the front tires tend to wear on the outside edges because the tire leans over when a driver turns a corner. The rear tires just follow the front ones, so they usually wear more evenly. By leaving tires in place, the outside edges on the front tires will wear down much faster than the rest and those tires

will need to be replaced sooner. Rotation may be required by tire warranties. Rotation also keeps the tires working properly.

Experts generally advise tire rotation every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, even if they do not show any signs of wear. It is challenging to determine if weather treads are uneven or how much wear has been sustained just by looking at them. Rotating tires can prolong the life of tires and decrease how frequently they need to be replaced.

Rotating tires keeps the tread depth uniform and helps maintain traction and consistent handling across all four tires. Bridgestone says the tire rotation pattern that is best for a particular vehicle depends on the type of tire being used. Patterns are recommended by the standardizing body of the tire industry, called The Tire and Rim Association, Inc. Individuals

can consult with professional mechanics about the proper way to rotate tires. Many tire manufacturers or automotive stores that have sold customers tires also will do tire rotations - some free of charge.

In addition to proper traction, minimizing uneven tire treads causes the vehicle to be more balanced, advises Wrench, a mobile auto repair and maintenance company. This enables the driver to have more control even when roads are slippery. Many auto service centers will then align and balance tires after they have been rotated. At this time the mechanic will likely check brakes as well, since it is easy to see and reach them when the tires are off.

Tire rotation is an important component of vehicle maintenance. Check with a qualified automotive professional to see if it's time to have your vehicle's tires rotated.

# Tips before buying new tires

Though vehicles can't function without them, tires are something few drivers think about until something goes wrong. A roadside flat tire or a tire rotation recommendation from a mechanic during a routine oil change appointment may be the only time many drivers give much thought to their tires. That no doubt leads to some confusion about what to do when tires inevitably need to be replaced.

The automotive resource Kelley Blue Book notes that the life expectancy of most tires falls between 25,000 and 50,000 miles. That's a big gap, and car owners can check their vehicle manuals to see if their vehicle manufacturer recommends a more specific replacement interval. It's worth noting that mileage is not the only barometer drivers should use to determine if they need to buy new tires. The following tips can help drivers determine if now is the time to outfit their vehicle with new tires.

• **Measure the tread.** KBB notes that a tire assessment should always include measuring the amount of remaining tread. Drivers can do this on their own in various ways. One method involves looking at the tread wear bars, which are little bridges in the



Ask a mechanic for tips before buying new tires.

grooves between the ridges. If the bars are even with the tread pattern, then the tire has very little tread remaining and must be replaced. The penny or quarter test is a popular way to determine if tires must be replaced. Insert a penny or quarter into the center of the tread between two ridges with Lincoln's or Washington's head facing you. If you can see the very top of the head or the space above the head, the tire must be replaced. If only a little bit of hair is visible, then the tire is nearing its end. The tire has sufficient remaining tread if

the some of the forehead is concealed.

• **Check for other signs of wear and tear.** Little remaining tread is not the only sign tires must be replaced. Tires with cracked sidewalls, discoloration and/or bulging need to be replaced.

• **Confirm a larger issue isn't lurking.** Uneven wear on tires is typically a byproduct of a larger issue. Though tires that have worn unevenly will need to be replaced, replacing them without correcting the larger issue will only lead to more

uneven wear on the new tires. That's a costly mistake. KBB notes that poor wheel alignment or suspension issues are typically to blame for uneven wear. This issue can be fixed and should be addressed prior to purchasing a new set of tires.

Tires sometimes exhibit telltale signs that they need to be replaced. Before buying replacement tires, drivers can inspect their existing ones and ask their mechanic to confirm that a larger issue isn't affecting their performance.

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Distracted driving poses a significant threat to anyone on the road.

## How drivers can help fight distracted driving

As recently as two decades ago, many drivers never would have imagined answering phone calls through their automobiles or spending time at stoplights strolling through their social media feeds. But such is the reality for modern drivers, who must now contend with myriad distractions while behind the wheel.

Distracted driving now poses a significant threat to drivers, their passengers and pedestrians. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving was responsible for the deaths of more than 3,100 people in the United States in 2019. Data from Transport Canada's National Collision Database indicates that distracted driving contributes to an estimated 21 percent of fatal collisions in Canada.

A growing reliance on smartphones to do everything from play music to provide driving directions to check work emails has made it harder than ever for drivers to ignore their devices. Though the temptation to pick up the phone may prove hard for motorists to overcome, the following are some strategies they can embrace en route to becoming safer, less dis-

traced drivers.

- Support legislation that penalizes distracted driving. Many community leaders have attempted to curb distracted driving by introducing legislation designed to penalize drivers who are caught with their eyes on their devices and not on the road. The National Conference of State Legislatures reports that there are currently 24 states that prohibit drivers from using handheld cellphones while driving. Such laws are effective. In fact, a 2010 study published in the journal *Traffic Injury Prevention* found that driver handheld phone use was estimated to be 24 to 76 percent lower up to seven years after handheld phone bans took effect in Connecticut, the District of Columbia and New York. Such figures indicate the far-reaching impact of legislating against distracted driving and underscores the importance of supporting such legislation.

- Lead by example. A recent study from AAA found that electronics use is the leading source of distraction for teenage drivers. Parents can set a positive example for their children by turning their notifications off when they get behind the wheel so

they aren't tempted to respond to an alert or incoming message. If necessary, parents can place their phones in the glove compartment prior to starting their vehicles. Setting such an example increases the likelihood that kids recognize the dangers of combining driving and devices.

- Recognize devices aren't the only distractions. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety notes that devices alone don't tell the story of distracted driving. Drivers can easily become distracted by adjusting a radio, eating and drinking while behind the wheel, grooming, and interacting with passengers. Drivers must not discount the impact that all of their behaviors can have on their ability to pay attention behind the wheel. When driving, stick to driving. If drivers need to do anything else, like take a sip of water, eat lunch or adjust their car stereos, they should do so only after pulling off the road and putting their vehicles in park.

Distracted driving poses a significant threat to anyone on the road. But it's a threat that can be eliminated entirely when drivers are motivated to do so.



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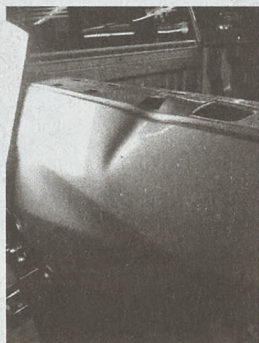
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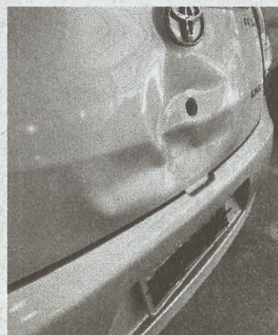
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