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NORCO Brown goes out on a high note

BY BERNIE O'HARE
 Special to the Bethlehem press

Northampton County Council met for the last time this year on Dec. 14. For four of them (Mat Benol, Glenn Geissinger, Hayden Phillips and Seth Vaughn) it was their last meeting, at least for now. As Council President John Cusick observed, "There are second acts in government."

Seven of the nine council members were there. Bob Werner, who is dealing with a family illness, was uncharacteristically absent. Seth Vaughn, whose combined attendance at meetings was just 67 percent during his tenure, was also missing.

The previous week, Executive John Brown had sought a one-mill tax cut, which would throw his own budget out of balance and require deficit spending. Because the Republicans on council were unable to agree whether to cut taxes a mill or a half mill, the 11.8 millage rate originally proposed was adopted.

Brown could have vetoed the budget, millage rate ordinance or both. But earlier in the day, Brown signed off on the spending plan. He chose to leave office on a high note, he told council.

The median value of a Northampton County home is \$220,800. If assessed properly at \$110,400, that means a 2018 county bill of \$1,302.72.

"The 2018 budget is balanced and balanced on its own revenue," Brown told Council. "We did not need to use any of the general revenue funds to balance the budget."

Going all the way back to 1982, Brown said this was the first time the county has seen a budget that involved no deficit spending. He noted that four years ago, he had to spend \$19 million in cash reserves just to balance the budget. He spent his time in office looking for operating efficiencies. He thanked his "team" and wished the new council good luck.

A member of that team, Solicitor Ryan See **NORCO** on Page A2



Shepherds with children and animals gather as narrator William Schellhaas of Coopersburg reads the Christmas story. Our coverage continues on page A3.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

'O Come Let Us Adore Him'

The Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant, a re-enactment of historical and Biblical events surrounding the birth of Christ, held its 39th annual performance Dec. 9 and 10 at the Rose Garden Park band shell in northwest Bethlehem. The Lehigh Valley's first snowfall on Dec. 9 reduced the pageant's attendance to 100

spectators, but higher temperatures and some sunshine attracted more than 300 people to the event the next afternoon, according to pageant officials. A cast of some 100 costumed participants, live animals and musical accompaniment makes the admission-free event a family-oriented attraction. David Landis, president of the Live

Bethlehem Christmas Pageant for 14 years, said he is "looking forward to next year's 40th anniversary. According to Landis, the pageant originated on Christmas Eve in 1978 at our Lady of Pompeii Church in South Bethlehem. "The event's purpose is to commemorate Jesus' birthday in a most real way," said the Bethlehem resident.



The Chancel Choir of the Bethany United Church of Christ accompanies the re-enactment.



Donald Jenny of Bethlehem, as King Caspar, is accompanied by a camel and a pair of guards.



Brock Williams of Center Valley, as King Balthazar, holds the newborn Christ Child. Baby Jesus is Riley Bankos, son of Lindsey Viscomi of Lehighton, who plays Mary. A pageant tradition is to have one of the Wise Men take the Christ child closer to the event audience so they can have a better look at the baby.

Electronic copies of budget approved

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Lehigh County Commissioners approved the amendment to the county's administrative code to require the county executive to provide an electronic copy of the annual budget.

The amendment was sponsored by Commissioners Amanda Holt and Michael Schware and is designed to give the commissioners more time to consider the annual budget between the time they receive it and the time they have to vote for it.

In other business, the commissioners Dec. 13 approved an amendment to allow the commissioners to have a say in the choice of health insurance providers.

Commissioners also gave preliminary approval, or a "first reading" to several new motions, one of which was to accept a gift from Lehigh Carbon Community College for \$3,625 as a donation for homeless veterans. The Veteran's Club of LCCC raised the money for the contribution.

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Michelle Lee, a social services worker for the Department of Human Services, attends the board of commissioners meeting that gave first reading approval for a pay increase for members of SEIU 668, a unit of the Pennsylvania Social Services Union.

BUDGET

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gave preliminary approval to a memorandum of understanding with the Pennsylvania Social Services Union, SEIU 668. According to the MOU, members of the union have been working without a pay increase since January 2014. The agreement sets the details of pay and

benefits for the employees of the Department of Human Services. Among the benefits: a \$1,000 lump sum payment for full-time personnel employed as of Dec. 12; a 6.5 percent retroactive gross pay increase for those employees still employed by Lehigh County. Effective Jan. 1, 2018, union employees will also receive a 2.75 percent gross pay increase.

New labor contracts approved

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

At their Dec. 4 meeting, Bethlehem Township Commissioners unanimously approved labor contracts with two of the three unions representing their workforce. Three-year deals were approved for both the 25-person road crew and 32 police officers, covering salaries and benefits over the next three years. A contract with a third union representing about 10 clerical employees is still in negotiation. The road crew, mem-

bers of AFSCME District Council 88 will see their wages rise by one, two and three percent in each of the next three years. A truck driver earning \$54,100 a year will see pay hikes over the next three years of \$541, \$1,102 and \$1,706. Police officers will see salaries rise over the next three years by 2.75, 3 and 3.5 percent. A senior patrol officer earning \$75,878 per year will see his pay increase \$2,087 in 2018, \$2,339 in 2019 and \$2,810 in 2020.

Both unions have agreed to contribute more to the cost of their health insurance. There's currently a \$50 monthly copay for single coverage and \$100 for family coverage. Starting in 2020, that monthly copay will increase to \$75 for single and \$150 for family coverage. In 2018, the average individual medical premium is projected at \$11,859. For families, it is \$28,432. These contracts were negotiated over a period

of about three months. Township administrators will see a two percent raise. Commissioners also approved a survey of township residents that will be mailed and also appear online. The survey will educate commissioners on quality of life issues and continued participation in the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Over Township Manager Malissa Davis' objection, they voted to remove a question that would have polled residents about a single hauler for trash.

NORCO

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Durkin, complimented Brown's integrity and organizational skills. "You had a hell of an executive here," he said. Departing council members were presented with plaques thanking them for their dedicated public service, guidance and wisdom. Ironically, dedicated public servant Seth Vaughn was playing hookey so his plaque will be mailed. Phillips said he would "treasure" his four years. Geissinger admitted to "mistakes along the way." Benol presented his decalogue, which mysteriously vanished twice over the past four years, to Ken Kraft.

Kraft went out the next day to license a new car, and the last three digits are "666." (WHAT?)

"You made my life a living hell," Kraft joked with departing Republicans.

Council President John Cusick hinted that next year, someone else will be Council Presi-



Executive John Brown signed a no-tax-hike budget, stating he wanted to leave office on a "high note."



State Theatre's Denise Smith received a \$20,000 grant so the Easton show center can update its online ticketing.

dent. Now that Democrats have a 6-3 majority, Kraft is reportedly interested in assuming taking the helm of county council.

Council Solicitor Phil Lauer may very well be on his way out, too. Like the departing council members, he was presented with a plaque and thanked for his "dedicated public service, guidance and wisdom." Lauer said that when he first came on board, he knew very little about County government. Now that he's finally figured it out, he's getting kicked out.

Lauer will likely be replaced by Bethlehem

Attorney Chris Spadoni, who served as solicitor on Bethlehem City Council for 17 years. Spadoni is an experienced trial attorney who has also served as an assistant District Attorney and assistant County Solicitor.

In other business, council hired the Haviland Hughes law firm to pursue litigation against opioid manufacturers. I will have a more detailed story about this next week. I will be speaking to Lehigh County attorney Bill Platt, who is a member of that firm. Finally, as it does ev-

ery year, Council dipped into its contingency fund for three worthy entities that were unable to make timely applications for grant awards.

* The State Theatre's Denise Smith asked for and got \$20,000 to help the State update its ticketing system so patrons can print out tickets online. "She's a money pit, but she's absolutely gorgeous," Smith said, in reference to the theater, not Executive Director Shelly Brown.

* "Because of a Dog" got a \$5,000 grant for a kennel in Bethlehem to hold stray dogs. Because Bethlehem has no kennel, police officers lose time on patrol while taking dogs to temporary shelters.

* Stephens Place, a halfway house for non-violent but addicted adult males who are reintegrating from prison to society, received \$5,000.

DaVinci Center's Lin Erickson was also hovering at this meeting even though she had just been awarded a \$10 million grant.

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Older adults and people with disabilities have until Jan. 2, 2018 to apply for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program rebates on property taxes and rent paid in 2016. The deadline was extended from June 30, 2017.

The free rebate application forms for 2017 payments will be available early next year. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The income limits are \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded.

For claim form PA-1000 and related information, visit www.revenue.pa.gov or call 1-888-222-9190. Free filing help is available at Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior community centers and state legislators' offices.

Claimants who already applied for rebates may check the status of claims at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling 1-888-PATAXES.

RADIO CLUB

Group's monthly meeting Jan. 4

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, 2018, in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. For more information, call 610-432-8286.

AROUND TOWN

A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website, but due to space constraints, for ongoing events, email, visit or call the following:

Bethlehem City Hall Rotunda: City Hall complex, 10 E. Church St. Visit <http://bfac-lv.org/>.

Bethlehem Area Public Library: Call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610-867-7852 (south side); Visit www.bapl.org (main) or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side); newsletter: <http://bit.ly/2bTICeZ>.

Free homework help: All subjects. Drop in 4 to 6 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. and 400 Webster St.

The Cancer Support Community of the Greater L.V.: Free education/support for cancer patients and their caregivers. Call 610-861-7555 or visit www.cancersupportlv.org for schedules.

Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and other days. Room 403, Fowler Center, NCCollege, 511 E. Third St. Call 610-861-5526 or visit www.copsnkidslv.org.

Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites: Call 1-800-360-TOUR; visit <http://historicbethlehem.org>.

Moravian Book Shop: 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com.

National Museum of Industrial History: Visit <http://nmih.org>; 610-694-6644. 602 E. Second St.

Penn State Lehigh Valley: Exhibits: Visit <http://lehighvalley.psu.edu/gallery> or call 610-285-5261.

Salvation Army: Call 610-867-4681 for schedule.

Steelworkers' Archives: Trestle tours, 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays. www.steelworkersarchives.com.

Wednesday, December 27

Salvation Army, age 14 and up, Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; program, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Storyo, BAPL: 6:30 p.m. Toddler storytime (ages two to three and a half) 10:30 a.m.; snack box storytime, 11 a.m. Free; no registration required. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 399.

Holden evening prayer, light meal: 5:30 p.m.; worship: 7 p.m. For information, email church@stpetersbethlehem.org or call 610-867-0519.

Thursday, December 28

Salvation Army, fellowship for seniors 50 and up; program: 10:45 a.m., followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wescoc Foundation Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group, 2 p.m. St. Luke's University Health Network, Hurd Education Center, Fountain Hill.

Conversational Spanish class, 5 p.m. BAPL-SouthSide. 400 Webster St.

Model Train Christmas Open House, 5 p.m. Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

Saturday, December 30

Ninth annual Peeps Fest, 10 a.m. SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Visit www.steelstacks.org/festivals/peepsfest/.

Christmas Open House, 5 p.m. Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

Sunday, December 31

Ninth annual Peeps Fest, 10 a.m. SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Visit www.steelstacks.org/festivals/peepsfest/.

Christmas Open House, 1 p.m. Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

Dave Fry family music, 7 p.m.; Three Generations of Home-grown Godfrey's, 8 p.m. Godfrey Daniels, Fourth St. Visit www.godfreydaniels.org.

Monday, January 1

Model Train Christmas Open House, 1 p.m. Lehigh and Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, December 27

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m., 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Township Zoning Board meeting (as needed), 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, January 2

Bethlehem City Council reorganizational meeting, 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem Twp. Board of Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
Fountain Hill Borough Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St., Freemansburg.
Hanover Twp. Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road. (unverified)

Wednesday, January 3

HARB - Historical Architectural Review board, 4 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.

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AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY



Soldiers on horseback, assigned to guard the Wise Men, pass by the Holy Family at the live Christmas Pageant Dec. 9 and 10. The horse riders are from the Blue Ridge Ranch of Nazareth.

'O Come Let Us Adore Him'



Bundled up for the cold are Brooke Alpha of Fountain Hill and her daughter Amelia, wearing a knitted Christmas hat. Mrs Alpha said it was their first time attending the holiday event in northwest Bethlehem.



Zachary Schellhaas of Coopersburg and his daughter Addie wear townspeople outfits, augmented with long sleeves and gloves for the cold weather. Addie, granddaughter of pageant narrator William Schellhaas, participated for the first time.



Margaret Cinicz of Easton gets a close look of her great-grandson Riley Bankos, as the Baby Jesus, after the Live Christmas Pageant performance. Lindsey Viscomi of Lehighton, mother of Riley Bankos, portrayed Mary.



Amanda Helman of Bethlehem and family friend Trinity Rivera get close to a camel after the performance. The camels used in the pageant are from the Natural Bridge Zoo in Virginia, which has been providing the animals to the pageant for more than 20 years.

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Beau and Marcie Pence made the trip from Long Pond to help deliver toys for pediatric patients at St. Luke's.

AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY



The Grinch is among the motorcyclists leading a Tucker's Toy Run convoy of 630 bikers from Northampton to St. Luke's University Health Network's Fountain Hill campus.



Santa and one of his elves pay an early visit to the Lehigh Valley to support Tucker's Toy Run.

Tucker's Toy Run delivers to St. Luke's

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

On Nov. 4, over 630 motorcyclists made their annual ride through the Lehigh Valley, from Northampton to the Fountain Hill campus of St. Luke's University Health Network, participating in the seventh Tucker's Toy Run to deliver nearly 1,000 toys for the hospital's pediatric patients. Organized by Rick Nauman, the annual event is a tribute to Tucker Stuart, a motorcyclist who died in a 2011 motorcycle accident. Four vehicles filled with toys accompanied the bikers, who in some cases also transported toys on their motorcycles. The donations are loaded into cribs and bins from which they will be distributed to pediatric patients throughout the St. Luke's network. Each year anticipation builds as the impressive convoy of motorcycles approaches on Ostrum Street, escorted by public safety vehicles from most of the communities they pass through. Bikes are decorated for Christmas and many carry riders along for the uplifting experience. A few celebrities like Santa Claus, one of Santa's elves, and even the Grinch. St. Luke's staff offer refreshments to the participants, three of whom came from as far away as Morgantown, West Virginia this year. Nauman announced to hospital officials and riders that Tucker's Toy Run would return for an eighth year in November 2018.



Pastor Jed Smurda brought a plush Minion character for just the right child.



Participants in this year's Tucker's Toy Run are treated to refreshments upon their arrival at the St. Luke's campus.



Riding the farthest to participate in this year's event are Tammy Belldina, Jamie Burch and Doug Burch from Morgantown, West Virginia.



Bikers deposit the toys they collected into hospital cribs, after which they were wheeled into the hospital and distributed to pediatric patients who are currently patients.



St. Luke's patient care services vice president Jan Concilio and pediatrics patient care manager Patricia Gubich listen as Tucker's Toy Run organizer Rick Nauman announces the 2018 event will occur the first Saturday in November.



Posing after the dinner and awards presentations are, left to right, front: Alice Kwiatkowski, Connexions Gallery; Bria Pickel, Student Artist Scholarship; and Alexandra Pobiedzinski, Emerging Artist of the Year. (l-r rear) Richard Shemonsky, Arts Educator of the Year; Anthony Marricinni, Connexions Gallery; Emil Lukas, Visual Artist of the Year; Joe Feilmeier, Lafayette Ambassador Bank; Craig Larimer, accepting for Daniel Dae Kim; Dolores Laputka, Lifetime Achievement Volunteer in the Arts; and Walt Groller, Performing Artist of the Year.



Painter Bria Pickel is presented with the \$2,500 Student Artist Scholarship Award during the Linnny Awards Ceremony. A 2017 graduate of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, she is now studying painting and fine arts at the Pratt Institute in New York. She says her artwork strives not only to capture the stressful experiences of people, but also the peaceful and sometimes melancholic emotions she finds in the process of making art. She uses a variety of watercolor, oil and pencil, as well as collage, like the work shown behind her.

ArtsQuest hosts Linnny Awards, announces foundation director

BY CAROLE GORNEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 245 people who attended the second annual Linnny Awards at the ArtsQuest Center's Musikfest Cafe were treated to a surprise announcement at the beginning of the arts awards ceremony. ArtsQuest Foundation Chair Jac Yaissle introduced Jane George as the new and first full-time executive director of the foundation.

George, who has served as Assistant Vice President of Government & Community Relations for St. Luke's University Health Network, succeeds Musikfest and ArtsQuest founder Jeff Parks, who announced his retirement from the foundation this past summer.

Yaissle said the foundation conducted a national search, but "got very lucky" to find someone with the experience it was looking for right in "our own backyard."

"It's a little terrifying following in his [Parks'] footsteps," George told those in attendance, but "I know we can continue and sustain what Jeff left us."

After the announcement, 11 multidisciplinary Linnny Awards were presented to Greater Lehigh Valley recipients in various categories from art, music, education, philanthropy and volunteerism. The awards are named in honor of Marlene "Linnny" Fowler, who was a generous volunteer and donor to ArtsQuest and its Banana Factory, as well as other youth and community arts programs.

The evening's top honor, the Pinnacle of the Arts award, went to Korean American actor Daniel Dae Kim, who is known for his television roles as Jin-Soo Kwon in "Lost," and Chin Ho Kelly in "Hawaii Five-0." The Pinnacle of the Arts award goes to someone who has lived or worked in the Lehigh Valley, and has achieved national or international acclaim in the visual, literary or performing arts.

A Freedom High School graduate, Kim graduated from Haverford College near Philadelphia. Kim acts, directs and runs his own film and television production company, 3AD, that currently is producing the television series "The Good Doctor." Besides his television work, he played the King of Siam in "The King and I" on Broadway and in London.

Kim was unable to attend the awards ceremony because he is acting in the lead role in the



Dancer and award-winning choreographer Alexandra Pobiedzinski (r) from Allentown is named Emerging Artist of the Year at the second annual Linnny Awards. As executive director of the Lehigh Valley Dance Exchange, she also manages the Dance Exposure at SteelStacks, and the SpringUp Dance Festival, the only professional dance festival in the U.S. With her are fellow dancers who performed with her at the event. They are Rebecca Glassman (l), Bethlehem, and Morgan Rakay, Philadelphia. Pobiedzinski's husband Jonas was there to give support.



Beall Fowler (left) is on hand for the ArtsQuest Foundation's Linnny Awards, named in honor of his late wife, philanthropist Marlene "Linnny" Fowler. Enjoying the dinner with him are Oclavio Pena, an artist with a studio at the ArtsQuest Banana Factory in South Bethlehem, and his friend Iboni Bernal.

action film "Hellboy," which is being filmed in Europe. He did, however, speak to the audience through video, talking about his experiences growing up in Bethlehem, which he said were sometimes painful. He credited his friends, many of whom he still is in touch with, for helping him understand the value of loyalty, community and self-worth. One of those long-time friends is Craig Larimer, who accepted the award on Kim's behalf.

The Lifetime Achievement Volunteer in the Arts Award went to Dolores Laputka for 20 years of involvement with community and arts organizations in the Lehigh Valley. She is chair of the Allentown Art Museum Board of Directors, and has served as chair of the board of directors of the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, which she helped weather the turmoil of the

past decade of international financial crises. She received a standing ovation when her award was presented. Nationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist Steve Coleman received the Lifetime Achievement Artist Award for his promotion of the musical arts through free workshops and performances in low-income areas in the United States and abroad. Recipient in 2000 of the Herb Alpert Award, he has been called "the linear heir to the instrument's greats, like Charlie Parker and John Coltrane." More recently, he received a MacArthur Fellowship, one of America's most prestigious awards.

Coleman also spoke to the attendees by video since he is on tour in Europe.

In other award categories, sculptor Emil Lukas of Stockertown, best known for his "thread paintings," was named Visual Artist of

the Year; Walt Groller, 90-year-old polka band leader and accordionist, is Performing Artist of the Year; Alexandra Pobiedzinski, director of the Lehigh Valley Dance Exchange, is Emerging Artist of the Year; painter Bria Pickel won the Student Artist Scholarship; and Richard Shemonsky, head of Parkland High Schools Visual Arts Department, was recognized as Arts Educator of the Year.

The Connexions Gallery in Easton, the oldest running gallery in the Lehigh Valley, was recognized as Small Business Supporter of the Arts for its free improvisational jazz and funk performances. Lafayette Ambassador Bank, one of the early supporters of transforming the closed Bethlehem Steel plant into an arts center, and a generous supporter of ArtsQuest, was honored as Large Business Supporter of the Arts.

The Philanthropy in the Arts Award was presented to the Harry C. Trexler Trust of Allentown for providing grants to regional bands and orchestras, public and private art schools, local theaters and arts festivals.

Martin Guitar (C.F. Martin & Co.) of Nazareth received the Excellence in Product Design award for producing what are considered to be the finest acoustic guitars in the world. Professional and amateur musicians in every musical genre play Martin Guitars, and among the most famous users have been Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Paul McCartney and Willie Nelson.



Martin Guitar, the Nazareth-based manufacturer of some of the world's most prized acoustical instruments, receives the Linnny Award for Excellence in Product Design. Dick Boak, director of the company's museum archives and special projects, plays one of the hand-crafted guitars on display during the dinner and awards ceremony.



Jane George (left), new executive director of the ArtsQuest Foundation, and Kassie Hilgert, president and CEO of ArtsQuest, are the two women who have the distinction of having followed in the footsteps of the legendary Jeff Parks. Parks started Musikfest in 1984, and went on to create and lead ArtsQuest and its SteelStacks programs until his retirement as CEO in 2015. Parks then became part-time executive director of the ArtsQuest Foundation, but announced this summer that he is stepping down from that position. George will take over full time.

'This has been a long time coming'

After a year of construction and nearly a decade of planning, the city has opened its new car park on New Street; a six-story, 626-spot tower that officials hope will help reinvigorate the neighborhood. Mayor Bob Donchez said at an afternoon gathering Nov. 29, one year after the project groundbreaking, "This has been a long time coming. The opening of this garage will change the parking dynamic in South Bethlehem, especially on the western end of the Southside." He said the partnership between the city, Lehigh University and St. Luke's University Hospital will prove an anchor for renewed interest and excitement in the area, and that the garage will ease parking congestion for visitors, shoppers, students and local employees. RIGHT: A number of city officials and project partners cut the official ribbon, including Parking Authority Board members Lynn Collins-Cunningham and Dino Cantelmi, Rep. Steve Samuelson, Parking Authority member Diana Morganelli, Lehigh University Vice President or Public Affairs Fred McGrail, Parking Authority Chairman Joe Hoffmeier, Mayor Bob Donchez, Parking Authority Executive Director Kevin Livingston, State Sen. Lisa Boscola, St. Luke's Mary Jane McKeever, and Sean Boyle of Boyle Construction.

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Brown introduces last-minute tax cut

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Executive John Brown, who leaves office at the end of the year, has said he wanted to go out on a high note. In meetings with Exec-elect Lamont McClure's transition team, he promised there would be no chicanery or last-minute budget games. But when council met on Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7) to approve its budget for next year, Brown launched a sneak attack. With no advance notice, he attempted to reduce taxes to his own budget by a mill, and without a corresponding cut in spending.

An angry Ken Kraft said that the budget Brown introduced in October, when he thought he was going to win the race, called for 11.8 mills. Now that he's lost, Kraft charged Brown wants to reduce taxes by one mill without a corresponding reduction in spending, and let McClure deal with the conse-

quences.

"You're automatically putting the next administration on their heels, where they're going to have to raise taxes," he said. "I think it's a real ***** thing to do. Underhanded. And you people are despicable for even putting it up there."

Budget Administrator Doran Hamann advised council that a one-mill reduction would translate to \$8 million in tax revenue. "Decisions would have to be made to either cut the budget by \$8 million or subsidize the budget with fund balance from the general fund, which only the County Executive can do."

Under the Home Rule Charter, council has no authority to interfere with revenue projections. Only Brown could decide to deficit spend.

Brown eventually said he would take the money from fund balance.

At this point, council Republicans began squabbling over whether to grant a half-mill or one-mill tax decrease. Seth Vaughn, Mat Benol and Glenn Geissinger voted against the decrease because they wanted a full mill. Hayden Phillips, John Cusick, Matt Dietz and Peg Ferraro voted against a full-mill tax decrease because they wanted a half-mill. Kraft and Werner, council's lone Democrats, opposed either decrease. So council ended up voting for 11.8 mills as a tax rate, the same as the past two years. The Geissinger-Vaughn-Benol trio, all of whom are leaving council, voted no.

Observers might dismiss Ken Kraft's anger because he is a Democrat who supports Lamont McClure and is on his transition team. But it's hard to ignore what Matt Dietz said. Dietz is a conservative Republican

representing the northern tier of the county.

He said he'd love to cut taxes, but two things bothered him. First, the move to reduce taxes was coming over two months after Brown introduced a budget that called for 11.8 mills. Second, while declining to name names, Dietz said that he overheard some of his Republican colleagues say that they would vote for a millage reduction "and watch the next council try to balance it. And the next administration. I think that it is poor servants of the people of Northampton County, and I'm pretty embarrassed that it was said."

Though Northampton County has a budget that holds the line on taxes, Brown had until Dec. 14 to veto the measure. He could also veto the millage rate ordinance. Council was scheduled to meet that day for its last meeting of the year. See story on Page A1.

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Board reorganizes; Faccinnetto still president

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BY HEATHER NIGRONE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem School Board welcomed a special guest at its Dec. 4 meeting. Northampton County President Judge Stephen G. Baratta was in attendance to swear in the newest members of the board.

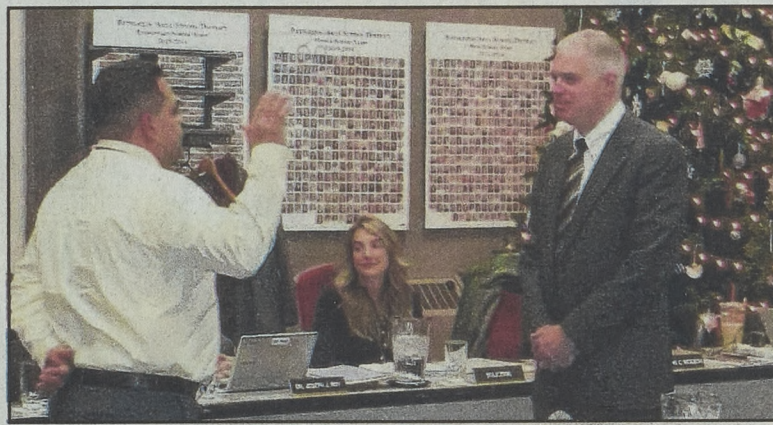
One by one, Board President Michael Faccinnetto, Director Rogelio Ortiz, Vice President Shannon Patrick and Director Angela Sinkler were called to raise their hand and take the oath. Each was asked to swear that they would perform their duties in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

After performing the oaths, Baratta watched as each director signed the required documentation and congratulated them on their position.

After the swearing in ceremony, the board appointed Director Craig Neiman as a temporary chairperson. Neiman requested nominations for the positions of president and vice president for next school year.

Patrick nominated Faccinnetto to maintain his role as president, and Sinkler nominated current Patrick to maintain her role. Each nomination was put to a verbal vote and passed unanimously.

The result of the evening is that the overall composition of the school board shall remain the same for next school year.



PRESS PHOTOS BY HEATHER NIGRONE

Northampton County President Judge Stephen G. Baratta swears in Director Rogelio Ortiz to his position with the school board.



Board Vice President Shannon Patrick smiles while reciting the oath for her position, as officiated by Northampton County President Judge Stephen G. Baratta.

VOLUNTEERS

THE CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, Easton, is seeking volunteers to walk dogs, assist with a.m. cleanings, attend off site events to promote the shelter, cat and dog enrichment and general shelter help. If interested in helping, please contact Walt Hoffman at 610-252-7722, ext. 4 or email cawvolunteercoordinator@rcn.com.

CHARTER ARTS - The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts, 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, is seeking volunteers to work in the school's box office for the 2017-18 performance season. Volunteers may choose which music, theater, dance, and theatrical ice shows they would like to work. They will receive free admission to those shows. Contact Debra Storm at 610-868-2971, ext. 3154.

FLINT HILL FARM EDUCATIONAL CENTER, Coopersburg, has a MLK Day Volunteer Opportunity available by helping with midwinter cleanup of their farm and farm animals. Contact Kathleen Fields, 610-838-2928, kathy@flint-hill-farm.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY CHILDREN'S CENTERS has volunteer opportunities for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at their Bethlehem, South Mountain, and Spring Garden Early Learning Center sites. Contact Shawn Deiter, 610-820-5333 x205, sdeiter@lvconline.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE, LCCC, Schnecksville, needs experienced business people to provide confidential business mentoring services in person and online. Contact Tracy Damiani, 610-266-3000, tracy.damiani@scorevolunteer.org.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE, Lehigh Valley - Make it a Day On, Not a Day Off. Please visit the Volunteer Center website www.volunteerlv.org for details and registration instructions.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF LEHIGH COUNTY, Allentown, needs volunteers (18+ years) to do grocery shopping for homebound seniors and adults with disabilities in an area of Lehigh County preferred by the volunteer. Contact Lindsay Fly, 610-841-7132, lfly@mealsonwheelslc.org.

NORTHEAST MINISTRY, Bethlehem, is seeking volunteers to tutor students in grades 1-12 during their After School Homework Club. Contact Paula Johnson, 610-691-3355, johnsonp@northeastministry.com.

THE LITERACY CENTER, Allentown, needs volunteers to help set up for a "Thanksgiving" type meal for about 200 neighbors surrounding St. James UCC at 15th & Walnut Sts. Contact Christine Bauder, 610-435-0680 x119, cbauder@theliteracycenter-lv.org.

THE SALVATION ARMY CHILDREN'S SERVICES, Allentown, is looking for volunteers to serve as a Child Aide to be a buddy to a foster or adopted child during the Kids Connect Club Sessions once a week on Mondays from 5:30-8pm. Contact Florence Rhue, 610-821-7706, Florence_rhue@use.salvation-army.org.

Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: vc@volunteerlv.org. Visit our website www.volunteerlv.org for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.



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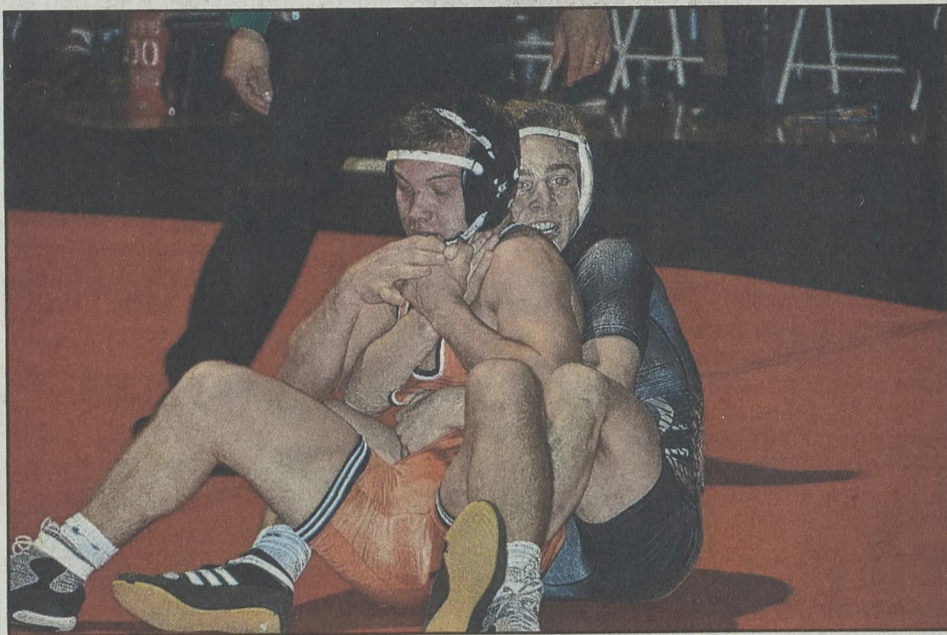
After two strong seasons in the United Soccer League with Bethlehem Steel FC, the Philadelphia Union announced the signing of forward Cory Burke on Thursday.

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Burke departs Steel FC as the club's all-time leader in goals (13), shots (103), shots on goal (40) along with two multi-goal games.

"We are pleased to sign Cory to our First Team and reward his excellent performance with Bethlehem Steel FC," said Union Sporting Director Earnie Stewart. "Cory's success is a testament to the importance of Bethlehem in developing players within our organization. Under Brendan Burke and his staff, Cory has been playing in our system for two years now. We anticipate a successful transition to the Union, and we are looking forward to seeing Cory take the next step in his career."

Burke joined Steel FC ahead of the club's inaugural season in 2016 on a yearlong loan from Jamaican side Rivoli United, where he scored 25 goals in four years with the club. In his debut season with Steel FC, Burke tallied four times in 21 appearances. He joined the team on a permanent deal ahead of the 2017 season, where he went on to score nine times, ranking second on the club. Burke added a pair of assists in each of his two seasons with Steel FC and tallied a pair of braces against Pittsburgh in 2017.

Wrestling takes center stage



PRESS PHOTO BY KEVIN HARDY

Becahi gets set to host a holiday wrestling tournament this week.

Hawks eye Tony Iasiello crown

BY PETER CAR
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The 49th Annual Tony Iasiello Memorial Christmas City Tournament will take place on December 29 and 30 at Bethlehem Catholic.

The Golden Hawks will look to maintain their dominance in the event after last year's performance saw them crown 10 champions, 13 medals and collecting 314 points for the team title to runner-up Cranford's 180.

The list of participating teams this year include Allentown Central Catholic, Anneville Cleona, Archbishop John Carroll, Athens, Bethlehem Catholic, Blair Academy (Second Varsity Team), Cranford (NJ), East Stroudsburg South, Elmer L. Meyers, Faith Christian Academy, First Colonial VA., The Hill School, Leighton, Louis E. Dieruff, Mariana Bracetti Academy, Notre Dame GP, Port Jervis (NY), Roman

Catholic, Schuylkill Valley, Scranton, Susquehanna Township and Wallenpaupack.

Wrestling begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday morning and continues straight through the day.

Friday's schedule starts at 10 a.m. as well with semifinals and consolation rounds.

Finals, third and fifth place bouts will take place at the same time.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Jason Rezac pinned his opponent in a recent match against Whitehall, as the Hurricanes get set to host a tournament.

Holiday Wrestling Classic set

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Liberty will once again host their 24th annual Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic this Thursday and Friday at Memorial Gymnasium.

Northampton came away with the team title a year ago with 184.5 points and will look to defend their crown.

Nazareth's Sammy Sasso won the Outstanding Wrestler award last year and hopes to double up on that honor in his senior finale.

Wrestling gets underway on Thursday at 8:30am for the first session and the second session begins at 6:30 p.m. with quarterfinals and two rounds of consolation.

Friday's schedule begins at 10 a.m. and goes straight through. Finals will be wrestled on two mats.

This year's field has 32 teams participating teams including: Blue Mountain, Cocalico,

Council Rock North, Council Rock South, Delaware Valley, Easton, Freedom, Garnet Valley, Hazleton, Honesdale, Huntingtown, Liberty, Nazareth, North Penn, Northampton, Northern Lebanon, Northwestern, Parkland, Pen Argyl, Phillipsburg, Pennridge, Pleasant Valley, Pottsville, Quakertown, Saucon Valley, Springfield, Tri Valley, Warwick, Whitehall, Wilson, Wilson West Lawn and Wyoming Valley West.

BASKETBALL

FHS girls get a win

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's girls' basketball team was not too concerned about handling Wilson West Lawn last Thursday night at Freedom, but as the Bulldogs took a momentary lead or two in the fourth quarter, the Patriots could do anything but relax in their 58-55 victory.

"We still thought we were going to come out with the win, but we didn't think it should have been that close,"

said Freedom guard Rachel Sanchez. "We wanted to be in control of the game, we wanted to speed them up. We knew that number two was a driver, so we were always making sure she wouldn't drive as much."

Zakiyah Winfield is the Bulldogs' number 2, but there was also number 33 to worry about, Olivia Moyer.

Still, the Patriots seemed to maintain a solid six-point lead for the first three quarters,

although the fourth was a different story.

"Our role was to get rebounds. Offensive rebounds would definitely help us win the game, boxing out, and getting quick buckets," said Freedom forward Jennifer Kokolus, regarding herself and Carissa Norder.

In addition to rebounds, Norder scored twice in the third quarter.

"Coach is on me a lot about rebounding," Norder said. **GIRLS** on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY JERRY

Becahi lineman Elias Marte (right) made first team all-state in last week's announcement.

PIAA all-state football teams announced

BY PETER CAR
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The Pennsylvania Football Writers announced the all-state football teams for all six classifications last week, with several locals getting recognition for their play this season.

Parkland running back Jahan Worth and wide receivers Jahan Dotson (Nazareth) and Jakob Herres (Easton) earned 6A nods.

Whitehall wide receiver Dez Boykin was named to the 5A squad, while Bethlehem Catholic offensive lineman Elias Marte earned a 4A nod.

Worth was a bulldozing running back for the Trojans, rushing for 1,456 yards and 31 touchdowns. He also was the EPC South Defensive MVP, registering 112 tackles and four sacks at the linebacker position.

Dotson was arguably the best wide receiver in the state, hauling in 62 balls for 889 yards and 15 TD's. He also ran for 100 yards and a score and threw for 180 yards and three touchdowns. He'll be heading to Penn State after Chip Kelly took over at UCLA, where he had previously committed.

Herres was a matchup nightmare for opposing teams, posting 67 catches for 1,230 yards and 14 TD's. He also had 35 tackles and two interceptions as a defensive back for the Rovers.

Whitehall wide receiver Dez Boykin earned his second straight all-state honor in 5A, while Southern Lehigh defensive lineman Mike Sisselberger joined him on the list.

Boykin recorded 64 catches for 1,021 yards and 12 touchdowns this season.

Marte was a first team EPC South selection on the line and is the lone junior of the aforementioned group. Kralik was a first team Colonial League selection, compiling 119 tackles, 24 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, three quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and one recovered fumble.

In 3A, Notre Dame's Cole DeFranco made the team at quarterback and Leighton's TaQuan Bradley-Chambers was named as a running back. Fellow Indian teammates, offensive lineman Nolan Wentz and Cody Scherer (quarterback/athlete) also made the team.

DeFranco threw for 3,424 yards and 31 touchdowns, while Bradley-Chambers had an impressive year, running for 2,255 yards and 22 touchdowns. Scherer threw for 1,438 yards, but ran for 1,584 yards and 24 TD's.

Palisades' running back Jared Colletti also earned an all-state nod as an athlete.

Jim Thorpe's Dylan Dailey and Palisades' Drew Nickles were named as defensive linemen to round out a robust 3A list for the Lehigh Valley.

Palmerton defensive lineman Kyle Kralik was named to the 2A squad.

- CLASS 6A**
Quarterback
Phil Jurkovec, Pine-Richland - 6-5, 215 senior
Joe Fagnano, Williamsport - 6-3, 195 junior
Luke Emge, Manheim Twp. - 6-1, 205 senior
Hollis Mathis, Penn Hills - 6-2, 170 junior
Ricky Ortega, Coatesville - 6-0, 190 sophomore
- Running Back
Ryan Obiso, Delaware Valley - 5-9, 176 senior
Iggy Reynoso, Wilson-West Lawn - 5-11, 215 senior
Aaron Young, Coatesville - 5-11, 190 junior
Jahan Worth, Parkland - 6-0, 230 senior
Nyzair Smith, Dallastown - 5-10, 175 junior
- Wide Receiver
Aidan Cain, Mt. Lebanon - 6-0, 170 senior
Brandon Clark, State College - 6-5, 200 senior
Dapree Bryant, Coatesville - 5-8, 175 senior
Jason DeFrancis, Pine-Richland - 5-9, 170 senior
Jakob Herres, Easton - 6-5, 200 senior
- Tight End
Ethen Stryker, Williamsport - 6-5, 230 senior
- Offensive Linemen
Kurt Danneker, Williamsport - 6-4, 325 senior
Matt Rosso, Pennsylvania - 6-6, 270 senior
Andrew Kristofic, Pine-Richland - 6-6, 260 junior
Jake Kradel, Butler - 6-4, 285 senior
Robert Nachtmann, State College - 6-3, 300 senior
- Athlete
Jahan Dotson, Nazareth - 6-0, 170 senior
Sparky Wolk, Hazleton Area - 5-10, 175 junior
- Specialists
Ethan Van Buskirk, Central Dauphin - 6-0, 190 senior
Evan Pritchard, Landisville Hempfield - 6-2, 203 senior
- Defensive Linemen
James Gmitter, Bethel Park - 6-4, 310 senior
Garrett Zobel, La Salle College HS - 6-3, 285 senior
David Green, Pittsburgh Central Catholic - 6-2, 265 senior
Jackson Heasley, State College - 6-2, 245 senior
Ryan Bryce, St. Joseph's Prep - 6-4, 285 senior
Jerome Henderson, Erie High - 6-6, 230 junior

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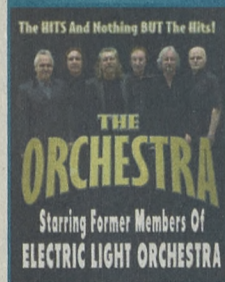
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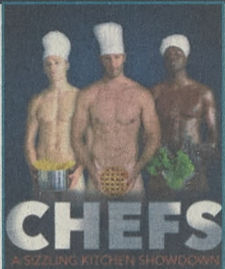
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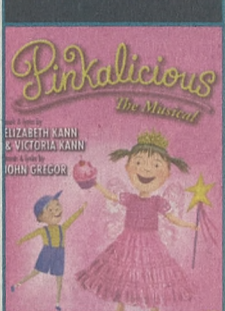
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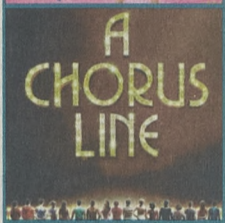
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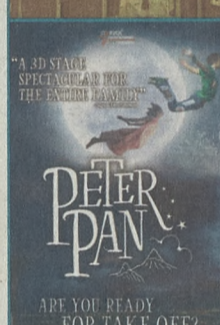
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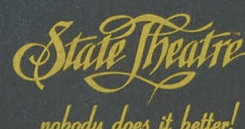


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ALLENTOWN

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Allentown Public Library, 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown, is selling an appetizing cookbook called "What's Cooking at the Library: 100 Years of Good Taste."

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This spiral-bound cookbook contains 344 recipes contributed by more than 30 library employees and families.

The book contains an eclectic mix of handed-down family recipes and modern dishes.

There are tried-and-true favorites, including German Potato Salad, Chicken Divan, Pork Barbecue and Moravian Sugar Cake.

Copies are available at the library's circulation desk, before Dec. 28, with all proceeds benefiting the library.

For more information about the cookbook, call the library at 610-820-2400.

AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY

Nativity sets on display

BY MARK KERLIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Dozens of nativity sets were on display at Church of the Manger UCC Dec. 10. A total of 37 sets were included in the display from the congregations of Church of the Manger UCC, St. Jude Old Catholic Church and Metropolitan Community Church. The display was a diverse showing of sets of all shapes and sizes, new and old, elaborate and simple. The event was organized by Peggy and Dennis Crim, who are members of Church of the Manger UCC, which is located at 401 Greenview Drive.



Peggy and Dennis Crim organize the display and are very pleased with the overall participation in the event.



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McNeill wins special election

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votes. Republican David E. Molony received 992 votes. Libertarian Samantha X. Dorney received 120 votes. These are unofficial results according to Lehigh County.

BRIEFLY

CORONER'S OFFICE

Audrey Penn investigation concludes

The Lehigh County Coroner's Office and Forensics Center issued the following statement Dec. 8 regarding the Audrey Penn investigation. "On Sunday, September 17, 2017, the Lehigh County Coroner's Office, the Pennsylvania State Police, Fogelsville barracks and the Salisbury Township Police Department initiated an investigation into a body being discovered in a drainage swale, at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Kressler Road, in Lower Macungie Township. Deputy Coroner Jack Fliter pronounced the individual dead 3:44 p.m. "The unidentified female was positively identified, through dental records, on Monday,

September 18, 2017, as Ms. Audrey Penn." The coroner's office stated an autopsy was performed Sept. 19 to determine the exact cause of death. At that time, the cause and manner of death were pending further forensic tests and investigation.

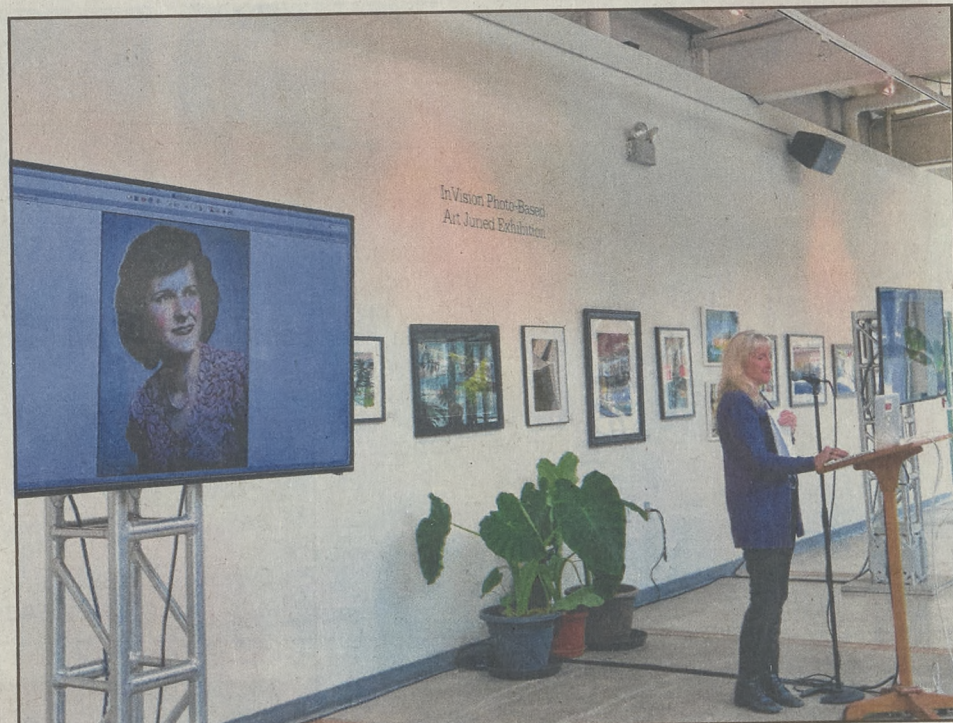
"Ms. Penn was reported missing from the Woodland Terrace at Oaks Senior Living Community, 1263 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Salisbury Township, on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, sometime in the early morning hours. Her remains were recovered at the Hamilton Boulevard location, which was located approximately two miles from the Woodland Terrace facility.

"Due to the advanced stages of decomposition, an exact cause and manner of death could not be determined; however, there was no evidence of trauma or foul play."



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ANTHONY

Four-time Pulitzer Prize winner Carol Guzy gives a presentation at InVision photo festival held at the Banana Factory recently. She was emotionally moved to tears while showing a retrospective of her work in her hometown of Bethlehem. Carol said she was honored by a standing ovation after her photo presentation, and was humbled and deeply touched.



Carol pays tribute to her mother, Julia Mulzet. Her uncle Joe Mulzet had a photo studio on Broadway most of his life and hand-tinted black and white portraits that are now cherished works of art and memories of her mother and sister Joan Kozauer, who both passed away from Alzheimer's a few years ago. Guzy took leave to care for her family.

Banana Factory hosts Guzy event



Carol gets a warm hug from a former junior high school classmate, Patricia Wilkins-Watson, prior to her presentation.

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BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC

By Marisa Linsky

A team above all

If 'Big Dawgs Gotta Eat,' according to the Bethlehem Catholic HS football team, then the Golden Hawks certainly had a feast this past season. With a final record of 12-3, a 4A District Gold, and a spot in the state semifinals, the Hawks soared to the top of the EPC South District XI 4A Division. The team had a tough loss to Imhotep Charter in the state semifinals which ended its season just short of the state championship in Hershey.



Linsky

Head Coach Joe Henrich shared the secrets to an incredible season by the Golden Hawks.

"The success of this team was a combination of the physical and mental work the players put into the game. The guys are always out there working hard and pushing each other. There was a genuine care for the team all around."

"When it comes to the actual games, you have to want it. When it's week 13 or 14 and you're playing and it's cold and it's dark, that's when you have to enjoy and embrace what you're living."

The Golden Hawks had a few setbacks this season with injuries to many of the starting players. Coach Henrich said the players had a great response to these obstacles.

"There's definitely a chemistry within this team," Henrich said. "The players just had this willingness to step up and fill the shoes when it was needed. If someone was hurt, another guy stepped in and rose to the challenge. And for the injured players, they were always supporting and lifting up their teammates. This team definitely learned to split the load and be unselfish, and that's huge."

The Golden Hawks are graduating 14 seniors, 11 of them starters. When asked one word to describe this year's seniors, Henrich immediately said, "resilient."

"This group of seniors had to deal with a lot with the change

of coaching staff these last few years."

Henrich took a step back from the team last season in order to take care of family responsibilities, and Kyle Haas coached the team for the 2016 season, with Henrich returning for the 2017 season.

"It was hard for them during that transition, but they pushed through. They really had a commitment to each other and to the program, and when you go through something as difficult as that, you come out stronger, both as an individual and as a team."

Asked about goals for next year, Henrich responded: "Over my past seven years, coaching the team, our goals haven't necessarily changed. Of course there's that drive to win the Christmas City Tournament, or beat Liberty, or win the Homecoming game, or beat Central Catholic, but overall our goals are like a ladder."

"We just keep trying to go higher and higher until we reach that pinnacle. Every year is a new challenge in itself; our goal is to meet that challenge head on and develop the skills as a team. The goal is to pave the path and get where we want to be."

It is no doubt that the Becahi football team had a season to be proud of. Players, coaches, students and fans alike are all looking forward to what the upcoming seasons have in store for the Golden Hawks.



Instructors for the Automotive Technology program are Jeff Cantrel and Michael Lemke.

Vo-Tech celebrates automotive student achievement

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Three teams consisting of a total of six students competed recently in Universal Technical Institutes Top Technician Challenge. There were 100 teams in the competition from a large area including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

The competition consisted of a written test and the top 20 team scores on the written test advanced to the hands-on portion of the competition. The hands-on portion consisted of five workstations: Electrical Troubleshooting, Engine inspection & overhaul, Parts and tool identification, Brake inspection and diagnosis, and check engine light diagnosis and repair.

BAVTS students were



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Billy Lasko and Josh Adams hold their trophy.

represented well, with two of the three teams advancing to the hands-on portion of the competition, and one of those teams took the gold.

The Gold Team was comprised of Josh Adams and Billy Lasko, both seniors at Freedom High School, who took first place in the competition. In doing so they won 100 percent scholarships to Universal Technical Institute (\$40,000 in value) and roughly \$4,000 in Snap-on tools, including a tool box.

Scoring in the top 20 were Brian Herstine, Northampton, 11 and Brandon Bradfield, Liberty, 12 and the third team was Andrew Jones of Saucon Valley, 12 and Dylan Lavenburg, Northampton, 11.

Julia Roman

Freedom HS

Grade: 12

Family members: Donna (mother), Jack (father), and Alaina (sister)

Favorite subject: My favorite subject is science or engineering because of the informative and challenging labs.

Activities: Girls varsity volleyball captain, varsity softball captain, member of the Scholastic Scrimmage team, member of National Honors Society, member of Homecoming committee, engineering club member, and peer tutor

Next steps: I plan to attend Drexel University while playing softball and majoring in biomedical engineering.

Career goals: In the future, I hope to hold a career as a biomedical engineer.

Heroes: My heroes are my parents for all the sacrifices they have made for me and for their immense love and support. Both of my parents act as great role models for me in their careers and in their past achievements in athletics and academics, and they always push me to be the best I can be.

Hobbies: I enjoy playing both softball and volleyball.

Current job: Though I do not currently have a job, I have previously worked as a peer tutor for younger students at my high school.

Volunteer/community work: For the past 4 years, I have volunteered within my sport and my career pathway; I have helped out at numerous softball and volleyball camps



Julia Roman

with younger players, and I have also helped out at engineering summer camps to teach kids about the STEM field.

Likes: I enjoy attending sporting events, especially wrestling. Also, I enjoy spending time with my friends.

Dislikes: My main dislike is procrastination; I can't stand when people (sometimes I am included in this) wait until the last minute to complete work.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest achievement thus far is definitely being named to the Pennsylvania softball all-state first team. A close second would be being selected as Pennsylvania volleyball academic all-state for the past two years.

Advice for peers: The best advice I could give to peers is to always work hard and to never give up on your dreams.

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

PPL's safety detectives entertain and teach at St. Anne

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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PPL and the National Theatre for Children tour schools each year with laugh-filled shows called "Safety Detectives," which follow silly and rambunctious characters through a series of home safety lessons regarding electricity. Local schools this year included St. Anne, Clearview, Moravian Academt, Saucon Valley and others. PPL Regional Affairs Director Carol Obando-Derstine said the company is focused on improving safety for both its employees and customers. "Sponsoring these performances builds on our existing electrical safety efforts for the public," she said, many of which are available for free on the company's website at PPLelectric/safety.



St. Anne ES students call back to the safety detectives' questions, "Open your eyes, be safety wise!"



National Theatre for Children actors Ashley Chesler of Charlotte, NC and Jordan Leggett of Slidell, La. speed through a number of costumes and an array of voices in their portrayals of safety detectives and citizens in need of safety tips. The two spent three weeks touring with the show across Pennsylvania. "I love theater for young audiences and exploring it in an academic way," Chesler said.

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Kindergarten students Hayden Eckert, left, and Ousepp Edathil enjoy the guest actors' antics and silly costumes.

PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

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HANUKKAH COOK-OFF



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Stephanie Bennett of Allentown, **Sara Ritter** of South Whitehall, **Holly Hebron** of Allentown, **Terrence Baker** of Allentown, and **Rebecca Wagner** of Allentown, members of the team "Jews by Association," put a lot of love into cooking their latkes at the Jewish Community Center of Allentown's Latke-Vodka Hanukkah Cook-off Dec. 14. Five teams competed to see whose latke was supreme at the cook-off.



Beth Kushnick of Allentown, **Debi Wiener** of South Whitehall, **Lauren Rabin** of Allentown, **Ilene Ringold** of Allentown, and **Kira Bub** of South Whitehall, members of the team "A Bad Mom's Hanukkah," celebrate after preparing several latkes at the cook-off.

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12TH ANNUAL **ABES** SALUTE LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

Theater continues to draw crowds, entertain audiences



By Paul Willistein
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With so many platforms competing for your time and dollar, the depth, range and success of the platform that is Lehigh Valley stage is rather remarkable.

Yes, theater is live and well and entertaining in the Lehigh Valley.

In its 90th year, Civic Theatre of Allentown continues its "The Next Act" capital campaign. For its 26th season, The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival set new attendance records. Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre filled its venues for its 37th season. In its 90th year, national touring theater productions and other shows filled the State Theatre Center for the Arts. Children's theater and stage shows drew crowds to the 118-year-old Miller Symphony Hall. Pennsylvania Playhouse noted its 52nd season. Touchstone Theatre is in its 36th season. Munoco was back for its 90th season. Further afield, Bucks County Playhouse continued its mix of new plays and classics in its 78th year.

Area thespian endeavors include Northampton Community College's new summer theater, Crowded Kitchen Players, Sing for America, Global ImpActors Group, Star of the Day Productions, Stagmakers Youth Theater at the JCC of Allentown, Players of the Stage, and Pennsylvania Youth Theatre.

Add to this, theater department productions at Moravian College, Cedar Crest College, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, DeSales University and Muhlenberg College. And don't forget musicals vying for Freddy Awards each spring, and fall plays at Lehigh Valley high schools.

The Focus section in Lehigh Valley Press did its part to set the stage with preview articles of area productions and the annual "High School Musicals" series about Freddy-eligible high school shows.

In 2017, the Focus section of the Press print editions and web sites published reviews of 35 area community and professional stage shows. That's down from 39 theater reviews in 2016, 38 reviews in 2015 and up from 31 reviews in 2014.

By reviewer, the 2017 theater review tally is: Makenna Masenheimer, 1; Ellen Wilson, 1; Ed Courrier, 1; Luke Muench, 3; Carole Gorney, 17, and Paul Willistein, 12.

Based on Lehigh Valley plays that I reviewed in 2017, with input from Carole Gorney, here are the 12th annual ABES,

as in Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Awards. The synopses are edited versions of published Focus theater reviews.

Regional Community Theater

Producer: Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Phase Two of Civic Theatre of Allentown's "The Next Act: Setting the Stage for the Future" Capital Campaign, which is raising funds to renovate and restore the ticket area, lobby, auditorium, wall frescoes, ceiling dome, stage, backstage, and access of Nineteenth Street Theatre, is to begin in January 2018. Civic will present its shows, starting with "Rock of Ages," Feb. 9-25, at Cedar Crest College Alumnae Hall Auditorium. The ceremonial kickoff of the \$5.5-million campaign was April 27 at Civic. Phase One, which began May 1 and was to conclude in December, included heating (replacing a 1927 boiler), ventilation and air-conditioning, and safety upgrades. Civic is to receive a \$2-million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant, secured by State Sen. Patrick M. Browne (R-16) for the renovation if the theater raises \$2.5 million. Civic's 90th anniversary gala Oct. 27 at NB Center Of Automotive Heritage, Allentown, was attended by 180 at the sold-out event. Movie and television star Christine Taylor, who got her start at Civic, is Capital Campaign celebrity chair. Celebrity committee members include Civic show veterans who've gone on to television and motion picture careers, including Dane DeHaan and Daniel Roebuck.

Musical: "Sister Act," Pennsylvania Playhouse.

A convert from the hit 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg, the musical stage version of "Sister Act" showcases music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Glenn Slater and book by Cheri and Bill Steinkellner. Director Chip Rohrbach assembled a well-balanced and talented cast of singer-actors, somewhat of a miracle given that he had to cast 26 performers, most of whom not only have to sing and dance, but also play multiple roles. Music director Jennifer Palmero successfully overcame the monumental challenges of conducting an eight-member orchestra off-stage, and guiding the singers and dancers through 18 musical numbers.

Original Musical: None given.

Actress, Musical: Vicki Montesano (Mother Superior), "Sister Act," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Vicki Montesano, as Mother Superior, has a demeanor as the controlled, yet frustrated top nun, that is in perfect sync. Despite her practiced calm exterior and



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
 ABOVE: Phase Two of Civic Theatre of Allentown's "The Next Act: Setting the Stage for the Future" Capital Campaign, which is raising funds to renovate and restore the Nineteenth Street Theatre, begins in January 2018. Civic will present its shows at Cedar Crest College Alumnae Hall Auditorium. The ceremonial kickoff of the \$5.5-million campaign was April 27 at Civic.

LEFT: Crowded Kitchen Players' Lehigh Valley debut of "Act One" at the Charles A. Brown IceHouse, Bethlehem, featured playwright Moss Hart at three different ages, from left, Ryan MacNamara (Moss), Brian Wendt (Hart) and Ethan Silver (Mossy).

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measured vocal delivery, she is still able to project a discernible yet subtle intensity of feelings. Her encounters with Deloris Van Cartier (Krystle Tate) are some of the best scenes in the show, and her comic zingers, delivered with a straight face, are classic.

Actor, Musical: Will Morris (Archibald Craven), "The Secret Garden," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Will Morris, as hunchbacked uncle Archibald Craven, along with his domineering brother Neville (Brian Rock), are powerful performers who sing with impressive vocal color and vibrancy. Morris as the tortured widower is heart-wrenching in his first act solo, "A Bit of Earth." Morris and Rock duet in the explosive "Lily's Eyes."

Ensemble, Musical: "9 to 5," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Nina Elias (Judy) really tops herself with her remarkable voice in her final solo, "Get Out and Stay Out." Jan Labellarte (Violet) gives the strongest, most polished performance. Kathleen Oswalt (Doralee) looks, talks and sings suspiciously like country singer Dolly Parton, who played the

role in the 1980 movie, and wrote the music and lyrics for the musical that opened on Broadway in 2008. Oswalt kept us believing in her character from opening scene until curtain call: no small accomplishment. As a trio, the three women were at their best in the hospital scene, which was crazy, energetic and very funny.

Director, Musical: William Sanders, "The Secret Garden," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

William Sanders, Civic Artistic Director, assembled an exceptionally well-balanced ensemble of 22 superb singer-actors who do infinite justice to Marsha Norman's Tony Award-winning book, based on the 1911 novel of the same name, and Lucy Simon's operatic-style musical score.

Choreography, Musical: Joey Schubert, "Sister Act," Pennsylvania Playhouse.

Director Chip Rohrbach manages to effectively block all the bodies on the thrust stage and, along with choreographer Joey Schubert, guide them through a multitude of musical numbers, including two dozen "celibate nuns out there shaking their buns" and imitating a Rockettes' chorus line.

Play: "Angels In America," Parts 1 and 2, Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Civic Theatre Artistic Director William Sanders directed the award-winning play, highlighted by superb acting, brilliant staging and a masterful script. "Part 1: The Millennium Approaches" is set in 1985 when Ronald Reagan was in his second term as president. While the world is experiencing an historic surge in population, ironically, AIDS is on its way to killing more than 35 million. "Angels" is a sobering and often sardonic examination of a society still riddled with homophobia, and bigotry toward Blacks and Jews, despite its protestations of freedom and equality for all. Beyond that, the play has moments of sincere tenderness, humor and a profound understanding of the human condition. Written in two parts by politically-outspoken playwright Tony Kushner, "Angels in America" received a Pulitzer Prize in 1993, along with a Tony Award. "Part 2: Perestroika" is subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes." Civic's cast of eight actors, many of whom had long monologues that never

lost their intensity and impact, had to deal with difficult story lines and portrayals on stage.

Original Play: "Pints, Pounds and Pilgrims," Crowded Kitchen Players.

The Celtic farce, written and directed by Crowded Kitchen Players' Artistic Director Ara Barlieb, is actually two plays within a play, with a cast of kooky characters who romp through their various scenes with gusto. Chief among these is David Oswald as American director Benjamin Fools-cap.

Actress, Play: Julie Valenzuela, "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

The Ghost of Christmas Present, played by Julie Valenzuela, is a dynamic delight. She makes a raucous entrance after playing the theater's organ, then romps around the stage, spreading good cheer. The contrast is chilling when she reveals, hidden behind her jolly exterior, the children of Want and Ignorance.

Actor, Play: Barry Glassman, "Angels in America: Part 1," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Barry Glassman was riveting as the real-life See **ABES** on Page B2



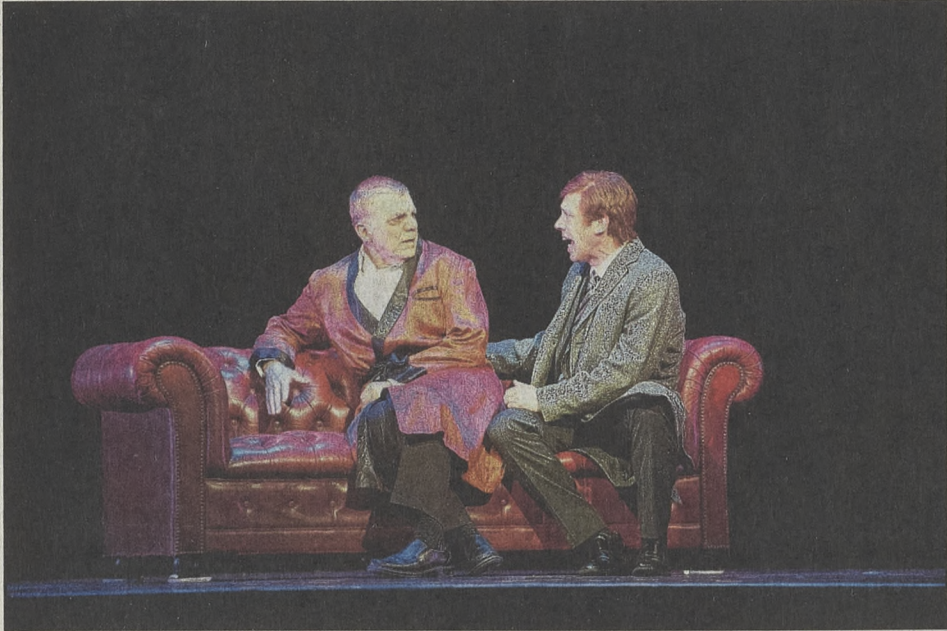
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From left: Barry Glassman (Roy Cohn), Jason Roth (Joe Pitt), "Angels in America," Civic Theatre of Allentown.



Julie Valenzuela (The Ghost of Christmas Present), left, and Jeffrey Jones (Ebenezer Scrooge), right, "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

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From left: Ian Higgins (Colin Craven), Gabrielle Vecciarelli (Mary Lennox), "The Secret Garden," Civic Theatre of Allentown.



From left: Kathleen Oswalt (Doralee), Jan Labellarte (Violet), Nina Elias (Judy), "9 to 5," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

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lawyer Roy Cohn, who served as chief counsel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy during the Communist witch-hunt days, and in the play, takes credit for

getting Ethel Rosenberg executed. Cohn dies of AIDS-related causes, but stays in denial until the end, telling people and himself that he has cancer. Glassman, in reprising the Cohn role from 1997, thoroughly captured his character's bravado and gritty defiance.

Ensemble, Play: "Act One," Crowded Kitchen Players. "Act One" is an illuminating look into the struggles of Moss Hart, one of Broadway's finest playwrights, as well as a glimpse into the inner workings of

Broadway theater during the Roaring 20s and beyond. The CK Players deserve credit for accepting the many challenges the script presents, and giving it a very enjoyable life once again on stage. It wasn't until 2014 that James Lapine's Tony-nominated stage adaptation premiered on Broadway. The CK Players staged their own noteworthy Lehigh Valley premiere of "Act One" at the Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem. The play is not for the faint-hearted director, cast or crew. Producer-Director Ara Barlieb did a remarkable job of overcoming the myriad of set, cast and costume challenges that call for 59 scene changes, 51 separate roles and a flurry of costume changes required because all the characters are played by only 14 actors. Ryan MacNamara is marvelous as Moss in his teens and early adult years. Brian Wendt gives credibility to his portrayal of Hart as the adult and acclaimed playwright. Mossy, who is Hart as a boy, and his brother Bernie Hart, are played by Ethan Silver, a very spirited and personable young actor. Trish Cipoletti is Hart's feisty

Aunt Kate. The remaining list of 47 characters is full of the names of luminaries of the 1920s and early '30s who met Hart along the way or in some way influenced his career, names such as writer and critic Dorothy Parker, actor and humorist Robert Benchley, writer Edna Ferber, and commentator Alexander Wolcott. Topping them all is George S. Kaufman (David Oswald), the great collaborator who worked with Hart in writing many of his hits, such as the Pulitzer-prize-winner "You Can't Take It With You." **Director, Play:** George Miller, "12ness," Crowded Kitchen Players. "12ness" tells the story of the apparently little-known and unlikely friendship between American songwriter George Gershwin and avant-garde composer Arnold Schoenberg. The play's title is derived from Schoenberg's 12-tone compositional technique that uses 12 notes of the chromatic scale. The Crowded Kitchen Players production of the comedy-drama, written by Charlie Barnett and directed by George B. Miller, with assistant director Kate Scuffle, was

given its world premiere as part of the "IceHouse Tonight Series" at the Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem. Miller directs the cast self-assuredly, specifically and deftly, not unlike a skilled coach who ups the game of all the players. Miller employs some neat stage craft, such as a cinematic freeze-frame during double dialogue scenes between Gertrud Schoenberg and George Gershwin and Ginger Rogers and Arnold Schoenberg. The audience moves from the large theater area downstairs at the IceHouse for tennis court scenes to the intimate upstairs theater area for the Schoenberg dining room scene. **Costume Design:** Will Morris, "9 to 5," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Costume Designer Will Morris did an impressive job of dressing the cast members and ensemble not once, but several times, in work and street clothes, tuxedos, Western gear and animal costumes. The colors of the costumes, at least of the lead characters, mirrored the purple, pink, yellow, lime green and beige of the set panels. **Scenic Design:** Mi-See **ABES** on Page B3

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Crowded Kitchen Players' world debut of "12ness," from left, Robert Salsburg (Arnold Schoenberg), Syd Stauffer (Gertrud Schoenberg), Stephanie Gawlas Walsh (Ginger Rogers) and Ryan MacNamara (George Gershwin).



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"Sister Act," Pennsylvania Playhouse

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Michael Lewis, "The Secret Garden," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Michael Lewis' scenic design incorporates nearly 20 scene changes, which he manages skillfully through clever devices, such as hanging a huge painting of Victorian dancing couples behind the actors to establish a ballroom. To create the illusion of an English manor house, Lewis places lighted window panels at each end of the stage to mimic an exterior view of the building, and in some interior scenes, incorporates an over-sized model of the house into the back wall.

Lighting Design: Will Morris, "9 to 5," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Will Morris deserves mention for his lighting design that solved the problem of instantly switching from

the real world to the various characters' worlds of murderous fantasy. Scene locations projected onto the set's back facade (Hart's Office, Judy's Joint) was a brainstorm.

Sound Design: Helena Confer, "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Ghostly sounds, threatening sounds of nature and soothing Christmas carols are in the mix of this successful annual production.

Tim Roche Memorial Award "Meanwhile ... " Award: "The SantaLand Diaries," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Will Morris directs Jarrod Yuskauskas, playing David-Crumper, in the one-man show, "The SantaLand Diaries." Author David Sedaris' tome is about the time he worked as an elf in Santaland at Macy's New York City store. The stage adaptation is by Joe Mantello. The satiric look at the Santa season made

merry with all who saw it.

Regional Professional Theater

Producer: Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF), Patrick Mulcahy, Artistic Director; Dennis Razze, Associate Artistic Director. With nearly 150 performances in just under 10 weeks, the PSF season concluded with landmark attendance records, ticket revenues exceeding \$1.2 million, an 8 percent increase in subscription sales with 2,634 subscribers, the largest number in the Festival's history, and a main-stage production playing to 103 percent capacity. Prior to the 2017 season opening, PSF made The New York Times 2017 annual list of the Top 15 summer theater festivals, sharing the ranking with the Stratford Festival, and the Oregon and Colorado Shakespeare Festivals. PSF's

150 performances of seven productions featured 33 professional Equity actors as part of a seasonal company of more than 400 artists and artisans, staff and volunteers, from 25 states. "Evita" opened the season on the Main Stage playing to 103 percent capacity and its 22 performances brought in more than 10,760 patrons, making this PSF's highest-attended production in its 26-year history. Nearly 200 standing-room tickets were sold, double the number of standing-room tickets sold for the previous record holder, "Les Misérables" (2015). "The Hound of the Baskervilles" had a sold-out run and set a record for the highest-attended production in the 187-seat Schubert Theatre, playing to 98 percent capacity for a total audience of 5,106. "Ken Ludwig's The Three Musketeers" and Shakespeare's "As You Like It" played to more than 9,500 patrons, 1 per-

cent away from setting an all-time repertory attendance record. "Troilus and Cressida" played to 89 percent capacity and to several sold-out houses. PSF's two children's productions, "The Ice Princess" and "Shakespeare for Kids," played to approximately 9,000. PSF's annual fund-raiser the "Luminosity Gala" raised more than \$110,000 to fund its artistic and educational programming.

Director, Musical: Dennis Razze, "Evita," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. PSF's production of the musical by Tim Rice (lyrics) and Andrew Lloyd Webber (music) that received eight Tony Awards in 1980 is world-class in every theatrical sense, from casting, to vocal, acting and instrumental performance, to choreography, to costumes, to staging, to lighting. You are transported to Argentina, circa 1934-1952, by a compelling tango of political entan-

glement. PSF's opening season musicals directed by Razze are always phenomenal.

Musical: "Evita," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Enough praise cannot be garnered for PSF's "Evita," truly a ground-breaking production for the PSF and those fortunate enough to be in the audience during the sold-out run. PSF does musical theater proud, and big, starting with a cast of 40, with everyone on point on stage, totally committed in their every gesture, dance step and vocals. It continues with a 15-piece orchestra, conducted by Nathan Diehl that crackles with percussion, brass and strings in a distinctive Latin flavor (with revised charts from the 2012 "Evita" Broadway revival, as noted by Razze).

Original Musical: None given.

Choreography, Mu-

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sical: "Hair," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. The large, young cast of 24, directed with reverence, understanding and sensitivity by James Peck, is exuberant, sounds excellent in ensemble singing, with music direction by Ed Bara, backed by a nine-piece orchestra conducted by Vince Di Mura, and is energetic in the nearly-nonstop choreography by Samuel Antonio Reyes that blends the frug, the pony, the swim, shag, and go-go.

Actress, Musical: Dee Roscioli (Eva Peron), "Evita." A spectacular turn by Dee Roscioli, who has the uncanny ability on stage to truly become any character she plays. First of all, there's the voice. Roscioli has a range from a whisper to full-throat that puts the notes into orbit. This is evidenced in every song she sings in "Evita," but especially in the contrast between her jaw-dropping rendition of "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" in the famous Casa Rosada balcony scene, and then in the finale, which becomes a bittersweet lament, a plea for forgiveness, understanding and love. Roscioli conveys the triumph and the sorrow of Eva Peron. Roscioli's Eva is at once strong and conniving and vulnerable and needy. Roscioli plays the role with a sensitivity, strength and dignity that befits what we know of the historic Eva Peron. Roscioli is remarkable.

Actor, Musical: John Dewey (Buddy Holly), "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," Bucks County Playhouse. The exuberant, infectious, toe-tapping musical renders some 10 of Holly's songs in the first act and some 11 of Holly's songs in the second act by a tight-knit outfit that will have you doing double-takes, especially for Buddy Holly, played with beaming authenticity by John Dewey, reprising his Bucks' role. Dewey not only has the Holly "hiccup" singing down, he has the stance, and he wears the black thick-frame glasses well. Director Hunter Foster keeps the musical moving at a brisk pace. Music director is Paul Masse. Sound designer is Matthew Given.

Ensemble, Musical: "Hair," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre: "Hair" is an amalgam of pop, folk-rock songs (some 24 in the first act and 14 in the second act, many mostly snippets (Gerome Ragni, James Rado, lyrics; Galt MacDermot, music). Bree Ogaldes (Ronny), lead vocalist, and the "Tribe" (the ensemble) is astounding in the opening, well-known "Aquarius." Cameron Silliman (Sheila) makes "Easy To Be Hard," her own, with an expressive, heart-rending rendition. Silliman and the ensemble head the show toward a big close with "Good Morning Starshine." At the center of what little story there is in "Hair" (Gerome Ragni, James Rado, book) is Alan Mendez (Claude), who, along with Gabe Martinez (Berger) and the cast, sings the emblematic title song, "Hair," with hair-waving, hip-shaking



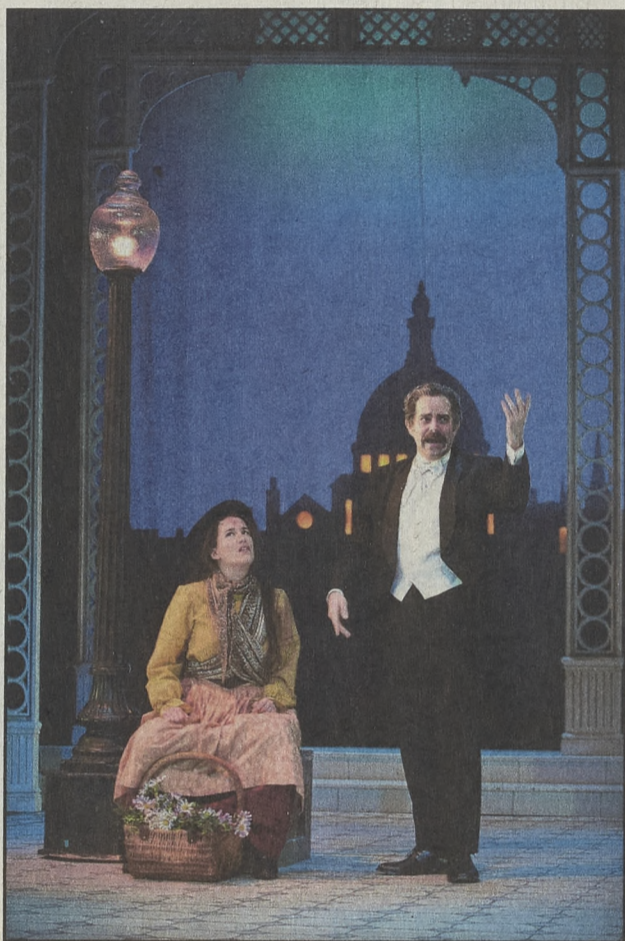
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"Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre.

and arm-raising abandon. Felice Amsellem (Dionne) and the Tribe present a rousing conclusion with "Let The Sun Shine In."

Play: "As You Like It," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. In the reimagining of William Shakespeare's play, the music's the thing. "As You Like It" Director Matt Pfeiffer keeps the pace fast, the acting loose (delightful audience asides), with a respect for the text, and an innate understanding of the spirit of Shakespeare that makes this one of the best PSF Shakespeare productions ever. There's yet another character in "As You Like It": the music by Composer, Music Director and Sound Designer Alex Bechtel, who put the words of Shakespeare ("Under The Greenwood Tree," etc.) to wonderful music played by the ensemble, and wrote the words and music for the concluding song, which deserves a life beyond the PSF show. Marnie Schulenburg, gracious as Rosalind in a gorgeous turquoise velvet gown with huge midnight-blue draped bow by Costume Designer Devon Painter, and then, disguised as Ganymede in young man's attire, creates a charming, cap-wearing Chaplinesque character, replete with mustache. Totally besmirched by Rosalind is Orlando (Zack Robidas, as might he would: he and Schulenburg are husband and wife). Robidas plays the role modestly, with the humility of a farm boy, who has a touch of the poetical, and is given to posting his tributes to fair Rosalind on the trees of Arden (an early version of a chap book, facebook and Snapchat). In the forest of love, you can't tell the poems for the trees. Touchstone (who has some of the best laugh lines) is the grand fool-bah, as personified in a hilarious turn by Dan Hodge, limbs akimbo, rubbery-face and fleet of foot. As Jaques, Ian Merrill Peakes commands the stage with sure-footed stance, eye-piercing gaze and theater-filling voice, especially in the "Seven Ages Of Man" (aka "All the world's a stage") speech. Peakes' rendering is exquisite and sublime. Sheer brilliance.

Original Play: Emma Ackerman, "The Complete and Authoritative Tour of Holy Stuff," Touchstone Theatre. It's around the world in 80 mimes with Emma Ackerman, who created and performs the



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Meredith Kate Doyle (Eliza Doolittle), Jarrod Yuskas (Henry Higgins), "My Fair Lady," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre.

one-woman show. Ackerman wordlessly leads the audience through a series of vignettes about the search for the meaning of life. The 65-minute performance, with no intermission, takes the form of an audio tour. The selfies fad, the taking of one's photograph with a cell phone camera, is a major theme. Ackerman, a Touchstone Ensemble member, navigates a maze diagram emblazoned on the stage floor as videos, photographs and images in the Video Design by Dan Maher, coinciding with each scene are shown on a large screen above the stage. Jp Jordan, Touchstone Artistic Director, directed the ambitious show and designed the set.

Actress, Play: Meredith Kate Doyle (Eliza Doolittle), "My Fair Lady," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. Meredith Kate Doyle is a revelation as Eliza Doolittle. She's not the elfin Audrey Hepburn (Eliza in the 1964 movie), but she has the voice of Julie Andrews (Marni Nixon's singing was dubbed for Hepburn's Eliza). Doyle is nicely feisty ("Just You Wait," "Show Me"), melds wonderfully with Jarrod Yuskas (Professor Henry Higgins) and Zach Love (Colonel Pickering) in a delightful "The Rain In Spain," and soars with heart-breaking wonder ("Wouldn't It Be Lovely," "I Could Have Danced

All Night"). **Actor, Play: Jarrod Yuskas** (Professor Henry Higgins), "My Fair Lady," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT). The classic musical is led by a fine lead performance by Jarrod Yuskas as Professor Henry Higgins. One difference in the MSMT production and the well-known stage and movie versions is that Yuskas can really sing, which Rex Harrison humbly admitted was not his forte (he more or less spoke-sang the songs, also known in German as sprechgesang, or spoken singing). Yuskas gives the songs depth, humor and pathos: "Why Can't The English," "I'm An Ordinary Man," "Hymn To Him," "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face," the latter especially rendered delicately by Yuskas with an emotional sensitivity that wins us over to Higgins' essential good nature.

Ensemble, Play: "The Hound of the Baskervilles," The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The howls you hear during "The Hound of the Baskervilles" at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival aren't those of the titular hound, although there is that. No, the howls are nearly nonstop from the audience at "The Hound of the Basker-

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In praise of simple joys

As I took my morning walk today I found myself singing "Jingle Bells." What was different this time was that I actually thought about the words.

"Dashing through the snow,
In a one horse open sleigh,
O'er the hills we go,
Laughing all the way."

What struck me is how this is a song about simple joys.

It's not truly a Christmas song as it has come to be regarded.

I double checked Google, and sure enough, "Jingle Bells" wasn't written as a Christmas song. Instead, it was written in 1857 by American composer James Piermont.

The son of a Unitarian minister, he wrote the song for entertainment at Sunday school on Thanksgiving Day.

The third verse we never sing tells us the song is really about boys having fun way back when "fun" was impressing girls by racing through snow.

I didn't know any of that when I thought about the song on my morning walk. What I did know was that, to me, it was a song about simple joy that came from a positive outlook on the world.

Take that same scene — dashing through the snow in an open sleigh — and think about it from a negative viewpoint. What if, instead of seeing that action as fun, the writer felt the cold of the day that felt even colder because they weren't in an enclosed buggy. They were in an open sleigh. I can almost feel the cold on my face thinking about it.

I wasn't thinking about all that on my morning walk. I was thinking about how something simple can be so joyful — if we let it ... if we take time to appreciate a simple moment.

Coincidentally, I had just enjoyed an incredible night being part of my friend Andy's lighted boat parade.

Oh, I have to tell you the story about how the lighted boat parade came about in our small community.

When Andy bought a house here 12 years ago, he picked one because it was located on a canal that went on for about 26 miles. Andy says his first thought was how a pontoon boat would be perfect for there.

One of the things I love about Andy's story is that he didn't go out and buy an expensive new pontoon boat. When new, those little babies can cost between \$18,000 and \$60,000, depending on size, engine and quality.

A new pontoon boat the size Andy bought would be at least \$30,000. I believe he paid \$2,000 because the boat was old and needed work.

Andy fixed it himself, and in so doing, he created tons of fun for the entire community. Let me explain. Instead of taking the pontoon boat in the nearby Gulf of Mexico for occasional trips, Andy keeps it in his backyard and only travels on our ca-

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nals. As someone with a big heart who finds joy when he can make others happy, he started giving rides to anyone who wanted to go.

He would post a planned pontoon trip on our community social media site, offering free rides to the first 10 people who responded.

Those nightly rides grew to be wildly popular, so he put a new twist to the rides. He planned a Sunday morning trip with four other pontoon boat owners, again offering free trips to those who responded first.

I went along and wrote a story on it that I aptly called "Cruising Down the River on a Sunday Afternoon."

I got an email from a negative guy who said I erred.

"It's not a river," he said. "It's a spittoon, and it's ridiculous to ride up and down that spittoon and call it fun."

A negative guy like that would be somewhat like the negative guy I talked about in the "Jingle Bells" song. Instead of feeling the joy of being in an open sleigh, Negative Guy complains about the cold.

There are negative guys and gals everywhere. Fortunately, there are a lot of people like Andy who enjoy making others happy.

Andy owns at least two old pontoon boats. For Christmas, he puts lights on them and travels up and down our canals. The first year he did it the newspaper called it a lighted boat parade.

Every year since, Andy made sure our community had a lighted boat parade. It gets better every year.

This year I was thrilled that my husband, my friend Jeanne and I were on Andy's boat. Santa was there, too.

We were just a bunch of big kids having fun, thanks to Andy.

My hats are off to him for being the kind of guy who likes simple joys like looking at the stars while slowly cruising through the canals.

I'm always immensely pleased when I can share that simple joy.

This Christmas season, I'm enjoying other simple joys: Cooking a meal for neighbor and listening to Christmas carols are just two of those joys.

My favorite Christmas CDs are Dan Gibson's "Christmas in the Country," complete with nature sounds, and Mannheim Steamroller, "Christmas in the Aire."

Ahhh, what joy I feel when I hear them. For me, it's these simple joys that make the season.

Unlike other things that end, simple joys can continue all year if you stay open to them.

Wishing you many simple joys in your future.

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Emma Ackerman, "The Complete and Authoritative Tour of Holy Stuff," Touchstone Theatre.

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...villes," a regular laugh-riot. "The Hound of the Baskervilles," adapted for the stage by Steven Canby and John Nicholson from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel, was first performed in 2007 by Peepolykus (pronounced "People Like Us") and played a 10-week run at the Duchess Theatre in London's West End. The comedy provides a tour-de-force for actors and the PSF production has de force, i.e., three actors who have delighted audiences in previous PSF seasons and don't disappoint in "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Greg Wood plays Sherlock Holmes with the proper combination of somber reflection, unctuous revelatory pronouncements and a reticence in countenance owing to his mind being several steps ahead of his words. Wood's is a well-considered performance as quick to light up as Holmes' Calabash Pipe. Carl N. Wallnau plays Dr. Watson, Holmes' brow-beaten assistant, with

a touch of whimsy, aggrieved vanity over any perceived slight, and a ram-rod stance that gives the appearance of a statue in the park. Jacob Dresch plays Sir Henry Baskerville, heir to the Baskervilles, with an eagerness that would become a puppy dog, an endearing distractedness and an attentiveness that's winsome. The three actors assay multiple roles, some 16 among them, including Wood as Cecile Stapleton and Mr. Barrymore and Mrs. Barrymore. That the play must be exhausting for the actors is a rank understatement, owing to the accumulation of dialogue that fires like a battalion's rounds, timing of lightning-strike repartee, and quick-change costumes and entrance and exits achieved like Olympic runners leaping the hurdles.

Director, Play: Jim Helsinger, "The Hound of the Baskervilles." The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Jim Helsinger is well-familiar with theatrical shenanigans, having directed "The 39 Steps," "The

Mystery Of Irma Vep," "The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," among other stage delights at PSF. The Helsinger touch, light and deft, is in evidence, as is an attention to detail and staging in the three-quarter round Schubert Theater.

Costume Design: Lisa Zinna, "Evita," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Brilliant and meticulous dresses and gowns by Costume Designer Lisa Zinni: From a floral-pattern purple dress of Eva Peron's small-town days, to increasingly more lavish dresses and suits, to a magnificent bejeweled glowing Dior white Cinderella ball type gown (which Zinni built), the some 14 costume changes by Dee Roscioli (Eva Peron) pattern her march to radio, movie and political success. Zinni created amazing costumes for the entire cast, with wonderfully jaunty attire for the men, Argentinian military uniforms and soldier uniforms, to sleek outfits for the polo crowd sophisticates.

Scenic Design: John Raley, "Hair," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. Scenic Designer John Raley utilizes a four-level scaffold festooned with elements of an American Flag, and the Statue of Liberty, except the crown, torch and head are disconnected, much like the era in which the musical takes place.

Lighting Design: Curtis Dretsch, "Hair," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. Lighting Designer Curtis Dretsch brings psychedelic colors and even some strobe lights to illuminate the scenes and, in Act One's brief nudity closing scene, to keep things in the dark.

Sound Design: Don Tindall, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. One of the many neat things that the play does is have the actors refer to intentionally-missed lighting and sound cues. Sound Designer Don Tindall has his cues full and pulls it off.

The Force is still with 'Star Wars: The Last Jedi'

The very title, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," is a teaser. No spoiler alert here, but, whether you're an intense fan or casual fan of "Star Wars," be prepared to be moved by the latest in what is the greatest science-fiction movie franchise on the planet.

MOVIE REVIEW
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breakfast in the Contemporary Hotel at Disney World.

Composer John Williams is back to score the "The Last Jedi."

"Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi" (its full title) is directed by Rian Johnson (director-screenwriter, "Looper," 2012; "The Brothers Bloom," 2008; "Brick," 2005). Johnson wrote "The Last Jedi" screenplay based on characters created by George Lucas. It's the second in what's called the "Star Wars" sequel trilogy, which began with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (2015).

Johnson stays true to the "Star Wars" characters, mythology, and humor. Johnson is apparently the announced director of the third movie in the trilogy, "Star Wars: Episode IX," scheduled for release in December 2019.

"The Last Jedi," you see, is just the beginning. May The Force be with you.

"Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi," MPAA Rated

PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for sequences of sci-fi action and violence.; Genre: Action, Fantasy, Sci-

ence-Fiction; Run time: 2 hrs., 32 mins. Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: The "Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi" end credits state: "In loving memory of our Princess, Carrie Fisher."

Box Office: Dec. 22 weekend box office results were unavailable because of the early Focus deadline for the Christmas holiday.

Unreel, Dec. 29: "All the Money in the World," R: Ridley Scott directs Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Williams, and Christopher Plummer in the Crime-Drama based on the true story about the kidnapping of 16-year-old John Paul Getty III and the efforts to get the ransom paid by his billionaire grandfather Jean Paul Getty. "Molly's Game," R: Aaron Sorkin directs Jessica Chastain, Idris

Elba, Kevin Costner, and Michael Cera in the Biography-Drama based on the true story of Molly Bloom, an Olympic-class skier who ran a high-stakes poker game.

"Phantom Thread," R: Paul Thomas Anderson directs Vicky Krieps, Daniel Day-Lewis, Lesley Manville, and Sue Clark about a dressmaker in 1950s' London and how he found his muse.




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Monday, Jan. 1: Closed. New Year's Day.
Tuesday, Jan. 2: Pork chop, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, orange.
Wednesday, Jan. 3: Beef stew, buttered noodles, broccoli and cauliflower, applesauce.
Thursday, Jan. 4: Sweet and sour pork, brown rice, oriental vegetable, banana.

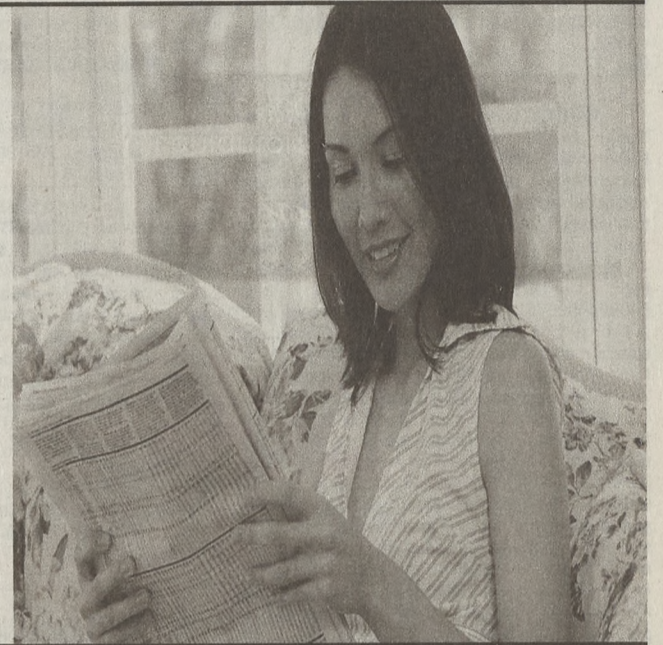
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Friday, Dec. 29-New Year's meal: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, wheat bread with margarine, apple pie.
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018: Closed. Happy New Year.
Tuesday, Jan. 2: Chili con carne over bread bowl with cheddar cheese garnish, Romaine salad with ranch dressing, tropical fruit.
Wednesday, Jan. 3: Cream of mushroom soup, baked smoked ham, maple sweet potatoes, canned green beans, wheat bread with margarine, lemon meringue pie.
Thursday, Jan. 4: Spaghetti with meatballs, parmesan cheese, tossed salad with Italian dressing, Italian bread with margarine, applesauce.
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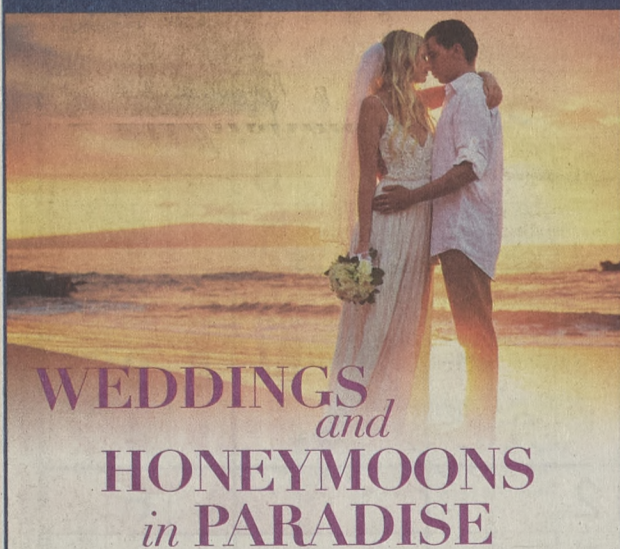
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The Whitehall Township Civil Service Commission has a Reorganizational meeting scheduled on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall, Pa. 18052. Dec. 27

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania that on December 14, 2017 they acknowledged receipt of a proposal to include additional land within the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area. The proposed addition consists of approximately 24 acres more or less, which is located in Lynn Township and is identified as PIN Nos. 540854653716 1 and 540854590575 1. The proposed additional land will remain on file and is available for public inspection during the normal business hours at the Lynn Township Municipal Building located at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania. Any municipality encompassing or adjacent to the proposed additional areas, or any landowner who owns the land proposed to be included within the Agricultural Security Area, or any landowner with lands adjacent or near the proposed additional areas who wishes land to be included or not included therein, may propose modifications to the proposed area. Objections to the proposed additional areas, and proposed modifications must be filed with the Board of Supervisors, in writing, with a copy to the Lynn Township Planning Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Notice. At the end of the fifteen (15) day period, the proposed additional land and proposed modifications, if any, will be submitted to the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held on the proposed additional land, proposed modifications, if any, and recommendations of the Lynn Township Planning Commission and the Lynn Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Marc S. Fisher, Esquire Solicitor, Lynn Township Dec. 27

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of CALVIN R. CASSELL, Deceased,

late of the Township of Lower 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: BARBARA S. CASSELL, Executor c/o her attorney: JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of EDWARD ERNST, Deceased, late of

the Township of Washington, 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: Thomas Ernst and Timothy Ernst, Co-Executor c/o their attorney: JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF CRAFT, EDWIN L., dec'd, late of

Nazareth, Northampton County, PA. Letters of Administration have been granted to the individual named below, 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: Administrator: Philip G. Kline, Esq., 519 Juniper St., Quakertown, PA 18951. Attorney: Philip G. Kline, Esq., 519 Juniper St., Quakertown, PA 18951. Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of CLEMENT ZERN REED, a/k/a

CLEMENT Z. REED, CLEMENT REED, CLEM REED, Deceased, late of Borough of Slatington, 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: BRYON C. REED, Administrator c/o his attorney: JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of RAYMOND C. NESTER, late of the

City 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: ROBERT C. NESTER, Executor c/o his attorney: JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. ENGLE, deceased,

of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Michele A. Engle, 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: Michele A. Engle, Executrix: c/o Lori Gardiner Kreglow, Esquire 18 East Market Street P.O. Box 1961 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1961 Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF ROBERT FIRTH, DECEASED, Late

of the Township of Hellertown, Northampton County, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demand against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to GRACE FIRTH, EXECUTRIX, c/o Deborah I. Hollander, Esq., SHEAK & KORZUN, P.C., 1 Washington Crossing Road, Pennington, NJ 08534. Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of Nancy A. Dries, 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: Peggy A. Hemnitz, Executrix c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 or to her Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esq. 207 E. Main Street, Ste.100 Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10

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See solution on page B9

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

ON THE EVE

- ACROSS 1 Will, in the Bible 6 Fang like a bird 13 Modify 19 Pages, e.g. 20 Stone Age tool 21 Simple shack 22 "Well ... hop to it!" 23 Pa's ma 26 Mega-years 27 Big record label, once 28 Angers 30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation 38 Singer DiFranco 39 Skeletal bit 40 Told fibs 41 Fancy resort 42 "Very sorry to hear that" 49 Skidded 50 Penn of film 52 Compass pt. 53 Divested (of) 55 Intl. cultural gp. 59 Like lambs 61 Voicing a question of curiosity 66 Bush barb 68 Misery 69 Battery size 70 Suffix with convert 71 Army sites 73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor 77 Wicked acts 78 Regarding 79 Downed 80 Charged bit 81 — Lauder 83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen 88 Steeds 91 Set of seven 92 That dude's 93 Ad about DUI, maybe 95 Just makes, with "out" 96 Prune a bit 98 Be published 99 — Moines 100 "Back in Black" band 101 Actress Poehler 109 Many a charity gp. 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across 118 Viral GIF, e.g. 120 — Party 121 Cookie giant 123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The" Director May Shady giant 133 Island ring 134 Expunge

Handwritten crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers filled in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 ESTATE OF FRANK L. LAEVEY deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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