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Proposals raise concern

Landfill expansion, apartment project

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Concerns over a proposal allowing the expansion of a landfill adjacent to Lower Saucon Township were raised by residents at City Council Feb. 25.

At issue is the latest expansion of 117 acres of waste disposal on a newly released section of 189 acres of land. This will provide an additional lifespan of 30-plus years for the landfill.

A main concern was that this expansion will be too close to the Lehigh River.

Mayor William Reynolds said, "This is the exercising of an option that was agreed to 25 years ago," and that it is in the township's hands.

"I think that we are all disappointed that 25 years ago that decision was made. We are disappointed that it appears to be the current will of the current elected officials of Lower Saucon to move forward," Reynolds concluded by saying, "we will utilize our leverage if the opportunity arises."

Residents also voiced concerns over Hanover Apartments, a proposed upscale complex on the Bethlehem-Allentown border of West Broad Street. The proposal was approved by planners but is stiffly resisted by neighborhood residents. The subject

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Prayers for Ukraine

Payrow vigil marks second year of war

BY DENNIS GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Despite cold weather and short notice, a group of approximately 70 people gathered in Bethlehem's Payrow Plaza in the evening of Feb. 25 to join a candlelight vigil in support of Ukraine's ongoing war of independence.

Convened by the Bethlehem Interfaith Group, priests from the Lehigh Valley's Ukrainian churches, both Orthodox and Catholic, joined Protestant ministers and a Jewish rabbi in prayers and songs in multiple languages - English, Ukrainian, Hebrew and Latin - calling for justice and peace in Ukraine.

In the crowd were a num-

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

At the opening of the vigil, Serhii Poznatsanin waves his nation's flag to welcome the crowd.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

With the Academy Awards coming up, what movie is your all time favorite?



"Good Will Hunting" and 'Pretty Woman.'
Kelly Taylor
Stroudsburg



"Tommy Boy."
Jennifer Mancini
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Club, courses create controversy in district

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Feb. 28 Saucon Valley School Board meeting drew a large crowd of concerned community members, as well as several local news organizations, largely in response to the controversy surrounding the district's approval and subsequent revocation of an "After School Satan Club," which was to be held on campus grounds.

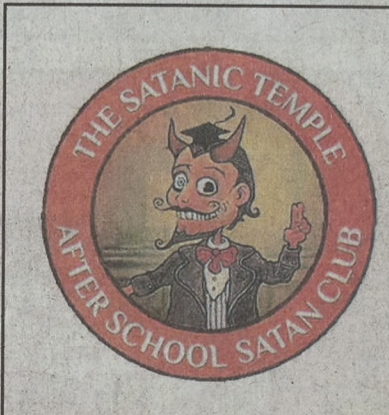
The club, sponsored by The Satanic Temple, has been established in several other districts across the United States as a tongue-in-cheek response to the approval of mainstream

religious after-school clubs and activities on school grounds.

Some believe that the organization's interest in Saucon Valley was triggered by the ongoing Christian after-hours group, the Good News Club, which advertised its meetings on campus.

Saucon Valley Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty first addressed the matter during her report,

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claiming, "there has been attention in news reports that have been inaccurate despite the communication that was shared with the community, news and the

district."
She then described the

timeline of events: She began receiving outraged messages from the community four days after the rental of the grounds' Feb. 16 approval. Subsequently, the district sent a memo to the community to clarify that the club was unaffiliated with the school district and that decision was strictly based on legality, she said.

However, on Feb. 21, a threat from a North Carolina man was left on the district's voicemail. Vlasaty decided to implement a district-wide campus closure for the following day, and upon reopening, the next two days featured

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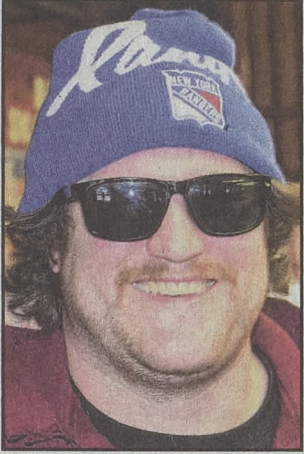
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Washington, NJ



"Jackass."
Brody Hoffman
Washington, NJ



"The Wizard of Oz" and the second would be "The Godfather."
Alana Mager
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"Definitely 'Caddyshack' and 'Airplane.'"
Rob Bilger
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COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

March 8 Skills USA competition
Student teams from Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School will compete in the final round of the auto competition for first, second and third place trophies and prizes at noon March 8 in the Commonwealth Hall Room 136, 3835 Green Pond Road.
The competitors demonstrate what they have learned through their educational experience. The hands-on activities highlight skills and foster success for future technicians.

Seiler to Speak at World Literacy Summit

Northampton Community College Adjunct Professor Dr. Kasey Seiler will be a speaker for this year's World Literacy Summit April 2 to 4 at Oxford University, United Kingdom. Eighty-five countries will be represented at this event to advocate and educate attendees on the importance of improving literacy levels globally. This presentation enables leaders to be aware of effective ways to achieve successful change, Seiler says.
Seiler will highlight her research from her published dissertation and experiences as a literacy coach and teacher. She is a former literacy coach in the Pleasant Valley School District. She supports teachers in providing effective literacy instruction, which encompasses grammar, listening, oral language skills, reading, speaking, spelling, viewing and writing.
The WLF's Summit Initiative is a global nonprofit organization. The goal is to promote and improve literacy and reading skills globally.

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was pulled from last week's zoners meeting when city attorney Matthew Deschler arrived to oppose the deal on the city's behalf. Paul Fondl presented President Michael Colon with a petition signed by 2,016 neighborhood residents opposed to the project.

Mary Jo Makoul went straight to Reynolds with her cellphone to his face, discussing the plans under zoning consideration. Reynolds remained calm.

Makoul told The Press that some sections of the large buildings are not accessible to emergency vehicles.

Fondl told The Press he believes there will be too many apartments in too small of an area. He also expressed concerns about the height of the complex and equipment on the roof.

Other concerns about Hanover Apartments include the five-story buildings blocking the sun, exacerbated traffic in an already fraught locale, and increased sewer needs and rainwater runoff.

The issue is returning to planners for more discussion.



Speaking to the group, Congresswoman Susan Wild (D) reviewed her experiences during a visit to Ukraine. She is here with Rev. Cynthia Simmons, president of the Bethlehem Interfaith Group and, right to left, Father Richard Jendras of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Allentown, Father Oleh Kravchenio, pastor of Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, and Father Yaroslav Lukavenko, parochial vicar of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton.

VIGIL

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ber of refugees from Ukraine who have been sponsored to live in the Valley.

In his opening comments Father Richard Jendras, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Allentown, emphasized the gratitude of Ukrainians for the support they have received from the United States, both military and humanitarian. He asked the crowd to continue their prayers for peace but also to look for opportunities to support Ukrainians financially, if possible.

Rabbi Michael Singer of Congregation Brith Shalom in Bethlehem spoke of the Jewish community's commitment to the Ukrainian people and their struggle for freedom.



Rabbi Michael Singer of Congregation Brith Shalom, Bethlehem, joins the other religious leaders in calling for a just settlement of the war in Ukrainian.

At the conclusion of his comments, members of the crowd joined him

in singing a moving Hebrew song calling for peace.

A highlight of the vigil was an impassioned speech by Congresswoman Susan Wild (D) who described a visit she made to Ukraine with a bipartisan group of eight members of the House of Representatives. What they saw there convinced Republicans and Democrats alike that Ukrainians must be given American support until their freedom is assured. Also, since returning to Washington, they have continued to communicate with one another about policy on Ukraine. Wild stayed at the vigil till the end, talking with members of the crowd.



The vigil concludes with lighting candles to represent the end of the darkness of war in Ukraine.

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Trans-Bridge Lines has worked with the City of Allentown and LANTA to utilize the transportation center.

In addition to the new location, passengers may purchase tickets at the Transportation Center via the LANTA ticket window located across from Platform B near Dunkin'. The ticket window is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is staffed by LANTA employees who will sell Trans-Bridge Lines tickets on the company's behalf.

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To view schedules, please visit the company's website at www.transbridgelines.com.

BETHLEHEM GARDEN CLUB: The Bethlehem Garden Club will resume its monthly meetings Thursday, March 16, at the Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem. The timing of the meeting will be slightly different. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and at noon soup, bread and rolls and dessert will be served. For March the program is Conifers and Rhododendrons for Durability, Versatility and Seasonal Interest, given by Bruce and Marianne Feller. All are welcome.

WOMEN LEADERSHIP NOMINEES SOUGHT: The South Bethlehem Historical Society is sponsoring the second annual Women in Leadership Luncheon in late August. SBHS seeks women nominees who are or have been affiliated in the following vocations: teachers, medical, science, the arts, fashion, government and business.

Interested individuals should submit their name or the nominee's name, contact information, recent photo, and a brief bio paragraph to jlee975@gmail.com, no later than May 1.

ART GRANTS APPLICANTS: The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission invites area nonprofit organizations and K-12 public and charter schools to submit proposals for annual arts grants. The grants are to support arts related activities that will take place between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024. The grants are offered to encourage new works of art, educational programs, exhibits, presentations, performances and other arts-related activities. This grant program supports the mission of the Fine Arts Commission (bfac-lv.org).

A total of \$3,000 is available for awards this year. Although the total could be awarded to one applicant, in recent years it has been divided among two to four applicants. An awardee may be granted all or part of the money for which it applies.

Submit two copies of proposals for funding to the Grants Committee, Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, P.O. Box 1851, Bethlehem, PA, 18016, postmarked no later than May 12, 2023.

Additional details about the Grants Program can be found on the BFAC website: <https://bfac-lv.org/grants/>

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MESS NIGHT: The 46th annual Bethlehem Detachment's Mess Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at the Surestay Plus Hotel on routes 22 and 512. The event honors distinguished citizen Claude Rone. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

THE RISING AT THE ICEHOUSE: A rebel's granddaughter joins the cast of "The Rising" to tell her grandfather's role in the Easter Rebellion

At one of last year's popular performances of the regionally produced play, "The Rising," playwright and director Ara Barlieb was in for a surprise: Fiona Sweeney, granddaughter of Peter Paul Galligan, one of the key Irish rebels, was in the audience and told Barlieb she loved the show.

This year, it was Sweeney who got the surprise: Barlieb wrote her into the play as one of the women who attached themselves to the cause.

For the second year, Crowded Kitchen Players will recount the story of the spirited men and women who stood up to fight. This reprise of their 2022 production of "The Rising: The Irish Rebellion in Song and Verse" runs March 16-19, in The Charles A. Brown IceHouse in Bethlehem.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. March 16-18 and 2 p.m. March 19. For information and tickets, call 610-704-6974 or visit www.ckplayers.com.

LANTA INFORMATION SESSION: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) will hold an open house to receive public comments and discuss proposed service changes. The meeting will be held March 22 at 10 a.m. in Bethlehem City Hall, 10 E. Church Street. The meeting, which will also be offered online at www.lantabus.com, will address proposed changes to the LANTABus system scheduled to take effect in June.

ROARING 20s BALL: Historic Hotel Bethlehem has announced its 2023 Roaring '20s Ball is finally back. Guests will feel like they've stepped back into the 1920s as they enter the elegant Great Gatsby-like ballroom with staff and attendees decked out in their Jazz-age clothes.

The event is Saturday, March 25 from 5 to 10 p.m. The evening begins with a cocktail hour featuring speakeasy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Guests will enjoy an open bar, three-course dinner, and flambe station dessert display. To make reservations, call 877-327-9402.

Wednesday, March 8

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture: "Energy Geopolitics & Security" by Dr. Rudy Shankar, director, Energy Systems Engineering, Lehigh University. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village auditorium, Bethlehem. Enter via First Presbyterian Church back parking lot, 2344 Center St. Information: call 610-866-2655. Masks required. Cost.

Free Karaoke with Bobby James, 1 to 3 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvac->

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increased security presence, with students returning to school only after safety could be assured, she said.

Vlasaty said her Feb. 24 decision to then rescind the club's approval was pursuant to district policy number 707, which stipulates that any advertisement of an unaffiliated club or event on school grounds must explicitly state their independence from the district, with which she claimed the Satanic Temple failed to comply.

Vlasaty also shared details of the hundreds of aggressive and threatening messages she said she received through various channels, including her social media accounts. She stressed the district's responsibility to "take... accountability for our words, actions and reactions, not just for the sake of our community, but for each one of our students."

Board President Susan Baxter commended Vlasaty's handling of the situation. Vice President Dr. Shamim Pakzad added that the community should not be used as a "pawn for people to...make their point" and that the district must respect the needs of its students and families.

However, many district residents and parents weren't satisfied with Vlasaty's explanation, choosing to speak publicly during the open comment portion of the meeting.

Shae McGee, the former district parent who submitted the initial rental application to host club activities, countered Vlasaty's claim that its advertising didn't follow policy 707. The club's sign-sheet "says it directly on the bottom... clearly," McGee noted, concluding, "It's a violation of our constitutional right to allow one religious group and not allow them all."

Several other district



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The original flyer for The Satanic Temple's "After School Satan Club," which caused two weeks' worth of controversy in the district.

parents and residents spoke, most in support of McGee.

Lower Saucon Township resident Steven Katz, who said he has no affiliation with the Temple nor has any children in the district, praised most of the preceding speakers as being "much more civil than anticipated."

However, he said his concern was that if Vlasaty's motivation for rescinding the approval was "the controversy, the threats and the disruption" that followed, other after-school clubs might be subject to the same discretionary discrimination.

Zach Kraft, also of the township, added, "Basically, any kind of religion should be out of public schools, [which] would be helpful to all parties. If you believe in

God, go to a church. If you believe in anything else, just go somewhere else."

However, a man who failed to identify himself spoke last. "The reason why I live in Hellertown is because of this [district], because it's a smaller, country, conservative [district] - and the people in this community would like to keep it that way."

While the club controversy was the main topic of discussion, some parents were there to address other issues, such as the overhaul of the high school program of studies set to begin next school year.

Jean Riley of Lower Saucon Township said, "As a parent of a junior, I just think [incoming seniors] really got the rug pulled out from underneath them... adding

the full-year English [course] really throws a wrench into their plan."

Pam Silverthorn of Hellertown was in favor of the changes, however, pointing to several scheduling issues from prior years that the new plan addresses. "Thank you for listening [and] for trying to make the changes that reflect the students." She did note that she feels sorry for incoming seniors whose final year will be impacted unexpectedly.

Ultimately - after considerable internal debate over the number of credits applied to some courses - the board voted to approve both the program of studies and its corresponding bell schedule as presented in their revised forms by high school Principal Walter Pawlowski.

SAUCON VALLEY HS NEWS

Despite recent turmoil, school life goes on

BY HANNAH RAYNER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

While Saucon Valley School District usually stays out of the news, the week of Feb. 20 was an exception.

On Monday, Feb. 20, around 8 p.m., Saucon parents received an email from Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty explaining the school board's decision to allow the After School Satan Club to use the middle school as a meeting place. Vlasaty stressed that, as the district allows groups of other faiths to meet on campus, it cannot deny the ASSC equal access.

To no one's surprise, that announcement was the main topic of conversation in the hallways the following day. While no one seemed to directly support the organization's use of the build-

ing, many students agreed that it was only fair that the group be allowed equal access alongside other groups.

Students were dismissed for the day Feb. 21 after Vlasaty was made aware of a threat left on voicemail by an unidentified male. The Lower Saucon Township Police Department was called in to search the school, but as the afternoon turned into evening, nothing was found.

Vlasaty made the decision to close school the following day. Students and staff returned to the building Feb. 23, and school resumed as normal, save for an increased police presence in the hallways.

On Feb. 24, Vlasaty released an email to parents informing them of "[her] recent decision to rescind approval for the use of the school district's facilities" on grounds that the ASSC violated district requirements.

"Our community has experienced chaos," she added. "Our students, staff and teachers have had to endure a threat to their

safety and welfare. The gravity of feelings of instability, anxiety and fear have been profound."

The following Tuesday, Feb. 28, Vlasaty sent another email to students and parents stating that, "the individual responsible for the threat... [had] been arrested in North Carolina and is currently in prison." He has been charged with terroristic threats and is awaiting extradition back to Pennsylvania.

Despite the recent turmoil, not all Saucon news is bad news. Its swimming and boys basketball teams have advanced to districts, and the wrestling team has moved on to regionals.

Additionally, many in Saucon's high school are looking forward to its upcoming production of "Mary Poppins," which will run from Thursday, March 9, [tomorrow through Sunday] through Sunday, March 12. (Tickets can be purchased at www.showtix4u.com, and by typing in "Saucon Valley High School" in the website's search bar.)



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Gregory Bryan Tax

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Gregory Bryan Tax, 60, of Bethlehem, died Feb. 20, 2023, in Odessa, Florida, while traveling for business. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Janice (Covart) Frederiksen and the late Paul Tax. He was the husband of Francine Bianco Tax for 29 years.

He was a 1981 graduate of Freedom HS. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kutztown University.

He was a project manager for multiple environmental companies on the east coast, most recently MT2.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two children, Clayton Bryan and Natasha Juliet of Bethlehem and her fiancé Anthony Lacken of Ireland; two sisters, Vicki "Hadassah" Swerdlik and husband Dr. Richard Swerdlik of Far Rockaway, New York and Sara Tax Taylor and husband Dennis Taylor of Bethlehem; nieces; nephews; in-laws; cousins; and friends.

He was an environmentalist who enjoyed hiking, biking and camping.

Contributions may be made to Saint Anne Catholic Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017; or the National Parks Foundation.

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

Patricia (Drust) Zeiner

worked for Western Electric



Patricia "Pat" (Drust) Zeiner, 83, of Nicholson, died Feb. 14, 2023. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Thomas J. Drust Sr. and Clara (Tappe) Drust. She was the wife of Mark Thornton for 55 years.

She worked for Western Electric, Allentown, through various ownerships from 1960 until she retired after 42 years in 2002.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Denise (Zeiner) Crouthamel of New Milford.

She was predeceased by four sisters, Dorthy Drust, Clara "Dee" Fogel, Virginia Paine and Rosemary Blank; and a brother, Thomas "Buddy" Drust.

Contributions may be made to Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue, 60 Vera Cruz Road, Reinholds, PA 17569

Arrangements were made by Bartron-Myer Funeral Home Inc., Montrose.

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The Friedman family gathers at the family business Feb. 25 for a reception celebrating 87 years in business.

Friedman's Service Station closes

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Saturday, Feb. 25, marked the end of an era: Bruce and Karen Friedman closed their Fountain Hill family business for the last time. Bruce has worked here since he was 12 years old and attributes his strong work ethic to his dad, Bob Friedman. "You start work at 6 a.m. and end no earlier than 6 p.m. - except Saturdays when you finish at 1 p.m. Sunday was your day off." Bruce has maintained that work ethic his whole life.

Friedman's Service Station has been an anchor in the community for 87 years, all the while being family-owned and operated. Family, friends and

community members stopped by Friday and Saturday to say goodbye and good luck, sharing stories and tears as they reminisced of times spent at the garage.

See a related story on page A5.



Bruce and Karen Friedman share a bittersweet moment as they prepare to close the doors on their family owned and operated business for the last time.

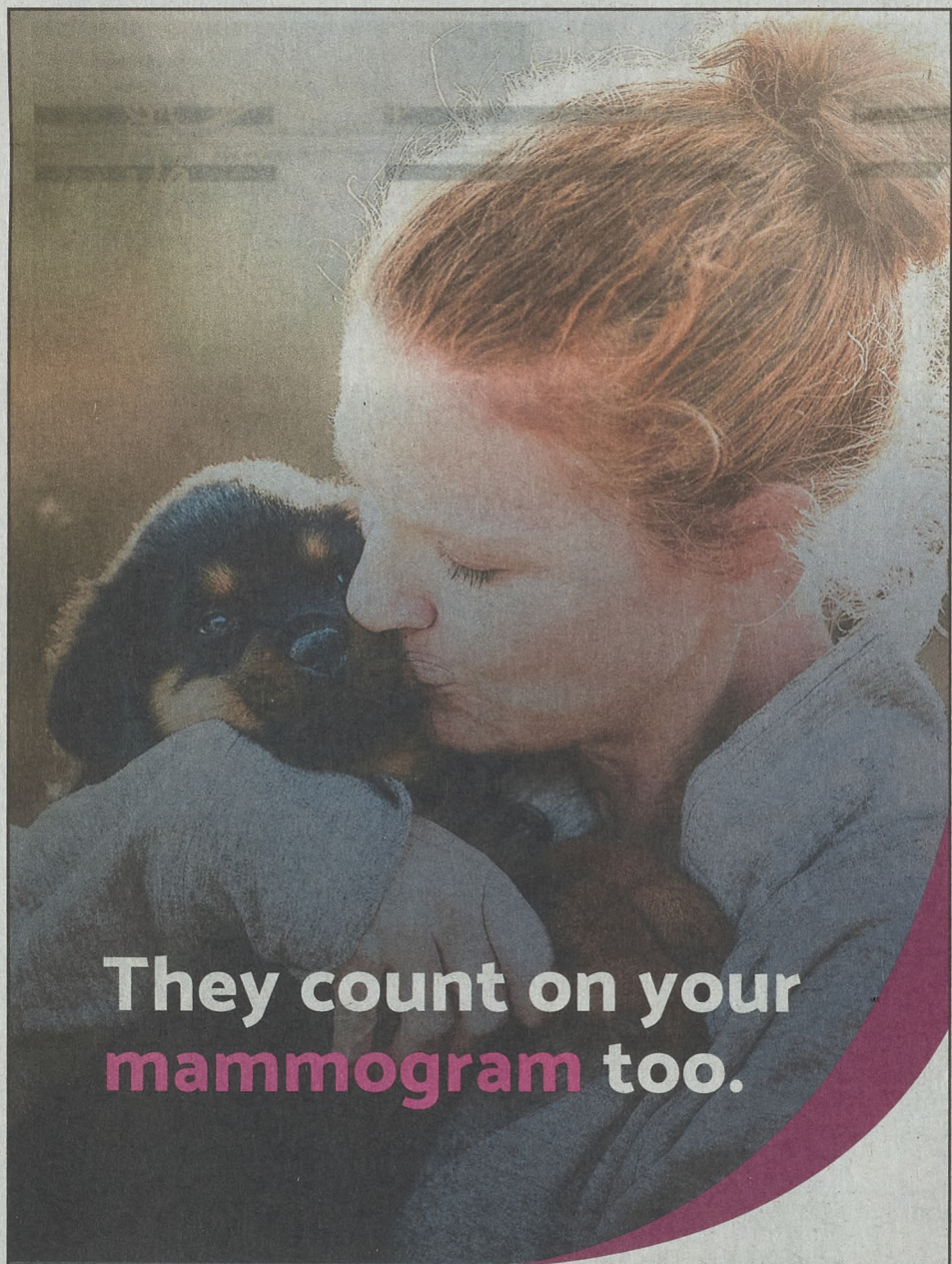


Bruce Friedman holds the plaque presented to him at the closing of the family-owned and operated business Feb. 25.



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A plaque was presented to Bruce Friedman by Michael Zovko on behalf of the Fountain Hill Community Coalition, recognizing the Friedman family business, opened in 1936 by Bruce's grandfather and great-uncle, Eddie and Joe Friedman.



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A continual flow of community members and friends stop by Friedman's Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, March 9

Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra rehearsals, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Conductor: George Fennell. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Current Events Informal Discussion Group: Moderator: David M. Bell. World, national, state and local topics. Free. 2 p.m. Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown, 18102. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Friday, March 10

Elm Street Jazz Workshop rehearsals, 9 a.m. Director: Allan Meyerson. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Saturday, March 11

How to Catch a Leprechaun by Adam Wallace. Join Taylor Rezac, to find out about making your own traps. Wear green! Ages three and up. Cops 'n' Kids Lehigh Valley. 10 a.m. to noon.

Cops 'n Kids Reading Room. Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Masks may be required. Information, visit <http://copsnkidslv.org/>

Saturday night dance with KATO. Nominal cost; light refreshments. 7 to 10 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Tuesday, March 14

Bach at Noon, noon to 1 p.m. Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St. Visit <https://bach.org/event/bach-at-noon-march-14/> for more information.

Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc. Nine free entry-level classes from 7 to 9 p.m. Students (ages eight through 80 plus) learn about ham radio activities, operations and information to prepare for the Federal Communications Commission's Amateur basic license examination. 100 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth. For details or to register, contact KE3AW@arrl.net or call 610-419-9286 or visit www.dlarc.club

Good Vibrations Chorus led by Nancy Shumaker. All singers welcome. 9:30 a.m. Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Call 610-437-3700 for information or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Wednesday, March 15

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture: "War Crimes: What are They? How can They be Prosecuted?" by Dr. Brian Mello, chairman, Department of Political Science and Director of Center for Ethics, Muhlenberg College. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village Auditorium, 1 Kirkland Circle, Bethlehem, enter via First Presbyterian Church back parking lot, 2344 Center St. Information: call 610-866-2655. Masks required. Cost.

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Back row: Commissioners Ron W. Beitler, Zach Cole-Borghi, Jeffrey Dutt, Bob Elbich, Geoff Brace and Dan Hartzell. **Front row:** Mick Dee (Rep. Jeanne McNeill's office), Bruce Friedman, Bob Friedman and Jim Friedman.

Friedman's honored by county, state

LEHIGH COUNTY

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

On behalf of Lehigh County, Commissioner Zach Cole-Borghi presented the Friedman family a proclamation recognizing the legacy of the Friedmans Service Station in Fountain Hill.

The Proclamation stated:

"Edward Friedman began this family legacy in 1936 with the service station situated in the triangle at Broadway and S. Clewell St. in the borough of Fountain Hill. And whereas through the years, this service station expanded even adding one of the first regional car washes in 1966.

"And whereas time passed on, and so did the ownership of the service station, although it always remained within family, where you would always find several mem-

bers of the family business in their own way.

"And whereas Bruce Friedman took-over the business in 2000, continuing the family business for over 20 years.

"And whereas the time has come for this chapter to close as Bruce Friedman looks to retire and close the business, as of Feb. 25, 2023.

"Now, therefore, we are honored to present this proclamation to Bruce Friedman and the Friedman Family in recognition and appreciation of their investment and commitment of the Borough of Fountain Hill, Lehigh Co."

Cole-Borghi reflected on the significance of this honor: "I spent a lot of time in Fountain Hill. I did not live in Fountain Hill but the majority of my high school life was

spent there.

"One thing that has always been a staple of Fountain Hill was that corner station. You can't go past it without seeing it."

He concluded saying that Fountain Hill "is a very close community and I know that they are going to miss you."

Rep. Jeanne McNeill sent Mick Dee on her behalf to present a proclamation from the House of Representatives.

Dee spoke about the close personal ties he has with the Friedman family, explaining "my father used to have his car serviced at Friedman's Texaco."

He went on "about a year ago, I stopped in and I talked to Bruce. And I mentioned how my father used to bring his car here and Bob said he remem-

bers my father. And so the most amazing thing happened. Bruce said, "Yeah I remember your dad. I remember the car that he had. I think it was a Ford. Yes it was a Ford"

Dee concluded, "The point is, what kind of business in this day and age would, somebody who works there, would remember you father's car, from some 30-some years ago, the make, model, the color. You just don't get that kind of service anymore."

The House of Representatives Proclamation "salutes Friedman's Service Station upon its richly deserved recognition, offers its owner best wishes for continued success and all future endeavors and directs a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Hon. Jeanne McNeill on Feb. 6, 2023."

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Fall personnel issue report received

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The regular monthly meeting of BASD was held Feb. 27 at East Hills MS.

The board unanimously approved the following actions that had been discussed in committee meetings; That the Board of School Directors authorizes the allocation of the energy tax credit pursuant to IRS Section 179D for the design and construction of energy efficient buildings to D'Huy Engineering, Inc. for their role in the design of the HVAC and lighting renovations at Calypso, Freemansburg, and Governor Wolf ES.

That the Board of School Directors approves the private transportation contract for carrier service during

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the 2022-23 school year as listed below. That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to solicit bids for up to nine 10-passenger student transportation vans at a cost not to exceed \$510,000 subject to availability of funds in final 2023-24 budget. That the board of School Directors authorizes the administration to purchase two electric school buses from Rohrer Bus of Duncannon, also the purchase of a dump truck, plow and salt spreader.

Board President Michael Fascinetto announced an internal investigation begun in November 2022, regarding an undisclosed personnel matter, had been

completed. The school district hired former Northampton County judge Emil Giordano to investigate the matter. Findings would be discussed in closed session. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy congratulated BASD director Winston Alozie, who was awarded the prestigious Laros award. The Founders Award recognizes the founders, Helen and R.K. Laros as faithful & continuous supporters of their community and is only awarded when the board sees an example of the founders' commitment in Bethlehem. The Helen & R.K. Laros Foundation provides grant support with a focus on enduring capital projects with significant community impact in the Bethlehem area. The trustees were glad to recognize Winston Alozie, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem, who has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to the Bethlehem community and especially children.

Roy also Freedom HS has opened a wellness center - creating an area focused on supporting the mental health of students and their families. Sen. Lisa Boscola helped get grant funding for this project. The school's outdated planetarium has been transformed into a wellness center.

Committees will meet March 6 and 13 at the Education Center - 6 p.m.

Hotel tax grants benefit community

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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County Executive Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development announce that county council approved \$681,500 for 47 Hotel Tax Grants at a recent meeting.

Hotel Tax Grants are funded through the county's tax on hotels and Airbnbs.

For a project to be eligible, it must enhance tourism and/or promote

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community development and be completed within the 2023 Calendar Year.

"Municipal festivals, our parks and trails system, art organizations, living history exhibitions and events like Musikfest are instrumental in bringing art, theatre and music to our communities," said McClure.

"Hotel Tax grants promote culture and en-

courage tourists to visit Northampton County."

Hotel Tax Grants are awarded through a competitive process. Applications are screened by the Hotel Tax Review Committee which forwards its recommendations to the county executive.

The grants are distributed at the discretion of county council. Applicants must either be a federally registered

non-profit entity, 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or a municipal entity located within Northampton County.

Some of the local grants include:

- Artsquest - \$60,000
- Bach Choir - \$20,000
- Bethlehem Area Public Library - \$2,500
- Godfrey Daniels - \$1,500
- Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites - \$35,000

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- Wednesday, March 8**
- NorCo Karst Geology Advisory Council, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - NorCo Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - Fountain Hill Stormwater Authority, 6 p.m. 941 Long St. Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.
 - Hellertown Water Authority Board, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.
 - Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

- Thursday, March 9**
- Bethlehem Authority, 3:30 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
 - Bethlehem City Planning Commission, 5 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
 - Hanover (NorCo) Twp. Recreation, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Rd.

- Monday, March 13**
- Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4 p.m. Community Room, Monacacy Towers, 645 Main St.
 - Bethlehem Twp. Recreation Commission, 6 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.
 - Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
 - BASD Board Finance and Human Resources, 6 p.m. Education center, 1516 Sycamore St. Snow date: March 15

- Tuesday, March 14**
- Hellertown Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.
 - NorCo Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board, 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - NorCo NCCD Admin/ Ops Committee, 6 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - NorCo NCCD Board of Directors, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - Hanover (NorCo) Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Rd. NorCo Board of Directors, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 - Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road. Visit svpanthers.org/Domain/572

- Wednesday, March 15**
- Hellertown Zoning Hearing, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.
 - Hanover (LeCo) Twp. Council, 7 p.m. 2202 Grove Road.
 - Fountain Hill Fire, Health, Sanitation, Recreation, 5:30 p.m. 941 Long St.
 - Snow date: BASD Board Finance and Human Resources, 6 p.m. Education center, 1516 Sycamore St.

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BC girls win seventh-straight title

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team clinched its seventh consecutive District XI championship with a 48-35 victory over Bangor in the Class 5A final on March 4 at Easton Area Middle School.

"They've got good strength, and they pushed our girls out, but our girls would not be pushed out," said Becahi coach Jose Medina. "We all batted, and our strength is in our numbers."

The Hawks surged in the second quarter and took a 23-15 halftime lead on forced turnovers and 3-pointers from

Cici Hernandez, Briana McKelvey, and Ella Bincarosky after trailing by a point at the end of the first.

"At halftime, we stressed a teamwork aspect," Hernandez said. "In the beginning, we were going one-on-one, trying to figure out what we could do ourselves, but once we started moving the ball, we started including everybody, and I feel like that was the turning point for our team."

The Slaters had a chance to pull within three points mid-third quarter on a missed scoring opportunity by Becahi but also missed,

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The Bethlehem Catholic girls team knocked off Bangor in the District 11 finals last weekend.



Becahi's Kendra Rigo, Yarlan Fernandez, Kendall Nickischer and Mirynet Colon celebrate the District 11 title get together after knocking off Bangor in the finals.

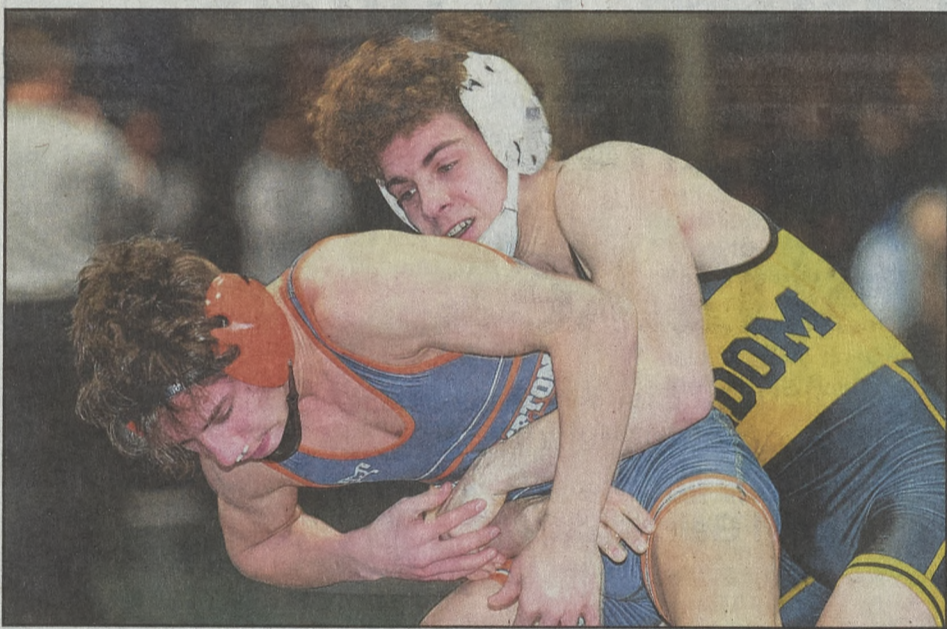


Bethlehem Catholic's Mekhyla Britt and Kendall Nickischer try to keep possession of the ball against Bangor.



The girls celebrate after being awarded the District 11 trophy.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK



CJ Horvath brought home another gold, this time in the regional tourney.

Horvath wins gold

BY PETER CAR
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It was another ring in the hat for Freedom's CJ Horvath at last week's Northeast Regional 3A wrestling tournament. The senior 121-pounder made it back-to-back weeks of gold medals, as he held off Northampton's Trey Wagner 4-3 in Saturday's finals at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

Horvath was one of two Patriots that advanced to this week's PIAA tournament at Hershey's Giant Center, as he'll be joined by teammate Jared Karabinus, who finished fourth at 172.

Horvath was able to score takedowns in the first and second period to hold on for the second victory in as many weeks over Wagner, giving him continued momentum going to Hershey.

"CJ winning regionals was a huge milestone for him," said Freedom head coach CJ Horvath. "He kept his cool and continued to look to attack and score points the entire match. I think it is a continued confi-

dence booster for him. He believes he is the best at the weight class and we as coaches agree. I think going into the state tournament with that win will keep him on his roll."

Karabinus reached the semifinal round, but got pinned by Nazareth's Dominic Wheatley in 2:17 before bouncing back in the consolation round to reach the third place.

Unfortunately, he wound up facing Bethlehem Catholic's Luke Thomas and suffered a 7-1 defeat in the medal round to settle for fourth place.

Despite the finish, Marino is always optimistic about what Karabinus can bring to any match, as he heads to the state tournament.

"Jared is a gamer and I love that about him," Marino said. "He goes into every match wanting to win and he has a unique style of his own. Jared could be down 14-0 and he will still continue to compete and with the style he has, he could throw someone to their back and pin them. I think the goal for him

this weekend is to get a medal, but like I said, I never count him out on pinning guys that on paper might look better than him."

While Freedom advanced both of their regional qualifiers to Hershey, Liberty will only be sending one of their two regional wrestlers to the state tournament.

Senior 145-pounder Ryan Santiago improved from his fourth place finish at districts to take second at regionals, losing to Nazareth's Jake Doone by fall in 1:44 during the finals.

It was an impressive run by Santiago, who came through the round of 16 and recorded falls in his first two bouts before knocking off Becahi's Charlie Scanlan 5-2 in the semifinals.

"Ryan just went out there right away and wrestled hard," said Liberty head coach Brandon Hall. "He just believed in himself and was aggressive all weekend and wrestled with a lot of confidence. He went out there with nothing to lose and all the stuff he wants to accomplish. See **STATES** on Page A9

Hawks sending 10

BY PETER CAR
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It might have gotten a bit sketchy for Bethlehem Catholic during Saturday's morning round at the Northeast Regional 3A tournament, but the Golden Hawks made sure not to repeat the same path from a year ago when Nazareth took the regional team crown.

After winning five of their 10 semifinal bouts, the gap between the Hawks and Blue Eagles had shrunk in the team standings, but when things wrapped up at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium, the Hawks came away with a 231.5-to-221.5 advantage to take home the team crown.

Becahi also had four champions and advanced 10 wrestlers to this week's PIAA tournament in Hershey. After breezing through the District 11 tournament, having some bumps in the road may not have been the worst thing for the team heading to the Giant Center for Thursday's opening round of states.

"The end result was nice to come away with the regional title," said head coach Jeff Karam. "We were in good shape and faced some adversity. We regrouped and came back Saturday night for the medal round and performed really well."

"This year's team is really tight knit and a lot of our guys were on that team from last year and they saw what happened with how Nazareth won all three [individual team titles] last year. I know that's definitely going to be on their mind this week."

Becahi's four champions from last week included Keanu Dillard (107), Nate Desmond (114), Kollin Rath (139)



Kollin Rath took home gold at 139.

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Andrew Harmon won gold at 160.

and Andrew Harmon tainly seen as a favorite to come away with a gold medal as well.

All four handled their finals victories as Dillard earned an 8-0 major decision over Abington Heights Luke Sirianni and Desmond followed with an 8-1 decision over Northampton's Carson Wagner. Rath tech falled Nazareth's Jack Campbell 24-9 in 3:28 and Harmon scored a 9-0 major decision over Jimmy Spindler of Pittston.

All four champs will carry weight going to their respective brackets, but Desmond is a returning state champion and is favored to repeat, while Dillard is the top-ranked 107-pounder in the country and is cer-

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Collins wins gold

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty swimmer Malcolm Collins was crowned the District XI Class 3A champion in the 200 individual medley, winning the event more than two seconds ahead of Emmaus's Andrew Taylor on March 3 at Parkland High School. "I knew it was gonna be a good race," Collins said. "My strengths were definitely my backstroke and breaststroke. I've been practicing my backstroke which is usually my weakest, but I really came back in the breaststroke and then finished with the freestyle."

Liberty coaches Reik Foust, Evan Kocon, and Jeff Matyus watched closely as the two top seeds fought for district gold.

"You know, when he was within the same stroke or half a stroke as Taylor from Emmaus, I knew," Foust said. "I thought, you know what, there's nobody gonna stick with Malcolm in breaststroke, and he's got a great finish. Just hang with Taylor for 25 and the race is yours. I was not surprised at all. We were thankful because that's what we were hoping for. That's what we wanted the race to be, and it came to us. It was good that way."

While Collins was confident, the Hurricane junior was somewhat surprised that his time (1:56.67) was well ahead



BY KATIE MCDONALD

Liberty's Natalie Brezinsky was the silver medalist in the 100 breaststroke at the District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships on March 4.

of Taylor's (1:59.14).

"When I touched in my 50 backstroke and pushed off for my breaststroke, and I didn't see him next to me, I was like, oh he's not there, so I pushed myself even further," Collins said. "I think I was more prepared mentally, and he kept me going in the first half, and then I just pushed off and left him there."

On March 4, Collins won the silver medal in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 57.41, and Pocono Mountain West's Carter Mui won the gold with a time of 57.31.

"Malcolm's got a good head on his shoulders, and he approaches it the right way," said Foust. "He made some mistakes in [breaststroke],

and we're gonna talk about that and make it better. You want to swim the perfect race, but it doesn't exist, but you can make your race better each time. Hopefully, that carries over so when he's ready to pop off another good one at states, we're ready to go."

Collins was part of the 200 medley relay team, along with Wade Wu, David Gabrielle, and Corbin Eisenhardt, that clinched the silver medal with a time of 1:37.30.

Missing from that team but watching from the pool deck was Hurricane senior Danny Lehr, the district's top seed in the 50 free and the 100 backstroke.

"Just thinking about him not being there, I was worried, but I knew we'd pull together," said Eisenhardt. "I knew with me being anchor, I really had to put forth the effort and show what we had and what we brought. I didn't want to let my team down, but I knew that as long as I fought for it, which is something I love doing, I'd be able to pull it off, and that's what happened. It felt really clean. I had no problems with my turns, breakouts, anything."

Lehr was sick and had barely been in the water since the Last Chance Meet in February, although the Hurricane sprinter gave it

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PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Malcolm Collins came away with a gold medal at the District 11 meet.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD

Liberty's Wade Wu, Malcolm Collins, David Gabrielle, and Corbin Eisenhardt won the silver medal in the 200 medley relay at the District XI Class 3A Swimming Championships on March 3.



Layla Orth tries to get away from a Northampton defender.



Emma Pukszyn of Liberty tries to make her way around two Konkrete Kid defenders during semifinal action.

Liberty girls fall in District 11 finals

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls basketball team was riding high with upsets of Pocono Mountain West and Northampton in district playoffs last week, so their 56-34 loss to Easton in the District XI Class 6A final on March 3 at Whitehall High School was especially hard on the Hurricanes.

"It's tough," said Liberty coach Jarrett Carnes. "Our confidence was through the roof. We got to see (Vataijah) Davis with Pocono Mountain West and (Grace) Lesko with Northampton. We took it to them, and we saw Easton twice this year, and at home, we gave them a run for their money, so tonight, we were leaving it all out there. We knew it was gonna be a great environment and that they were gonna sit in their zone, and they're a little bit bigger than us, but we were gonna go hard."

Liberty guard Ruby Miller had the hot hand

in the first half with three 3-pointers, but Easton's four-point lead at the end of the first quarter along with two runs in the second quarter gave the Red Rovers a 15-point halftime advantage.

"We knew we had an opportunity to be in it, and we were. We were in it," said Hurricane guard Layla Orth, "but the rebounding killed us, and I think their ball movement is phenomenal, and it's very hard to keep a consistent defense."

Easton's clear height advantage in forwards Evalyse Cole and Anye' Staton provided all of the Red Rovers' third-quarter points with the exception of a free throw by Kourin Carew.

Liberty jump started its offense with nine points posted by Ava Kopetskie and a 3-pointer by Orth, but still not enough to close the 15-point gap.

"Our ball movement was our main thing," Orth said. "We didn't hit

the shots we wanted to hit up until the very end, so I think we expected to hit them tonight as anybody would, but it just didn't work to our advantage tonight. This isn't a feeling I think any of us will forget. It stings tonight, so that'll work to our benefit because we don't want to feel like this again."

The Hurricane silver medalists will enter the PIAA Class 6A state playoffs with their first match against District 1's Upper Dublin, scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 10 at Liberty.

"I'm proud of them, super proud of them. It's not done yet. We still have states, and I told them we'll be back here again next year. I know they wanted gold, and I'm sad with them," Carnes said. "I'm looking forward to jumping back into it, seeing different opponents. It'll be nice to see new teams and see how we bounce back from a loss like this."



Jordan Thompson fights for the ball during the District 11 semifinals.

LHS falls to Parkland in 6A finals

BY MIKE HAINES
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Nick Coval knows something that other people in the Lehigh Valley might just be learning about. While everyone knows what a great player the two-time league MVP is, Saturday night showed that the team around him is also a force to be reckoned with.

Coval led the Trojans with a game-high 24 points in their District 11 title game win over Liberty, 57-43. But if not for the contributions of several of his teammates the game might not have had the same outcome.

"I probably wrote too much on the board before the game," said Parkland head coach Andy Stephens, "but that was one of the keys to just have faith in each other and play together as a team."

"Nick is going to be effective every game he plays, but when other guys can stop up and do that, and they did, we're going to be tough to beat."

Seniors Matt Ray (7 points, 6 assists, 4 rebounds, 2 steal) and Joey Gerbasio (11 points) hit some big baskets, with Gerbasio making three of Parkland's 10 three-pointers in the

game. Coval had three, while Robbie Ruisch (6 points, 2 assists) made two and Luke Spang and Ray had one each.

"I'm so proud of my team," said Ray. "We hit big shots this whole district playoffs. When we're hitting, we're a hard team to beat."

The biggest threes on the night were Ray's and Ruisch's.

After Coval got hot in the second quarter with 11 points in the period, the Trojans had the final shot with time winding down.

Ray missed a shot from long range, but Zaire Smaltz (6 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists) battled for the rebound and got the ball back to Ray. The senior point guard drained the shot with no time left on the clock to give the Trojans a 31-24 lead at halftime.

Ruisch did the same thing at the end of the third quarter, taking a pass from Smaltz and nailing the three-point shot for a 46-36 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Five different Trojans scored in the third quarter, with Smaltz's four points leading the way.

Liberty wasted no time trying to fight back in the fourth. Jake Pukszyn made a three-

point play to cut it to 46-39 and Blake Hargrove made a couple foul shots after a Coval basket to keep the margin at seven points.

A Gerbasio three-pointer with 4:25 left in the game put Parkland in front 51-41. That was the last field goal either team made all game as the rest of the scoring came at the free throw line.

Parkland went 7-for-8 from the stripe down the stretch, while the Hurricanes were 2-for-6 in the final four minutes and 0-for-4 on their last three trips to the line. Ray made all four of his fourth-quarter free throws, while Coval made each of his three.

Liberty opened an 8-3 lead to start the game and led 14-10 after a quarter.

Coval's 11 and a basket by Smaltz put Parkland ahead 28-21 before the Hurricanes' Dwayne Chess Jr. made a three just 35 seconds before half to cut into the lead.

Coval's second-quarter heroics put the Trojans in front, but staying there was a team effort.

"I'd go to war with them any day of the week," Coval said of his teammates. "I love them to death. I would do anything for them."



PRESS PHOTOS BY LINDA ROTHROCK
Jacob Pukszyn and the Hurricanes lost to PHS.



Dywane Chess led Liberty with 21 points.

Chess Jr. led Liberty with 21 points. He also had two assists and three steals.

Hargrove had 14 points and six rebounds for the Hurricanes.

Both teams move on to the state playoffs.

Parkland will host District 1's 10th place team (West Chester Henderson) Saturday at 3 p.m. Liberty host District 1's sixth-place team (Upper Darby) Saturday at 3 p.m.

Hawks prep for states, Freedom ousted

BY PETER CAR
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Experience is something that is always valuable, so Bethlehem Catholic is enjoying the roller coaster of the post-season.

While the Hawks lost to Central Catholic 65-50 over the weekend in the District 11 4A championship, they still get to practice this week and get ready for the state tournament when they host District 2 third-place qualifier Greater Nanticoke Friday at 7 p.m.

The opportunity to keep the season alive is something that head coach Scott McClary knows will benefit his young squad moving forward.

"Well, more than half the high school teams in Pennsylvania stopped playing and practicing after Feb. 6," McClary said. "We know that we will play at least through this weekend, so that is five extra weeks to be together, practice, build skills and gain many big game moments throughout league, district and state playoffs. So I would say it is a huge advantage versus those teams that did not get to experience that."

Lessons from the Central loss won't be hard to find, especially with the

amount of turnovers the Hawks (17-8) committed in a championship game.

"We had 17 turnovers and starting with the last 3 minutes of the 2nd quarter through the first half of the 3rd quarter, we allowed them some easy transition baskets and then we panicked a bit offensively," McClary said. "Once we got in a hole, we chased them a bit and they were able to get and snake open shots in the 3rd quarter three point explosion."

With the game tied at 24 at halftime, Central outscored Becahi 26-12 in the third quarter to open up the game. Alex Cercado and Marcus Drysdale led the Hawks with 18 points apiece, as they now set their sights on Greater Nanticoke (17-9).

"They will be a great challenge," said McClary on Friday's opponent. "They are athletic, have a really good big man, and will change defenses on you. They are in constant attack mode on offense with some balance to them. Hopefully every experience helps these guys grow. Lessons don't happen automatically, we have to keep getting better intentionally through all of the ups and the



BY LINDA ROTHROCK
Nathan Mulaney and the Hawks fell to Central in the District 11 finals.

downs."

Freedom was the second-seed in the District 11 6A bracket, but couldn't muster a win to advance to the state tournament, as the Pates were bounced from the consolation round Saturday following a 77-66 defeat to top-seeded Emmaus.

With the Green Hornets losing to Liberty in the semis and Freedom falling to eventual district champion Parkland in the semis too, it pitted the top two-seeds in the consolation round



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB
Aaron Levy puts up a shot against Parkland in the semifinals.

for the final spot in the PIAA tournament.

"We ran into a very hot Parkland team that was playing at a high level," said head coach Joe Stellato. "We did not play the best game and at that moment you have to be playing your best. In leagues we lost to the league champion and in districts we lost to the district champion. We just never had all five guys playing at their best at the same time."

The Pates finished the season 15-10, but saw senior Nick Ellis become the school's all-time leading scorer in the Emmaus loss with his 22-point effort.

Ellis finishes his ca-

reer with 1,239 points and also is the school's all-time leading rebounder with 653.

"Winning 15 games is not easy in this league," Stellato said. "We did not accomplish the goal of winning a championship, but we had a very successful season with a lot of high accomplishments. The seniors started for three years and although they left without accomplishing the ultimate goal of winning a championship, they grew as individuals and as a team. We had some big wins and put the team in the best position to compete for a championship."

STATES

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complish is still on the table with Hershey this week."

Liberty's Kam Abboud (133) saw his season end on Saturday, as he lost to Bethlehem Catholic's Cael McIntyre by a 14-6 major decision in the consolation semifinals. After losing in the quarterfinals to Wallenpaupack's Gunnar Myers by a 7-1 margin, Abboud won his next two wrestle backs before ultimately facing McIntyre.

With only one wrestler competing this week for the Hurricanes, Hall is hoping Santiago can make the most of their stay.

"He'll get out there and feel the environment and I'm sure he'll be fine," he said. "It's all your mental approach. Ryan has done a great job transforming him-



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB
Ryan Santiago will head to states this week.

self since his freshman year and I think that shines through."

On the flip side, Marino knows the goal for Horvath this week is completing the trifecta with a gold medal this weekend.

"I've always thought CJ was one of the best wrestlers in the state, but this year is different," said Marino. "He has controlled every match he's been in as well as been the aggress-

or. I don't believe anyone is better than CJ on his feet and he is so solid in the other two positions. I know he will come up against a few tough kids this weekend but he has been in big matches before and this year he has come out of those matches on top. I think he has finally turned that corner we have been waiting for and truly believe he is going to win a state title."

SWIM

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a go in the district 200 free relay, winning the bronze medal along with Tim Wetmore, Collins, and Eisenhardt with a time of 1:27.99.

"I think Danny would've had a really good 50, and he would've been great in backstroke," Foust said.

"Those four (200 medley relay) guys, fantastic. Fantastic 200 free relay. I couldn't ask more from them. They were great."

Wetmore, Wu, Gabrielle, and Eisenhardt were also bronze medalists in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:20.19.

In team results, Liberty's boys placed fourth, and Liberty's girls placed fifth.

Hurricane junior Natalie Brezinsky captured district silver in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:07.16, and Parkland's Kelsey McPeck took district gold with her time of 1:06.04.

"I was really excited," Brezinsky said. "I wasn't really thinking about it behind the blocks, but I just went in and swam it and swam my best time. I was practicing my turns and the little things before the meet started, and I think it helped me. Everything was really good. It was the best I could do, and I'm really happy with how I swam, not just the placement."

Brezinsky also won a fourth-place medal in the 50 free with a time of 25.01.

"Natalie's been swimming for awhile, but it's her first year with us, and she took to the girls, the girls loved her, and things worked out great," said Foust. "She became a team leader by her actions and did everything the right way. She swam gangbusters."

Liberty's Lilah McClarin, Brezinsky, Audrey Bloss-Ferry, and Chelsea Hearn medaled in the meet's first event of the day, posting a fourth-place time of 1:53.76 in the 200 medley relay.

Morgan Muller, Sophia O'Hara, Hearn, and Brezinsky came in fifth in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:42.21.

The PIAA Class 3A Swimming and Diving Championships are scheduled for March 16-18 at Bucknell University where Collins, Wetmore, Eisenhardt, Wu, Gabrielle, Lehr, and diver Keller Pooley will represent Liberty. Brezinsky is second alternate for breaststroke.

BC

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and opened up and that was good for him."

Harmon and Rath are wildcards for the Hawks in Hershey this week. Harmon didn't medal in Hershey a year ago, while Rath took third. Both are expected to bring back hardware, as well as the rest of the Hawks contingent.

"Andrew Harmon has been on fire and he's got a good shot if he's on," Karam said. "Definitely feel Kollin has a great shot, but he's in the toughest weight class in the tournament with two returning state champs in his weight. We're sending 10 guys out there and I think everyone of them can come home with a medal."

Other state qualifiers from regionals for the Hawks were: Jake Dailley (152, second); Charlie Scanlan (145, third); Luke Thomas (172, third); Shane McFillin (127, third); Cael McIntyre (133, third); Augustus Warke (215, fourth).

Ryder Campbell (121) also placed fifth for Becahi, but only the top four advance to Hershey.

GIRLS

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and on their next possession, Bangor's Madeline Stout hit a 3-pointer that made the score 27-23.

Slater coach Ed Ziegenfuss called a timeout, stressing to his team that they were "right there," and Bangor stayed within four points until Hernandez drained a 3, and Yarian Fernandez scored two more points on a turnover for the Hawks.

"We knew they were down, arguably their best player, (Avery Nelson) but nonetheless, they were gonna give us a strong effort, and that they did," Medina said, "but our girls found a way to continue to persevere."

Becahi guard Miry-net Colon, usually a defensive force, came off

the bench and led the charge in the fourth quarter as an offensive threat with seven consecutive points for the Hawks, starting with a huge 3 in the opening seconds.

"She's a great spark plug for us, and she does a great job of playing at a high level," Medina said.

While Bangor scored all its fourth-quarter points on free throws, Aliyah Brame's bucket and Kendra Rigo's 3-pointer for Becahi ended the game.

"It feels really good, especially after that hard loss to Easton," said Hernandez, "and it's good to get back."

Bethlehem Catholic will host Upper Moreland in its first-round PIAA Class 5A state playoff game, scheduled for 3 p.m. on March 11.

SAINT PATRICK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 8

Reservation deadline for the March 15 St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Irish music by Ken Purcell and Kristin Neel. Irish coffee and cookies. 2 to 3 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Megan by March 8; call 610-492-7077. Traditions of Hanover, 5200 Northgate Dr.

Saturday, March 11 to Friday, March 17

Paint Downtown Bethlehem green noon March 11 through 5 p.m. March 17. Celtic inspired music, entertainment, food, Beth-Lum Go Braugh Cocktail Trail. Information and tickets: www.visithistoricbethlehem.com

Saturday, March 11

Beth-Lum Go Braugh Cocktail Trail. Follow the passport while sipping samples and reach the pot of gold. Adults 21 and older. Vote for a favorite cocktail. Tickets: www.visithistoricbethlehem.com

St. Patrick's Day Party for Preemies and Lily's Hope Foundation Semi-formal Gala 2023. 5 p.m. cocktails; 6 p.m. dinner, dancing and silent auction; wine pull raffle, kids' activities. ends at 10 p.m. Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St. Information: visit Lily's Hope Foundation.org/party

Sunday, March 12

Celtic pysanky with a four leaf clover motif. Cover pre-written designs with a Kitska (wax tool) on a real chicken egg, dye the egg, remove the wax to reveal your final design. Eggs will be emptied at the end. Cost. All materials supplied. 1 to 4 p.m. CCA Office, 902 4th Ave, Suite 2. Information, reservations: visit <https://celticfest.org/the-art-of-celtic-pysanky/>

10th annual St. Patrick's Parade of Shamrocks, 1 p.m., downtown. Presented by the Celtic Cultural Alliance.

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Thursday, March 16 to Saturday, March 18

Second annual Sláinte festival. Music and traditions of the Emerald Isle. Bands from Ireland, Scotland, the Lehigh Valley and beyond; traditional food; whiskey pairings supervised by Neville Gardner and his team at Red Stag. Information; tickets to various events: visit www.steelstacks.org/festivals/slainte/

Saturday, March 18

ArtsQuest's second annual Sláinte Fiddle Competition. Two categories: 13 years and under; 14 to 18 years old. Each entrant has up to six minutes each to play Celtic origin tunes of their choice. The musician may bring an accompanist. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The registration cost includes one Saturday festival pass. To register, visit <https://fest.formstack.com/forms/slainte-fiddlecomp23>

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Andy Underwood and Annabel Figueroa, owners of Donerds Donuts, show just some of their tasty treats. **PRESS PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE CAMPBELL**

Donerds coming to town this April

Annabel and Andy master coffee and doughnuts

BY MICHAEL HIRSCH
Special to The Press

Annabel Figueroa and Andy Underwood own the Donerds Donuts, 76 Broadway, Jim Thorpe.

Annabel is from Chile, where the couple met and fell in love.

They started their gourmet doughnut food truck with a 1981 Volkswagen bus in Santiago.

While the couple is here in the U.S., that bus remains in Chile, although they do have another they take to

various locations to sell their taste tempting treats.

They proudly use the highest quality coffee, with beans from La Colombe, Philadelphia, and Stumptown Coffee Roasters, Portland, Ore.

The name "Donerds" was crafted because Figueroa and Underwood think of themselves as "mad nerd scientists," experimenting to make sure they have the best coffee and doughnuts possible.

With the success of the Jim Thorpe location, they will soon open a

new shop at 3 E. 4th Street, Bethlehem, by the end of April.

With the recent fast-nacht day, the doughnut duo are experimenting with fastnacht dough and are considering a new twist on the original.

Their best-selling doughnut is a twist on the cannoli, a doughnut, with ricotta cheese filling, chocolate chips and powdered sugar.

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Stepping into spring

While Punxsutawney Phil may have predicted six more weeks of winter, The Bethlehem Catholic community is leaping into the new season with an explosive warmth of unity. However, this nod to the coming season isn't simply in spirit but in name as well.

Last Sunday, March 4, Student Council created and brainstormed a new festivity for students to enjoy: The Spring Fling Dance. With pastel and flower adorned posters pasted around the halls, the Golden Hawk community started the turn of the tide in a fresh and fun manner. While this opportunity was open to students and one lucky guest each, Becahi has much more to offer for any who are interested.



Nichelson

The Northampton County Band Concert is set for March 18, boasting a display of excellence from many of Bethlehem Catholic's own. This continued theme of breaking precedent to go above and beyond has been a feature in reports of the community year-round, and this momentum has only grown with each semester.

Continuing the winning spirit and tradition attached to the program, the Boys wrestling team secured the PIAA 3A team state championship Feb. 11 and are looking to continue the legacy at individual regionals, where Andrew Harmon (160, senior), Cael MacIntyre (133, senior), Nathan Desmond (114, sophomore), Kollin Rath (139, sophomore), Charlie Scanlan (145, sophomore) and Keanu Dillard (107, freshman) will be looking to defend first place finishes at Districts, accompanied by the seven other wrestlers who advanced.

To continue in athletic excellence, the girls cheerleading team traveled to Florida to compete at the National Championships. The girls put on a flawless performance and received no deductions, representing the Hawks proudly.

While each performer and wrestler has worked tirelessly to accomplish the mentioned accomplishments, it is central to the Becahi community to recognize the role faith plays in all successes. The school coterie came together to celebrate this faith and reflect on the absence of it during a celebration of Ash Wednesday, during which students boast a cross of ashes on their forehead to openly display their faith and open their hearts to forgiveness.

These masses aren't the only chance to come together as a Catholic community, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, each grade came together to garner school spirit in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Activities included a pep rally led by senior Aidan Rompilla and a school-wide jeopardy game in which grades competed head to head in categories ranging from Slang and Geography to Candy and Golden Hawk Facts. Additionally students enjoyed dress down days, and a basketball tournament.

"Seizing opportunities to come together and have fun is See **NEWS** on Page A12



The entire company performs the closing number.

MORAVIAN ACADEMY'S SPRING MUSIAL

'Putnam County Spelling Bee'

BY ED COURRIER

Special to the Bethlehem Press

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" brought the geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley MS's competition to the Moravian Academy stage

from Mar. 3-5.

The ensemble-driven musical comedy explores the anxiety and glory of six quirky adolescents as they compete in a spelling bee run by equally eccentric adults. With music and lyrics by William Finn,

and book by Rachel Sheinkin, the production is based on "C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E" by Rebecca Feldman. "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" premiered on Broadway in 2005 and won two Tony Awards out of six

nominations. It was also nominated for a Grammy Award in 2006.

Director Jarrod Yuskas, was assisted by choreographer Deena Linn, music director Dr. Yvonne Robinson and technical director Rob Riker.



"I'm Not That Smart," laments Leaf Coneybear (Devin Klotz) as he attempts to spell his assigned word.



Chip Tolentino (Joey Oltman) solos with "Chip's Lament" at the start of Act Two, having been disqualified due to a 'distraction' in Act One.



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William Barfée (Colin Moore) sings "Magic Foot" as he explains his unique technique during the spelling bee. The adult moderators are, from left: Douglas Panch (Matthew Brandle), "Mitch" Mahoney (Rebecca Farrell) and Rona Lisa Peretti (Sofia Eckman).



"I Speak Six Languages" sings a stressed-out Marcy Park (Sarah Connors) at right. From left, are Leaf Coneybear (Devin Klotz), Chip Tolentino (Joey Oltman), Neal Gummadi (Gabriel Garwinkle) and Scarlet Ohio (Armani Marquez).

NEWS

Continued from page A11 central to being part of the Becahi family," says senior student body president Alice Frank. When asked what she was most excited for in the coming weeks, she responded, "The annual EPC Model UN competition is coming up in mid-March. I'm ecstatic to compete for my final time as a senior. Last year we finished tied for third with Easton and I'm confident we will continue to improve upon those results this year."

The verdict is in, winter weather may still be swarming the Lehigh Valley, but that certainly isn't stopping the Bethlehem Catholic community from stepping into spring with their best foot forward.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 44°, humidity of 44%. Northwest wind 21 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 2000. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 28°. North wind 16 to 23 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 17°. The record low for tonight is 5° set in 2007. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 51%. North wind 17 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 24°. West southwest wind 7 to 16 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high temperature of 47°, humidity of 56%. East southeast wind 8 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 45% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 32°. East southeast wind 8 to 11 mph.

Weather Trivia

At what time of day do tornadoes usually form?



Answer: Usually in the afternoon hours, between 2 and 6 p.m.

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

Dr. Roy to present state of the schools

On Thursday, March 16, Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy will present State of the Schools, showcasing how BASD teachers are "Building Bethlehem" at the Zoellner Arts Center from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Persons of the week

Student of week is Sophia Gonzalez, a fifth grader at Donegan ES. Sophia works with the Life Skills students and "makes them feel comfortable and included."

Educator of week is Marvine ES guidance counselor Alexis Szaro, a BASD alumna who also completed her school counselor internship at Freemansburg ES and Freedom HS.

Secondary schools

Freedom HS's Jazz Festival began March 2 with a choir coffee house. Festivities continue through April.

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School held a coat drive. The National Technical Honor Society collected 320 coats.

Elementary schools

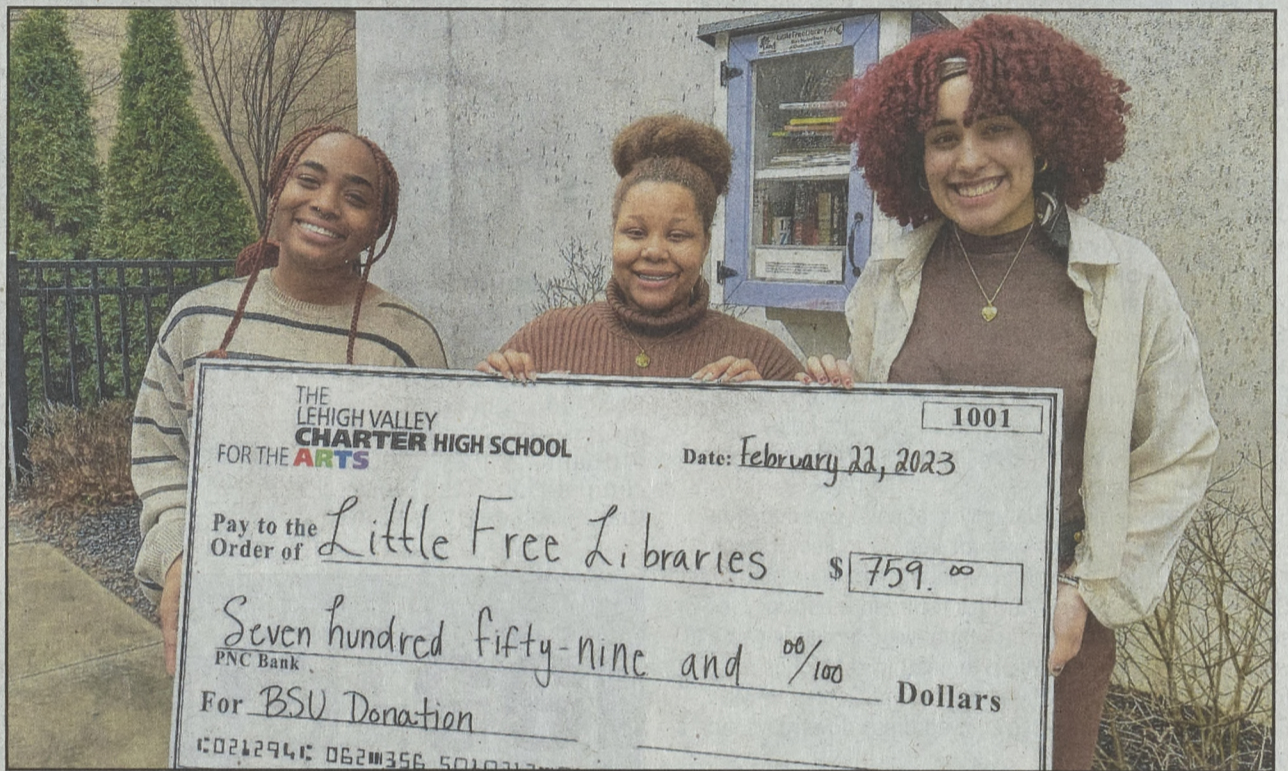
Spring picture days are coming up. Check your school calendar for dates.

Bethlehem Area elementary schools celebrated Read Across America Day with visiting guest readers and author visits. William Penn ES held an evening family celebration with a focus on poet Maya Angelou.

Compiled by Lani Goins

Show benefits Little Free Library project

Alyzah-Shea Avila, Valencia Patrick and Bianca Felix, board members of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Black Student Union, dedicated proceeds from the club's Black Excellence Show held in February to the BSU's Little Free Libraries initiative. In addition to monetary donations, the club also collected more than 50 donated books at the show. The BSU built and installed two libraries in 2021, one is located on the school's campus and one is located at a private residence in Allentown. The Little Free Library book-sharing movement fosters "Building Community, Inspiring Readers, and Expanding Book Access for All."



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'The Rising' gets its Irish up again with rebel granddaughter on stage

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

A rebel's granddaughter will tell of her grandfather's role in the Easter Rebellion when Crowded Kitchen Players returns "The Rising: The Irish Rebellion in Song and Verse" to the Lehigh Valley stage, March 17-19, Charles A. Brown IceHouse, Bethlehem.

During the 2022 premiere of the original show, Fiona Sweeney, granddaughter of Irish rebel Peter Paul Galligan, was in the audience.

This year, the Bethlehem resident will be on the stage after "Rising" playwright and director Ara Barlieb wrote her story into the new version of the drama.

According to historic accounts, on Easter Monday 1916, a small band of Irish nationalists stormed

See 'RISING' on Page B5



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY CROWDED KITCHEN PLAYERS

Fiona Sweeney, granddaughter of Irish rebel Peter Paul Galligan, portrays several members of auxiliary in "The Rising: The Irish Rebellion in Song and Verse," Crowded Kitchen Players, Charles A. Brown IceHouse, Bethlehem.

READERS PICK THE OSCAR WINNERS

The nominations are ready for the 95th Academy Awards.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences presents the 2023 Academy Awards ceremonies honoring 2022 theatrical motion picture releases, 8 p.m. March 12, Dolby Theater, Los Angeles, televised on ABC-TV.

The Press Focus section again presents the "Readers Pick The Oscar Winners Contest." The person who picks the most correct number of Oscar recipients in seven major categories receives a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card, Roxy Theatre movie tickets, Press newspapers-web site prize package, and the opportunity to have his or her photo published in the Focus section of the eight Press newspapers and websites.

Oscar contest entry form: Page B2

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



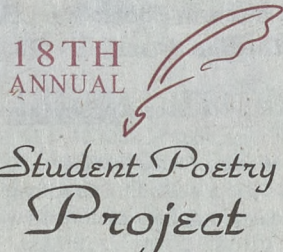
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The Robert Cray Band, 8 p.m. March 10, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Columbus, Ga., native grew up in Lakewood, Wash. Since 1974, Cray has been touring and recording Soul, R&B, Gospel, Blues and Rock 'n' Roll. The five-time Grammy winner has been inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame and received the Americana Music Awards Lifetime Achievement for Performance. The Robert Cray Band has released more than 20 acclaimed albums, from the studio albums, "Who's Been Talkin'" (1980) to "That's What I Heard" (2020), and has sold millions worldwide. His records, "Smoking Gun" (1986), reached No. 1 and "Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark" (1988), No. 4 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart. The Robert Cray Band is: Robert Cray, guitar, vocals; Dover Weinberg, keyboards; Richard Cousins, bass, and Les Falconer, drums. Tickets: box office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe; www.ticketmaster.com; Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000; 866-605-PEAK (7325). Information: https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all; 866-605-PEAK (7325)

March 15 deadline for Student Poetry Project

Entries are now being accepted for the 18th annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories. The first, second and third place selections in each category will be published in the April



26 and April 27 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and on the website.

The student in each

of the three categories whose poem is selected for publication on the front page of the Focus section may have his or her photo published, with the permission of the student's parent or guardian, published in the Press Focus section.

Three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be interviewed on "Lehigh Valley Arts

Salon," 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. April 24, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, www.wdiy.org.

The entry guidelines:

1. The Student Poetry Project is open to Lehigh Valley elementary school, middle school and high school public, parochial, private, charter, cyber and home-school students in the circulation areas of the Lehigh Valley See **POETRY** on Page B5

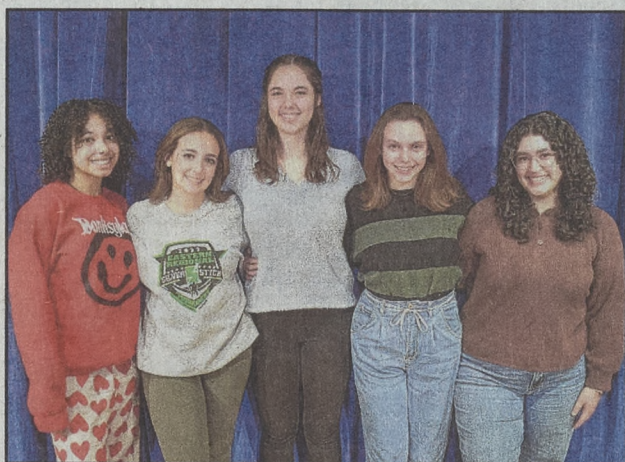
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS



Articles and Photos by ED COURRIER

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals on the road to the 21st annual Freddy Awards, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section continues its annual preview series. The 2023 Freddy Awards ceremony is 7 p.m. May 25, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, telecast live on WFMZ and streamed on wfmz.com.

Information: <https://freddyawards.org/>



From left: Mia Bernard (Violet), Bella Natosi (Doralee), Mikayla Lighting (Joe), Grace Spellacy (Judy), Karina Hernandez (Roz), "9 to 5," Salisbury High School.



From left, front: Aidan Heil (Pippin), Angelina Dries (Leading Player); back: Elisa Osorto (Catherine), Adyn Wellington (Charles), Emily Eisenhard (Fastrada), "Pippin," Catasauqua High School



From left, front: Kyra Soto (Sophie), Ary Koch (Donna); back: Jacob Kern (Harry), Jules Brown (Sam), Todd Crosllis (Bill), "Mamma Mia!," Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts.

SALISBURY '9 to 5'

Salisbury High School punches the clock with "9 to 5," 7 p.m. March 16, 17, 18; 2 p.m. March 19, auditorium, Salisbury High School, 500 E. Montgomery St., Salisbury Township.

Director Shannon O'Grady is choreographer and costume designer, assisted by Musical Director Zach Montenegro and Technical Director Chris West.

Three office coworkers, Violet, Doralee and Judy, working under oppressive conditions at Consolidated Industries,

decide to rebel against their domineering and lecherous boss.

With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, the musical is based on the 1980 film of the same title by Colin Higgins and Resnick.

Opening on Broadway in 2009, the musical received four Tony Award nominations.

Notable songs include "9 to 5," "I Just Might," "Shine Like the Sun" and "Change It."

Tickets: <https://www.salisburysd.org>

CATASAUQUA 'Pippin'

Catasauqua High School brings back the Middle Ages with performances of "Pippin," 7 p.m. March 17, 18; 2 p.m. March 19, Catasauqua High School, 2500 W. Bullhead Road, Allen Township.

Director John Leiderman is assisted by Assistant Director-Choreographer Marissa Brewer, Music Director Greg Snider and Orchestra Director Rob Arnold.

In the tale told by the Leading Player, head of a mysterious performance troupe, Pippin is a prince searching for meaning and significance.

With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, the libretto was written by Roger O. Hirson.

The 1972 Broadway premiere was directed by Bob Fosse, with the musical nominated for 11 Tony Awards, receiving five Tonys. The 2013 Broadway revival was nominated for 10 Tony Awards, receiving four Tonys.

Signature songs include "Magic to Do," "Corner of the Sky," "No Time At All," "Extraordinary" and "I Guess I'll Miss the Man."

Tickets: <https://www.cattysd.org/>

CHARTER ARTS 'Mamma Mia!'

"Mamma Mia!" brings romance to the stage with classic Abba hits, 7 p.m. March 16, 17, 18, 24; 2 p.m. March 19, 25, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem.

Director-Choreographer Ashley Tait Weller is assisted by Music Director Cristina Makowicz and Technical Director Ellen Schmoeyer.

Set on a Greek island, a young bride-to-be invites three men from her mother's past to her wedding without consulting mom. She is determined to find out which one is her fa-

ther and have him walk her down the aisle.

With music and lyrics by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson and book by Catherine Johnson, the musical comedy debuted on Broadway in 2001, receiving five Tony Award nominations.

Songs include "Dancing Queen," "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme," "S.O.S.," "Take a Chance on Me" and "Mamma Mia!"

The production is not in the Freddy Awards.

Tickets: www.charterarts.org

Oscar is 'Everywhere'

AT THE MOVIES
By Paul Willistein
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It's that time of year: Time for my annual public humiliation. Yes, it's time for my Oscar picks. It's always a guessing game to pick Oscar winners, whether you've seen a few films, or mostly watch the Oscars for the red-carpet fashion parade and inappropriate podium behavior, or if you see one movie or more per week as I do.

This year, my sentimental feeling is that Oscar will spread the love around, although the smart money is on a sweep for "Everything Everywhere All at Once."

Here are my picks in the seven categories of the annual Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick The Oscar Winners Contest" for the 95th Academy Awards.

Leading Actor: A tough category. Each nominated actor is deserving. In a career comeback for a remarkable performance in "The Whale": **Brendan Fraser**

Leading Actress: Cate Blanchett, "Tár," is a front-runner. "Everything Everywhere All at Once" has a career-capping performance for the first Asian actress who will receive the Oscar for lead actress: **Michelle Yeoh**

Supporting Actor: Brendan Gleeson, "The Banshees of Inisherin," and Barry Keoghan, "The Banshees of Inisherin," are favorites, but may cancel each other out. In "Everything Everywhere All at Once," he has a heart of innocence as he did as Short Round in "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984): **Ke Huy Quan**

Supporting Actress: This is another very competitive category with each deserving of a win. Kerry Condon,

"The Banshees of Inisherin," is a favorite. Jamie Lee Curtis, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," and Stephanie Hsu, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," may cancel each other out. On behalf of Queen Ramonda's son King T'Challa (the late Chatwick Boseman) in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" and African-Americans and their overlooked films ("Nope," "Till," "The Woman King") in the 95th Oscar nominations: **Angela Bassett**

Director: The Daniels, as they are dubbed, Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, "Everything Everywhere All at Once," are odds-on favorites, but don't overlook Martin McDonagh, "The Banshees of Inisherin," or Todd Field, "Tár." He will be honored for the Rosetta Stone of his filmography, "The Fabelmans," and as the contemporary King of Hollywood: **Steven Spielberg**

Best Picture: A full roster of 10 nominees and any number could win, although "Everything Everywhere All at Once" is the clear favorite. I am rooting for the best movie-going experience of 2022 and for James Cameron, reigning King of the Cinematic World: **"Avatar: The Way of Water"**

Animated Feature Film: You had to see, or should see and hear the great Jenny Slate, who voices Marcel and cowrote the screenplay with Dean Fleischer Camp, who appears in the stop-motion animation film. **"Marcel the Shell with Shoes On"**

For the bonus round, I added four categories not in the Lehigh Valley Press Focus "Readers Pick The Oscar Winners Contest":

Documentary Feature Film: "All That Breathes," Shaunaq Sen, Aman Mann, Teddy Leifer; "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed," Laura Poitras, Howard Gertler, John Lyons, Nan Goldin,

Yoni Golijov; "Fire of Love," Sara Dosa, Shane Boris, Ina Fichman; "A House Made of Splinters," Simon Lereng Wilmont, Monica Hellström; "Navalny," Daniel Roher, Odessa Rae, Diane Becker, Melanie Miller, Shane Boris. Oscar voters will put it to Putin: **"Navalny"**

International Feature Film: "All Quiet on the Western Front," Germany, is the favorite. "Argentina, 1985," Argentina; "Close," Belgium; "EO," Poland; "The Quiet Girl," Ireland. He represents all the donkeys at the 95th Oscars and around the world: **"EO"**

Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office, March 3 - 5: "Creed III" opened at No. 1 with \$58.6 million in 4,007 theaters, knocking "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania" from its two-week No. 1 championship title to No. 2, with \$12.4 million in 3,825 theaters, \$186.7 million, three weeks.

3. "Cocaine Bear" dropped one place, \$11 million in 3,571 theaters, \$41.2 million, two weeks. 4. "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba - To the Swordsmith Village," opening, \$10.1 million in 1,774 theaters. 5. "Jesus Revolution" dropped two places, \$8.6 million in 2,575 theaters, \$30.5 million, two weeks. 6. "Avatar: The Way of Water" dropped two places, \$3.5 million in 2,300 theaters, \$670.6 million, 12 weeks. 7. "Operation Fortune: Ruse de guerre," opening, \$3.1 million in 2,168 theaters. 8. "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" dropped three places, \$2.7 million in 2,588 theaters, \$177.1 million, 11 weeks. 9. "Magic Mike's Last Dance" dropped three places, \$1.1 million in 1,737 theaters, \$25.3 million, four weeks. 10. "80 for Brady" dropped three places, \$845,000 in 1,495 theaters, \$38.3 million, five weeks.

Movie box office information from Box Of-

READERS PICK THE

OSCAR WINNERS

This is the entry form for the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick The Oscar Recipients Contest" for the 94th Academy Awards.

<p>LEAD ACTOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Austin Butler, "Elvis"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Colin Farrell, "The Banshees of Inisherin"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brendan Fraser, "The Whale"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paul Mescal, "Aftersun"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bill Nighy, "Living"</p>	<p>SUPPORTING ACTRESS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Angela Bassett, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hong Chau, "The Whale"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kerry Condon, "The Banshees of Inisherin"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jamie Lee Curtis, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Hsu, "Everything Everywhere All at Once"</p>
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CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS: Email Oscar Contest Entry Form to: jfisher@tnonline.com; mail to: Jennifer Fisher, The Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104; drop off at The Press offices, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Include name, address, telephone number, email (Information will not be published or shared.). One entry per person. Entry deadline: 5 p.m. March 10. In event of tie, earliest entry date determines winner

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Unreel, March 10:
"Scream VI," Rated R: Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett direct Jenna Ortega, Courtney

Cox, Hayden Panettiere, Jasmin Savoy Brown, Melissa Barrera and Dermot Mulroney in the Horror film. A new chapter begins in New York City.

"65," Rated PG-13: Scott Beck and Bryan Woods direct Adam Driver, Ariana Greenblatt in the science fiction film. An astronaut lands on a strange planet.

"Champions," Rated PG-13: Bobby Farrelly directs Woody Harrelson, Kaitlin Olson, Ernie Hudson and Cheech Marin in the Comedy Drama. A basketball coach and a team of players with intellectual dis-

abilities.
"Luther: The Fallen Sun," Rated R: Jamie Payne directs Idris Elba, Andy Serkis and Cynthia Erivo in the Crime Drama. Detective John Luther tracks a serial killer in London. Based on the BBC TV series.

"The Ritual Killer," No MPA rating. George Gallo directs Morgan Freeman, Cole Hauser and Murielle Hilaire in the Thriller. A detective and a professor track a serial killer.

Movie box office information from Internet Movie Database as of March 5 is subject to change

CORRECTION

Phoebe Legere will present "Harmonies of Hope," a talk and performance, 6 p.m. March 16, Arthaus, as part of Legere's exhibition, "Evanescent Landscapes/Vanishing Women," March

1 - April 25, in Arthaus, Allentown. The date for the performance was incorrect in a Gallery View column in the March 1 Focus section in Lehigh Valley Press.

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Howard Schaeffer again helms Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors

Howard Schaeffer, a Realtor with RE/MAX Real Estate in Allentown, is the new president of the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors.



Howard Schaeffer

Schaeffer, a fulltime Realtor since 2003 who specializes in commercial sales, residential home sales, new construction sales and investor relations, is returning to his role as president of the association for one year.

Lori Campbell, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate, is to be installed as president in 2024.

Christopher Raad installed Schaeffer as GLVR's 2023 president at a Jan. 26 induction ceremony at The Club at Twin Lakes. Raad was president of GLVR in 2015-2016 and president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors in 2021.

Highlighting the technological growth of the Greater Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service, expansion of the Greater Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy, continued focus on charitable giv-

ing and community involvement, and a goal to sharpen the association's bylaws, Schaeffer told the 200 real estate professionals in attendance he was there "for each and every one of you," and that he was "dedicated to getting the job done for the greater good."

"My mission for 2023 is to continue the previous year's mission," Schaeffer said.

"We're not yet done. I want to see our MLS institute the greatest technology, our Academy to expand and bolster professionalism in our footprint, our advocacy to ensure we are a champion for fair housing and private property rights,

and our communications to continue to mature in dynamic outreach to both members and consumers," said Schaeffer.

In addition to serving on the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors Board of Directors, Schaeffer served on the association's Grievance Committee from 2016-2018.

Schaeffer has been awarded the RE/MAX Chairman's Club Award and was elected to the RE/MAX Hall of Fame in 2012. He is team leader for Howard Schaeffer & Associate's Real Estate Team.

Schaeffer is a former active-duty United States Marine. He is a member of the Lehigh Valley Marine Corp League Detachment 296; Chairman of the Board for the Chapel of Four Chaplains Foundation; National Chaplain, Marine Corps League; President of the Marine Corps League National Foundation and the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc., and is a Director on the Board of the Youth Physical Fitness.



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St. Luke's University Hospital, Bethlehem campus.

St. Luke's U. Hospital is Newsweek 'World's Best'

St. Luke's University Hospital has been named one of the "World's Best" hospitals by Newsweek magazine for the fifth year in a row.

"This prestigious achievement is due to our outstanding doctors, nurses and other staff who work together as a team to provide the highest standards care to our patients every day," said Donna Sabol, St. Luke's Senior Vice President and Chief Quality Officer.

Of 414 American hospitals to make the list, 27 are based in Pennsylvania.

St. Luke's University Hospital, which encompasses St. Luke's Bethlehem and Allentown campuses, was ranked

7th overall in the state and is the top-ranked hospital from the Lehigh Valley.

"The world's best hospitals consistently attract the best people and provide the best outcomes for patients as well as the most important new therapies and research. Of all the hospitals in the world, relatively few can do all those things year in and year out. The best belong to a very exclusive club," stated Newsweek.

To create the ranking, Newsweek and Statista Inc., a global market research and consumer data company, designed a methodology that evaluated hospitals from 28 nations using data from three sources:

- Hospital recommendations from peers: an online survey conducted among tens of thousands of doctors, health care professionals and hospital managers in 28 countries

- Patient experience: surveys of patient satisfaction with hospitals

- Medical KPIs (e.g. data on quality of treatment, hygiene measures)

- PROMs implementation survey: questionnaires measuring patients' perception of their functional well-being and quality of life

Newsweek's World's Best hospitals list: <https://www.newsweek.com/rankings/worlds-best-hospitals-2023>.

LCCC

Sessions set for FAFSA

In anticipation of the financial aid priority-filing deadline of May 1 for Pennsylvania State Grant eligibility, Lehigh Carbon Community College will offer workshops to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) State Grant Application at all three LCCC campuses.

Registration is requested and walk-ins will be accommodated based on available space in the computer labs.

Three workshop sessions at each site are available:

4:30, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. March 15, Main Campus,

Schnecksville

5, 6, 7 p.m. April 11, Morgan Center, Tamaqua

5, 6, 7 p.m. April 19, Donley Center, Allentown

PHEAA representation and Spanish-speaking staff members will be available at the Main Campus and Donley Center workshops.

Information: Financial Aid, 610-799-1133; finaid@mymail.lccc.edu.

Prices, mortgage rate increases possible for LV housing in 2023

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The year 2023 looks much like the year 2022 in the Lehigh Valley housing market: higher prices, increased mortgage rates and lower sales.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR) reported that January data indicates the start of 2023 is "in a state of rebalance," with "many buyers and sellers remaining cautious while they wait to see where the real estate market is headed."

According to statistics for January in the report released Feb. 14:

- * Closed sales decreased 38.1 percent to 349 listings.

- * Pending Sales decreased 4.2 percent to 453.

- * New Listings decreased 9.2 percent to 492.

- * Inventory increased 12.8 percent to 571 units for Lehigh and Northampton counties.

- * The Median Sales Price increased 10.9 percent to \$300,000.

- * Percentage of List Price Received decreased 2.7 percent to 99.0 percent.

- * Homes sold, on average, in 27 days, an increase of 22.7 percent, or five days, compared to January 2022.

January statistics

- Average sales price increased 8.4 percent in January to \$340,054, up from \$313,567 in January 2022. The average year-to-date sales price increased 8.4 percent to \$340,054, up from \$313,567.

- Median sales price increased 10.9 percent in January to \$300,000, up from \$270,500 in January 2022. The year-to-date median sales price increased 10.9 percent to \$300,000, up from \$270,000.

- Percentage of list price received decreased 2.7 percent to 98.0 percent in January, down from 101.7 percent in January 2022. The year-to-date percentage of list price received decreased 2.7 percent to 98.0 percent, down from 101.7 percent.

- Closed sales decreased 38.1 percent to 349 units in January, down from 564 units in January 2022. The year-to-date closed sales decreased 38.1 percent to 349 units, down from 564 units.

- Pending sales decreased 4.2 percent to 453 units in January, down from 473 units in January 2022. The year-to-date pending sales decreased 4.2 percent, to 453, down from 473.

- New listings decreased 9.2 percent to 492 units in January, down from 542 units in January 2022. The year-to-date new listings decreased 9.2 percent, to 492 units, down from 542 units.

- Days on market increased 22.7 percent to 27 days in January, up from 22 days in January 2022. The year-to-date days on market increased 22.7 percent, to 27 days, up from 22 days.

- Months supply of inventory increased 28.6 percent to 0.9 months in January, up from 0.7 months in January 2022.

- Inventory increased 12.8 percent to 571 in January, up from 506 in January 2022.

- Housing affordability index decreased 29.8 percent to 118 in January, down from 168 in January 2022. The year-to-date housing affordability index decreased 29.8 percent to 118, down from 168.

Carbon County

In Carbon County, in January, the Median Sales Price increased to \$231,900.

Closed Sales decreased to 37.

Pending Sales decreased to 42.

New Listings decreased to 58.

Inventory increased to 101 units.

Months Supply of Inventory increased to 1.6 months.

Days on Market increased to 46 days.

LV analysis

"Although home prices remain high, mortgage rates declined steadily throughout January, falling to their lowest level since September, sparking a recent surge in mortgage demand," said GLVR CEO Justin Porembo.

"Lower rates should aid in affordability and may soon lead to an uptick in market activity ahead of the spring selling season," Porembo said.

"Demand for housing persists, and many would say higher mortgage interest rates have cut into housing affordability," said GLVR President Howard Schaeffer.

"But with homes spending a little longer on the market, buyers have more time and negotiating power when shopping for a home. Seller concessions are making a comeback, too," Schaeffer said. "At the end of a deal, it all balances out, and my clients are notably seeing in real-time the affordability story isn't quite as alarming as it seems on the surface," said Schaeffer.

National indicators

In the United States, pending sales rose 2.5

percent month-to-month, marking the first increase since May, while sales of existing homes fell 1.5 percent as of last measure, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Higher mortgage interest rates have cut into housing affordability, with home sales down 17.8 percent in 2022, compared to 2021.

As sales slow, time on market is increasing, with the average home spending 26 days on market as of last measure, according to NAR.

2022 overview

The GLVR compiled an in-depth report on the 2022 local housing market.

Highlights of the report, applicable to the Lehigh and Northampton counties, include:

Sales: Pending sales decreased 14.1 percent, finishing 2022 at 7,515. Closed sales were down 12.1 percent to end the year at 7,675.

Listings: Comparing 2022 to 2021, the number of homes available for sale was up 6.4 percent. There were 602 active listings at the end of 2022. New listings decreased by 10.5 percent to finish the year at 8,942.

List Price Received: Sellers received, on average, 102.0 percent of their original list price at sale. Year-over-year original list price increased 0.4 percent.

Distressed Homes: Previous forbearance efforts by the government and lenders limited distressed sales activity once again.

In 2022, the percentage of closed sales that were either foreclosure

or short sale finished the year at 0.4 percent of the market, or 31 properties out of the 7,675 closed for the year.

Foreclosure and short sale activity may increase in 2023, though the strong gains in equity seen by most homeowners in the last few years will help to limit the number of distressed sales.

Prices: Home prices were up in 2022, compared to 2021. The overall median sales price increased 12.9 percent to \$293,000 for 2022. Single Family home prices were up 11.5 percent compared to 2021, and Townhouse-Condo home prices were up 15.0 percent.

Carbon County: Closed sales were down 5.2 percent to 799.

There were 951 new listings, and 2022 closed with 91 active listings.

Percent of list price received at sale for 2022 was, on average, 96.7 percent.

The overall median sales price increased 7.7 percent to \$210,000.

2023 outlook: For 2023, much depends on inflation, mortgage interest rates and the broader state of the economy.

Economists predict many of 2022's housing trends will continue into 2023: home sales will soften, price growth will

moderate, inventory will remain tight and there will be greater variability between markets nationally, with some regions possibly seeing price declines while other, more affordable areas of the United States, such as the Lehigh Valley, remain in high demand and experience price growth.

GLVR Information

The Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors is a not-for-profit trade association representing more than 3,000 Realtors in Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties.

The association provides professional development and training resources, competitive market information, legislative advocacy, peer review and mediation processes for members, and a dispute resolution service for consumers.

The association owns and operates the Greater Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and the Greater Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy.

Realtors are distinguished from real estate licensees by subscribing to a strict code of ethics and standards of practice as defined by the National Association of Realtors.

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Katie and Finn, youth members of the UUCLV, fill bags for distribution and arrange donated foods on the shelves. During the past year, the food bank has seen a 50 percent increase in the number of families needing its help.

Local food bank struggles to meet growing need

Ten years ago, St. Andrews Episcopal Church with the help of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Notre Dame Catholic Church of Bethlehem and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley (UUCLV) joined together to open the Pennsylvania Avenue Interfaith Food Bank at 1900 Pennsylvania Ave. in Allentown.

Twice a month the food bank opens its doors to supply food to local families in need.

Dedicated volunteers from the four churches help the families choose needed food to keep their families

healthy.

However, the need has increased. During the past year, the food bank has seen a 50 percent increase in the number of families needing its help. This has been made more difficult due to inflation, which has increased the cost of food by 50 percent during the same period.

The food bank is supported partly by government funds and partly by private donations. The current economic times have caused a 40 percent drop in donations making it much more difficult to meet the growing need.

'RISING'

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Dublin is a desperate attempt to win their freedom from centuries of British rule. They were vastly outnumbered. There were a few hundred rebels against a British fighting force of 30,000.

After seven days, many Irish persons were killed in the streets, rebel leaders were executed, and hundreds of civilians were sent to prison.

Despite the rebels' defeat, "The Rising," as the Easter Monday rebellion came to be known, symbolized the resolve of Irish people to win their freedom, and is believed to have led to Irish independence six years later.

"I was blown away last year when I saw the play," says Sweeney, adding, "It's historically perfectly accurate. It's incredible what they've done. If it wasn't for these great men and women, we'd still be under British control."

Sweeney portrays several members of Cumann na mBan, an Irish volunteers auxiliary.

Sweeney emigrated from Ireland in 1987 and holds dual Irish and American citizenship. In 2012, Sweeney's brother Kevin Galligan published "Peter Paul Galligan: One of the



Peter Paul Galligan, Irish rebel leader.

Most Dangerous Men in the Rebel Movement" (2012, Liffey Press, 282 pp.) that details the role their grandfather played in the uprising. Though he's seldom named among the major rebels, Galligan played a crucial role in the fighting and was one of the few who escaped execution, going on to live a long, successful life.

In "The Rising," performers take turns telling about the uprising, using letters, clippings and dialog, tied together by songs of the period.

Singer-guitarist Joey Mutis of the band Electric Farm, performs traditional Irish songs, including "Ireland's Call," "Banna Strand," "The Row in the Town" and "The Foggy Dew."

Trish Cipoletti plays Moira Regan, who took an active role in the battle and later was interviewed for The New York Times by noted



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From left: Cassidy Kimata (Cowardly Lion), Johnny Drumgoole (Scarecrow), Kylie Menow (Dorothy), Kevin Regan (Tin Man), Tia Rossi (Toto puppeteer), "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," DeSales University Act 3.

poet and journalist Joyce Kilmer, played by Bruce Brown.

The cast includes Mary Pat Lemass, Drew Adamczak, Sharon Ferry, Colleen Popper Grahek, Carla Hadley, Marcella Karam, Michael Sheridan and Pamela McLean Wallace.

"The Rising," 7 p.m. March 17-19. Tickets: 610-704-6974; <http://www.ckplayers.com>

"The Wizard" at DeSales: DeSales University Theatre's Act 3 senior capstone project is a children's production of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," March 16 - April 15, Schubert Theatre, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley.

The 1900 novel by L.

Frank Baum's original novel," says Hurley.

"I was much more familiar with the movie when I entered the process, but after reading the book and learning more about Baum himself, I developed a greater respect for his artist-ry," Hurley says.

"I knew immediately that I wanted my version to reflect his child-like wonder, enthusiasm for color, and desire to send a message of friendship to children all over," says Hurley.

As a senior theater class production, every acting role, stage crew, design staff and administrative position is staffed and led by DeSales students.

The cast features Kylie Menow (Dorothy), Johnny Drumgoole (Scarecrow), Kevin Regan (Tin Man) and Cassidy Kimata (Cowardly Lion).

Toto the dog is a puppet performed by Tia Rossi.

Administrative and creative roles for the production include Brielle Lewandowski, company manager; Molly

Hofstaetder, stage manager; Emily Barrett, lighting designer; Courtney Zwally, scenic designer; Tia Rossi, sound designer; Nicole Lawrie, costume designer; Cole Zwilling, props manager; Izzy Criscuolo, box office manager; Sydney Abbott, education liaison, and Patrick Byrnes, marketing manager.

A relaxed performance for patrons with sensory and communication differences, including individuals on the autism spectrum, is April 4.

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," 10 a.m. March 16, April 4; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. March 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, April 1, 13, 15; virtual, April 15. Tickets: 610-282-3192; <https://www.desales.edu>

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

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Special to The Press

"Sister Act," 7:30 p.m. March 9-11; 2 p.m. March 12, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943; <https://civictheatre.com>

"Summer Lovin,'" 7 p.m. Fridays; 4, 7 p.m. Saturdays; 12:30 p.m. Sundays, through April 29, Pines Dinner Theater, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. 610-433-2333; <https://www.pinesdinnertheatre.com>

"The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?," 7:30 p.m. March 10-11; 2 p.m. March 12, Between the Lines Studio Theatre, 725 N. 15th St., Allentown. <https://betweenthelinesstudiotheatre.com>

"The Book of Mormon," 7 p.m. March 7-9, State Theatre, 453 Northampton St., Easton. 610-252-3132; <https://state-theatre.org>

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," 10 a.m. March 16, April 4; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. March 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, April 1, 13, 15;

virtual, April 15, Schubert Theatre, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley. 610-282-3192. <https://www.desales.edu>

"Ghost Train," 7:30 p.m. March 17-18, 24-25, 31, April 1; 3 p.m. March 19, 26, April 2, Pennsylvania Playhouse, 390 Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem. 610-865-6665; <http://www.paplayhouse.org>

"The Rising," 7 p.m. March 17-19, Crowded Kitchen Players, Charles A. Brown IceHouse, 56 River Street, Bethlehem. 610-704-6974; <http://www.ckplayers.com>

"Trouble in Mind," 7:30 p.m. March 17, 23-25; 2, 7:30 p.m. March 18; 2 p.m. March 26, Civic Theatre of Allentown, Theatre 514, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943; <http://civictheatre.org>

"Keely and Du," 7 p.m. March 23-25, 2 p.m. March 26, Samuels Theatre, Cedar Crest College, 100 College Drive, Allentown. 610-740-3780; <https://www.cedarcrest.edu>

"The Last Play," 8 p.m. March 24, 31; 2 p.m. March 31, April 2, Touchstone Theatre, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem. 484-767-2456; <http://touchstone.org>

"The Lighting Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," 7:30 p.m. March 23-24; 2, 7:30 p.m. March 25; 2 p.m. March 26, Fowler Black Box Theater Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. 610-758-2787; <http://zoellner.cas.lehigh.edu>

"Newsies Jr.," 6 p.m. March 30-31; 11 a.m., 2 p.m. April 1-2, Civic Theatre of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown. 610-432-8943; <https://civictheatre.com>

"Much Ado About Nothing," 7:30 p.m. April 13-15; 2 p.m. April 16, Lipkin Theater, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem. 484-484-3412; <http://ncctix.org>

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POETRY

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Press newspapers: Salisbury Press, East Penn Press, Parkland Press, Northwestern Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press, Catasauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press.

2. Poems are to be submitted in PDF form and should not exceed one page in length using a font no smaller than 10 point. No illustrations will be accepted.

3. On the same page as the poem, include student name, age, grade, school, district, telephone number and email of parent or guardian for contact information only. The phone number and email will not be published or shared. Poems missing this information may not be considered.

4. Each student may submit up to three poems, which must be his or her original composition. Each poem should be a separate entry. Individual poems should be at least 10 lines in length. However, students may submit up to three shorter poems on a single

theme with a title, on a single page. Single poems shorter than 10 lines will not be accepted.

5. E-mail poems and/or questions to George VanDoren, Student Poetry Project coordinator: georgevan@me.com

6. Hand-written or printed versions of poems may be mailed to or dropped off to: Student Poetry Project, care of Lehigh Valley Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104. Teachers may submit multiple class poems in a single envelope as long as they are on separate pages and contain the required student information.

7. Entries must be received (by U.S. Mail or email) by 5 p.m. March 15.

8. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for a student's photo to be taken and published in the Focus section in the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and websites.

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

10. For ideas on teaching poetry, go to: facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest/

Please follow the Poetry Project facebook page for a "Poem of the Week" and other information about poetry: <https://www.facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest>

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Dear Jacquelyn,
I am embarrassed to admit it, but I am terrible about writing thank-you notes. I am inconsistent about this basic rule of etiquette. I mean well, but I always end up putting it off or forgetting. When should you write a thank-you note, or is this practice an outdated way of communicating?

Dear Reader,
Thank-you notes show appreciation for a thoughtful act or gift, and the significance of a handwritten note should not be overlooked. If you've been on the

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



receiving end of a meal or a gift, writing the person a thank-you note is definitely in order.

There are many, often overlooked reasons to send thank-you notes: to guests of your wedding, bridal or baby shower; when you've received a handwritten sympathy note for the passing of a loved one, and of course, when you've been hosted for an overnight stay. Keep each note short.

Three or four sentences is fine. Write something personal and be sure to be specific when you mention the gift or how much the gesture means to you. Don't worry if your note seems short. The only rule is that it be sincere.

If months have gone by and you still haven't gotten around to sending a thank-you note, it is perfectly acceptable to send one late. Be honest and apologize for the delay instead of ignoring the situation.

One suggestion I have to offer is to buy a pack of thank-you cards and postage stamps and keep them on hand. That way

you don't have to rush out and buy cards or stamps when you need one.

Written notes are always appreciated, so, when in doubt, write a thank-you note. A handwritten thank-you note is a winning gesture of goodwill.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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It truly takes a village

Every now and then we hear someone repeat the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child."

Although it became a popular saying here in the '90s, it is believed it originated long before that as an African or Native American proverb.

While we may not know the exact origin as of the phrase, we do know it lasted so long and is repeated so often because it's a truism.

It does take a village to raise a child.

When you think about it, all of us were shaped by what we can collectively call "a village." A big village.

Throughout life we were all shaped over the years into who we are and what we are by a legion of people who influenced us.

I spent time this week thinking about the village that raised me.

I called that village "family."

There is no doubt in my mind that so much of my happiness as well as the person I became was due to my extraordinarily close Italian family.

They were definitely my village.

I didn't have the typical mother-father and kids family.

When I was 10, it came as a bolt out of the blue when my mother told me on Christmas Day she and my father were getting a divorce. My father was moving far away and for reasons I never understood, we were suddenly homeless.

We had no home, no car and no money.

My mother took me and my 3-year old brother by the hand and we walked what felt like miles to my aunt's house.

Aunt Rose had a full house of her own yet she opened her home and her heart, turning her attic into a big bedroom for us. She solved our money problem by hiring my mother to work in her factory.

Aunt Rose had a "we-can-do-this attitude" that washed away some of my fright.

From that day on, my four aunts and 11 older cousins became my village.

Aside from the fact that I missed my dad, there was nothing deprived about my childhood. I was wrapped in love and in the laughter of a close happy family.

I didn't have one mother. I had four — four strong, capable women who listened to my stories, encouraged me, and made me believe I could do anything and become anything I wanted.

My cousins were just as incredible and were always there for me. Whether it was making me lunch, giving me advice or lending me their clothes they were my strong support team.

I am blessed to have been helped and shaped by my incredible family.

It does take a village and my so-called village had other adults who taught me how to look after others. I learned that from seeing the nice things they did for others.

WARMEST REGARDS

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I couldn't have a dog of my own so one woman shared her dog, letting me play with the dog whenever I wanted. She let me enter Missy, her German Schnauzer, in the town's dog contest. I was a happy little kid when Missy won the medal for friendliest dog.

Not all neighbors were wonderful, of course.

One neighbor screamed curse words and threatened to throw a bucket of water on me if I roller-skated on her payment.

Another woman yelled if I walked on her grass, even though I often walked to the store for her.

Everything in life is a learning experience. Both good and bad experiences can shape our attitudes and actions.

In my sophomore year of high school it was English teacher Mildred Byerly who praised my writing and encouraged me to consider a journalism career. I would never have thought of that if she didn't plant the idea.

I can't say I've ever "worked" in journalism because nothing in my newspaper career has been work. It's been sheer joy and immensely rewarding.

After I got my first newspaper job I sent Miss Byerly flowers every year on her birthday to thank her for mentoring me.

She definitely is someone who has helped to shape me.

When I think about those who have helped me become the person I am today, it's a long list.

No man is an island. We need to rely on a community of others. Some may call that community their village.

Not everyone believes that others helped them along the road of life.

I interviewed one particular guy who bristled when I asked who helped him become a success.

His answer: No one. "I'm a self-made man," he said. No one helped him. No one was there to shape him in any way, he insisted.

From what he said, I gather that his home life left a lot to be desired. He had to make his own way in life, he said.

I believe negative experiences also can help shape us. If we don't want to be like our parents or family members that alone can shape our behavior as we try hard to go in a different direction.

One highly successful man who did exactly that said he credited his parents with giving him his intense drive to lead a different life.

It's fun to sit back and think about how we got to be like we are.

It might even be a lesson in gratitude.

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Concern for baseball team boy requires caution

Q: I am concerned about a boy on my son's baseball team who seems to always be tired, and his parents don't seem to be around much. What should I do?

This is a situation where it is helpful to be observant and gather information, but also to be mindful of overreacting, the panelists recommended.

"It could be that this child is not into sports but his parents want him to be, or he could be neglected. You don't want to jump to assumptions, but you do want to show a level of concern," said panel member Chad Stefanyak.

"Try to talk to the child and get to know him a bit. However, adults have to be cautious. It can be touchy showing concern," added panel member Denise Continenza.

"This child may just be on the outskirts enough that it may be weird if you go to talk to him," agreed Stefanyak.

"Children's lives are usually compartmentalized. His parents may

FAMILY PROJECT

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



just be working or taking care of younger siblings. You want to make sure you're not judging," noted Continenza.

"Since this is a kid on your son's team, it still is delicate at what point you get involved. Do you talk to the coach or talk to the boy's parents?" asked panel member Terri Hadad.

"If you think this is a child who is neglected, contact Childline and let them investigate and do the research," Stefanyak said.

Childline is a toll-free hotline, 1-800-932-0313, that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to receive reports of suspected child abuse and child well-being concerns.

"If you don't respond and this kid goes through years of neglect, the damage is done. It may be best to err on the side of caution," Stefanyak said.

"If you are concerned, call it in. However, realistically, you could make that call 10 times a day. Watch for marks on the boy and if he is afraid when his parents come to pick him up," added Continenza.

Stefanyak said that people are sometimes afraid to call Childline because they have the misconception that the Department of Human Services' county children and youth agencies "rip families apart."

"That is not the truth and the result is usually the opposite. Children and youth agencies have a lot of resources for things like food insecurity. You can call and ask, 'Can I get your opinion on this?' If you're in doubt, use this resource," Stefanyak said.

This week's panel: Chad Stefanyak, school counselor; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Terri Haddad, Community Services for Children's vice president community initiatives & advancement; Kaitlyn Kelly, Community Services

for Children's assistant director of school readiness; Jasmine Hines, Community Services for Children's administrative coordinator advancement.

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Predisposition for gallstones explained

Q. I'm from an Italian-American family and we seem to have a predisposition for gallstones. Is this something people of my ethnic background get more often?

I could find no evidence that people with an Italian background get more gallstones than others.

However, Native Americans have an inclination for this malady; they have the highest rate of gallstones in the United States.

There are other risk factors:

People over age 60 are more likely to develop gallstones than younger people.

Women between 20 and 60 years of age are twice as likely to develop gallstones as men.

Other factors include obesity, excess estrogen, cholesterol-lowering drugs, diabetes, rapid weight loss and fasting.

The gallbladder is a blue-green organ, about three inches long on the underside of the liver. The liver produces bile in a diluted form, which

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is then stored and concentrated in the gallbladder. The bile is then secreted from the gallbladder into the small intestine where it aids digestion.

You can live without a gallbladder. After it is removed, bile flows out of the liver through ducts into the small intestine. However, because the bile isn't stored in the gallbladder, it flows into the small intestine more frequently.

Bile is made up of fatty substances such as cholesterol. When excessive amounts of fat are present, stones can form. The stones can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball. About 90 percent of gallstones is composed of cholesterol.

Gallstones can block the normal flow of bile. A blockage can cause inflammation. If the blockage persists, it can dam-

age organs and be fatal.

Symptoms of gallstones often present themselves suddenly. If you have a gallstone "attack," you can suffer pain in the upper abdomen, between the shoulder blades and under the right shoulder. An attack, which often comes after a fatty meal, can last from 30 minutes to several hours.

Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, indigestion, abdominal bloating and recurring intolerance of fatty foods.

You should get to a doctor immediately if you have an attack with chills, fever, yellowing of the eyes, and clay-colored stools.

About 80 percent of people with gallstones have no symptoms. They have what are called "silent stones" that don't need treatment.

Gallstones are usually treated by removing the gallbladder. This surgery is called a "cholecystectomy." In traditional surgery, the gallbladder is removed through an abdomi-

nal incision up to eight inches long. However, the most common method today employs a laparoscope, a thin tube with a scope on the end of it.

The laparoscope is inserted through a small incision below the navel. The surgeon can see inside with the scope. The other surgical tools are inserted in three other small incisions in your abdomen. The gallbladder is removed through one of these cuts.

Abdominal ultrasound is considered the safest and simplest of the tests for gallstones. Sonar waves from a probe are passed over the abdomen to detect the presence of stones.

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The Amazing Babe Didrikson Zaharias

Babe Didrikson Zaharias is considered one of the greatest athletes of the last century. Few, if any, have matched her achievements in sports.

Babe was born on June 26, 1911. When she was young, most girls did not participate in sports. Babe loved sports. In her lifetime, she was an Olympic gold medalist in track and field, an All-American basketball player, a champion golfer and an extraordinary baseball player, swimmer, bowler, diver and tennis player.

A Running Start

When the news of the 1928 Olympic Games filled the newspapers, Babe decided to begin her own training. She practiced hurdles by soaring over seven hedges in her neighborhood. When one of the hedges was a bit too high, she asked the people who lived there to cut it down to the right size, and they did!



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Golfing Great

Babe was an excellent golfer. From 1946-47, Babe won 13 tournaments in a row. Babe would go on to win 113 golf tournaments.

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY History of Women in Sports

Today, we know that exercise is good for everyone's health — boys and girls, men and women.

Today, girls and women can play sports for fun. They also can compete and become professional athletes. But that was not always the case.

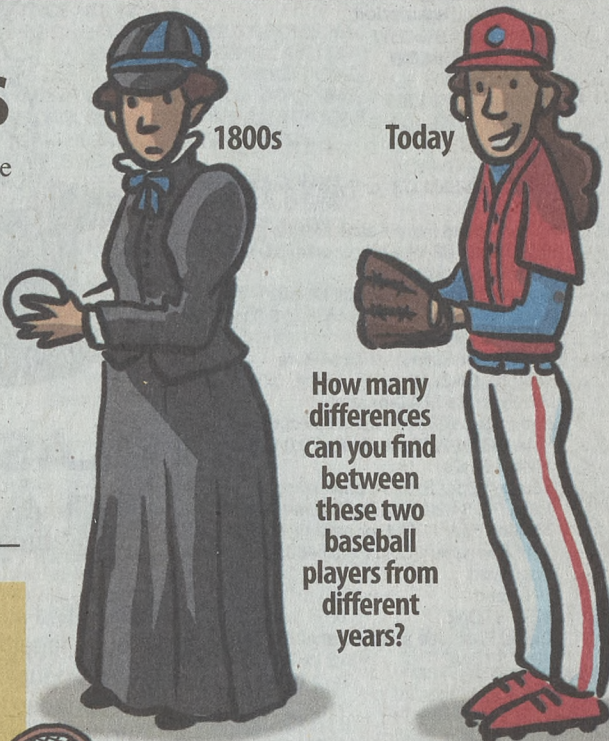
Imagine being told that you can't do something you love to do. Or that you are forced to wear clothing that

makes it difficult to do what you love to do. Or that you can't find anyone to play a sport with you. Or that you aren't allowed on a golf course, a tennis court or other sporting fields.

How would all of that make you feel? Frustrated? Lonely?

That is how girls and women who enjoyed sports felt before the year 1972, a year of important change.

Standards Link: Read informational text in history.



How many differences can you find between these two baseball players from different years?

Would you want to play tennis dressed like this?

In the early 1900s, women wore long, heavy skirts that made it hard to run after a tennis ball.

It wasn't just the skirts that were a problem, they also wore corsets and blouses made with long sleeves and stiff collars. They were expected to wear jackets, heavy shoes, and even broad-brimmed hats.

What's a corset?

A corset is a tight-fitting undergarment worn under a blouse.

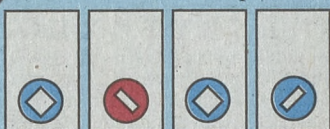


Women's Sports Moments

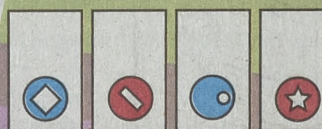
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- = 0 ● = 2 ● = 4 ● = 7
- ◆ = 1 ★ = 3 ● = 5 ● = 9

Two women, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Kussin, boxed each other and showed women can throw punches.



Billie Jean King beats the No. 1-ranked men's tennis player, Bobby Riggs, showing women can compete with men.



Title IX Changes Girls' Lives

Today, girls have equal access to playing sports at public schools because in 1972, the United States Congress signed into law that everyone in the United States, regardless of their gender, has equal rights to play sports. This law is called **Title IX**. (Title IX is the same as Title 9. The number 9 is written in Roman numerals.)

Before and After Title IX

Before 1972, less than 300,000 girls participated in school sports in the United States. Write down the numbers on the correct path through the maze to discover how many girls participate in school sports.



Aileen Riggins became the first female Olympian to win medals in two different sports at the same Olympic Games. She medaled in both swimming and diving. Some say she was the first athlete, male or female, to win two medals in the same Olympic Games.



More than _____ girls participate in school sports today!

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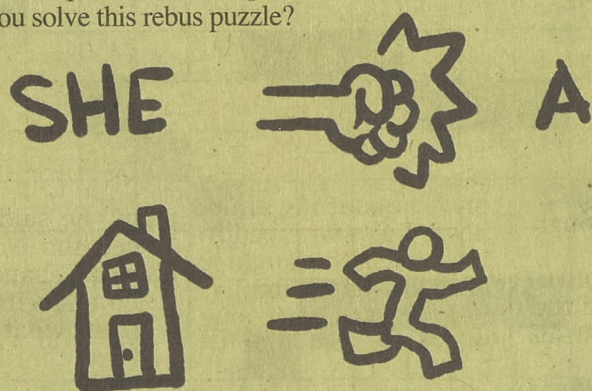
Roman Numerals

I = 1 Title IX uses the
 II = 2 Roman numerals IX
 III = 3 to show the word nine.
 IV = 4 Look through the
 V = 5 newspaper for
 VI = 6 five numbers and
 VII = 7 rewrite each one as
 VIII = 8 a Roman numeral.
 IX = 9 Standards Link: Math:
 X = 10 Understand the use and
 system of Roman numerals.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Picture Puzzles

A rebus is a puzzle that uses pictures to reveal a word or phrase. Can you solve this rebus puzzle?

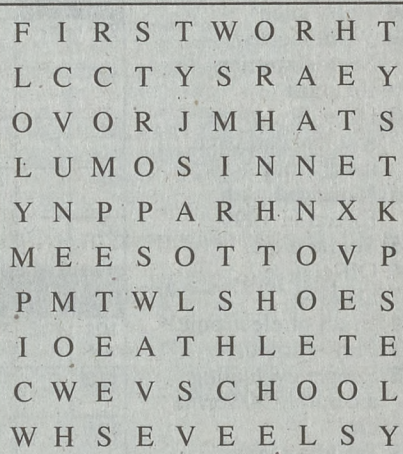


Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

- ATHLETE
- COMPETE
- FIRST
- HATS
- HEALTH
- OLYMPIC
- SCHOOL
- SHOES
- SLEEVES
- SPORTS
- TENNIS
- THROW
- WOMEN
- WORN
- YEAR

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Women in Sports Collage

For one week, look through the newspaper for pictures and articles about women in sports. Cut these out and make a collage with everything you find.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.

What is harder and harder to catch the faster you run?

ANSWER: Your breath!

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The Woman I Most Admire

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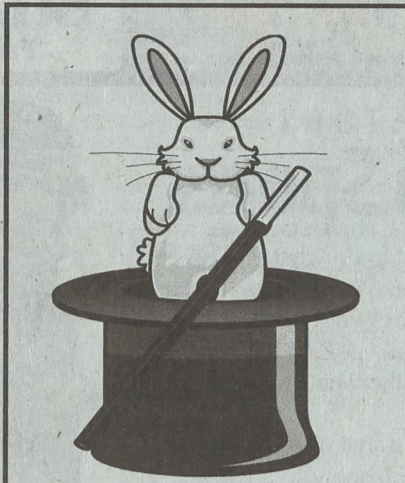
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Difficulty: ★★★

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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ADDED WEIGHT ACROSS

- 1 Posh parties
- 6 Lumberyard tool
- 12 Rd. crossers
- 15 Quick bite
- 19 Japanese film genre
- 20 Mob code of silence
- 21 — au vin (chicken dish)
- 22 Qualified
- 23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
- 25 Volcanic event
- 27 Bible book after Genesis
- 28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
- 30 Hefty slice
- 32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
- 33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
- 41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
- 45 Studio alert
- 46 Off-course
- 47 Dalai —
- 50 Brian of electronica
- 51 Play spiritedly
- 52 People evaluating a central California city?
- 55 Wedding vow
- 56 Seder bread
- 57 Makes public
- 58 Suffix with million
- 59 Has a feeling
- 61 Shepherd of "Mr. Iglesias"
- 64 Conjunction with a slash
- 65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
- 70 "A Bell for —" (novel)
- 72 Caged (up)
- 73 "24" actress Cuthbert
- 76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
- 77 T. Rex, e.g.
- 78 — fatuus (delusion)
- 81 Longtime "Conan" aixer
- 82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
- 87 Flapjack chain, in brief
- 88 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
- 89 Sty beasts
- 90 Beachgoer's headwear
- 91 Phase
- 92 Occur next
- 94 Tactful reply when Churchill asked "Who dislikes me?"
- 96 Glorify
- 100 Mai — (cocktails)
- 101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
- 109 Pressure felt at liftoff
- 113 "Sounds right to me"

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- 114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
- 116 See 75-Down
- 117 — Father
- 118 Songlike
- 119 Cleo of song
- 120 U. of Maryland athlete
- 121 Born, in Lyon
- 122 Gave lip to
- 123 Actor Murphy

DOWN

- 1 Stare in awe
- 2 Strong as —
- 3 "— & Stitch"
- 4 In the center of a vessel
- 5 Not religious
- 6 Mythical bird
- 7 Apple line
- 8 Alternative to JavaScript
- 9 Madrid Mlle.
- 10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
- 11 Desire
- 12 Act segment
- 13 Legal wrongs
- 14 Crouch down
- 15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
- 16 NYC theater award
- 17 ATM hole
- 18 Egg sources
- 24 Actor Morales
- 26 Fundamental
- 29 Have title to
- 31 Film director Ratner
- 33 Johnson of Britain
- 34 Battery pole
- 35 "Mo' Money" star
- 36 Health expert on TV
- 37 Former BP gas chain
- 38 Shaggy ox
- 39 Blowup stuff
- 40 Ear-related prefix
- 42 Else
- 43 Opening lines
- 44 Aesop's hare, notably
- 47 Actress Dern
- 48 Playful trick
- 49 Mothers
- 52 An obi is one
- 53 Standard
- 54 One-named New Ager
- 56 Prefix with -dermal or American
- 60 Wall St.'s "500" index
- 61 Big name in fuel additives
- 62 Weeding tool
- 63 Bring to a halt
- 64 Brings pain to
- 66 Cake coating
- 67 Taboo things
- 68 Mess up
- 69 Prince, e.g.
- 70 First five of 26 letters
- 71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom

- 74 Cable streaming app until 2020
- 75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
- 77 Scooby—
- 78 With a sharp image, briefly
- 79 Aussie "Hi!"
- 80 Abbr. on a food package
- 83 "— the rub!"
- 84 "General" on Chinese menus
- 85 Core
- 86 Half of dos
- 87 "Such a pity"
- 91 Sound from a cold sufferer
- 93 Maintenance
- 94 Natal lead-in
- 95 "Othello" foe
- 97 Illegal burning
- 98 Edition
- 99 Make a goal
- 101 Figure skater Katarina
- 102 Horrid giant
- 103 Regretful person
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Trexlerstown Self Storage located at 1455 Trexlerstown Road, Macungie PA, 18062 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges:
 Michael J. Rebner Leased Space #K1713, Laura Faris Leased Space #D716
 The items will be sold online March 23rd, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time.
 Mar. 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED**

Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., March 21, 2023, for the following:
Art Supplies
 All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the ESM Source application process at www.esmsolutions.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Andrew Barnett at 610-769-4111, ext. 1682 or barnetta@cliu.org. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on March 21, 2023.
 Holly Keller LCSJPB Board Chairperson
 Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall Township will conduct a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, MARCH 22, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**, in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Ave, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeal:
ZHB-2023-01: The Appeal of Padda Property LLC, seeking a one (1) year Time Extension per Section 350-13(d)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance for relief previously granted under Appeal ZHB-2020-04 and granted time extension under Appeal ZHB-2022-01. The subject property is located at 1670 Church Road and is zoned (IC-1) Industrial Commercial-Special Height Limitation. Tax ID No. 547732532908-1.
 An Organizational Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board to elect its Officers, appoint its Solicitor, appoint substitute conflict Solicitor, and adopt a Resolution regulating the conduct of a public hearing by a Hearing Officer.
 The above-referenced properties are in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of arty plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted can be available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants, or their representative with legal standing, must attend. All objectors and interested parties are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to be heard.
 Mar. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a Regular Public Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road to discuss and take action on the below listed legislation.

ORDINANCES

- BILL NO. 1-2023 (SECOND HEARING)**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 27, ZONING, ARTICLE XI, CONDITIONAL USE PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SUBSECTION 27-137.1, REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SHORT TERM RENTALS AS WELL AS MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF 'FAMILY' (LEGAL & LEGISLATIVE)
- BILL NO. 5-2023 (SECOND HEARING)**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER I, PART 8 ARTICLE XXXVI OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S HARASSMENT POLICY (ADMINISTRATION)
- BILL NO. 8-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- BILL NO. 9-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF A FIVE YEAR UNLIMITED TASER CARTRIDGE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (POLICE)
- BILL NO. 10-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION WORK, BID 2023-03 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- BILL NO. 11-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EXMARK ZERO TURN GRASS CUTTING MACHINE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (RECREATION)
- BILL NO. 12-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS FOR 120 FEET ALONG THE GARFIELD AVENUE FRONTAGE AND FOR 120 FEET ALONG THE NEW YORK AVENUE FRONTAGE OF 5191 GARFIELD AVENUE AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (DEVELOP)

RESOLUTIONS

- RESOLUTION NO. 3236**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, 1300 GRAPE STREET, INDEX # 2015-22A (DEVELOP)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3238**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING POOL PASS RATES FOR THE YEAR 2023. (BOC)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3239**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING CAMP WHITEHALL RATES FOR THE YEAR 2023. (BOC)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3240**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST RETURN TO BE CREDITED TO POLICE PENSION FUND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022. (ADMIN)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3241**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RETIREMENT AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF MONTHLY PENSION BENEFITS TO FORMER POLICE PATROL SERGEANT BRIAN CUTH. (ADMIN)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3242**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE TREASURER'S BOND FOR 2023, WITH SAID BOND TO BE SECURED THROUGH THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH CLERK OF JUDICIAL RECORDS. (ADMIN/TREAS).
- RESOLUTION NO. 3243**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF TAKE 5 - WHITEHALL, LOCATED AT 2603 MICKLEY AVENUE, WHITEHALL, INDEX #2018-22A (DEVELOP)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3244**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION /LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN OF DEBRA HARTMAN, LOCATED AT 5191 GARFIELD AVENUE, WHITEHALL, INDEX #2016-23A (DEVELOP).
- RESOLUTION NO. 3245**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION FOR SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT AT 4217 & 4219 BRIDGE STREET, WHITEHALL PA. (DEVELOP)
- RESOLUTION NO. 3246**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A PENNSYLVANIA AUDUBON COUNCIL BIRD TOWN

Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration Office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.

/s/Thomas Slonaker
 FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Mar. 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinances at its March 20, 2023, Council Meeting:
ORDINANCE NO. 1239
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 15, PART 5 OF THE EMMAUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: PARKING KIOSK ZONES: INCLUDING DAYS AND HOUR PARKING LIMITS, PLACEMENT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PARKING, PAYMENT, UNLAWFUL ACTS, TICKETING, PERMITS, AS WELL AS VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES, AND EXCEPTIONS FOR KIOSK ZONES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS
ORDINANCE NO. 1240
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 1, ADDING SUBSECTION 108 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ESTABLISHING HIRING AND PROMOTION PROCEDURES FOR UPPER MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES
 The Council Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM at the temporary Borough offices, 420 South Tenth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinances are available for inspection at the temporary Borough offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Shane M. Pepe
 Borough Manager

Mar. 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Whitehall Coplay School District will receive sealed bids, for the High School, Stage Refurbishment Project, DEI Project #281022, in the form of single prime lump sum contract(s). The Project is subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as amended, 43 P.S. 165-1 et seq., and reference is made to the prevailing minimum wage rates applicable to the Project as promulgated by the Secretary of Labor and Industry. Bids are due at the Whitehall Coplay School District, Temporary Administration Building, 5290 West Coplay Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 **no later than 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Wednesday, April 5, 2023**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.
 A pre-bid conference will be conducted on **Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Whitehall-Coplay High School Auditorium, 3800 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. Representatives of the Project Engineer (D'Huy Engineering, Inc.) will provide project details at this meeting.
Electronic Contract Documents: In order to Bid the Project, prospective bidders must obtain Bid/Contract Documents in electronic format (PDF) via e-mailed link upon request to D'Huy Engineering, Inc., 1 East Broad Street, Suite 310, Bethlehem, PA 18018, 610-865-3000, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). Checks shall be made payable to "D'Huy Engineering, Inc." Documents will be sent electronically after receipt of payment. Bidders must supply the following information with their request for documents: company name, contact person, complete address, phone and fax numbers, and email address. Documents will be available on **March 13, 2023**.
 Whitehall Coplay School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof and to waive informalities as it deems best to protect its interest.
 By Order of the Board of School Directors
 Whitehall-Coplay School District
 J. Michael Malay, Jr., CPA
 Business Manager
 Mar. 8, 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH
 Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinance amending the Fountain Hill Zoning Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of the Borough Council on April 3, 2023:
ORDINANCE #875, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2008, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 27, ZONING, TO REVISE ATTACHMENT 3, TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM LOT AREA REQUIREMENT FOR DWELLING UNITS IN THE TOWN CENTER (TC) ZONING DISTRICT TO 1,150 SQUARE FEET AND DECREASE THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTH TO 400 FEET.
A Public Hearing will be held on ordinance #875 on April 3, 2023, at which time the Ordinances will be considered for adoption. Upon adoption, said ordinance will become effective in accordance with law.
 A complete copy of the text of the proposed Ordinance is available for examination without charge in the office of the Borough of Fountain Hill, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 Eric C. Gratz
 Borough Manager
 Mar. 8 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on March 21, 2023, the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased spaces, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until all units are sold. The lien sale is to be held at the online auction website, www.storagetreasures.com, where indicated. For online lien sales, bids will be accepted until 2 hours after the time of the sale specified.
PUBLIC STORAGE # 24516, 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, (484) 408-6691
Time: 04:00 PM
Sale to be held at www.storagetreasures.com.
 D0108 - Guevara-Dimas, Luis; D0109 - Quevy, Nicole; D0146 - Morales, Stacy; D0205 - Peterson, Marc; D2111 - Castillo, Rafael; D2228 - Schuler, Erik; E0308 - Peah Jr, Morris; E0338 - Negron, Hector; E0400 - Stark, Kathryn; F0520 - Cuthbert, Davonte; F0529 - Douglas, Apria; F6164 - Lisosky, Jacqueline; F6273 - Warmkessel, Levonia; G0701 - Remolino, Patricia; G0727 - Fields, Sharief
 Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Retail Sales, LLC, 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.
 Mar. 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE**

The regular, monthly Lehigh County Housing Authority (LCHA) board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 12:00 pm. This meeting will be held virtually and may be recorded. Use the link below to attend via internet, or, call one of the telephone numbers listed to attend by phone.
 Topic: LCHA Board Meeting
 Time: Wednesday, Mar 15, 2023 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85497937258?pwd=b1hPTzVkZEMlWXBkYmExHjNsZHY2UT09>
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 Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85497937258?pwd=b1hPTzVkZEMlWXBkYmExHjNsZHY2UT09>
 Please contact Ms. Feiertag if there are any questions at: (610) 965-4514 ext. 5212.
 Christina M. Feiertag
 Executive Director
 Mar. 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the **Township Municipal Building** located at **4444 Walbert Avenue**, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday March 16, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following, and any other business brought before the Board. The meeting will also be streamed live through GoToMeeting. Due to the limitations of the facility, public comment may or may not be available for remote viewers. To access through your computer, go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757430189>. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189.
MONTAR GROUP LLC PROPOSED SELF-STORAGE FACILITY
MAJOR PLAN 2022-107
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW
 An application to further develop the property located at 3350 and 3354 Walbert Avenue. The plan proposes to consolidate the two parcels, raze the existing residential and agricultural structures, and construct a three-story, 112,800 square-foot self-storage facility, a 16-space parking lot, and associated stormwater management facilities on the 2.007-acre parcel. The property is served by public water and public sewer and is zoned General Commercial-1 (Special Height Limitation) GC-1. 3354 Walbert Avenue Associates LP is the owner. TAC Allentown LLC is the applicant.
4741 CHAPMANS ROAD FLEX-WAREHOUSE FACILITY
MAJOR PLAN 2022-601
REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW
 An application for Conditional Use approval for the Warehouse Use at 4741 Chapmans Road. The applicant proposes a Warehouse and Distribution Use within the existing warehouse that proposes a greater amount of traffic than the previously-approved Warehouse and Distribution Use. The subject property is served by public water and sewer and is zoned IC-1 industrial-Commercial-1 (Special Height Limitation). Riverbend South Whitehall Properties I, LLC is the owner and applicant.
AMENDING SECTION 350-15 TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF USE
REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW
 An amendment to Zoning Ordinance to add Section 350-13(f), proposed by staff, to create a Certificate of Use and standards by which it will be issued.
AMENDING SECTION 350-42(h) TO CLARIFY THE HEIGHTS EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED
REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW
 An amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 350-42(h), proposed by staff, to clarify the conditions under which the Maximum Height of Buildings or Structures listed in Section 350-24(c) may be exceeded.
AMENDING SECTION 350-44(c) TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT THE IMPERVIOUS LOT COVER-AGE FOR A RESIDENTIAL USE
REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW
 An amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 350-44(c), proposed by staff, to clarify and correct the Section.
 All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection upon request.
 Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department
 Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Township of Whitehall is accepting bids for the following project:
BID #2023-01: "2023 ADA Handicap Ramps, Curb and Sidewalk Improvements"
 Sealed bids will be received at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, by Lenore Brazier, Purchasing Agent, or her designee, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at which time they will be opened, in front of a Township Witness. Late bids will not be accepted.
 Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price shall be submitted with the bid. Additional post-award bonding requirements for this project include a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond and a Maintenance Bond.
 In general, the Project involves the **2023** Construction of about **thirty-one (31) ADA Handicap Ramp Corners** along **four (4) Street Projects** within Whitehall Township. **1) Minnesota Drive (8) ADA Ramps** - (from Midway Road to California Avenue) - Fullerton Area. **2) Wood Street (3) ADA Ramps** - (at North 2nd Avenue intersection) - West Catasaugua Area. **3) Franklin Street (4) ADA Ramps** - (at Front Street Intersection) - Fullerton Area. **4) Andrew Drive (9) ADA Ramps** - (from Presidential Drive to Avery Lane) - Peachtree Townes - Fullerton Area. The Total Estimated Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Quantities for all four (4) Street Projects is **approx. 300 Ft. of Concrete Curb and approx. 2,000 Sq. Ft. of Concrete Sidewalks**.
 The Contractor is required to pay current Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Rates. If the projects wage rates are modified ten (10) or more days prior to the bid opening, an addendum will be issued to each prospective bidder. Should an updated version be applicable, it will be faxed or emailed as an Addendum to each prospective bidder.
 The Contractor is also required to contact and solicit Services from Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) and document their solicitation and commitment on the Federal Form DCA BHD 168 Statement Form with their Bid Submission.
 Bidders shall have at least five (5) years past experience in ADA Ramps concrete curb and sidewalk work performed under or similar to CDBG Federal ADA Requirements and Provisions.
 The successful bidder is expected to be able to start work in **May 2023** and shall complete all work by **August 25, 2023**. Liquidated damages of \$250 per calendar day will be assessed to the Contractor for any HC Ramps that are not completed by the **August 25, 2023**, completion date until its satisfactory completion.
 Bid Documents, including plans and specifications, may be obtained beginning immediately by sending an email to request a bid packet to: bids@whitehalltownship.com, or by calling 610-437-5524 x 1165. Bid Packets are free of charge.
 Whitehall Township reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a bid satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this Request for Bid, to accept either in whole or in part, any one bid or combination of bids, to waive or permit the curing of any immaterial defects or informalities or irregularities in a bid as permitted by law, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and to take any action which the Township deems appropriate. The Township intends to select that bid(s) which, in the sole opinion of the Township is/are most favorable and in the best interests of the citizens of Whitehall Township.
 LENORE BRAZIER
 Purchasing Agent

Mar. 1, 8

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CATASAUQUA BOROUGH
ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBERS**

The Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board will hold the following appeal on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Complex, 90 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032.
APPEAL # 2-23: Appeal of Mark Zaffarano, owner, Good Community Properties LLC, for a special use variance relating to the property at 464 Race Street, Catasauqua, PA. Specifically, the applicant is requesting a variance from Section 280- Attachment 1 "Table of Permitted Uses by District". Conversion of an existing building to result in an increased number of dwelling units is not permitted in the R-2 Zoning District. Applicants must be present for their hearing. Parties interested in a scheduled hearing may review the application and supporting documents at the municipal building during regular business hours.
 Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 Roadway Polymer-Modified Emulsified Asphalt Paving System (Micro Surfacing), (22 Roadways/78,307 SY) (Single Application Type A). Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procureware.com> beginning March 1, 2023. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 20, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Publication 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 102. This project is considered maintenance and is not subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from Penn-BID. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids.
 Renea Flexer, Asst. Manager/Secretary
 Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 Roadway Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course Project (Type B) for approximately 28,557 SY/4 roadways. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procureware.com> beginning March 1, 2023. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 20, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 102. This project is considered maintenance and is not subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from PennBID. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality, and to reject any or all bids.
 Renea Flexer, Asst. Manager/Secretary
 Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD**

NOTICE is hereby giving that the East Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd, Northampton, PA 18067 for following application: **ZHB 23-19013**
 The appellant, 7 Commerce Pittston LLC, aka, (Toyota Lift) 7 Commerce Road Pittston, PA 18640. The applicant is proposing 24,150 square foot multi use building to serve as an office with commercial/industrial, and sales/service components. Property is located in the OC Office Commercial District Tax ID. L5-13A-1-0508. Multi use properties are not permitted by right in this zoning district, Section 250-24.1B of the East Allen Township Code. Applicant is seeking relief of this section.
 Interested parties may view the appellant's application at the Township Building from Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM or by appointment. Those who need reasonable accommodations to attend the hearing may request such accommodations by emailing info@eatwp.org or calling 610-262-7961.
 Timothy R. Weis, BCO
 East Allen Township
 Zoning Officer

March 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for the 2023 6.33 MM Thin Asphalt Overlay project for approximately 13,500 SY. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Upper Macungie Township reserve the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
 Robert Ibach, Jr. – Township Manager
 Upper Macungie Township
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the 2023 Polymer Modified Crack Seal project for approximately 4,000 gallons. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
 Robert Ibach, Jr. – Township Manager
 Upper Macungie Township
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the 2023 Bituminous Seal Coat with Slurry Seal project for approximately 32,500 SY. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
 Robert Ibach, Jr. – Township Manager
 Upper Macungie Township
 Mar. 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD**
NOTICE is hereby giving that the East Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd, Northampton, PA 18067 for following application: **ZHB 23-17001**
 The appellant Northampton Area School District, Joseph Kovalchik, Superintendent, 2014 Laubach Avenue, Northampton, PA 18064, Inc; Colony Drive, East Allen Township, requests a variance to seek relief from East Allen Township Zoning Ordinance Section 250-60A number of permitted signs, Section 250-61C (606) Illumination and Section 250-65 (610) Sign area regulations. Property is located in the (AG) Agricultural District. Tax Parcel L5 1 12. Appellant is proposing to build an Elementary School at this site.
 Interested parties may view the appellant's application at the Township Building from Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM or by appointment. Those who need reasonable accommodations to attend the hearing may request such accommodations by emailing info@eatwp.org or calling 610-262-7961.
 Timothy R. Weis, BCO
 East Allen Township
 Zoning Officer

March 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**
 Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 High Performance Chip Seal/Quick Set Fog Seal Program (13 Roadways/82,850 SY). Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procureware.com> beginning March 1, 2023. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 20, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Publication 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 102. This project is considered maintenance and is not subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from PennBID. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids.
 Renea Flexer, Asst. Manager/Secretary
 Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**
 Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 Sanitary Sewer Relining Project for the relining of approximately 11,763 LF of 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer pipe by the cured-in-place (CIPP) inversion lining method, including the reinstatement of approximately 120 sanitary sewer lateral connections. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procureware.com>. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 21, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408, Section 102. This project is considered maintenance and is not subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from PennBID. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality, and to reject any or all bids.
 Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary
 Mar. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room "A" 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428. **We ask that you follow CDC guidelines and wear a mask based on your personal preference and your personal level of risk and please continue to practice social distancing.**
Appeal No. 06-2023 of Lorie and Patrick Kirby 7943 Spring Creek Rd. Alburtis PA. 18011. Property located in an U-Urban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546444411271. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 17. Section 27-1708 D. 2., and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.
Appeal No. 07-2023 of Megan Miller 7696 Crane Xing Macungie PA. 18062. Property located in a R-Rural Residential Zoning District in a Hills at Lock Ridge Overlay District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546395707562. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 17. Section 27-1708 D. 2., and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.
Appeal No. 08-2023 of Camp Degel Hatorah, Inc. 116 Glen Avenue South Lakewood NJ. 08701. Property located at 1312 Brookside Road Macungie PA. 18062 in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 547583139418 1. Applicants are requesting a Special Exception to change one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 25. Section 27-2506 (1) or, in the alternative a Variance to Section 27-702 and/or a favorable interpretation that the proposed use is a continuation of the existing use to allow a place of worship, a religious summer camp, dormitories with educational programs and family retreats and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.
 All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 6:00 p.m.
 The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.
 Carl L. Best, Zoning Officer
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 AIRPORT ROAD, BATH, PA 18014 who will have the contents of the respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.
Norma Neward-Koch, space #306
 Mar. 8, 15
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Lisa Reesser Space #239
 Mar. 8, 15
**PUBLIC NOTICE
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC MEETING**
 The Whitehall Township Civil Service Commission will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room. 3219 MacArthur Road Whitehall Pa, 18052. Please see the Township Website (whitehalltownship.org).
 Mar. 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DISCHARGE STORMWATER FROM AN INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY SITE**
 Alpha Packaging 1995 Highland Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18020, an industrial facility located at 1995 Highland Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18020, Northampton County is applying for a Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law, Section 307 - Individual NPDES Storm Water Permit. The application, submitted to the Northeast Regional Office, January 2023, is for a new NPDES permit for the continued discharge of industrial activity stormwater from a plastic bottle manufacturing facility (SIC Code 3085). The receiving watershed stream is Monocacy Creek (HQ-CWF, MF); the discharge is not expected to affect public water supplies. Industrial activities are mostly a No Exposure classification. Facility samples for Oil and Grease (mg/L), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (mg/L), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) (mg/L), Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L), Total Nitrogen (mg/L), Total Phosphorus (mg/L), and pH (S.U). The permit application document contains the following supporting documents: Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency (PPC) Plan; Past Stormwater Sampling; Alternatives Analysis; Act 14 Municipal Notification. You may make an appointment to review the DEP files on this case by calling the File Review Coordinator at 570 826-5472. Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**
 The Township of Whitehall is accepting bids for the following project:
Bid #2023-04: "TENNIS COURT LIGHTING – HOKENDAUQUA "HOKEY" PARK & PLAYGROUND"
 Sealed bids will be received at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, until 10:30 A.M., Local Time, on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Late bids will not be accepted.
 A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Project Site, Hokendauga "Hokey" Park & Playground – Tennis Courts, 3501 South 5th Street, Whitehall, PA 18052.
 Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price shall be submitted with the bid. Additional post-award bonding requirements for this project include a Performance Bond, a Labor and Material Payment Bond and a Maintenance Bond.
 This project is subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, approve August 15, 1961, P.L. 987 (Act No. 442), as amended and supplemented, and reference is made to the prevailing minimum wage rates applicable to this project which have been promulgated by the Secretary of Labor and Industry.
 Bid Documents, including plans and specifications, may be obtained beginning immediately by sending an email to request a bid packet to: bids@whitehalltownship.com, or by calling 610-437-5524 x 1165. Bid Packets are free of charge.
 Whitehall Township reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether any aspect of a bid satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this Request for Bid, to accept either in whole or in part, any one bid or combination of bids, to waive or permit the curing of any immaterial defects or irregularities in a bid as permitted by law, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and to take any action which the Township deems appropriate. The Township intends to select that bid(s) which, in the sole opinion of the Township is/are most favorable and in the best interests of the citizens of Whitehall Township.
 LENORE BRAZIER
 Purchasing Agent

Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Samuel Balliet Stadium Lighting 2/22/2023 Potter Terrace Issued for Bid Copy, Pennsylvania Acela Project #22-COPLA-03 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 001113-1 DOCUMENT 001113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER: Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA TITLE: Samuel Balliet Stadium Lighting AVAILABLE DATE: February 22, 2023 CLARIFICATION DEADLINE: March 17, 2023 DUE DATE: March 22, 2023 BID TYPE: Fixed Fee Contract Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA will receive single prime bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.procureware.com) , until 2:30 PM, prevailing time on March 22, 2023 for the construction of its Samuel Balliet Stadium Lighting Project to be located at Potter Terrace, Coplay, PA. All bids will be publicly opened and posted. The project will be awarded under one (1) Prime Contract. Plans, specifications, information for bidders and forms for proposals are available at no cost on PennBid (www.pennbid.procureware.com). A Pre-Bid Meeting shall take place at 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Coplay Borough Building located 98 South 4th Street, Coplay PA. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged. Bids must be submitted electronically via the PennBid Program on the forms furnished by the Owner and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total price bid made payable to the Owner. Certified checks to be submitted to the office of the Architect. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price with a corporate surety approved by the Owner. The Bidder's attention is called to the fact that this project is governed by The Borough Code of the State of Pennsylvania and that various State labor and administrative requirements apply, as noted in the Bid Documents, including the requirement that all wages paid are consistent with the Pennsylvania prevailing wage structure. Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Question" tab. Bidder Inquiry Deadline is 11:00 AM Friday, March 17, 2023. Award of Contract will be to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Coplay Borough reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in awarding the contract in the best interest of Coplay Borough.
 Tiffany Benson- Borough Administrator

Mar. 8

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for the 2023 Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course project for approximately 24,000 SY of Type B. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. Upper Macungie Township reserve the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
 Robert Ibach, Jr. – Township Manager
 Upper Macungie Township
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Lower Macungie Township is accepting electronic bids on www.municipalbid.com for the sale of the following items: 2013 GMC Sierra HD 4WD, Sears Craftsman Drill Press, Roadside tank sprayer system, 38 (3G) GPS units, 2 Echo blowers, 4 Echo string trimmers, Husqvarna 340 chain saw, Husqvarna 235 chain saw, John Deere 997 mower, Gravely 272 mower, 13 IPads 4th Generation, 3 iPad Air Models. Bidding will begin on March 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EST and bids will close on March 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EST. Items are sold "as is". Detailed specifications and minimum bid requirements can be viewed at www.municipalbid.com. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the rules set forth by Municipalbid and Lower Macungie Township. The successful bidder will be responsible for all applicable costs associated with vehicle/equipment removal, title transfer and registration. Payment must be made in person at time of pickup, in full, which shall be no later than five (5) working days from the time and date of the Notice of Award. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor informalities.
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the 2023 Double Micro Surfacing project for approximately 22,500 SY. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
 Robert Ibach, Jr. – Township Manager
 Upper Macungie Township
 Mar. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the 2023 Single Micro Surfacing project for approximately 93,500 SY. Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 AM (prevailing time) on March 27, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on Penn-Bid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject, any or all Bids.
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 Mar. 8, 15

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WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC MEETING**
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 Mar. 8

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE**
 The Salisbury Township Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The meeting will be to discuss the following item:
1525-1537 Roosevelt Ave (No. 22-0430) - Review of the lot consolidation project submitted by Humberto Pintor which proposes to consolidate 1525, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, & 1537 Roosevelt Avenue into one residential lot. The property is located within the R4, Medium Density Residential zoning district.
All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or (610) 797-4000 ext. 5825.
 Mar. 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of Weisenberg Township will hold a Public Hearing upon the Liquor License Transfer Application of Malva Ventures, LLC pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor Licenses, 47 P.S. §4-461, et seq., at the Weisenberg Township Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, on Monday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m.
 The Weisenberg Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
 The Public is invited to attend.
 Brian C. Carl, Secretary
 Weisenberg Township
 Mar. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF ELAINE E. CHARRON, deceased, late of Township of South Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Jimmie Lee Gilbert, deceased, late of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of John Ernest McGaughey, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Michael D. Loftus aka Michael Donald Loftus, deceased, late of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GERALD R. MILLER, deceased, late of Weisenberg Township, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF MARION L. MILLER, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Jay C. Hoyt, deceased, late of Forks Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Nehad Elsayed, deceased, late of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Samuel Dominic Zappasodi, deceased, late of East Allen Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JUDITH A. KIPP, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Richard C. Steele a/k/a Richard Steele deceased, late of December 4, 2022, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Ruth M. Weidner aka Ruth Marie Weidner, Deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF SHARON A. RUBEN, deceased, late of Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby provided pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code that the Board of Commissioners of South Whitehall Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Upper Macungie Township is soliciting bids for the following: BID #2023-03.01 - 2023 Lawn Mowing Contract

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be accepted for the 2023 Lawn Mowing Contract until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023 and should be delivered to the Township Secretary, Upper Macungie Township, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

HOUSER'S PUBLIC AUCTION SINGLE FAMILY 2.5 STORY 1800 SQ. FT. HOME. ANTIQUES, SILVER COINS/PAPER CURRENCY, FURNITURE, GLASSWARE...

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MEETING

The Whitehall Township Planning Commission has scheduled their meeting for March 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Whitehall Township Public Meeting Room. The following items will be discussed:

PUBLIC NOTICE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Fountain Hill Borough will conduct a public hearing on Monday March 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Borough Hall meeting room located at 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Harold Gene Reichel, a/k/a H. Gene Reichel, deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF BONITA L. PLASCO, deceased, late of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of LARRY R. DIETER, SR. deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of GEORGE C. YIALAMAS A/K/A GEORGE YIALAMAS, A/K/A GEORGE CONSTANTINE YIALAMAS, deceased, late of Upper Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PREMIER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Table with crossword puzzle solutions: GALAS, RIPS AW, STS, NOSH, ANIME, OMBERTA, COO, ABLE...

CRYPTO SOLUTION

FEELING VERY OVERWORKED, THE SUPERVILLAIN WHO CONSIGNED FOLKS TO HADES PROCLAIMED, "I CAN ONLY DOOM SO MUCH."

PennSCAN statewide classified ad listings

MISCELLANEOUS: Are you a pet owner? Do you want to get up to 100% back on Vet Bills? FOR SALE: Replace your roof with the best looking and longest lasting material...

Dream HOME WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Foehrkolb, Anna C. dec'd.
Late of Salisbury Township, Allentown, PA.
Executor: Randy Foehrkolb, 2300 33rd St. SW,
Allentown, PA 18103
Any persons having claims against the Estate
and/or indebted to the decedent make known to
the Executor without delay.
Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Storhouse Self Storage Lehigh Street, 1449
Lehigh Street, Allentown Pa 18103** intends to
satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of
the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or
other charges:
**Crystal A. Alvarado, leased space #1250; Jeffrey
Pizolato, leased space #1120; Elias M. Redondo,
leased space #188; Zaila Correa, leased space
#1327; Naiya Cooper, leased space
#166**The items will be sold online **March 23,
2023** at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasures.com.
The winner of the sale is subject to the
terms and conditions of the website, prereg-
istration to bid is required. The sale may be
withdrawn at any time.
Mar. 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of JULIA L. VANDERBILT aka
Julia Vanderbilt aka Julie Vanderbilt**, Deceased,
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:
CAROL FERRERA
Executrix
c/o her attorney
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406
Feb. 22, March 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF VINCENT KRALIK, JR., deceased,
late of Slatedale, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.
Letters of 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:
Toni Ann Casciano
AKA Toni A. Casciano
C/O STECKEL AND STOPP LLC
Executrix, or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp
LLC, By: Stephen A. Strack, at 125 S. Walnut
Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.
Mar. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of ANN VERONICA O'KEEFE, late of the
Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton,
and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters
Testamentary on the above-named estate have
been granted to the undersigned. All persons
indebted to the said estate are requested to
make immediate payment, and those claims or
demands to present the same without delay to:
Co-Executors: **ANN MARIE LeBEAU**
and **BRIAN PATRICK O'KEEFE**
c/o **JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE**
70 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1426
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426
Mar. 1, 8, 15

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Anna M. Greybush, deceased,
late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.
Letters Testamentary 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:
James J. Greybush, Executor
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.
2610 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Feb. 22, March 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Nazareth Pike Self Storage
173 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020
intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder
of the property stored by the following tenants
at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an
online auction via www.storage-treasures.com
on 3/21/2023 at 11:00am. Reimer Glenn unit
#124; Jeffrey Kadlec unit #132. This sale may
be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain
terms and conditions apply.
Mar. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **JOHN L. IAMPINETRO**, late of the City
of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh and Common-
wealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters
Testamentary on the above-named estate have
been granted to the undersigned. All persons
indebted to the said estate are requested to
make immediate payment, and those claims or
demands to present the same without delay to:
Executor: **ROSEMARIE H. SWEENEY**
c/o **JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE**
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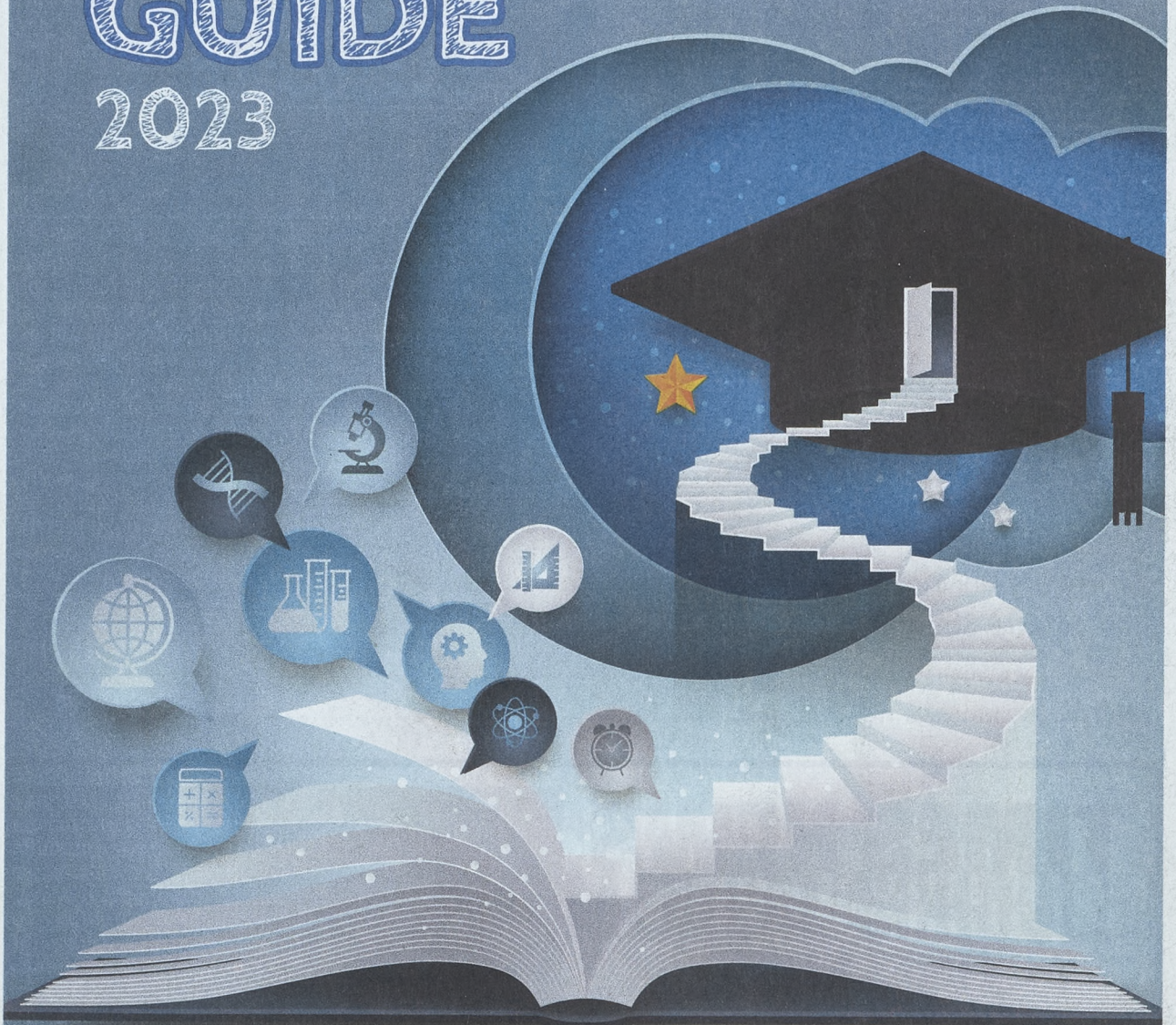
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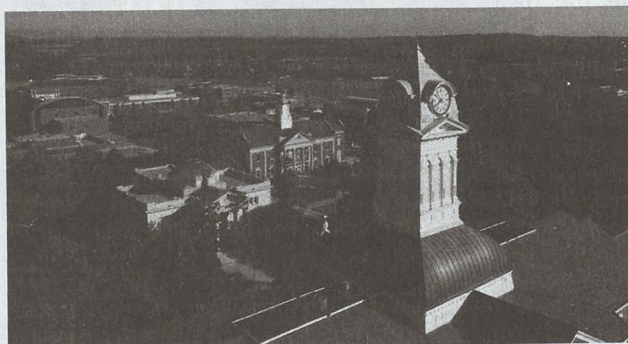
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How students can prepare for standardized tests

Standardized tests remain a significant part of the academic experience for millions of students at all grade levels. Though many colleges and universities no longer require the SAT or ACT for admission, experts note that many of those schools still value such tests and how applicants who choose to take them perform.

Students who want to take standardized tests can take various steps to ensure they do their best and make the decision to take the tests work to their advantage.

Prepare as if you're taking the test early. It's never too early for high school students to begin thinking about college. Students who plan to take standardized tests like the SAT and ACT are often urged to do so in their junior year of high school. Such a timeline affords students ample time to retest if they feel they can improve their scores. Though sophomore year might seem early to start preparing for the SAT and ACT, it's the perfect time to do so for students who plan to take the test in the first half of their junior year. This gives them ample time to find a tutor or test preparation program so they can perform their best.

Utilize preparation services. Standardized tests carry a lot of weight, even at schools that no longer require them, so professional test preparation services can be a good investment. Parents can work with their children to find a tutor or preparation program in advance of their scheduled testing date. Some programs are lengthier and more intensive than others, but fam-

ilies can identify which type of program can most benefit the student. Some students may just need a post-summer refresher, while others may benefit from a more intensive program.

Look for free programs and resources. A student's school may offer a free test preparation program as testing season draws closer. In addition, books on preparing for tests may be available for free at your local library. In the latter example, parents and students should confirm that any preparation guidebooks are up-to-date. Testing has changed significantly over the years, so students won't want to be looking over prep materials that no longer reflect modern tests.

Take practice tests. Practice tests can be invaluable. Such tests can indicate where students are strong and any areas they should seek to improve. Students who have a tutor or are enrolled in a test prep program can go over their practice test results with their tutor or instructor to identify areas for improvement and strategies to perform better when the tests count.

Time your practice tests. Standardized tests like the SAT and ACT are timed. Students can prepare for that by taking timed practice tests. The more acclimated students become to testing situations, the better they're likely to perform.

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(BPT) - Reading, writing, science and math are subjects that have been associated with classroom instruction since school was established. And all are relevant, important subjects to master in order to succeed in society. But according to a new survey of 2,000 parent respondents conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Kiddie Academy Educational Child Care, these subjects are not the only skills parents are looking to have their children learn in early childhood education.

An astounding 81% of parent respondents believe educators should spend time teaching things outside academics like soft skills and current events, with 60% wanting current events instruction to focus on cultural happenings like



festivals and heritage celebrations.

This survey makes it clear that parents of today are focused on developing their children into well-rounded members of society beyond just traditional school subjects.

Sixty-two percent of parents in the survey responded that they prioritize their children learning soft skills like communication, critical thinking and problem

solving before they're 8 years old, with 40% of parents saying that practical life skills are the most important thing for their children to learn at a young age. The majority of parent respondents said that core curriculum classes should not begin until the first grade.

"Parents who place their children in a pre-school environment that focuses on character development give children a strong start," said Joy Turner, vice president of education for the Kiddie Academy brand. "Learning the ability to care about others, to communicate, and to understand

how character affects the communities and world in which we live is important to early childhood education development."

The majority of parents who took the survey think that social and emotional development are absolutely necessary to learn at their child's school, with honesty ranked as the most important character trait to learn in early childhood. Therefore, parents are leaning on child care providers to bridge the gap between what parents are teaching at home and what children are learning in the classroom.

So how can parents find child care that aligns with these priorities? By asking thorough questions when touring a facility, researching social media and websites affiliated with their early childhood education options and paying close attention to the interactions they have with a provider during a tour or interview.

"Parents have many choices to make when it comes to sending their children to an early learning program," said Turner. "Making sure you're on the same page with the facility where your children spend so much time is key to developing them into the people we hope they become."

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How students can better manage their time

Many people have a lot of demands on their time. There are only so many hours in a day, which means that the sooner a person can develop strategies for managing his or her time efficiently and effectively, the more successful that person can be.

It can be especially important for students to explore ways to improve their time management skills early in their academic careers. Time management involves planning, and that includes allotting time for specific tasks. The following strategies can be useful for anyone looking to manage their time more effectively.

Establish a daily schedule

Staying the course may require a guideline detailing how you will spend your time. A good part of the day may be taken up by classes and assign-



ments, but focusing on the other parts of the day also is key. Set up a plan for how you will treat each day. Block off specific times for exercise, meals, school, study, and any other responsibilities you have. Time blocking is a format by which you go through the moments of the day. You can block out by the hour or any amount of time you need.

Figure out where you're losing time

You need to know how you're currently spending your time before you can improve on time management strategies. Spend a few days jotting down a time log. This will help you determine if you're working efficiently or where you are losing time.

Make time for breaks

Burnout can occur when you work yourself too hard. That makes breaks an important part of time management. Breaks allow for time to call loved ones, text with friends, meditate, or engage in other activities unrelated to school. Ac-

ording to sleep researcher Nathaniel Kleitman, people's minds naturally crave breaks after 90 minutes of intense work. You may need breaks at different intervals. Learn to read your body's cues.

Break projects down

Many students avoid projects they feel are huge tasks. Breaking down the larger job into smaller ones can help students stay focused and reward progress. For example, if you need to write a 50-page research paper, make the first task finding source material, the next citing quotes and studies, and then resolve to write a set number of pages per day.

Schedule classes wisely

Some people are night owls while others thrive in the morning. Set up schedules so you're in class when you are at your most productive; otherwise, you could lag and waste time. This may not be possible for high school students, but colleges allow for more flexibility in scheduling.

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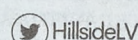
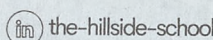
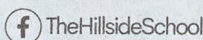
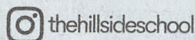
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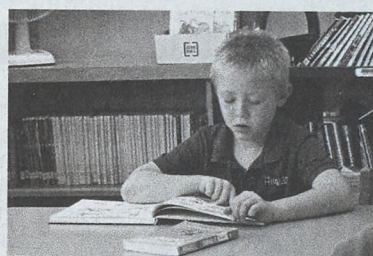
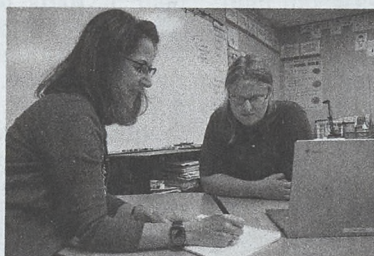


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Blocking out distractions in the classroom

An ability to focus in the classroom can go a long way toward helping students achieve their academic goals. But distractions lurk in every corner, making it easier than ever to succumb to a lack of focus.

Maintaining focus in the classroom can be difficult in the digital age, but students can try various strategies to block out distractions once class begins.

- **Disconnect your devices.** A 2020 report from the nonprofit association Educause found that the majority of students report connecting two or more devices to campus Wi-Fi each day. Devices often serve as useful tools that augment classroom lessons, but they also can distract students. Students can turn off notifications on their phones and tablets before class begins so that familiar ping does not sound during lectures and lessons. In addition, unless devices are necessary during a class, students can store them in places where they won't be tempted to check for messages or other alerts when they should be learning. Storing devices in a separate pocket in a backpack or even in a locker outside the classroom can remove the temptation to log on during class.

- **Prepare for class in**



- **advance.** Organizing before class can help students stay focused when a teacher is lecturing, explaining classroom material or engaging students in a discussion. Students who can't readily access their notes, books or assignments may be forced to spend valuable class time looking for such materials, thus distracting them from the lesson.

- **Bring questions to class.** Students who jot down questions about a subject prior to class are more likely to be en-

gaged once class begins. Students can ask their questions during the lesson and listen intently to hear if their teacher or professor is answering their questions during their lecture. Either way, bringing questions to class and going over them before class begins can help students narrow their focus to the subject at hand, reducing the likelihood that they'll succumb to distractions.

- **Sit in the front of class.** Students who are having trouble focusing

can try sitting in the front of class. Sitting in the front ensures students can hear their teachers or professors, and sitting so close might subconsciously compel students to perk up so they're not caught wandering.

Devices and other distractions can easily compromise students' focus in the classroom. But various strategies can help students focus so they can perform better academically.



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Ways music education benefits students

Researchers increasingly are finding that “do-re-mi” may be just as essential to children’s development as “A-B-C.” Music education, which was once required in the classroom, is increasingly absent from school curriculums. However, proponents feel there should be a greater push for musical education as part of school curricula because of the many benefits students reap from music education.

Taps into multiple skill sets

Music participation goes beyond playing an instrument or singing notes from a page. Experts at Music Together, an early childhood music development program, say that participating in music education involves many different skills, including listening, vision, fine motor skills, prob-

lem solving, and utilizing large and small muscle groups.

Transformative effects

A growing body of research points to music for its transformative effects on youngsters. Participation in music education may help improve communication skills, foster better memory and help children focus their attention more effectively, according to the instrument retailer Zing Instruments. Music may provide the common ground to unite children in pursuit of a common goal.

Improves language skills

Neurobiologist Dr. Nina Kraus participated in “The Harmony Project,” which involved a series of experiments among second and third graders. Dr. Kraus discovered conclusively that

music enhanced sound processing and cognitive skills (memory and attention). Music helps students develop the left side of the brain, which is known for processing language. A 2014 study by Arete Music Academy found children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than those who do not participate in music education.

More consistent attendance rates

The National Association for Music Education determined that schools that offer music education have better attendance rates (93.3 percent) than those that don’t (84.9 percent).

Higher grades

A study in The Journal for Research in Music Education found that students who participated in excellent music programs scored higher on tests in mathematics and English/language than students enrolled in lower-quality music programs or none at all. Researchers concluded there is a correlation between music education

and better retention of material.

Support from parents and teachers


Both educators and parents strongly believe that music education has a positive impact on overall academic performance, indicates NAMM Foundation and Grunwald Associates LLC. They also feel that budget cuts in music education or deficits in supplies and insufficient allocation of resources is detrimental to students.

Increased IQ scores

An experiment published in a 2004 issue of Psychological Science conducted by E. Glenn Schellenberg at The University of Toronto at Mississauga found that, over the course of nine months, six-year-old participants who were given piano and voice lessons tested on average three IQ points higher than those who had drama lessons only or no lessons at all.

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What students can do to rebound in the second half of the school year

Students begin a new school year hoping to do their best in the classroom. When those hopes are overcome by academic struggles, students may need a little help to get back on track.

Students and their parents must keep in mind that no school year is derailed by a poor performance in the year's opening months. There's plenty of time for students to rebound, and the following are some ways for students to get back on strong academic footing.

Make it a collective effort. Rebounding from a difficult start to the school year may require a collective effort on the part of students, their parents and educators. Concerned parents can reach out to teachers to learn where students are struggling and seek recommendations about what to do to help them rebound. Once those areas are identified, students, parents and educators can work together to devise a plan to help kids improve.

Ask to move seats. A 2020 study published in the journal PLOS One found that sitting further from the instructor negatively impacted students' grades. Authors of the study, which examined the responses of more than 1,360 students, concluded that, while the evidence is mixed, students who choose to sit nearer to the front of the classroom will do better than those who sit in the back. Students who are struggling can ask to move seats if they've been sitting in the back of the

class.

Go over class notes each day. Lectures require significant note-taking, and many students scribble notes as fast as possible so they can keep up. Scribbled notes may be hard to decipher days after a lecture, but they're more likely to be understood immediately after class or when students arrive home at night. Going over notes at the end of the day or after each class, and even transcribing them from notebooks into typed documents, can help students grasp material more effectively. Typed notes also can make study sessions the night before a test more effective.

Reserve daily quiet study time. Rebounding from a difficult start to the school year will likely require a daily commitment to performing better in the classroom. Daily study time in a quiet setting, whether that's at home or at the library, can provide the time students need to focus on their studies without distractions getting in the way. Turn smartphone and device notifications off during study time. Students can even keep a study log to track what they're studying and the amount of time they study each day. This log can be useful if students need to determine which areas require more time down the road.

A school year is long, so students who struggle at the start of the year still have plenty of time to get back on track and achieve their academic goals.

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Strategies that can improve reading comprehension

Strong reading comprehension skills are one of the foundations of a successful academic career. According to the Institute of Reading Development, students with strong reading comprehension skills get a big boost in all subjects, including math and science.

Though the benefits of reading comprehension are well documented, many students are struggling in this area of their academics. Officials with the National Center for Education Statistics note that, over the last decade, students have made no progress in reading performance. That likely comes as no surprise to seasoned educators, as data indicates students are reading less outside of school than they have in years past. Data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress indicates the percentage of public school students who said they read 30 minutes or more a day declined by 4 percent between 2017 and 2019, dipping below 50 percent overall in the latter year.

There's likely a multitude of reasons why students now read less than they used to. Parents concerned about their children's reading com-



prehension can try these strategies to bolster this highly valuable skill.

- Let kids read what they like. The tutoring professionals at Oxford Learning® report that 73 percent of students indicate they would read more if they found books they liked. Parents can address this issue by taking children to their local libraries and letting them choose which books to check out. The more practice kids get with reading, the more their comprehension skills develop.

- Read aloud to children. Various studies have found that reading aloud to children signifi-

cantly benefits literacy development. One study from the National Association for the Education of Young Children found that listening to others read helps children develop key understanding and skills, including how stories are written. In addition, the Reading Rockets project, which aspires to bring reading research to life in the hopes of helping young children develop into strong, confident readers, notes that children can listen on a higher language level than they can read. That makes complex ideas more accessible.

- Ask questions when reading to children. When reading to children, parents can compound the benefits of this

activity by asking youngsters questions about the book. Asking what, when, where, why, and how can encourage children to look for answers to these questions while they're being read to. As students advance and then read more on their own, parents can encourage them to ask these questions of themselves (if they're not already doing so on their own). Asking and answering these questions is a great way to strengthen reading comprehension skills.

Strong reading comprehension skills can help students reach their academic potential. Parents can employ various strategies to help children bolster those skills.

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Tips to help student-athletes prepare for winter sports season

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As the winter sports season approaches and begins, student-athletes can take various steps to ensure they're ready to compete.

- Ensure your academics are in order. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average to be eligible to compete. The winter sports season tends to overlap semesters in many school districts, so students preparing for the coming season must make sure their grades are good enough to allow them to compete, even if their sport begins mid- to late-semester. Students can work with teachers, coaches and academic advisors to ensure their grades won't compromise their eligibility.

- Schedule your physical. A preseason physical exam is mandatory to compete in many scholastic sports, so student-athletes or their parents should schedule their exams early so they can compete for a spot on the team and, if they make the team, play once the season begins. Physical exams also can shed light on any issues that may require med-

ical treatment prior to the start of the season, so the earlier students get their exams, the more quickly they can address any issues that may compromise their ability to compete.

- Speak with the coaching staff. Coaches may or may not conduct exit interviews upon the completion of a season. Such interviews can be a great chance for student-athletes to learn about what they can do to improve during the offseason. Student-athletes who didn't get an exit interview or those who simply want a refresher can contact their coaches in advance of the season to discuss what they need to do to make the team and/or improve on last season's performance.

- Get in shape. Multi-sport athletes may already be in shape to compete, which can ensure the transition from fall to winter sports season goes smoothly. Student-athletes who don't compete in fall sports can use fall as a time to get back in game shape. Start gradually to reduce your risk of injury, ramping up as the body reacclimates itself to physical activity.


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Extracurricular activities for non-athletes

High school sports garner significant attention in communities that want to support their student-athletes. But what about students who aren't inclined to compete on the field or in the gym? There are many more non-athletes than athletes, and the following are some extracurricular activities that might appeal to students who aren't interested in sports.

Theater

School theater programs faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, when indoor gatherings were limited if not outright restricted and students were forced to adapt to remote learning. But since COVID-related restrictions were lifted, many theater programs are back in full swing. In fact, the Educational Theatre Association™ notes that its programs were present in roughly 5,000 schools during the 2021-22 school year. Theater programs can expose kids to the performing arts but also teach youngsters who aren't interested in performing about backstage components, including set design and even script writing.

Volunteering

Volunteering is another potential extracurricular activity high school students might want to consider. Volunteering can expose children to potential career paths and introduce them to people from all walks of life. The vast majority of nonprofit organizations welcome

and need volunteers, so students should be able to find an organization with a mission that aligns with their values. Schools also may sponsor volunteer programs, and that can be a great way for students to engage with their school community.

Clubs

High schools are home to clubs that cater to all sorts of interests. Foreign language clubs, gaming clubs, book clubs, and debate clubs are just some of the many non-sports-related clubs students can join to participate more fully in campus life.

Physical activities

Just because kids aren't interested in traditional scholastic sports doesn't mean they don't enjoy breaking a sweat or being part of a team. Local community programs may offer club skiing teams, rowing clubs, hiking clubs, and other physical activities that are not affiliated with a school. Such options are great opportunities for kids to engage in physical activity and meet fellow fitness enthusiasts. One option kids may want to consider is a local recreational pickleball league. Pickleball has exploded in popularity in recent years and many communities now host competitive leagues for people of all ages.

Students who don't want to compete in scholastic sports can still find a wealth of extracurricular activities that align with their interests and even others that may stoke newfound passions.

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DelVal Students Attend Intensive Leadership Development Program

Delaware Valley University (DelVal) students participated in a four-day, intensive leadership development program over winter break. The LeaderShape Institute and DelVal partnered to host a session of the Institute from Monday, January 9 to Friday, January 13. The LeaderShape Institute is recognized nationally as one of the premier leadership development programs for college students. The retreat took place at Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA, where several DelVal staff members helped facilitate the program.

Those who participate in LeaderShape gain leadership skills, clarify their values, and become more resilient as they work to make change in their communities and have a positive impact on society.

The University received gifts from NJM Insurance Group, and Univest Financial which funded this year's program for students. Ann Mossing, Director of Major Gifts at DelVal, Cam Maio, Vice President Marketing and Pat Hartpence, Corporate Giving Office from NJM Insurance, attended a session and then had lunch with our LeaderShape attendees at the retreat.

"It is inspiring to see our students grow their skills, vision and confidence at LeaderShape, said Mossing. "This opportunity helps to build our next generation of leaders. We are grateful to our sponsors, NJM Insurance Group and Univest Financial, who also see the value of this unique, innovative program."

Ariela Cambroner Fernandez '26, a small animal science major, redefined leadership during her time at LeaderShape.

"Through this experience, I learned that anyone could have a vision, but it takes a good leader to work hard and see their vision through," said Cambroner Fernandez.

Caleb Messenger '26, an animal science pre-professional major, gained a new perspective on goal setting. Messenger explains that while you can have goals you should also have a vision.

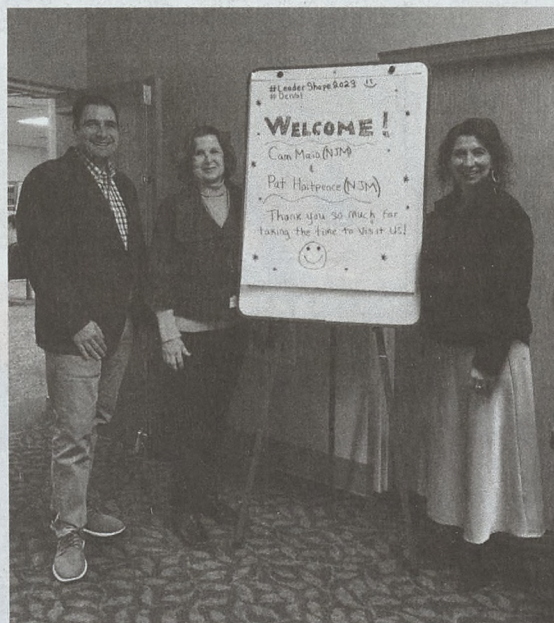
"Your vision is what you want to do to change the world (or your community if the whole world seems a bit challenging). Goals are stepping stones toward your vision, they should be achievable, and you should be able to clearly see the path toward achieving them," said Messenger. "Both are important to have in your life as we strive towards making the world a better place."

Messenger also enjoyed connecting with classmates and building stronger connections with DelVal peers at the retreat.

"Even just in the first few days back to classes, it's been a lot of fun seeing people that I met there and saying hi," said Messenger.

At LeaderShape, students created unforgettable memories, gained new perspectives on what it means to be a leader, and grew more prepared for not only their career trajectories but their life trajectories

To learn more about attending LeaderShape, contact Justin Brouse at justin.brouse@delval.edu.



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