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BASD Equity: Evolving, ongoing local goal

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Excellence through equity is an evolving ideology that Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy and the administrators adhere to. The Bethlehem Area School District has a longstanding awareness of the importance of diversity in shaping the success of its schools. The creation of the office of Equity Initiatives is no surprise to anyone familiar with this commitment to provide each and every student, regardless of differences such as culture, race, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic, the same access to all educational/learning and extra-curricular activities provided by the school district.

This is not a new idea for BASD. For nearly a decade, the Superintendent's Diversity Committee met consistently with key district and community stakeholders to discuss concerns, and develop plans, to address equity issues. In the 2015-16 academic year, the BASD created the Excellence Through Equity plan with the of lofty goal equalizing family income as predictors of school success by guaranteeing equitable access to opportunities for all students.

Research began. Goals and objectives
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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nalya says she is safer than many of her countrymen. Nine months ago she feared retribution from the Russians for speaking out, but now she has seen and felt the fallout from war and speaks with little reservation. As the war escalates, so does her passion against the Russians.

Christmas in Ukraine

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nearly 10 months ago, Russia claimed possession of the Ukraine, igniting war between the two countries. Caught in the capital city of Kiev is Nalya, a young Ukrainian woman with ties to Bethlehem. As previously reported, Nalya, whose last name is withheld for her safety, continues to stay steadfast in her resolve that her country will prevail.

"I don't like this war at all," Nalya says. "I don't know anyone who likes war."

"As I said before, we will not give in to the Russians, despite all the horrors and destruction they cause."

"My life before the war wasn't easy but it was my life and it was okay. Now, the war has made my life very difficult."

As the war escalates, so does her passion against the Russians.

"I hate Putin and the Russian government," she says. "We

Ukrainians are not afraid of the Russians. I think my president is doing a good job so far. He takes no **** from Putin."

Nine months ago she feared retribution from the Russians for speaking out, but now she has seen and felt the fallout from war and speaks with little reservation.

"As I said before, we will not give in to the Russians, despite all the horrors and destruction they cause."

She acknowledges she is safer than her countrymen in the eastern regions, where all the

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'Tis the season for upper respiratory infections

BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH
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St. Luke's University Health Network is making the public aware of an increase in Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases in the Lehigh Valley.

"Many children three years of age and under are seeing RSV for the first time," Sam Kennedy, corporate communications director for St. Luke's said.

"It can't be known with certainty how long this pediatric surge will last, but we can say with certainty that St. Luke's and our pediatric team remain committed to caring for all children in the community who are depending on us now more than ever," Jennifer Janco, M.D., St. Luke's Pediatrics chairwoman said.

St. Luke's provided the following RSV facts:

- About 90 percent of children will get RSV by the time they are 2 years of age

- Only 1-2 percent of children under 12 months old with RSV will require hospitalization.

- Most will have upper respiratory symptoms (i.e., cough and congestion).

- Some (20-30 percent) develop lower respiratory tract symptoms with the first infection

- Wheezing, pneumonia
- Most healthy infants with RSV bronchiolitis do not require hospitalization.

- Most hospitalized infants with RSV improve within 2-3 days.

- Reinfection is common, but subsequent infections are usually less severe than the first.

- There is no vaccine or special medicine to treat RSV infection.

- Unlike COVID-19, there is no need for RSV testing outside of the hospital setting; it's not going to change how your child is treated.

St. Luke's primary care and urgent care offices do not offer testing to confirm RSV.

RSV symptoms are typically at their worst on days 3 through 5 of illness, but symptoms often linger for several days or even a few weeks, according to St. Luke's. They said almost all children recover from an RSV infection on their own.

Parents should seek care right away if children experience:

- Symptoms of labored breathing such as using extra muscles in the ribs or stomach to breathe or breathing much faster than normal

- Symptoms of dehydration (fewer than one wet diaper every eight hours)

- Gray or blue color of the tongue, lip or skin

St. Luke's Pediatrics said there are ways to be prepared and to set children up for a healthier winter season:

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PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite December holiday tradition?



"Santa Claus."
Owen Duncan
Quakertown



"Opening presents with my family."
April Duncan
Quakertown

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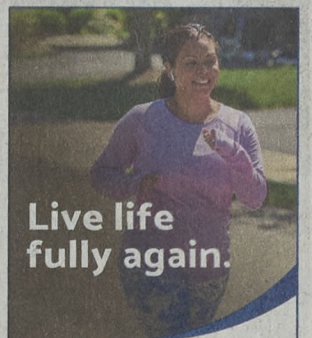
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What is your favorite December holiday tradition?



"Going to cut down the Christmas tree."
Holly Duncan
Quakertown



"Decorating the Christmas tree."
Greg Duncan
Quakertown



"Going to my girlfriend's house on Christmas Eve with both of our families, and enjoying adult beverages."
Aidan Bell
Philadelphia



"Finding the pickle Christmas ornament on the tree and getting a couple of dollars from my Grandmom for being the first one to do it."
Carolann Mullin
Philadelphia

POLICE

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Drugs, weapons

Police served a search warrant Dec. 9 at a residence in the 300 block of East North Street as part of an ongoing drug investigation. As a result of the search, officers recovered distributable amounts of cocaine and marijuana, drug packaging materials, multiple firearms, and cash.

Wilner Johns, 32, is charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine and marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and prohibited offensive weapons.

Shooting

Police responded to a report of shots fired in the 1100 block of Dover Lane around 9 p.m. Dec. 8. Officers located several spent shell casings and live rounds at the scene as well as damage to a nearby vehicle and home.

Minutes later, the department was notified of a man with a gunshot wound at St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill. It was determined the man was shot at the Dover Lane location.

Police searched a nearby residence and located Heriberto Reyes Garcia, 21, of Bethlehem, hiding in an upstairs bedroom. A firearm was also located at the residence.

Garcia admitted to being involved in an altercation, during which he fired shots at the victim including the victim.

Garcia is charged with attempted homicide, aggravated assault and possessing instruments of a crime.

Anyone who may have information related to this offense is asked to contact Detective John Limpar at jlimpar@bethlehem-pa.gov or by calling the Bethlehem Police Service Center at 610-865-7000.

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Send copy and images as email attachments to: gtaylor@tnonline.com.

ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courier



GRAPHIC COMMENTARY BY ED COURRIER

NALYA

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fighting is now. "I cannot fool myself; missiles and drones fly into Kiev often and it knocks out power, water and heat," she says sadly. "It is scary and a few times it felt like the explosions were nearby."

Life during wartime necessitates change, but the little things don't stop when the shelling commences.

"I still have rent to pay and food to buy. Prices have gone up a

lot and I only have little jobs here and there so I must rely on the kindness of a few people who help me."

Power outages, lack of heat, and temperatures steady at 35 degrees make life challenging.

Bethlehem resident Phil Gentile, a sort of surrogate father to Nalya, has been just as steadfast in his concern. The lack of food, heat and electricity compounded by the erratic air raids and drone attacks make him fearful for Nalya.

War isn't the only hardship Nalya has experienced.

"When I was young, my brother and I were orphaned," she explains. "My father died when I was young and my mother wouldn't care for us. She had bad drinking problem. We spent our youth in an orphanage where there wasn't much to celebrate."

Celebrating Christmas was never a major focus for her.

"I don't really celebrate holidays," she says. "I have no family

traditions; neighbors will cook special food and sing traditional songs. They will have some celebration and try to make it normal for the kids."

Nalya looks forward to the day she will be able to see and talk with her brother. He currently lives in a Russian occupied area in the east, and communication is limited to mail. She hopes to make contact with him in the new year.

Simple wishes in a very complex situation.

BASD

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were established. This program will be informed and consistent with the best research/practices in the field. The program would create and maintain a district-wide data team

to identify and define best research/practices in the field at both the national and state level and follow the Data Quality Control Cycle.

Realizing the magnitude of this project, the Office of Equity Initiatives was formed in the fall of 2021. Dr.

Benita Draper was appointed director and Eric Fontanez supervisor. They are tasked with programming, data control and prioritizing students' equitable access to learning and activities and are not hindered by race, culture, gender, sexuality

or income.

Dr. Roy's vision for BASD is that, "every student feel a sense of belonging; when you belong you can be more academically successful." The office of equity inclusion will focus on making that a reality.

SEASON

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"Get yourself and your child vaccinated. Vaccines are an effective way to reduce the severity of symptoms - or prevent infections entirely. While there is currently no vaccine for RSV, vaccines for COVID-19 and for influenza ("the flu") are available for children 6 months of age and older.

"Choose an appropriate level of care. Children with minor to moderate symptoms may not need

a provider visit. When seeking care, choosing the right location means easy access to a convenient, personalized treatment plan and potentially avoiding unnecessary wait times.

"Outpatient care with your provider is often your best place to start. Some advice over the phone can help guide you through most illnesses - and let you know what signs warrant a visit.

To learn more about when to seek medical treatment, visit the fol-

lowing link: healthychildren.org.

Janco said parents should encourage hand-washing, avoid exposure to anyone who is sick and stay away from large groups.

Have necessary supplies on hand such as a thermometer, fever reducer, Pedialyte to help with hydration and nasal saline and bulb suction to clear nasal secretions.

While some of the symptoms of these illnesses overlap and the treatment of them in

the pediatric patient is largely the same, there may be other factors to consider, Janco said. One is the child's underlying health status and another is the contacts of the sick child. For example, if a sick child normally spends time with elderly grandparents who are themselves at greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or flu, additional precautions would be appropriate. Parents with questions can seek advice from their pediatrician.

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Guest speakers and honored guests scheduled to attend are Northampton County Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Jennifer Sletvold; Chief of Staff for Pennsylvania Senator Lisa Boscola Joe Kelly; Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck; Northampton County Councilman Kerry Myers; and, Bethlehem Mayor J. William Reynolds.

A monument to civil rights marchers is scheduled to be dedicated.

All residents, municipal employees, community groups and law enforcement agencies are invited to attend the event. Face masks are optional for participants. For additional information, please contact Frankie West at 484-809-8064.

BETHLEHEM CITY EXHIBITS: Hub Willson Paintings and Photography, opening Jan. 8 (artist reception: 2 to 4 p.m.) till Febr. 13. Rotunda Gallery, 10 E. Church St. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Masks optional. COVID regulations enforced. Visit www.bfac-lv.org for more information. Upcoming: Printmakers Society of the Lehigh Valley members exhibition, Feb. 23 till March 30. Artist reception: 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 26.

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM MUSEUMS & SITES: Marbles To Make Believe: Let's Play! with HBM&S curator of collections and exhibitions Brett Peters. Toys through time. Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts. 427 N. New St. Through Jan. 31, 2023. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/collections/exhibits/marblestomakebelieve/>

CHARTER ARTS CORPORA GALLERY: by appointment; call 610-868-2971, ext.3185. Visit www.CharterArts.org for events and information. 6 to 8 p. m. Corpora Gallery, Charter Arts School, 321 E. Third St.

Thursday, December 21

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/>

Friday, December 23

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, December 24

Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day. Many places and businesses closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 to Friday, Dec. 30

Christmas Holiday Edition - Camp Groundhog. Six to 12 years old. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Child must provide a lunch and bring a swim suit and wear sneakers daily. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. For information and mandatory registration, visit www.bethlehetownship.org/btcc/forms/campholiday.pdf or call 610-332-1900.

Tuesday, December 27

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/>

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

FREE CHRISTMAS TROLLEY: Every 20-30 minutes between the Historic District and the Southside Arts District. Stops: Walnut Street Parking Garage, Main Street at Sun Inn, Moravian Book Shop, Chriskindmarkt Bethlehem, SteelStacks, and Mechanic Street near New Street (Third Street parking lot exit).

CHRISTMAS HUTS ON MAIN: Till Dec. 24. Historic Downtown Bethlehem with new locations for 2022. South Main Street. and in the Colonial Industrial Quarter. Christmas Cottages and additional activities, 459 Old York Road. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

DAILY LIVE ADVENT CALENDAR: 5:30 p.m. 1810 Goundie House front door, 510 Main St. Local businesses/ organizations hand outs. Till Friday, Dec. 23. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/christmas/live-advent-calendar/>

HOLIDAY PUTZ TRAIL: Putz, Moravian Museum of Bethlehem and Single Sisters' House. Traditional Moravian settings of

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Under the direction of father David Kozak, singers from the Polish American Citizens Society and Incarnation of Our Lord Church sing Christmas songs in Polish.

Celebrating holiday cultural variety

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The South Bethlehem Historical Society formally turned on the lights for their annual ethnic Christmas trees in an afternoon program Dec. 4, with about 40 people in attendance.

This year the trees are located in the Banana Factory's Crayola Gallery so that they are visible to both foot and vehicular traffic along West Third Street. Individual tree sponsors were recognized for the 12 decorated trees representing Slovenian and Windish, Polish,



Program chairperson Esther Lee emceed the ethnic tree lighting event. "Bethlehem is our home," said Lee referencing the various groups represented by the trees.

Ukrainian, African, Latino, Moravian, Hun- American, English, garian, Italian, Irish,

German and American Christmas traditions.

Father Joseph Becker from St. Ursula Catholic Church said the Invocation and Benediction.

Singers from the from the Polish American Citizens' Society of Allentown and Incarnation of Our Lord Church in Bethlehem sang several Polish carols in their native language

Frank Podleiszek led the traditional Christmas carol sing-along that ended with 'Silent Night' being sung in various native tongues and "I Wish You a Merry Christmas."



Long-time Historical Society member Frank Podleiszek leads attendees in a sing-along of traditional Christmas carols.



Bethlehem area resident Shirley Daluisio admires the decorations on the ethnic Christmas trees.



This year's ethnic trees are on exhibit in the front windows of the Banana Factory's Crayola Gallery along West Third Street.



SBHS president Maureen Dresen recognized sponsors for the various trees.

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Helen Choi

earned degree from Yonsei University



Helen Choi, 88, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 8, 2022, at her residence. She was born in North Korea. She was the wife of the late Young Sik Choi.

She earned a nursing degree from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

She was a member of the Delaware Korean United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, John and wife Anna-Marie DaCosta and Mark and wife Sarah Lee; two daughters, Susan Choi and Nancy Choi; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Christina, Michelle, Alex and Ellen Choi; and a great-granddaughter, Destiny Rose.

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

David G. Evans

Wesleyan Methodist Church member



David G. Evans, 84, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 11, 2022, at ProMedica West Allen, Allentown. Born in Scranton, he was a son of the late David and Thelma (Ainsley) Evans. He was the husband of Christine N. (Nole) Evans for 60 years.

He was a metallurgical engineer for the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 40 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Bethlehem.

He was a 40-year member of the Concord Chamber Singers, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Douglas G. (Regina) of Downingtown and Bradley D. (Lori) of Schnecksville; four grandchildren, Brandon, Bryce, Carlyn and Rachel; and two great-grandchildren, Sophia and Harland.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Cameron.

Contributions may be made to CURE4CAM, c/o Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc., P.O. Box # 196, Schnecksville, PA 18078-0196.

Arrangements were made by Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc., Schnecksville.

Carl F. Fluck Sr.

former city police officer



Carl F. Fluck Sr., 88, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 17, 2022, in Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Allentown. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Monford Fluck and the late Hazel (Williams) Fluck-Fritchman; and a stepson of the late Frank Fritchman. He was the husband of Mary (Achey) Fluck for 64 years.

He was in the U.S. Air Force.

He was for 26 years a police officer in the Bethlehem Police Department. He worked in security for eight years with the Bethlehem Area School District.

He was a member of College Hill Moravian Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Carl Jr.; two brothers, Darwin Fluck and Richard Fluck; a sister, Irene Sofka; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Donna May Kline; and a brother, Monford "Monty" Fluck.

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

Jacob "Jimmy" J. Spallone

area electrician



Jacob "Jimmy" J. Spallone, 89, of Fountain Hill, died Dec. 14, 2022, in his home. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late James and Anna (Mosko) Spallone. He was the husband of Mary Jane (Lechman) Spallone for 56 years.

He was an electrician with various contractors throughout the Lehigh Valley for most of his life until he retired.

He was a member of St. Ursula Catholic Church, Fountain Hill.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Lori Ann Sutton of Tobyhanna; sisters-in-law, Barbara Metz, Marie Marino and husband Robert; and Andrew Lehman and late wife Jane; a nephew, Tim; and a niece, Chrissy.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Long Funeral Home Inc., Fountain Hill.

Charles M. Zavec

central tool shop machinist



Charles M. Zavec, 96, of Freemansburg, died Dec. 6, 2022. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Teresa (Talaber) Zavec. Raised on the SouthSide, he was a stepson of the late Andrew Markacs. He was the husband of the late Julia M. (Korpics) Snell Zavec for 44 years.

He was a graduate of Bethlehem Vo-Tech.

He was in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a machinist in the central tool shop of the Bethlehem Steel Company. He retired after 39 years.

He was a former parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church and more recently, St. Anne's Catholic Church.

He was a member of the Tammany Democratic Club.

He is survived by a stepdaughter, SandraLee Gerencer and her husband William, and a stepson, Dennis Snell and his wife Mary Ann, all of Bethlehem; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three siblings, William, Anne and John.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

A band made up of members of the Broughal MS and Liberty HS bands perform under the direction of Broughal Band Director Adam Stoltz.

Fountain Hill festivities under way

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill celebrated the lighting of the Borough Christmas tree on an overcast evening Dec. 4. Recreation Committee Chair Jamie Johnson served as the emcee, assisted by her puppy, Argus.

The tree is across from the Fountain Hill Fire Department on Cherokee Street.

Borough Councilwoman Anmarie Davenport Jordan said, "The tree lighting has been happening for at least 70 years."

The band started off playing "Jingle Bells." Broughal MS Band Director Adam Stoltz invited the attendees to sing along.

Johnson spoke of the light of the holidays, and how many faiths celebrate the cold and dark winter season with lights.

Father David J. Kozak of Saint Ursula's Catholic Church gave the invocation, building on Johnson's theme, reminding all that Jesus came to the



The Christmas tree and decorations are across the street from the Fountain Hill Fire Station on Cherokee Street.

world to bring it light and hope.

A moment of silence recognized those who could not be home for the holidays.

The band played "O Christmas Tree," then the tree was lit by Jacinda Blatt, granddaughter of Council President Norman Blatt.

The band played "Jol-

ly Old Saint Nicholas" as emergency vehicles

rolled down the hill, their lights and sirens cutting through the gloomy dusk. At the rear of the procession, Santa Claus waved at the crowd from atop the big ladder truck. A firefighter escorted Santa down the side of the truck to greet the chil-

dren. Pastor Jim Ricci of the Joy Center of Fountain Hill concluded the celebration with a prayer. The attendees proceeded across the street to the Fountain Hill Fire Station for hot dogs (cooked by Mayor Michael Johnson), hot cocoa and other goodies.



Emcee Jamie Johnson is a member of borough council and chair of the Recreation Committee. The puppy is Argus.



Santa receives a helping hand from a member of the Fountain Hill Fire Department.

Liquor license applicant gets hearing

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Pennsylvania's liquor licenses are attributed at a rate of 1 license per 3,000 inhabitant in a county. Once this limit is reached, supply and demand will be taken into account for any restaurant or eating-place retailer. In 2002, changes in legislation were introduced to help foster economic development.

The Economic Development Liquor License application by Tian

Guizhang was heard at public hearing at the Dec. 5 Bethlehem Township Commissioners' meeting. According to Solicitor James Broughal, Esq., this was the first time a public hearing on this type of license was held at the township.

Guizhang is the owner of the Flaming Crab Cajun Seafood restaurant, located at 3296 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem.

With the help of an interpreter, Guizhang

explained to the commissioners that his restaurant, which employs 15 workers, is not as prosperous as the ones he owns in Whitehall and Easton. The Whitehall location is so popular that he is able to employ 30 workers, with a liquor license being key to attracting customers.

Guizhang is convinced that if the Board of Commissioners vote in favor of this application, he will both double

the number of employees, as well as have an economically prosperous local business. A vote is scheduled for Dec. 19.

In other business, a motion passed agreeing with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's plan to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of Bethman and Church roads, and additionally agreeing to install the corresponding township-owned signage.

Dec. 19 was the last meeting of 2022.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Mayor J. William Reynolds addresses council about the importance of respecting the various faiths in the city.

Mayor says Christmas City is no place for hate

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM COUNCIL

Every council meeting has a time allocation for public comments, on both agenda and non-agenda items, known as Courtesy of the Floor. Recently, residents have used it to raise opinions about religion and that the Christmas City should show an official preference.

At the end of the Nov. 16 meeting, Councilwoman Hillary Kwiatek decided to address the issue. "I'm Jewish. I live in the Christmas City and I love it here. It's a very special place. It's always been a bit

of a joke between my husband and I that I'm a Jew in the Christmas City. However, especially with the rise of anti-Semitism that has been happening, which I think we can all recognize, to be constantly lectured to about Jesus Christ at a city council meeting in the United States of America, where we have in the Constitution a very clear line about separating Church and State, and not establishing a state religion, which includes not establishing a city religion.

"I just want to remind

folks that this is a beautiful, diverse city with people of many faiths, no faith, and people who choose to live their lives a different way. So I would just like for folks to be a little more sensitive to that."

Another religious-based public comment Dec. 6 instigated a discussion on the importance of respect and embracing the teachings of

the different faiths.

Mayor William Reynolds said, "In terms of the courtesy of the floor, what was said is a reflection of what some beliefs are that some people have, and I think that people in the administration, city council and the vast majority of the people in our city are working to create a city where everyone feels welcomed, inclusive and valued, no matter what their religion is."

Reynolds added, "We

will remain vigilant in working to create a city where there is no place for hate or the beliefs where it is the feeling of some that certain religions victims make themselves feel superior to others."

The next City Council meeting, which included the final vote on 2023 budget, was scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 20.

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Council addresses CO/fire concerns

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Hellertown Borough Council's Dec. 5 meeting was jam-packed with business, with several developments of note to the interest of officials and residents alike.

Lauren Sufleta from the borough Water Authority joined the council via Zoom to provide a brief overview of its

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2021 audit. There were no findings, she said, and the authority's net position increased by approximately \$200,000 over 2020, she added.

Taylor Huffner and Jamilia Bell, graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology from DeSales University, presented their well-re-

searched detailed proposal for an Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) board at a local playground, with the borough's blessing and financial assistance.

Broadly, AAC boards are usually large canvases that feature images such as American

Sign Language (ASL), emojis and letters/numbers which are meant to facilitate communication for children with language barriers, such as non-verbal children on the autism spectrum or those whose primary spoken language is not English.

Huffner and Bell identified Hellertown as an ideal location for their academic venture due to its cross-section of these

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The Dewey Fire Company, which Hellertown Council member Terri Fadem credited with "saving [her] son's life" during a November inferno at her home, is set for an aesthetic upgrade with the assistance of local Boy Scouts.



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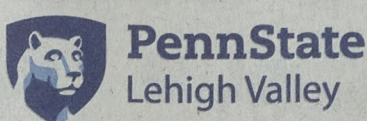
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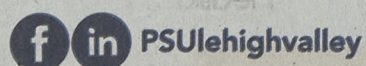
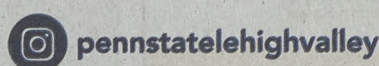


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Call the Charter Arts admissions office to speak with Director of Admissions Ann Marie Squerrini at 610-868-2971, ext. 3137; or email admissions@charterarts.org

Audition dates for the 2023-2024 school year will be held in January/February 2023. To schedule an audition, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mnk-sLtrfvBJThWtYvn_W895f4EAA66G-QcEv48Ly4/view-form?edit_requested=true



Post-pandemic high earnings for book sales

The proceeds from the Bethlehem Area Public Library's last 2022 book sale have been tabulated and the \$10,794 earned represents the "best total since the pandemic," according to book sale coordinator Laurel Stone. Stone also noted that this sale had "a lot more new books" for purchase. The 2023 schedule begins Jan. 25 and 28, and continues on March 22 and 25, May 17 and 20, July 12 and 15, Sept. 20 and 23, and Nov. 29 and Dec. 2. All proceeds benefit the library. **Left:** Robert Peters from Nazareth sorts through music CDs at the final sale of 2022. Peters said he frequents the sales and sometimes makes a purchase as a gift, including this time for his brother.

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CONCERNS

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populations which could benefit from the item, they said.

Ultimately, the "ask" to the borough was for about \$400, as well as labor from the Public Works department to install the approximately \$1,000 sign at Dimmick Park, with the remainder of the funds raised via a GoFundMe created by the students. The council unanimously - and enthusiastically - approved both the placement and the funding.

Council solicitor Michael Corriere reported on the prior meeting's request for an investigation into whether the borough had the authority to expand its ordinances requiring carbon monoxide detectors in public buildings - particularly housing units.

In response to some recent local incidents, Corriere said he found rulings covering three areas: "multi-family dwellings..., residential building[s] and rental properties."

Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft noted that she and Zoning Officer Kris Russo determined that CO detectors were already included under some existing borough codes, but mostly for residential. At the state level, Russo said, the goal is to include commercial properties as well.

Dewey Fire Company Chief Matthew Simkovic provided a report which coincidentally addressed the same issue during his comment. In addition to the importance of CO detection, he stressed the necessity of regularly maintaining HVAC systems, especially in high-occupancy dwellings.

Simkovic also noted that a revitalization project will soon be underway on the exterior of the fire company. He described the appearance of the department as "a bit weathered," and said local Boy Scouts will be assisting with a new paint job.

In related news, council members Terri Fadem expressed her appreciation for the department for its swift and effective

response to a blaze at her home, which ironically sparked during the previous council meeting.

She thanked them for their quick arrival and for "keep(ing) the damage to a minimum," as well as "about 40 volunteer firefighters" total from Lower Saucon Township and other local engines - and several of her colleagues for "hugs and support."

The new Public Works facility on Northampton Street was once again the subject of consternation among many councilors, with bills remaining outstanding for work in various levels of completion.

Borough engineer Bryan Smith called April 28 the "absolute drop-dead" deadline for the completion of the Pioneer Pole Building project, which has persisted several months behind schedule since late spring.

Councilor Earl Hill said he would not approve the final payment under current circumstances, as if they did, "there would be no pressure on them to get it done," he said.

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Yesterday: Eagles-Giants memories

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

The recent Eagles-Giants showdown at the Meadowlands was a good one for Eagles fans.

Overall, there have been plenty of memorable matchups.

One of the more memorable games was the "Miracle of the Meadowlands" in 1978. In this version of my Yesterday column - reminiscing about the 1960s, 70s, 80 and sometimes beyond - I will look at that game as well another showdown from the past, some Eagles and Giants connections, and other December highlights.

Who was That Quarterback and Running Back?: In the Nov. 19, 1978 game, the Eagles entered the game 6-5, and the Giants were 5-6. Like the Dec. 11 game, this was the first meeting of the season between the two teams.

There were just under 30 seconds left, and the Giants held a 17-12 lead. The Giants apparently were headed to a vital victory, and the first one over the Eagles since the opening game of the 1975 season. New York also was mired in a three-game losing streak.

Quarterback Joe Pisarcik, a then second-year quarterback who will go down in infamy in the Giants' annals, tried to hand off to Larry Csonka - yes, he was a Giant - but the duo collided and the ball was fumbled. Pisarcik tried to hand off to Csonka, but the ball hit off Csonka's hip and rolled backward.

Eagles' cornerback Herm Edwards scooped up the loose ball and ran 26 yards into the end zone for a touchdown that gave the Eagles a 19-17 win. It proved to be a catapult victory that helped them reach the playoffs.

What most people didn't know about the incident is that the "take a knee" rule as well as not running a play with 30 seconds left wasn't in effect until 1987.

On the previous play, Pisarcik simply dropped back and rolled on the ground. Giants' offensive coordinator Bob Gibson didn't want Pisarcik to roll down again because center Jim Clark fell on him during the previous play when Eagles' linebacker Bill Bergey pushed Clark backward onto him.

Csonka reportedly told Pisarcik that he didn't want the ball, and there also was a reported technical problem with the headsets. Eagles' defensive coordinator Marion Campbell called for an 11-man blitz on the play, thus allowing Edwards into

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Jacob Pukszyn and the Liberty boys team are looking to improve this winter season.

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Liberty aiming to improve

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty's basketball team just wants to get better each day and the Hurricanes have kept on track with that goal as we head into the holiday season.

The team picked up a pair of road wins last week, topping Stroudsburg 53-48 and Dieruff 72-48 to improve to 4-1 on the season.

Head coach Nigel Long was happy to see his come through with two away victories com-

ing into another challenging week of the EPC season.

"Last week we were on the road against two very tough opponents in Stroudsburg and Dieruff," Long said. "Both have a nice mixture of size and athleticism. We were really pleased with our effort last week from our guys in both games."

The 'Canes had three double digit scorers in each of last week's contests, as Nate Rivera led the way with 18 points against the

Mounties, along with 15 points from Blake Hargrove and 10 from Jake Pukszyn.

On Friday night at Allentown's East Side, Dwayne Chess scored a team-high 21 points, as Hargrove added another 15-point effort, along with Axcel Kamanga chipping in 12 points.

Liberty will be put to the test again this week with a Tuesday night showdown against Parkland, followed by Thursday's tilt with Pleasant Valley.

With both games at home this week, Long hopes his team can ride some toward the holiday break.

"Our focus each day is to get one-percent better," he said. "Our goal this week is to continue to improve. Both Parkland and Pleasant Valley will be challenges for our team. We have a lot to continue to improve on. There is a ton of season left, however, I am pleased with our growth so far to this point."

FHS swim teams win

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's boys swim team won its home opener against Dieruff, 93-68, last Tuesday.

"We were short-staffed today because of some sickness and injuries, so we didn't have our whole squad. I was really proud of them, the people who were able to swim put some good times in the water," said Freedom coach Alexa Kutch. "They responded really well. Dieruff is a competitive team for us, especially with certain events."

Ryan Rummel, AJ Black, Micah Lawser, and Giovanni Camaione won the 200 medley relay, the first boys event of the day, in 1:56.77.

Dieruff's Christopher Dwornicki won the first individual event of the meet, the 200 freestyle, in 2:30.77.

Lawser took first place in the 200 IM in 2:35.14 and the 500 free in 6:50.40, Rummel won the 50 free in 25.06 and the 100 backstroke in 1:06.26, and Black swam to a first place finish in the 100 free in 56.66 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:16.52.

Also for Freedom, Gabriel Maldonado won the 100 butterfly in 1:39.67.

The Patriot 200 free relay team of Rummel, Camaione, Black, and Lawser came in first in 1:44.82, and Dieruff's Dwornicki, Cayden Sprayberry, Michael Dwornicki, and Marcos Rodriguez won the 400 free relay in 4:49.24.

Freedom freshman Cody Smith won the diving event with a score of 124.0.

"I think the boys are really fighting hard, especially AJ, Ryan, and we have a new swimmer, Micah, a really good addition to the team," Kutch said. "And we have some kids who never swam before and are killing it in the water."

Freedom's girls also See **SWIM** on Page A10

BC girls fall to Easton

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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A lopsided third quarter erased Bethlehem Catholic's hope of catching Easton in the Golden Hawks' 51-22 loss to the Red Rovers last Friday night at Easton Area Middle School.

"We were down 13, and [at halftime] we talked about what we needed to do to get back in the game, and right from the very beginning, they scored the first six, seven, eight points...so lack of execution on our end and you've got to give them credit for what they did," said Becahi coach Jose Medina.

Becahi guard Cici

Hernandez scored the only third-quarter points for the Hawks with 45 seconds left on the clock.

Despite the Red Rovers' eight-point lead after the first quarter, all was not lost for the Hawks as their offense picked up when Hernandez consistently found Becahi center/forward Kendra Rigo under the basket.

But Easton's 15-0 run after halftime was much more than the Hawks could compensate for.

"They did a good job today of executing their stuff, and we had opportunities but obviously, the ball didn't fall for us,

but the big thing was we got out toughed today," Medina said. "They did a great job of playing really physical, and to us, that's surprising because we put a lot of work into that, so we've got to give them credit. I think that's where the game was won today in terms of them getting second, third, fourth chance opportunities, whereas we were one and done."

Anye' Staton had a game high 15 points for the Red Rovers, and Evalyse Cole chipped in 10 points.

"There were times when they took shots,



Akasha Santos and the Hawks fell to Easton.

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Desmond, Rath win Beast titles for BC

BY PETER CAR
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The goal for Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling team coming into the Beast of the East tournament was to have a top-five team finish. The Hawks made easy work of that and nearly came home with the team title, coming up just short to Delbarton (NJ) in the team standings by a 172.5-to-163.5 margin.

Becahi placed five wrestlers and came away with two championships, as Nate Desmond (113) and Kollin Rath (138) both came away from Delaware with individual titles.

Desmond had little trouble knocking off Cadell Lee of Brooke Point (Va.) 7-1 in the finals and Rath recorded an impressive 3-1 victory over New Jersey state champion Tyler

Vazquez of Delbarton. Desmond dominated his way through the tournament en route to his second straight Beast title, outscoring his opponents 55-1 in five bouts.

Rath earned his first title in a major regular season tournament, scoring a takedown on Vazquez with 11 seconds left in the third period to secure gold.

"Nate and Kollin put

together really consistent tournaments," said Hawks head coach Jeff Karam. "They both were very aggressive and I was extremely happy with their conditioning. I think it played a key role in Kollin's final match."

Jake Dailey (150) and Andrew Harmon (157) both finished in fifth for Becahi, while Cael McIntyre (132) took seventh.

"I thought we wrestled much better this weekend as compared to how we performed at the Ironman tournament last week," Karam said. "Definitely made some needed adjustments during this past week and it was good to see the guys wrestle at a higher level. Very happy that all of the place winners won their last match wrestled. We gave it a good shot to win the

team title, but fell just a little short."

The Hawks (2-0) will wrestle Freedom on Wednesday night this week before hosting their own Christmas tournament next week.

Freedom (5-2) look to shake themselves off from last week's 69-0 defeat to Nazareth in their battle with the Hawks this week, while Liberty (1-1) hosts Parkland on Wednesday night.

DAY

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the backfield.

The Giants won one more game and finished 6-10, while the Eagles finished 9-7 and earned the second Wild Card spot. They lost to the Atlanta Falcons when punter Mike Michel failed to convert an extra point and field-goal attempt.

Csonka spent three years with the Giants after he had a stint with the Memphis Southmen of the WFL. Csonka averaged 3.5 yards per carry and scored 11 touchdowns in the Big Apple. He spent his final season with a return to the Dolphins in 1979.

Ironically, Pisarcik was traded to the Eagles before the 1980 season, and stayed with the Birds until 1984 as a backup quarterback.

That Monday Night: Drop back into time to Nov. 23, 1970 when the Eagles hosted the Giants in their first-ever Monday Night game at Franklin Field. It was a cold night in front of more than 59,000 fans.

This was the beginning of Monday Night Football, and it was a must-watch back then even though it didn't begin until 9 o'clock.

The Giants entered the game 6-3 behind quarterback Fran Tarkenton, running back Ron Johnson, and receivers Bob Tucker - a Bloomsburg grad - and Clifton McNeil on offense, along with the likes of Fred Dryer and Spider Lockhart on defense.

The Eagles were led by quarterback Norm Snead, who had a tendency to throw interceptions, and wide receiver Harold Jackson. Running back Tom Woodshick went down with an injury, and youngsters Cyril Pinder and Lee Bougess took over (You have to be a true fan to remember these guys). Philadelphia was 1-7-1 under head coach Jerry Williams, whose fate seemed doomed.

Safety Bill Bradley and rising linebacker Tim Rossovich led the Eagles.

Regarded as a lopsided matchup, the Eagles stayed with the Giants and trailed 13-9 at half-time behind then kicker and future Redskins Mark Mosley.

In the third quarter, the Eagles went ahead 16-13 when Snead hit Fred Hill on a nine-yard touchdown.

SWIM

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Continued in the home opener against Dieruff, 107-46.

"We're getting there," said Kutch of the Patriot girls team. "We're in a building year, and we have one really good breaststroker (Alexa Ragab) who's out for a little bit because she injured herself.

so we're trying to get enough numbers, enough kids in the water to show them what

The Giants battled back to take a 20-13 advantage when Tarkenton scored on a sneak. But the Eagles won the game in the final minute when Snead scored on a sneak of his own.

A major factor for the Eagles was returner Bill Palik, who returned four kickoffs for 147 yards. However, Mosley missed two of his three field-goal attempts.

There were countless other ones, but these two are worth mentioning.

Can you tell me how to get... It has been 53 years since Sesame Street first aired back in Nov. 10, 1969.

We all have been touched by the show in one way or another. And the show's theme song will always play in our heads. Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Ernie and Bert and various others played a role in our lives, and they continue to thrive.

One lost song in 1970 was Ernie's "Rubber Duckie" song that debuted in 1970. His song that he sang in a bathtub during a video reached No. 16 as a 45 rpm on the Billboard Top-100 chart on Nov. 26 of that year.

Name That Tune: On Dec. 10, 1966, the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations" topped the charts, and it went on to become a timeless tune.

Seventeen years later, the unlikely duo of Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson teamed up to record. "Say, Say, Say," a song that likely left all of our memories.

On Dec. 11, 1982, the song "Mickey" (oh, Mickey you're so fine... hey Mickey, hey Mickey) led the Billboard Top 100.

Another Classic Game: In 1969, "Pro Bowl Live Action Football" by Marx was a hot game on the market.

It involved two teams of plastic football players - one red and another yellow - that would be positioned on a plastic playing field. There was a quarterback who could hold and throw a Styrofoam football along with a wind-up runner. Also, there was a kicker who could actually kick the football through a goal post.

The defense had "linebackers" mounted on wheeled carts that were propelled by hand toward the onrushing cart to tackle the runner. Violent collisions ensued - and were

we've got."

Ella Lowe, Margaret Marshaleck, Sofia Nabyt, and Alivia Deemer opened the meet with a win for the Patriot girls in the 200 medley relay in 2:12.33.

In individual events, Freedom's first-place swimmers were Zara Martin in the 200 free in 2:37.12, Nabyt in the 200 IM in 2:43.63 and the 100 fly in 1:18.12, Deemer in the 50 free in 28.00 and the 100 free in 1:00.52, Marshaleck in the 500

necessary to bring down the runner as the cart was quite powerful.

Passes were attempted by positioning receiver figures down field, followed by the defense setting up coverage. The quarterback then tried to toss a Styrofoam football to one of the receivers using a passer/kicker figure with a spring-loaded arm.

If the ball hit any part of a receiver it was a catch; hitting any part of a defender resulted in an interception. The passer/kicker also had a spring-loaded leg to attempt field goals, extra points, and kickoffs.

Fly For a Cause: Back in 1972, Hill and fellow former Eagles' tight end Stan Lane began the Eagles' "Fly for Leukemia" program. Hill's daughter, Kim, succumbed to the disease. (Remember this?)

McDonald's became a major sponsor to the program, and it quickly took flight. Today, the program still awards scholarships each year to pediatric cancer survivors or patients currently undergoing cancer treatments.

McDonald's would have boxes at their locations to collect change and dollars for the cause.

Another Type Of Giant: When you mention the word Giant, I also tend to think of pro wrestler "Andre the Giant."

He became an iconic figure in the days of the WWF in the 70s. Andre was 7-4 and 520 pounds, and had some classic battles with Hulk Hogan. He beat Hogan to gain the title at WrestleMania in 1978.

He wrestled in Japan in the 1990s and passed away at the age of 46 from congestive heart failure in 1996.

Memory Lane: Every week, I'll recount a likely forgotten player, manager, coach, or announcer from yesterday.

Speaking about 1978, do you remember Eagles' running back Mike Hogan? He was the Birds' ninth-round pick in the 1976 draft and became a staple in the backfield for three seasons. Hogan's best season was in '78 when he rushed for 607 yards.

He spent the 1979 season with San Francisco and finished his final season between the Giants and Eagles in 1980.

Jasmine Chiu, Milani DaSilva, Anaya Velez, and Martin combined to win the 200 free relay in 2:14.13, and Nabyt, Lowe, Marshaleck, and Deemer teamed up to win the 400 free relay in 4:28.07 for the Patriot girls.

Freedom freshman Natalya Tiffany won the diving event with a score of 112.0.

Pates face big week

BY PETER CAR
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It might be the week of Christmas, but Freedom head coach Joe Stellato sees it as a vital stretch on the calendar.

Freedom (4-2) is nearly a third of the way through their season, but will get a better picture of where they stand in the landscape of the conference following this week's action.

The Pates take on Emmaus (6-1) and Allen (3-3) this week in a pair of contests that will answer some questions for Stellato and his group.

"This week is the biggest challenge so far this year," he said. "Emmaus is playing great basketball and is at the top of the league. What

I want to get out of this is to see where we stand. Are we also at the top of the league or are we just in the mix? These questions will be answered after this week."

Freedom and Emmaus are two of four teams in the East Penn Conference that are undefeated in league play, along with Parkland and Pocono Mountain West.

Emmaus has six straight games since a season opening defeat to Methacton, while Freedom has won two straight since being downed by Spring Ford nearly two weeks.

Last Friday's 64-54 victory over Nazareth was big for the Pates, as they got major performances from Krish-

na Mangroo (17 points), Jaden Tillett (15 points) and Nick Ellis (14 points, 14 rebounds).

"The game against Nazareth was a great with a lot of energy in the gym," Stellato said. "It was a grind and was a good win. It was physical and emotional and those types of games are good for the future play-off games."

Tuesday's contest with Emmaus was past Press deadlines, but it should have resembled a playoff atmosphere with two front-runners squaring off.

How it ends will answer some key questions for the Pates as they head into the holiday break.

Hawks look to get stride

BY PETER CAR
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It's going to be a packed week of basketball for Bethlehem Catholic, as they look to keep building momentum off a pair of victories last week.

The Hawks (4-2) have reeled off three straight wins following Monday's 66-43 win over Nativty Blue Mountain.

"Always good to get wins," said head coach Scott McClary. "They are hard to come by. We have players and coaches that work really hard, as does the other team, so winning is tough. Getting those two wins last

week made me really proud of the guys, they truly earned it in practice."

One thing that McClary was hoping to develop as the season progresses is more balanced scoring and Becahi showed glimpses of that last week in wins over Pocono Mountain East and Easton, as Marcus Drysdale and Aidan Rompilla led the way in the win over the Rovers with 11 and 10 points respectively.

With Alex Cercado averaging 24 points a game on the season, McClary wanted to more balance. Seeing the likes

of Drysdale and Rompilla fill the stat sheet is a welcome sign for the team moving forward.

Now, they just need fresh legs this week with three home games in four days, as they took on Northampton Tuesday night, followed by Central Catholic on Thursday.

"Going to be a major challenge this week," McClary said. "Three games in four days is a challenge physically as well. Hopefully we will continue to grow, especially within our offense, and then we will take a break and enjoy a bit of rest."

DARTS AND TRAPSHOOTING

TRAPSHOOTING

Suburban Trapshooting League

Copechachan Fish and Game Club

12/18/2022

BLUE RIDGE 113

23 - Jeff Blose, Jacob Bonser, Zach Szoke

22 - Caitline Bonser, Dennis Evert, Jeff Hahn, Ron Kistler, Steve Knappenberger

COPEECHACHAN 108

23 - Joe Mule,

22 - Jerry Bottazzi

21 - Donald Boehm, Bob Bortz, Katie Clements, Sam Lutz, Gavin Schmidt, Tim Sheridan, Jamey Vaughn

EAST BATH 120

25 - Thomas Hensel

24 - Jim Delong, Drew Hensel, Tim Manning

23 - Josh Christ Jr., Travis Foose, John Manning, Roger Muschlitz, Greg Spadoni

RANGER LAKE 120

25 - Allan Hunter

24 - Roy Knipe, Mark Ryan, Tony Subjin

23 - Ashley Hunter, Chet Karpyn, Al Onkotz, Chuck Pammer, Jim Williams

Standings

989 East Bath

988 Ranger Lake

977 Blue Ridge

957 Copechachan

Lehigh Valley Trapshooters League

COPLAY

24 - Robert Koefler, Scott Jabs

23 - Robert Roman, Scott Snyder

22 - Randy Roth, Curt Saeger, Jeff Walp

LAPPAWINZO

23 - Roy Knipe, Matthew Groll-er

22 - Steven Buenzli, Barry Edelman

21 - Steven Valkovec, Seth Tavolaro, Mark Ryan

NORTH END

25 - Irvin Dennis Jr, Ashley Hunter

24 - Allan Hunter, Peter Burkhart Sr, Barry Kuder, Charles Pammer, Josh Christ Jr

ONTELAUNEE

25 - Thomas Motzkus

24 - Kurt Rodenbach, Joseph Sipos, Roger Wanamaker, Thomas Lonczynski, Joseph Mul, Gracie Heintzelman

PIONEER

24 - Rich Hildenbrandt, Tom Conley

23 - Jeff Hahn, Andy Artim Jr, Jill Skoutelas, Roger Muschlitz, Bob Ruth

RURAL

25 - Mike Endy

24 - Dick Shuman, Charles Roberts, Benny Hopko

23 - Justin Kern, Donald Boehm Jr, Stephanie Wrisley, John Oldt, Richard Boyer

POCONO SLATE

24 - Andrew Hensel

23 - John Soloe, Brandon Steinmetz

22 - Gregory Spadoni, Tommy Hensel, Drew Hensel, Mark Hoffman

Standings

North End 1234

Ontelaunee 1233

Rural 1225

Pioneer 1198

Pocono Slate 1195

Coplay 1180

Lappawinzo 1168

DARTS

Suburban Dart League

Week 15

With a sweep of Farmersville by scores of 6-1, 2-0, and 4-3 in 10 innings, Dryland moves back into first place. Hitters for Dryland were Shawn Sigley 6-11, Bernie Yurko 5-12 and Rich Durn 4-13 (HR). For Farmersville, Linda George was 5-7, Sue Grim 4-12 and Ben Kerbaugh 4-13.

Star of Bethlehem lost to St. Paul's 7-2 after winning the first 2 games 3-2 and 2-1. Leading the way for Star of Bethlehem was Jacob Hoffert 7-13 with Maya Stickler hitting a HR, while Rich Kern was 7-13, with Jennifer Erkinger and Kevin Gross were 6-13 apiece.

We find Emmanuel sandwiching 4-2 and 5-2 wins around a 2-1 loss to Ebenezer. Top hitters included Chuck Achenzie 4-11 with HRs from Jon Rice and Judy Hoffert. Paul Yoder was 5-12 and Brendan Blevins added a HR for Ebenezer.

Christ UCC beat Light of Christ 1-0 and 3-2, losing the nightcap 2-1. George Gasper was 5-10, Ed Yost 3-9, and Eric Yocum with a HR for Christ UCC. For Light of Christ, Eric Harper was 5-12, Andy Mickelson 4-11, and 'Buzz' Heidecker 3-9 (HR).

Standings

Dryland 26 16 .619

Star of Beth. 27 18 .600

Emmanuel 24 21 .533

St. Paul's 23 22 .511

Christ UCC 20 22 .476

Ebenezer 21 24 .467

Farmersville 16 23 .410

Light of Christ 17 28 .378

BC

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and we have to rebound the basketball and get on somebody and drive

them out of the lane," said Medina. "You can't turn around and play volleyball, and we were playing volleyball too much."

Becahi will have two more big challenges this week when they travel to Northampton and Allentown Central Catholic.

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Northwestern Lehigh BOYS SOCCER!

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The Northwestern Lehigh boys soccer team won this year's PIAA Class 2A state championship. The Tigers beat Lancaster Catholic 2-1 on Nov. 30 in the state title game to capture the first state crown in program history.

Northwestern went 18-0 in the regular season and won a District 11 championship before making a run in the state tournament. The historic season also saw head coach Nate Hunsicker cross the 200-win milestone. The Tigers won 25 games this fall with their only loss coming in the league title game.



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Wednesday, December 21

Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave. Meeting available in-person and virtually.
 Hellertown Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St.
 SNOW DATE: BASD regular board, 7 p.m. East Hills MS, auditorium, 2005 Chester Rd.
 Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Council, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road.

Thursday, December 22

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Zoning Board, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Friday, December 23

Many government buildings, businesses closed

Monday, December 26

Many government buildings, businesses closed.

Wednesday, December 28

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

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Sensory Room, expenses discussed

BY CHRIS HARING
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

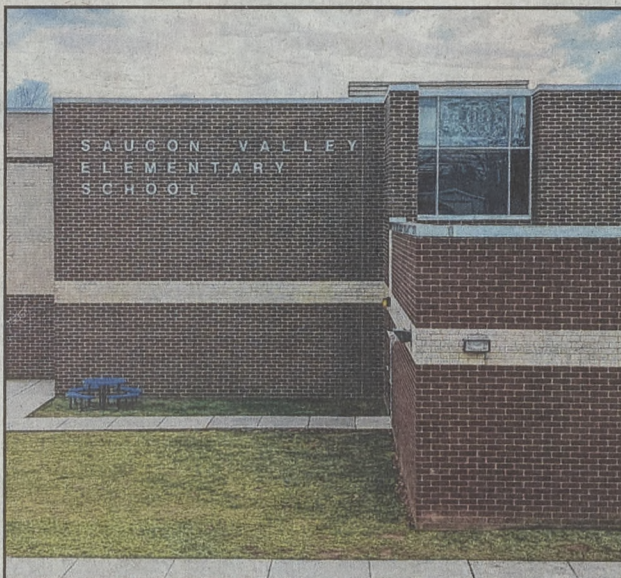
The Dec. 6 Saucon Valley School Board meeting was fairly brief but saw a handful of notable pieces of business.

During the reorganization meeting prior to the regular meeting, board President Dr. Shamim Pakzad and Vice President Susan Baxter swapped roles for the third consecutive year, with Baxter returning to the chair she's occupied several times during her tenure as director.

Otherwise, no notable adjustments in committee assignments or next year's meetings were made, although Director Michael Karabin suggested scheduling a public hearing to discuss such assignments before the 2023 edition. No immediate action was taken on Karabin's idea.

The regular meeting immediately followed, with Director of Special

SAUCON VALLEY SD



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Roof repairs at Saucon Valley ES were among the expenses authorized at the Dec. 6 school board meeting.

Education and Student Services Jillian Brodhead providing a presentation on Sensory Development supports and

efforts in the elementary school.

She described the various tiers of support offered to students, which are based on their needs and sensitivities. Brodhead also provided

slides showing examples of sensory-calming rooms, which are available as needed for students in kindergarten and first grade.

With the expense of some supplies such as accessories, furniture and other items not covered by the district's budget, Brodhead established an Amazon.com 'Wish List,' which interested parties can access and find items to purchase and donate to the department, she added.

Otherwise, discussion around the funding of necessary facilities repairs and maintenance - and the source of the money - was the prevalent topic for the meeting's remainder.

Ultimately, expenditures totaling approximately \$12,000 were okayed for caulk replacement at the football stadium and roofing at the elementary school. Both services will be provided by Eshbach Brothers masonry of Reading.

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Mike Pragheimer, from Bethlehem, uses an eye dropper to carefully replenish smoke fluid in a model locomotive.

Railroad Days tracks to Bethlehem

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Two floors of model railroads can be viewed at the "Railroad Days" events hosted by the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers at their headquarters at 900 E. Macada Road.

The event is located in a former Grange Hall since 1981, where club members have built and reworked miniature landscapes beginning in 1965. The model urban and rural environments are dominated by 'miles' of tracks, model steam and diesel locomotives, and rolling stock including passenger carriages and freight cars.

BDSME has operated out of various locations in Bethlehem, Hellertown and Easton throughout its more than 50-year history. One of their Easton club buildings burned down in 1973, destroying all but a locomotive bell, which was returned to a former member, and the club's antique trolley fare box.

The first floor boasts a 650-square-foot layout featuring O, On30 and S scale trains, along with prototype sounds and operating signals.

A model HO scale display occupies 800 square feet on the second floor with a long WWII era train carrying tanks and other military freight snaking its way through mountains, valleys, cities, small towns and rail yards. An amusement park is one of many highlights.

Accompanied by his wife and grandchildren, Jim McAllister from Glendon mentioned his dad, Robert, was one of the founding members of the model railroad club, as he pointed to Robert's photo in an old newspaper clipping displayed on the wall near the HO gauge layout. "Everyone called him 'Mac,' he recalled. His late father had also built a large garden railway in his yard.

The last open house event for 2022 has passed. Model rail fans will be able to observe these miniature railroad empires Jan. 7, 8, 14 and 15, and again Feb. 4 and 5, 2023 from 1-4 p.m., as another year's "Railroad Days" gets on track. The members also host a Boy Scout night once a year every December.

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

For information, visit www.bdsme.org



Club member Daniel Slack from Easton watches a slow freight go by on the upstairs HO gauge layout.



Doug Pyatt from Lower Saucon Township reveals the highly-detailed interior of a scale model caboose he built from scratch.

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CROSSWORD



Glendon residents Mindy and Jim McAllister reminisce by the posted clippings about the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers. Jim's dad, Robert, a founding member, appears in the black and white photo accompanying the "Tracks of Their Years" newspaper article between them.



Lehigh Valley resident Mark Phillips brought his grandson, 6-year-old Jude Phillips, to the Dec. 4 Railroad Days open house.



Three generations of the VanHorn family enjoy the miniature scenery. From left, 3-year-old Colton, his grandfather Ed and dad, Edwin Jr.

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BY DEB GALBRAITH

Waiting for Santa's sleigh

'Tis 4 days before Christmas,
There's still so much to do;
Shopping, wrapping
and baking,
Just to name a few.

Amazon, UPS and USPS,
Are now my good friends.
They deliver my
purchases,
Filled with the year's latest trends.

My children want gift cards,
My parents don't want "things;"
They want their family closer,
And the joy that effort brings.

I'm checking my list twice,
On what I still need to buy.
I'm quite frazzled;
Thank goodness for hair dye.

Quite the chore has been finding a tree.
Prices are higher for one so fine.
Something to do with the cost of fertilizer;
I need a glass of wine.

The turkey, the ham and the sides,
Are all higher this year.
The costs have all risen,
As the holidays draw near.

Let's not talk about my house,
Cluttered with stuff.
Waiting for sorting and wrapping,
I think I'll have a cream puff.

Did I mention the ATM machine,
Decided to eat my card?
Did I need this hassle this week?
It's making shopping a little hard.
Can we get together this year,
Due to COVID, RSV and the flu?
Are things back to normal;
If not, what do we do?

We celebrate the holiday,
In whatever way works best.
Scale back on the gifts,
Get plenty of rest.

Gas prices are down,
That is a blessing.
What money we are saving,
Will be spent on food I am guessing.

Missing your loved ones,
Who aren't with us this year?
Celebrate the good times you had,
It's OK to shed a tear.

As we celebrate the birth of a baby,
Born one special Christmas season.
This magical time,
Helps us to remember the reason.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,
To those near and far.
Whatever your holiday may look like,
Wherever you are.

I'm exhausted already,
My "to do" list grows each day
I'm taking a break for a cookie
While I wait for Santa's sleigh.

Happy Holidays!

SURVEY SAYS ...

People spending less on partners this year

When it comes to Christmas, there are three types of people.

1. Those who did all their gift shopping months ago, have stocked the freezer with everything they need for the main meal, and, as the frantic run up to the big day continues apace, can smugly congratulate themselves they don't need to panic about anything.

2. Those who don't give it much thought until well after Thanksgiving, but who then get their act together and head to the stores before things get too crazy busy.

3. Those who are either so disorganized, forgetful, or, let's admit it, lazy, that they leave everything until the last minute. They walk amongst us, but how many are there? Smart coupon, promo codes and deal finder, CouponBirds, decided to find out and surveyed 3,150 respondents to find out just how many people wait until Christmas Eve to buy their partners a gift for the next day! And, perhaps shockingly, they found that almost one-third of men in Pennsylvania (29 percent, or extrapolated to over 685k men) wait until Christmas Eve to complete their purchases of gifts for their partners. On the other hand, 14 percent of women were guilty of the same festive panic buy.

The survey also found that 54 percent of us admit that buying our partner's Christmas gift causes anxiety - What if they don't like it? What if it's the wrong size/shape/color? If it's a fragrance, what if they don't like the smell?

One in three admit they have secretly re-sold a gift their partner gave them for Christmas. Which is quite enterprising, we have to admit - but better to have the money to buy something you really want than pretend you like what you were given.

Over half of Pennsylvanians say they self-gift at Christmas. At least that way, you definitely know what you're getting, you definitely know that you'll love it, and, hey, it's been a tough See **LESS** on Page A16



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

The cast from Touchstone Theatre's "Christmas City Follies" officially light up the Southside Christmas Tree at the conclusion of their preview skit.

Southside tree lights up downtown

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The neighborhood south of the Lehigh River kicked off the holiday season with the Southside Christmas Tree lighting ceremony celebrated at Touchstone Theatre's Barrio Stage Nov. 26.

Southside Arts District Downtown Manager Erin Zebertavage announced the city is offering free parking on Saturdays through the end of December, as she emceed the event. Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Health Network, shoppers can park without paying for 2-hour intervals at meters covered by green bags. These spots are available along the Main Street area of Historic Bethlehem and in the Southside Arts District.

The evening's featured entertainment included holiday tunes sung by folksinger Dave Fry and a preview performance of Touchstone Theatre's annual "Christmas City Follies."



Erin Zebertavage and Katy Wirth from Southside Arts District staff a table promoting shopping local small businesses and the Southside Christmas Tree Trail.

Moravian University MFA students delighted attendees with interactive skits that led up to

the official lighting of the tree at the far end of the outdoor stage. Cast members include Rob-

ert Mills (Host Mistle Tony), Krystal Danielle (Sugar Twinkletoes), Tyler Garrett (Red Nose Randy), Larry Mason (Santa), Latrice Young (Elf), and Shai McCall (Elf).

State Rep. Steve Samuelson and Mayor William Reynolds hung out with those in the audience.

Katy Wirth from Southside Arts District was stationed at a table promoting shopping local and the Southside Christmas Tree Trail. People were encouraged to check out the decorated trees at 15 neighborhood businesses and vote for a favorite through Dec. 17.

Roasted served hot cocoa, home-baked cookies and other healthy treats they brought from their restaurant at 22 West Fourth St.

Five Maidens Cider Company sold cups of hard cider they brewed at their 327 Polk St. operation next to Touchstone Theatre.



At left, Mayor William Reynolds accepts a cup of hot chocolate from the crew manning the snack table hosted by Roasted. At center are Jessica Albanese and her 1-year-old son Jaxton Wallen, with partner, Roasted owner Derek Wallen.



At center, from left, 10-year-old Conor Petro and his 7-year-old brother Logan "help" Red Nose Randy and Santa's elves make paper "Christmas cookies." The Petro family lives in Bethlehem.



At center, 7-year-old Anna Kelly and Kathy Fox, at right, are given candy canes after playing "Pin the Nose on Rudolph." Originally from Bethlehem, Kelly's family resides in Northampton and Fox is a Bethlehem resident.



Southside Arts District Downtown Manager Erin Zebertavage emceeds the evening's holiday celebration.

From left, Kendra Gensel from SRF Reindeer gently guides 6-month-old Mitzie over to allow Isabella Ngqian and her friend Mary Heitzeman, pet her. The 12-year-olds live in Bethlehem.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Four-year-old Camryn smiles from Santa's lap as a family member snaps a photo of her experience.

The Grinch & marshmallows

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hanover Township and Northampton County welcomed the Christmas Spirit with a tree lighting celebration at the Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road Dec. 2.

The well-attended free community event featured horse and carriage rides, kids' crafts, hayrides, grilled hot dogs, roasted marshmallows, ice sculpture, DJ music and a "snowball" fight. Santa and the Grinch were available for photo ops.

A pair of reindeer was on hand from Bloomsburg-based SRF Reindeer. Although they didn't perform any flying demonstrations, 1-year-old Topper and 6-month-old Mitzie allowed attendees to photo-



Rocco LoConte hangs out with the Grinch for a family photo op. The 9-year-old is in fourth grade at Hanover ES.

graph and gently pet them. Top-hatted Bethlehem Carriage Company owner Amanda Laky provided wagon and sleigh rides pulled by percheron draft horses from the Quarter K Ranch in Bath.

George Yanoshik, Kelsey Simms and Lanie Urbunski handed out electronic reflectors and other swag at the Patient First tent.

D.H. Productions DJs, Dan Wade and Korey Anakin filled the air with holiday hits.

Event sponsors included Wegmans, Fiamma, Embassy Bank, Colonial Regional Police Department, Stuffed Puffs, Traditions of Hanover, Hanover Township Community Center Special Events, and the Hanover Township Public Works.



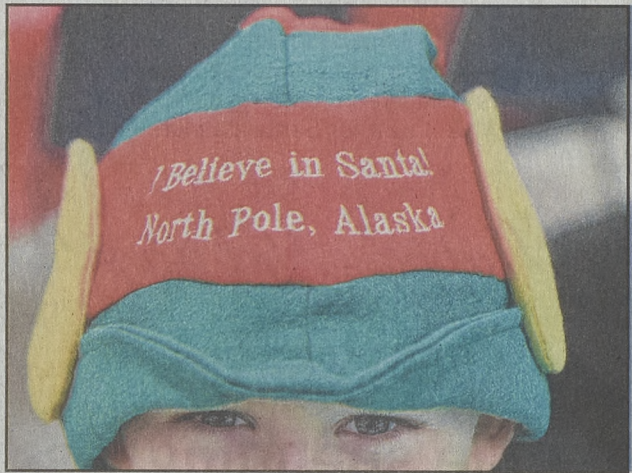
Northampton County District Magistrate Vivian Zumas takes a break from a busy day to enjoy toasting a marshmallow.



Easton Rowohlt from Bath decorates a Christmas cookie with the assistance of 21-year-old Summer Bullsnae. The Temple University student is in her junior year majoring in event and entertainment management. Wegmans' Bethlehem store sponsored the hands-on activity.



Boy Scout Hajin Chang works the grill preparing pancakes for the breakfast.



Hunter's elf cap proclaims his feelings about Santa Claus.



Artist Gabe Crouthamel from Sculpture Ice Works in Lakeville carves a reindeer from an ice block with a chainsaw.



The Henshaw family spends time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. From left are Kali and Brody. Kali attends Asa Packer Preschool; her big brother goes to Asa Packer ES.



Santa waits to greet the Black family from Hanover Township as they arrive.

From left, Kaylei Regan, Tricia Milite and Kera Whipple pass out free hot dogs to those who wish to cook them on the charcoal grills behind them. Regan is a senior at Liberty. Milite and Whipple serve on the Hanover Township Special Events Committee.



Boy Scouts from Troop 302 based at First Presbyterian Church served breakfast to the families who attended.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Partly Cloudy	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
	40 / 23 1-2 mph NE	45 / 35 5-13 mph ENE	55 / 13 16-21 mph SSE	24 / 9 17-21 mph WSW	25 / 11 10-14 mph WSW	27 / 12 3-8 mph SW	28 / 14 3-7 mph WNW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA
 Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 54%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 64° set in 2018. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 23°. East northeast-wind 1 to 5 mph. The record low for tonight is -3° set in 1942. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 75% chance of rain, high temperature of 45°, humidity of 79%. East northeast wind 5 to 13 mph. Thursday night, skies will be cloudy with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 35°. East wind 13 to 16 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 100% chance of rain, high temperature of 55°, humidity of 79%. South southeast wind 16 to 21 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 95% chance of snow showers, overnight low of 13°.

Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?



Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Robin and Mike Murphy with their grandchildren 7 year old Brody and 3-year-old Renlee, admire a reindeer ice sculpture on their way in to breakfast with Santa.

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year - you've earned it!
 Twenty-four percent of the surveyed couples say they keep a mental note of how much their partner spends on them at Christmas compared to how much they spent on their partner. This sounds a little bit joyless - after all,

it should be a gift from the heart, not a gift of equal value - but at least if your partner regularly spends under \$30 on you when you're splashing out several times that, you can amend your spending habits accordingly. And couples say they spend on average \$141 on their partner at Christmas - which sounds like a decent amount, enough for something they'll hopefully appreciate. Although a thrifty one-third say they will delay their partner's Christmas gift shopping til the post-holiday sales start.

Finally, high inflation means 52 percent say they will be spending less on their partner this Christmas.

"You don't need to spend a lot to make your partner feel treasured. Sometimes it really is the little things that count" says Tricia Smith of Coupon-Birds.



Families enjoy their breakfast in the Hanover Township Community Center.



Monica Trilli of Hanover Township holds her 5-month-old grandson Jameson, who will meet Santa for the first time.

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Santa Claus & the Belsnickel

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The night before Christmas
is very near
but creatures are stirring,
even the mice.
All quiver in fear, cause
Belsnickel soon will be here.
What? — What happened to
Santa Claus? What happened to
sugarplum fairies,
sweets and spice?
And who's this Belsnickel
fellow?
He's neither jolly nor mellow.
Belsnickel gets children who
are naughty, not nice.
His glaring stare is colder

than arctic ice.
He comes before Christmas
and carries a switch.
This Belsnickel fellow sounds
more like a Halloween witch.
Does this script have
some kind of glitch?
No carrot at Christmas,
only the stick?
Must Christmas come with
some kind of hitch?
None of this Belsnickel stuff
say the kids today.
Just give us our gifts
cause we want to play.
Winter's no time to be

out making hay!
In trumpy brown knickers,
a coat and a cap,
Belsnickel comes to each house
following his map.
His gray beard flowing over his
tattered old scarf,
He carries a switch
to help with his part.
To get your attention
he'll jingle his bell and
scratch at your door.
To lower your guard he'll
scatter peanuts, oranges and
treats on your floor.
When you pick up your treat,

he'll switch at your feet
Before Christmas sun,
he'll come just one more time if
you're good,
to leave nice gifts under your
tree as you hoped he would
That's the Belsnickel;
he's nasty but nice.
Du besser bischt gudt,
der Belsnickel kumpt!
Well kids, have no fear
Belsnickel hasn't been seen
very near for many a year.
These days it's usually Santa
who comes around here

About the Belsnickel

The Belsnickel used to visit the homes of Pennsylvania Dutch children many years ago.

In those days, the children were often told during the year, "Du besser bischt gudt der Belsnickel kumpt." (Loosely — you'd better be good, the Belsnickel will come.)

The last sighting of Belsnickel around here reported to us was by Ruth Rinker of Sciota. She grew up in the West End of Monroe County. Ruth tells us that Belsnickel visited her home only once, in 1926. She was around 6 years old then.

Ruth, then Ruth Gougher, lived on the "outskirts" of Kunkletown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gougher, and her younger brother, Walter. It was Christmas Eve 1926, just a little after dark. Ruth and her 4-year-old brother, both in stocking feet, were dressed in their flannel nightclothes — almost ready for bed. Mom and Dad were around, but Ruth's grandfather had gone to visit some neighbors. They heard some sleigh bells jingling. Then, there was a scary rattling on the porch. Suddenly, there appeared at the window an old man in trumpy clothes. He scratched his switch on the window to get the children's attention and scare them. The children were really frightened. They wouldn't go near the door. So Ruth's dad opened the door for Belsnickel.

There stood the Belsnickel. He was an old man dressed in trumpy clothes. He wore brown knickers, boots and a dark



overcoat. His long, gray beard flowed out from under a visored cap and poured over his tattered scarf. He was about the same height as her grandfather, but Belsnickel had a potbelly as big as a pillow. Belsnickel only stepped a foot or two into the Gouchers' kitchen. He scattered peanuts and oranges on the floor — a very special treat in those days.

This relaxed the kids a little. A sudden rush of braveness came over Ruth and Walter. It was brought on by the treats Belsnickel had spread on the floor in front of him. They moved forward and started picking up the orange and peanut treats. Then, without even the hint of a warning, Belsnickel lashed out with his fresh-cut switch. He started thrashing their legs with the birch twig. It hurt,

tells Ruth.

The children scampered and ran. They hid behind the old brown Apollo cookstove. They stayed behind the stove until Belsnickel left. Then the kids came out from behind the old brown cookstove and picked up the treats.

After that they went to bed — their legs still smarting a little from the Belsnickel's switch. The next morning when they awoke, Ruth and her brother Walter found gifts under the Christmas tree. Belsnickel had returned later Christmas Eve and left them under the tree for Ruth and Walter. That was the one and only time Belsnickel visited Ruth and Walter. After that, it was Santa Claus instead of Belsnickel who visited the Goucher home in Kunkletown each Christmas to leave presents for the kids.

Ruth and Walter liked Santa much better than Belsnickel. Santa doesn't have a switch. Knecht Ruprecht, perhaps a distant cousin of Belsnickel, still visits children in Germany. Several weeks before Christmas, St. Nikolaus and one of his helpers, Ruprecht, visit German children. St. Nikolaus (Santa) has a list with all the children's names. The list tells what things naughty and what things nice the children did during the year. St. Nikolaus gives the kids treats, oranges, candy, apples and nuts, for the nice things they have done.

On the other hand, Ruprecht carries his stick. Ruprecht swats the naughty kids with his stick. The kids sing Christmas songs and recite poetry as part of the festivities. Then St. Nikolaus makes a list of what toys and things the children want for Christmas. Neither St. Nikolaus, nor his nasty helper Ruprecht, return on Christmas Day. Rather, on Christmas Eve, Christkind and the Christmas angels come, unseen by anyone, and place gifts under the tree.

Merry Christmas!

Author's Note:

We asked other people with Pennsylvania Dutch roots if Belsnickel had ever visited them. Only a few had been visited by him. Some said they had heard about Belsnickel from the older folks, but their childhoods were spent years after Ruth Rinker's 1926 encounter with Belsnickel. In the early 1900s, as well as the 1800s, the West End of Monroe County, at the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, was a very remote and isolated area. (So were many other rural areas.) It's rather tempting to speculate therefore that it was difficult for St. Nikolaus, Ruprecht, Christkind and the Christmas angels all to make their way to the West End at Christmastime. Perhaps that is why Belsnickel performed all the tasks of these other Christmas personalities — Ruprecht's switching, St. Nikolaus' scattering treats, and Christkind's leaving gifts. These Christmas personalities are very cooperative indeed. They change and modify their schedules and roles somewhat to accommodate the Christmas customs and calendars of each region, or sometimes each household, they visit. Unfortunately, Belsnickel is another one of those precious and unique elements of the local Pennsylvania Dutch culture that is being lost.

We would like to hear about more encounters with Belsnickel. If you have or if you know anyone who has ever encountered Belsnickel, email tneditor@tmonline.com. We would like to put together a compendium of stories about Belsnickel — before he disappears forever.

Santa and the Belsnickel make a deal



Once upon a time, in the Pocono Mountain forest in Pennsylvania, Santa Claus was bringing Christmas joy to the homes of the mountain forest folks — as well as the rest of the world. He heard some little children crying "What? — How could this be? Children crying on Christmas Eve?" thought Santa.

In a very uncommon event, Santa appeared before the kids.

"Why are you crying on Christmas Eve?" asked Santa.

The children told Santa about the Belsnickel.

The Belsnickel lived deep in the mountain forest. Belsnickel was an older man. In the wintertime, his long gray beard flowed out from under his visored cap and poured over his tattered old scarf.

When he would go out in the winter's cold, he would wear old boots, brown knickers, and a trumpy old topcoat.

The Belsnickel was rigid and strict. His eyes were colder than Arctic ice. And he never put up with any foolishness.

In his younger days, Belsnickel had been a schoolmaster. He was known throughout the land as the meanest and toughest schoolmaster ever.

The children who attended Belsnickel's school were well-behaved due to Belsnickel's very strict discipline. But they did not enjoy his school.

When Belsnickel finally retired, the

kids were happy indeed. They had one of the best parties ever.

Well, after Belsnickel retired, the teachers let the kids get away with murder. The kids didn't do their homework. They partied all the time. And they got into all kinds of mischief. Somebody had to step in and do something. The parents didn't know who to turn to. Finally they sought out Belsnickel. "Belsnickel, you've got to come back," the parents said.

"Since you retired there is no one to discipline the kids. They do whatever they want to do. And they aren't learning a thing in school. Not only that, but the kids have gotten unruly around their homes. And they have become very rude, too."

"But what can I do?" said the grumpy old Belsnickel. "I'm not at the school anymore."

Then Belsnickel had an idea. In the middle of the winter he would get fresh oranges, fruits and nuts — a very special winter treat in those days — and go around to each house. He would use the treats to bait the kids. And when they would come after the treats, he would thrash them with his switch for their naughty deeds.

And so, every year after that, in the middle of the winter, around Christmastime, Belsnickel would hitch the horse to the old country sleigh. He would go to each child's house. Belsnickel would

make scary noises on the porch and scratch at the window with his switch to frighten the children and get their attention. After that he would knock at the door.

The parents would open the door for Belsnickel. Belsnickel would take just one or two steps into the house. He would scatter his oranges, nuts and treats on the floor in front of him. When the children would come forward to pick up the treats, Belsnickel would take his switch to their legs.

The children would scamper and run. They would hide behind the cookstove or whatever was handy.

After the Belsnickel would leave, the children would come out from their hiding places and pick up their treats.

During the year, whenever the children were naughty, the parents would remind them that if they didn't behave, the Belsnickel would put them on his list and come to thrash them on the night of the winter solstice — the longest night of the year.

Well, it worked! The kids were so scared of Belsnickel. All their parents and teachers had to do was remind them that if they misbehaved, the Belsnickel would come at Christmastime and take his switch to them. The children did their homework. They were well-behaved. And they were polite.

But the kids were just terrified of this Belsnickel fellow. And what made it even worse for the kids was that Belsnickel came just a few nights before Christmas.

After the kids told Santa about the Belsnickel, they asked Santa for his help. And they promised Santa that if he would get the Belsnickel to stop coming around at Christmastime, they would behave all year long.

"OK," said Santa. "That sounds good to me. But if you don't keep your promise to behave all year, I'll cross you off my Christmas gift list."

Then Santa asked Rudolph, the reindeer, to lead him to the Belsnick-

el. "Merry Christmas, Belsnickel" said Santa when he found him.

"Humbug," grumped Belsnickel.

"Why do you take your switch to the children at Christmastime?" asked Santa. After the Belsnickel finished explaining the reasons, Santa said, "Well, Belsnickel, then all you want is that the children should be good, right?"

"Exactly," said Belsnickel.

"Let me suggest a solution," said Santa.

"I'll keep a list of the kids who have been naughty and the kids who have been nice. I won't leave toys for the naughty kids at Christmas — if you won't go around switching at them any more. No toys will be punishment enough."

"You've got yourself a deal," said the Belsnickel.

"I'm getting very old and very tired. And I really don't enjoy having to go around every Christmas and taking my switch to the naughty children."

"But Santa," said Belsnickel, "if your plan doesn't work and the kids get bad again — well maybe I'll just have to come back"

"Belsnickel," said Santa, "now you won't have very much to do. Why don't you come up to the North Pole with Rudolph and me. You can help us make toys for the kids. There's plenty of room, and Mrs. Claus is an excellent cook, you'll see."

And so it was. Santa and the Belsnickel had their deal. Belsnickel retired and went to the North Pole with Santa. He doesn't come around anymore — except sometimes he still helps Santa deliver his Christmas gifts in the mountain forests.

These days the parents tell their children when they misbehave — you better be good or Santa won't bring you anything for Christmas!

Belsnickel now lives at the North Pole with Santa and his helpers making toys all summer long for Christmas Eve night.

Moravian University Payne Gallery manifests 'Manifold Global'

"Manifold Global: Reflected Existence" brought the work of eight artists to Payne Gallery, Moravian University, Bethlehem.



By Ed Courrier

The exhibit was co-curated by Moravian University alumni and artists Matthew Pring and Emily Strong, who co-founded Manifold Global, an on-line gallery.

"We are just over the moon that they asked us to curate a show in the Payne Gallery," says Pring, adding, "It was like coming back home for us."

"We have a little bit of a history of doing collaborations with co-ops and other outside galleries that don't necessarily have the space," says Payne Gallery Director David E. Leidich.

Former classmates Pring and Strong share an interest in managing galleries and curating exhibits. They created Manifold Global during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

When art galleries were shut down during the pandemic, the online venue, Manifold Global, provided artists an opportunity to show their work.

"Over the last two-plus years, we've done like 14 or 15 virtual exhibitions

and lecture series with 30 or so artists," says Pring.

"For the 3-D gallery we use a host site called Exhibit. They generate purely virtual spaces," says Strong.

The Payne Gallery exhibition was Manifold Global's first in-person exhibition.

Participating artists included Ira Upin, Kate McCammon, Richard Hricko, Madeline Rile Smith, Neill Frianeza Catangay, Lauren Packard, Heather Drayzen and Ash Garner, aka THECOLORG.

Works in a variety of media were shown in Payne Gallery, from paintings, printmaking, and collage, to blown glass and large-scale site-specific installations.

Drayzen's intimate impressionistic oil portraits contrasted well with Upin's large, highly-detailed oils.

Hricko's flora prints are a fusion of natural and artificial.

McCammon's mixed



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From left, Emily Strong, Ash Garner, Neill Frianeza Catangay, Heather Drayzen, Ira Upin, Richard Hricko, Lauren Packard and Matthew Pring, "Manifold Global: Reflected Existence," Payne Gallery, Moravian University, Bethlehem. Exhibition artists not in the photo: Kate McCammon and Madeline Rile Smith.

media "Journal Portraits" and Packard's mixed media and fabric art pieces complimented each other.

Smith's blown-glass art has a functional musical instrument.

THECOLORG's multiple installations has symbols of her childhood as social commentary, such as "Successful Trophies - I Did What They Told Me and I Don't Feel a Thing (The American Dream)."

Catangay's "One for me, One for you" is an interactive installation. Inspired by the artist's grandparents' house in Guam, it's constructed of wood, mixed media materials and video.

Strong majored in Fine Art and Psychology at Moravian University, graduating in 2015.

Pring majored in Studio Art at Moravian University, graduating in 2017. He received an MFA from the Pennsyl-

vania Academy of Fine Art in 2021.

Pring, a mixed-media artist based in San Antonio, Tex., is retired from the United States Air Force and the health-care field.

Strong, a painter who works predominately in oils, has a studio in the Dery Mansion, Catasauqua.

"Manifold Global: Reflected Existence" concluded Dec. 18.

Manifold Global in-

formation: <https://manifoldglobal.com>

Payne Gallery, Moravian University, 346 Main St., Bethlehem. Gallery hours: noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Sunday, Closed Monday.

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Soft Machine 'Ingredient'

The Soft Machine Gallery presented the work of sister "foodies" with "Secret Ingredient."



By Ed Courrier

The culinary and pop art-inspired pieces created by Katie Hovencamp and Christina Dietz aren't for the stomach, but are for digestion by the mind.

The works bring irony and dark humor as a means of critique by the artists, who explore themes of domesticity and womanhood as defined by a patriarchal society.

Among Hovencamp's cast-iron sculptures is "Hoagie Missile" (2021; cast iron and steel, 4.5 in. x 11 in. x 11 in.).

"Recently, I have been working on a series of 'Food Weapons' that would come out of your kitchen if you decided that your kitchen turned into a war room," says Hovencamp. "I work in a lot of heavy industrial materials like iron and steel."

Cast from a stale loaf of bread affixed with cardboard wings and Great Stuff foam to seal gaps, the sculpture is mounted on a

white-painted steel target, edged like a doily.

She employs a variety of other materials and found objects for other works, including wood spikes on a rolling pin for "Rollout," and cast resin, steel and wood for "Happy Thanksgiving."

The holiday turkey sculpture revolves on its steel serving platter while looking ready to launch three missiles from its hindquarters.

Dietz's artwork and installations complement Hovencamp's works. Her "Cabbage Pile" (2021; paper, masking tape, glue and acrylic, 5 in. x 7 in. each) is 11 cabbage sculptures grouped near Hovencamp's turkey rocket launcher.

"Tear Milkers" (2016; calf teats, found syrup buckets, 3-D printed pieces, wood, conduit, copper tubing, flanges,

37 in. x 11in. x 32 in.) by Dietz is three benches where one could sit, place a pair of plastic receptacles over the eyes and "milk" the tears with plastic calf-feeding teats into a pail.

"I get a lot of inspiration from agricultural processes and traditional food-making processes like pickling, canning and home-cooking," says the artist. "I'm interested in combining those things with the body."

She says her artwork explores "how our bodies come into consumerism, especially women's bodies."

"Self Preservation" is a video projection into a vintage clawfoot bathtub of Deitz soaking amongst a tubful of floating pickles. The performance art video footage is by Michelle Nash.

Hovencamp received a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and master's degree at The Pennsylvania State University (2014). She teaches at Northampton Community College, NCC's Fabrication and has a studio at the Ba-



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

From left: Katie Hovencamp, Christina Dietz, "Secret Ingredient," The Soft Machine Gallery, Allentown.

anna Factory.

Dietz was Hovencamp's introductory sculpture student while at Penn State. She received a BFA in sculpture from The Pennsylvania State University (2017). Deitz teaches woodworking at a K-8 school in Morristown, N.J.

Owners Eva Di Orio and John Mortensen opened The Soft Machine Gallery in 2010 at 15th and Green streets, Allentown. Seeking a larger space for exhibits, they relocated in

2022 to Ridge Avenue.

"The title 'Secret Ingredient' is something that could be really mysterious. It could be something insidious. It could be something really sweet. You don't necessarily know," Hovencamp says, adding, "So, all the pieces in the show can have a more complex meaning than what meets the eye initially."

"Secret Ingredient" concluded Dec. 17.

Soft Machine Gallery, 101 Ridge Avenue, Allentown.

Gallery hours: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday, noon - 2 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment. Closed Sunday - Tuesday. 484-714-4229, info@softmachinegallery.com

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Don't look a gift restaurant certificate in the mouth

Dear Jacquelyn,
My husband and I received a gift certificate to an expensive restaurant. The amount is enough to cover one person's meal. My husband feels it's not much of a gift if we have to pay out of pocket. Is it rude to give a gift certificate that would require us spending a significant amount of money in order to enjoy the gift?

Dear Reader,
It's likely the gift-giver was excited and wanted to give you something extra special without having thought it all the way through. Perhaps the person

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



was trying to give the best possible gift and felt this particular dining experience would be more meaningful than some other random restaurant.

I don't feel this was intentionally rude. A budget constraint was most likely the key factor in determining the amount. The budget didn't allow for the gift certificate to cover the cost of the entire dining experience for two. It's a sweet thought

that the person wanted you to experience a really good restaurant dinner at a place you would not usually be able to go to. If this fancy restaurant is not in your budget allowance, save the gift certificate. Visit the restaurant for a special occasion later in the year.

The most formal answer is: A gift that requires any additional money to be spent in order to enjoy it is not ideal. The nitty-gritty details of etiquette guidelines would be to include the companion's meal.

The takeaway: Etiquette is an understanding of social skill guidelines such as who

to gift and when. Manners come from a place of pure kindness. Good manners always trump etiquette.

We should not question and complain about presents we receive. When you receive a thoughtful gift, be appreciative and express gratitude.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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Never too late for love

I love to read and am grateful I live in a place with three great libraries.

Yet, as I look through the selection of new books and read the cover blurbs, I wonder why so many of the plots sound alike.

I still enjoy reading Danielle Steel's books but many of her plots also are starting to sound alike.

That sameness is especially true in what they call "chick lit" or beach reads.

If I read one more story where the heroine was hurt in a past love and is leery about trying again, I'm going to scream, "Please people, give me something new."

I finally found that "something new" in a book entitled "One Last Dance."

Yes, it's about a love affair but it's the protagonists that make it different. He's 89 and she's still a youngster at 79.

What a delightful story. While it captures all of the pains and problems of aging, it's also a nice love story.

I won't spoil the plot by telling you details, but I will tell you this. If you are a reader of "a certain age" and are tired of reading novels where the characters fall into bed almost before they learn each other's name, you might like this book as a welcome change.

Well, to be truthful, Dixie and Morgan, the protagonists in the book, did move in together before they even had a first date. But it was an economic move. Older adults struggling on strict budgets would understand.

What I also liked about the book is the story behind its publication. The author, Mardo Williams, has his own interesting story.

He believed it's never too late to fall in love and it's never too late to accomplish a goal.

As proof, at 92, he wrote his first novel. He said he was writing "One Last Dance" to inspire old folks not to sit in a corner living in the past.

At the time he was a widower, living with a significant other for two years.

His family says he was consumed with writing his novel about aging.

Despite his hip replacement, sinus surgeries, congestive heart failure and ongoing pneumonia he stuck to his goal of publishing his novel.

Even when he went blind from macular degeneration, he wouldn't give up. He dictated the last chapters, revising as his daughters read to him.

I think the author's real life story and what he went through to finish the book would make a great Netflix film.

Mardo's novel reminds us love is ageless. It's always there for us if we reach for it.

When I married David, I was 69 and he was 76. I thought that was old until I had the pleasure of meeting Mel and Louise.

I first met Mel when I was doing a newspaper story about 80-something dancers. He never

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missed an opportunity to dance and made sure he danced with many women each night.

When Louise asked Mel if he would drive her to the dance at the Cultural Center in the next town, he said he would ... as long as she understood he would continue having plenty of dance partners.

I guess I should tell you Louise was one cute redhead with an engaging smile.

When Mel was planning to go on a cruise, he asked Louise to go with him. She said yes, but only after asking her adult children if she should.

That cruise cemented the relationship of Mel and Louise. She moved in with him and they became the beloved nucleus of our crowd. Our very active social circle revolved around them.

There was always a party, a dance or a new social experience we all did together.

I love to polka, even though a rousing polka is a heart-thumping experience.

But Mel, at 90, never faltered during his energetic polka.

He also continued cutting his own lawn and even crawl up to fix his own roof.

It wasn't just his stamina that made Mel amazing. It was his joy for all of life.

He and Louise loved life and lived each day as the exciting adventure it was meant to be.

It's quite true when we say life is an attitude.

It's our attitude that determines how much joy we have, regardless of age.

One 40-year-old church secretary told me her biggest regret is that she will never marry or have a loving relationship.

I told her she has a lot of years left to make that happen. Yet, she thinks 40 is "too old."

Another 58-year old woman also laments the loving relationship she will never have. "I'm going to be alone all my life," she says.

She doesn't understand it isn't age that's holding her back.

It's attitude. My friend Kay has always been upbeat, thankful for every day of life. But she too, thought she would never marry and would always be alone.

When she was my maid of honor at my wedding, she said she would relish walking down the aisle in her beautiful gown because it was the only time she would walk down the church aisle.

At 74, she had a phone call from an old boyfriend, inviting her to go to their class reunion with him.

They had eight blissful years together.

Mardo Williams is right.

It's never too late for love.

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Make sure to take antibiotics properly

Q. I had a bad cold so I asked my doctor for an antibiotic. He seemed reluctant, but I insisted and he gave me the prescription. I was supposed to take it for 10 days, but I stopped after seven days because I felt better and I ...

Stop! Next you'll tell me you prefer not to cover your mouth when you cough.

Taking antibiotics unnecessarily and not completing your prescription are the leading causes of "superbugs," bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. Superbugs are one of the most serious threats to global public health.

The first thing you should know is that antibiotics are used to combat bacteria, not viruses. These potent drugs should be used for infections of the ear, sinuses, urinary tract and skin. They're also used to treat strep throat. They should not be used for viruses that cause most sore throats, coughs, colds and flu.

However, each year doctors in the United States write about 50 million antibiotic prescriptions for viral ill-

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nesses anyway. Patient pressure is a major cause for these prescriptions.

When you don't finish your prescription, your antibiotic doesn't kill all the targeted bacteria. The germs that survive build up resistance to the drug you're taking. Doctors are then forced to prescribe a stronger antibiotic. The bacteria learn to fight the stronger medication. Superbugs are smart, too. They can share information with other bacteria.

The antibiotic vancomycin was, for years, a reliable last defense against some severe infections. But some superbugs have figured out how to resist vancomycin.

More than 70 percent of the bacteria that cause hospital-acquired infections are resistant to at least one of the antibiotics most commonly used to treat them. About 100,000 people die each year from infections they contract

in the hospital, often because the bacteria that cause hospital-acquired infections are resistant to antibiotics.

Here's what you can do about this problem:

* Protect yourself by washing your hands often; handling and preparing food safely, and keeping up-to-date on immunizations.

* Take antibiotics exactly as prescribed. If you cut your treatment short, you kill the vulnerable bacteria, but allow the resistant bacteria to live.

* Never take leftover antibiotics from your medicine cabinet or from a friend. The antibiotic might not be right one to use. And, if it is, you probably won't have enough pills to kill the germs in your system. This can lead to additional resistant bacteria.

* Don't pressure your doctor for antibiotics if you have a viral illness.

Penicillin, which was introduced six decades ago, was the first antibiotic. It was derived from mold. We now have more than 150 of these drugs. Antibiotics are a class of antimicrobials, a group that includes anti-viral, anti-fungal, and

anti-parasitic drugs.

Previous treatments for infections included poisons such as strychnine and arsenic. When antibiotics arrived, they were called "magic bullets," because they targeted disease without harming the host.

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Winter not for the birds; how to help

While the seasons to enjoy your home landscape for the most part are over for us, there are plenty of creatures who benefit from your yard in the worst months of the year.

Birds, especially, need your space when you aren't using it. With a little help, you can give birds a better chance of survival through the winter.

There are benefits to winter bird-care, even though most of us never think about how our landscape choices will impact the outside world around us.

A home property landscaped to attract birds means planning and thought. A well-designed yard increases property value. Trees provide shade in summer, evergreens act as wind buffers for our homes, and they all provide refuges for birds.

Birds will eat nuisance insects.

Birds provide entertainment and a glimpse into a world outside the

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windowpane.

There are a few things you can do to help our bird friends.

Keep your yard cat-free. Residential cats kill more than 1 billion birds annually.

Install window collision treatments. You can make residential glass visible to birds using do-it-yourself or other affordable options.

Apply strips of tape to the windows on the outside surface. Use white tape that can withstand wind and rain. Place the tape four-inches apart vertically on your windows. This will signal to birds that the glass is there and prevent them from flying into it.

You can also use black tape. If you use black tape, space the strips one-inch apart. There is specialty tape available at pet stores

to use to prevent birds from hitting windows.

Besides the tangible benefits of winter bird care, you can learn some things, too. How easy is it to identify the birds in your yard? The top five birds observed at Pennsylvania backyard bird feeders are:

• The dark-eyed junco: A dark gray to brown sparrow with a bright white underside.

• The mourning dove: This bird has a small head in comparison to its plump body, tan with black spots. It is often seen sitting on electric wires.

• The tufted titmouse: A small bird with a large head, big eyes and pronounced bushy crest. They are gray with a rust color down its side.

• The northern cardinal: The males are bright red and can't be missed. The females have red tinges to their crests and wings. They often sit with their tail pointed straight down.

• The blue jay: They have varying shades of

blue on top with white or gray undersides. They are large birds and have a fondness for acorns.

Each bird you may find in your yard will have definite choices for food and shelter. All birds need water, and it is the scarcest to find in winter.

Consider putting out a heated birdbath or a simple bowl of fresh water every day.

Don't be too quick to totally clean up the brush around your yard. Birds will use it for shelter and survival.

Letting the ornamental berries hang on through the cold months will provide food for our feathered friends.

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The big chill: LV housing market

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The forecast for the Lehigh Valley housing market is, to put it mildly, pun intended: chilly.

You might even say, the region's housing market is frozen.

Or, to put a fine point on it: buyers are being frozen out of the market.

The area housing market is experiencing, to borrow a movie title, "The Big Chill" (1983).

The housing market is being hit by a triple pandemic of its own: low inventory, high interest rates and increasing prices.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR) reports: "November data showed housing affordability continuing to be a major roadblock for market participants, with mortgage rates more than double compared to this time last year."

According to statistics for November in the report released Nov. 13:

- * Closed sales decreased 32.1 percent to 527 listings.

- * Pending Sales decreased 24.4 percent to 520.

- * New Listings decreased 27.3 percent to 498.

- * Inventory was at 728 units for Lehigh and Northampton counties.

- * The Median Sales Price increased 15.6 percent to \$300,000.

- * Percentage of List Price Received decreased 0.3 percent to 100.6 percent.

- * Homes sold, on average, in 18 days, the same number of days as November 2021.

November statistics

- * Average sales price increased 10.7 percent in November to \$330,333, up from \$298,478 in November 2021. The average year-to-date sales price increased 13.6 percent to \$334,123, up from \$294,247.

- * Median sales price increased 15.6 percent in November to \$300,000, up from \$259,450 in November 2021. The year-to-date median sales price increased 15.2 percent to \$294,900, up from \$256,000.

- * Percentage of list price received decreased 0.3 percent to 100.6 percent in November, down from 100.9 percent in November 2021. The year-to-date percentage of list price received increased 0.6 percent to 102.2 percent, up from 101.6 percent.

- * Closed sales decreased 32.1 percent to 527 units in November, down from 776 units in November 2021. The year-to-date closed sales decreased 10.6 percent to 7,139 units, down from 7,983 units.

- * Pending sales decreased 24.4 percent to 520 units in November, down from 688 units in November 2021. The year-to-date pending sales decreased 13.1 percent, to 7,169, down from 8,254.

- * New listings decreased 27.3 percent to 498 units in November, down from 885 units in November 2021. The year-to-date new listings decreased 10.2 percent, to 8,573 units, down from 9,545 units.

- * Days on market was unchanged, 0.0 percent to 18 days in November, the same as 18 days in November 2021. The year-to-date days on market decreased 5.9 percent, to 16 days from 17 days.

- * Months supply of inventory decreased 10 percent to 1.1 months in November, down from 1.0 months in November 2021.

- * Inventory increased 0.6 percent to 728 in November, up from 724 in November 2021.

- * Housing affordability index decreased 39.8 percent to 77 in November, down from 128 in November 2021. The

year-to-date housing affordability index decreased 38.8 percent to 79, down from 129.

Carbon County
In Carbon County, the Median Sales Price increased to \$235,900.

Closed Sales decreased to 59.

Pending Sales decreased to 61.

New Listings decreased to 49.

Inventory decreased to 127 units

Months Supply of Inventory stayed at 1.9 months.

Days on Market increased to 37 days.

LV analysis

"Buyers are delaying home purchases in hopes rates will drop, while many sellers are holding off on listing their homes due to weakening buyer demand and to not trade in their current lower rates for significantly higher borrowing costs on their next property," said GLVR CEO Justin Poremba in the November report. "As a result, existing-home and pending home sales have continued to slow as we move into winter."

"Although buyers have more options to choose from, home prices remain high, and soaring borrowing costs have caused monthly payments to increase significantly," said GLVR President Howard Schaeffer. "Realtors have been encouraging the Biden Administration and our local legislators to keep housing supply and affordability at the top of the legislative agenda."

Schaeffer added, "The Administration has several tools it can use now to reduce costs. Reducing fees for first-time home buyers, expanding housing voucher programs, and providing incentives for more participation from housing providers would provide direct and immediate support for renters and

aspiring homeowners. We look forward to continuing this conversation and bringing help where it matters."

National indicators

Housing affordability continues to be a major roadblock for market participants, with mortgage rates more than double in November 2022, compared to November 2021, according to the GLVR November report.

With home sales down, nationwide housing inventory was at 3.3 months' supply heading into November 2022, up from 2.4 months from November 2021, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Monthly payments have increased significantly, with the average homebuyer paying 77 percent more on their loan per month compared to the same period a year ago, according to Realtor.com.

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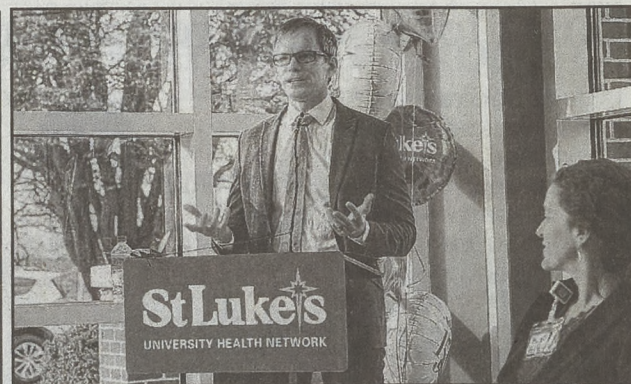
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St. Luke's Allentown Campus President Bill Moyer speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for St. Luke's Allentown Campus Women & Babies Pavilion.

St. Luke's Allentown \$50-million addition for Babies Pavilion

The ceremonial scoop-and-scatter of shovelfuls of soil by officials at St. Luke's Allentown Campus has marked the start of construction of the new Women & Babies Pavilion, which will increase the community's access to high-quality birthing, labor & delivery and newborn services, including neonatal intensive care.

The five-story, 85,000 square-foot, tower is being built on the east side of the hospital at 17th and Hamilton streets, Allentown, to meet patient needs.

The \$50-million project is scheduled for completion in early 2024.

"We couldn't have planned, invested in and begun this important project without having overwhelming support of our community, many who live nearby and tell us they value the personal, state-of-the-art care they receive here," said St. Luke's Allentown Campus President Bill Moyer.

"We are honored to earn their trust each time they come here to receive the services they expect and deserve and that our skilled staff are pleased to provide," said Moyer.

The expanded services will double the size of existing units to accommodate as many as 3,000 patients per year.

Upon completion of the pavilion, three floors will be occupied immediately. The second floor will house the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where babies born prematurely, before 32 weeks, will be cared for versus being transferred to a more advanced NICU. LifeAire air purification technology on this unit will create an ultra-sterile, negative air flow environment to protect the tiny and often ill newborns, their parents and caregivers from infections.

Seven-month-old Seven Joyner spent a month in the NICU at St. Luke's Allentown Campus after being born premature in April 2022. His mother, Margarita Barreto, called the care given by the doctors and nurses there "phenomenal."

LCCC schedules GenCyber Camp

Lehigh Carbon Community College GenCyber Camp for teachers of grades 7-12 will be held 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. June 12 - 16 on the Schnecksville campus.

An information session is Feb. 9.

The camp is a three-credit special topics course at no charge to the student. Teachers will be compensated with a daily stipend. An additional stipend is included for participation in the virtual pre-camp and post-camp sessions.

The camp provides opportunities for teachers in Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton and Berks counties to collaborate and explore cybersecurity topics that are appro-

"They took care of everything and were very organized and helpful," said Barreto, of Allentown. "They prepped me with everything I needed to know to take Seven home. We formed a bond and became like friends."

The third floor's Labor & Delivery Unit and fourth floor Post-Partum Unit will include additional rooms and amenities, making each floor almost double the size of the existing unit.

"With this expansion, patients will have access to a brand-new facility, new services and an increased level of care that allows babies to remain in their own community with their families," said Elizabeth Dierking, MD, vice chair, St. Luke's Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and OB-GYN residency program director.

"Delivering safe access to care and the best care starts families on a happier and healthier journey," Dierking said. St. Luke's patients get to know their physician through prenatal care and that physician will then deliver the baby.

The state-of-the-art birthing units offer parents the comforts of a safe, family-centered atmosphere to welcome their new babies into the world.

St. Luke's is a leader in perinatal care, high-risk deliveries and breastfeeding education. Its NICUs provide advanced care to critically-ill newborns and premature babies.

The building's ground, first and fifth floors will be enclosed, or shelled in, for future use.

Preparation of the construction site and renovations to existing hospital "tie-in" points began in August 2022, soon after the opening of the enlarged and modernized emergency room, with the patient entrance relocated for walk-in convenience.

Excavation work for the new tower began the week of Nov. 13. The structure's first steel beams are to be erected in December. The outer shell is to be completed by the spring.

\$1 million to help St. Luke's fund patient care, education

Easton residents Anthony (Tony) and Adrienne DaRe have pledged \$1 million to St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) to help fund the construction of the Women & Babies Tower at St. Luke's Allentown and establish an endowment for scholarships to the Temple-St. Luke's School of Medicine.

"We are making this personal investment to ensure that St. Luke's is able to provide world class healthcare to our community for another 150 years," said the couple.

This year, St. Luke's is celebrating its 150th anniversary of serving the health needs of the region, which began with the founding of the St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill.

Half of the gift from the DaRes will support the expansion of community access to high-quality birthing, post-partum and newborn services, including neonatal intensive care at St. Luke's Allentown. Ground was broken in November to begin construction of the

85,000-square-foot tower that will house these services. Completion of the project is expected in early 2024.

"We are indebted to the DaRes for their generosity, which will help ensure that patients at the St. Luke's Allentown Campus have access to a brand-new facility, new services and an increased level of care that allows babies to remain in their own community with their families," said Elizabeth Dierking, MD, Vice Chair, St. Luke's Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Director of the St. Luke's OB-GYN Residency Program.

Two of the couple's children were born at St. Luke's, and their daughter, Adele received critical, compassionate care at St. Luke's for a significant medical emergency when she was only 3-years old.

"The amazing doctors and nurses at St. Luke's were there for her in a heartbeat," said the DaRes.

The remaining \$500,000 will create scholarships for students at Temple-St. Luke's Medical School,

which remains the region's first and only medical school. Temple-St. Luke's graduates 40 new physicians each year, many of whom remain local to take care of patients in the community.

"A generous gift of this magnitude during a critical national physician shortage will expand St. Luke's ability to prepare our new doctors to take care of us in the not-too-distant future," said Shaden Eldakar-Hein, Senior Associate Dean of the Medical School.

The medical school awards more than \$1.5 million in scholarships annually to help offset the high cost of medical education.

The DaRe family's connection to St. Luke's dates back more than a century.

"St. Luke's has cared for loved ones over the last four generations," the couple said.

"My family settled in the City of Allentown over 100 years ago," said Tony DaRe. "Having the ability to support the critical care that St. Luke's is committed to providing residents

via the Allentown and Sacred Heart campuses fills us with pride." He is a member of the board of trustees for St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus.

Tony DaRe is Chief Executive Officer at BSI Corporate Benefits, a nationwide employee health benefits organization based in Bethlehem.

BSI has sent more than 100 clients through St. Luke's ExecuHealth Program which offers participants a focused, evidence-based picture of their overall health and well-being in one day.

"It is with a tremendous amount of pride and humility that Adrienne and I are making this investment in our community," said Tony DaRe.

"St. Luke's continues to be the heart of our community, providing personalized care for so many and educating the next generation of world-class doctors. We are honored to support this extraordinary health system as it continues to make the region a better place to live, learn, work and enjoy life," Tony DaRe said.

LCCC

Sessions on dual enrollment

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will hold information

sessions for area high school juniors and seniors and their families about the dual enrollment program for high school students at LCCC: 5 p.m. Jan. 10, Virtual Session 1 p.m. Jan. 16,

Schnecksville Campus. The virtual session will be held on Zoom. The in-person session will be held in room 107-108, Alumni Center, LCCC, Main Campus, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville.

Tours will be available at the in-person session.

Registration is available online.

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From left: Ryan Reynolds (Clint), Will Ferrell (Ghost of Christmas Present), "Spirited."

A 'Spirited' holiday

AT THE MOVIES
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"Spirited" it certainly is.

"Spirited" is an all-singing, all-dancing version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, time-traveling, ghosts and redemption.

It's a high-energy movie, with dazzling choreography, catchy songs and great lead roles by Will Ferrell and Ryan Reynolds.

In "Spirited," Ferrell plays the Ghost of Christmas Present, who in this version is said to have formerly been Ebenezer Scrooge. Present, as he is referred to, wants to retire.

Jacob Marley (Patrick Page) guides Christmas Present and the other Ghosts, Christmas Past (Sunita Mani), and Christmas Yet to Come (voiced by Tracy Morgan) in a quest to redeem one person each Christmas.

The latest prospect is Clint Briggs (Ryan Reynolds), a media consultant, giving a speech to a convention of an association of Christmas tree-growers.

Briggs is so reprehensible, hence, unredeemable, that he advises his niece, Wren (Marlow Barkley), to post disparaging comments on social media about her opponent in the school student class president election.

Meanwhile, Christmas Present (Farrell) becomes enamored of Briggs' assistant Kimberly (Octavia Spencer).

The plot points are connected by songs written by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (Oscar recipients, original song, "La La Land"), and huge production numbers with dancing on any available flat surface.

Director John Anders (director, "That's My Boy," 2012; "Daddy's Home," 2015; "Instant Family," 2018) enthusiastically juggles dramatic scenes, song and dance numbers and plentiful Computer Generated Imagery.

The screenplay by

Anders and John Morris (screenplay, "Hot Tub Time Machine," 2008; "Daddy's Home," "Instant Family") is wickedly funny in a good-natured way with lots of life tips mixed in.

Ferrell, Reynolds and Spencer acquit themselves well as singers. Ferrell and Reynolds kick up their heels like a pair of experienced hoofers.

Ferrell plays the role more as a straight man than the adorable doofus character he often plays (for example, "Elf," 2003).

Reynolds is his usually charming self, and again manages to make a disliked character likeable.

If you're a fan of Will Ferrell, Ryan Reynolds and/or "A Christmas Carol," get in the spirit and put "Spirited" on your holiday movie watch list.

"Spirited," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned). Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for language, some suggestive material and thematic elements; Genre: Musical, Comedy; Run time: 2 hours, 7 minutes. Distributed by Apple TV+.

Credited Readers

Anonymous: "Spirited" concludes with a black and white scene production number for the song, "Ripple" (not the Grateful Dead song).

At The Movies: "Spirited" was seen in the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, SteelStacks, Bethlehem, in Dolby Surround 7.1.

Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office, Dec. 9 - 11: The long-awaited sequel directed by James Cameron, "Avatar: The Way of Water," opened at No. 1 with \$134 million in 4,202 theaters, as "Violent Night" stayed at No. 2 with \$5.6 million in 3,528 theaters, \$34.9 million, three weeks, and the five-week run at No. 1 ended for "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," dropping to No. 3 with \$5.4 million in 3,380 theaters, \$418.9 million, six weeks.

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dropped one place, \$2.2 million in 2,870 theaters, \$33.7 million, four weeks. 5. "The Menu" dropped one place, \$1.7 million in 1,875 theaters, \$32.1 million, five weeks. 6. "Devotion" dropped one place, \$825,000 in 2,211 theaters, \$18.6 million, four weeks. 7. "The Fabelmans" stayed in place, \$750,000 in 955 theaters, \$8.5 million, six weeks. 6. "Black Adam" dropped two places, \$500,000 in 1,304 theaters, \$167.7 million, nine weeks. 9. "I Heard the Bells" stayed in place, \$309,815 in 426 theaters, \$4.9 million, three weeks. 10. "Empire of Light" moved up 11 places, \$235,000 in 436 theaters, \$471,821, two weeks.

Movie box office information from Box Office Mojo as of Dec. 18 is subject to change.

Unreel, Dec. 23:

"Puss in Boots: The Last Wish," Rated PG: Joel Crawford directs and Januel Mercado co-directs the voice talents of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Florence Pugh and Olivia Colman in the animation feature film sequel. Puss has used up eight of his nine lives.

Movie opening date information from Internet Movie Database as of Dec. 18 is subject to change.

Rotunda 'Nature and Machine'

"Nature and Machine" featured photographs by Lehigh Valley artist Matthew Blum at the Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, Bethlehem.

The exhibit is a result of Blum's camerawork and darkroom experiments, including palladium, cyanotype, albumen, ambrotype, gumoil and silver gelatin processes.

"With my photography, I prefer traditional ways of photography printing. Depending on the subject, I'll use the best-suited camera as a brush to capture the scene. Once captured, each photograph is hand-printed individually in the darkroom," according to Blum's artist's statement.

"What makes this photography show so unique is that Matthew uses a variety of darkroom techniques that truly elevates it from the typical genre of photography," says DePietro, who co-curated the



By Ed Courrier

exhibition with Richard Begbie.

"I like this space as it's circular," Blum says of the Rotunda Gallery and the exhibition's subject matter. "They balance each other out."

On the "Nature" side of the gallery, Blum's "Pinhole Trees" (2021; silver gelatin print, 11 in. x 14 in.) was photographed with a pinhole camera he created on a 3-D printer. The image was shot with a three-second exposure at Lake Muhlenberg, Cedar Beach Park, Allentown.

Images of trees, bi-son, shells and blossoms make up the flora and fauna half of the exhibit.

The "Machine" side features a silver gelatin

"Boombox," as well as vintage vehicles, typewriter keys, piano and Bethlehem Steel plant images.

Blum, an Allentown-based artist, first began working in film-making. He later developed an interest in still photography and built a modest 35mm darkroom. His darkroom expanded to a large format 4 by 5 setup.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, concluded Dec. 21.

Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem. Gallery hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, Closed weekends and holidays. Information: www.bfac-lv.org

"Gallery View" is a column about artists, exhibitions and galleries. To request coverage, email: Paul Willistein, Focus editor, pwillistein@tnonline.com



Matthew Blum with "Pinhole Trees" (2021; silver gelatin print, 11 in. x 14 in.), "Nature and Machine," Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, Bethlehem.

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For more info., & Zoom link Visit www.lehighvalleyquakers.org All Are Welcome</p>	<p>CEDAR CHURCH Better Together ELCA & UCC 3419 Broadway, Allentown 610-395-6332 www.cedarunionchurch.com Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman 9:30 am Worship Service In Person or Facebook Live Friendly People - Serving Christ Come Join US!</p> <p>ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH 7863 St. Peters Road P.O. Box 147 Macungie, PA 18062-0147 (610) 966-3030 Rev. Dr. Paul Sorcek 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship "Come to the Mountaintop ... and Refresh Your Faith"</p> <p>UNITED CH. OF CHRIST</p> <p>JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) Livestream: jordanucc.org/stream 610-395-2218 Rev. 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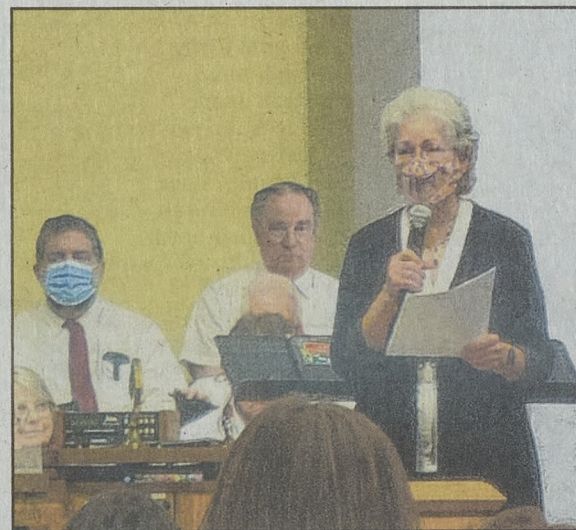
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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Emmaus Chorale performs 'A Festival' in Emmaus

The Emmaus Chorale performed "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, Dec. 11. The program is based on the work that originated at Kings College Chapel at Cambridge University in England. ABOVE: The Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi, Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, leads the congregation in an opening prayer.

PRESS PHOTOS BY CATHERINE RAYNOCK



Emmaus Chorale Conductor Janet Davis addresses the audience before the performance at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, Dec. 11.



The Emmaus Chorale, directed by Janet Davis, sings a rendition of "Deo Gracias" by Benjamin Britten.



Guest harpist Benjamin Reber performs "What Child is This?"

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

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

Thursday, December 22: Hot: Cheeseburger, roasted potato wedges, broccoli & cauliflower, whole-wheat bun, chocolate chip cookie. Lite: Roast beef club sandwich, four bean salad, whole-wheat tortilla, fresh orange.

Friday, December 23: Hot: Cranberry glazed pork, sliced beets, Brussel sprouts, whole-grain dinner roll, fresh apple slices. Lite: BBQ chicken salad, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, fresh fruit salad.

Monday, December 26: Center closed for the holiday.

Tuesday, December 27: Hot: Beef patty w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole-wheat dinner roll, rice pudding. Lite: Mediterranean chicken salad, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, pineapple.

Wednesday, December 28: Hot: Honey mustard chicken, cauliflower & peas, brown rice pilaf, peaches. Lite: Deli sandwich, four bean salad, whole-wheat roll, fresh melon.

Thursday, December 29: Hot: Meatball hoagie, roasted potato wedges, broccoli, whole wheat bun, pound cake. Lite: Turkey Cobb salad, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, fresh banana.

Friday, December 30: Hot: Pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole-grain dinner roll, cinnamon applesauce. Lite: Turkey cole slaw, pita, potato salad, whole-wheat pita, fresh fruit salad, salad, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, fresh fruit salad.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

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

Wednesday, December 21: Garden salad w/ dressing, farmer's pot roast w/ vegetables and gravy, baked potato w/ sour cream, dinner roll, fruited gelatin salad.

Thursday, December 22: Spring green salad w/ raspberry balsamic dressing, beer battered fish, parsley buttered bow ties, French cut green beans, sugar cookie.

Friday, December 23: Chicken Alfredo, rotini noodles, sweet green peas, fruit cocktail.

Monday, December 26: Closed. Merry Christmas.

Tuesday, December 27: Pasta fagioli, garden salad w/ dressing, spaghetti w/ meatballs in marina sauce, garlic bread, Blondie bar.

Wednesday, December 28: Cream of cauliflower soup, mixed green salad w/ sweet Vidalia onion dressing, chicken pot pie w/ warm biscuit, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday, December 29: New Year's Meal: Roast pork w/ gravy, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, rye bread w/ margarine, apple pie. **Friday, December 30:** Home style meat loaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, broccoli cuts, iced banana cake.

Monday, January 2, 2023: New Year's holiday. Closed.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

12/21

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

12/14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Upper Macungie Township Board of Auditors will conduct an Organization Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary
Dec. 21

Online Public Auction: Sale of Equipment

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors posted on the Muncibid online auction site the following piece of equipment for sale: 1989 John Deere Tractor with side mower, 3,703 hours, diesel engine, runs and operates as it should, sold as is. Muncibid may be reached at muncibid.com. Listing #49592110. Bids may be placed until 1:34pm January 3, 2023. The tractor may be seen at the Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA 18066. The Board of Supervisors will take action on the bids at their 7:30pm meeting on January 3, 2023. Heidelberg Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Janice M. Meyers, Heidelberg Township Administrator Dec. 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice for additions to an Agricultural Security Area

This announcement will hereby serve to notify the citizens of Allen Township, Northampton County, that the Allen Township Board of Supervisors has received proposals for two additions to the Allen Township Agricultural Security Area within Allen Township, pursuant to the Agricultural Area Security Law, Act 43 of 1981. The aforementioned proposals are currently on file and available for public inspection at the Allen Township Municipal Office, 4714 Indian Trail Road, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Any affected Municipality and any landowners who own land which is within, adjacent to, or near the area(s) proposed to be included in the addition(s) to the above named Agricultural Security Area may propose changes to the proposed addition(s) within 15 days of the date this notice is published. Such proposed changes must be submitted to the Allen Township Office on or before January 16, 2023. Upon expiration of the aforementioned 15-day period, the proposed addition(s) to the above named Agricultural Security Area and any proposed changes will be submitted to the Allen Township Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley County Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held by the Allen Township Supervisors to consider the Allen Township Agricultural Security Area addition proposals, any proposed modifications and any recommendations from the Planning Commissions and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. A copy of this notice is posted at the following public locations:

- Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067
- Allen Township Fire Company Building, 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA 18067 (Snow Hill Road Public Entrance - Vestibule) Ilene Marie Eckhart Manager ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS Dec. 21

CRYPTOGRAM

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R

See solutions on Page B10

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

WHY A JAY?

ACROSS

- Conga cousin
- "Ho-hum" feeling
- Old Toyota coupes
- "Tosca" tunes, e.g.
- Dodgy
- Hat with the brim turned up on three sides
- The choosing of cosmonaut Gagarin?
- Its capital is Tallinn
- Border of Utah and Idaho, e.g.
- Primo pitcher
- Of higher rank
- Cooks in fat
- Sign that an egg may have gone bad?
- Listed from memory
- Felt sorry for
- King-size tub
- Santa — (hot desert winds)
- Distributed, with "out"
- Pamper
- That guy over there with the famous signature?
- Indian dress
- Round figure
- High trains
- Real stunner
- Writer known for twist endings
- Chimney duct
- Possible result of a computer crash
- Key with no sharps or flats
- Side street
- Given "four years at a New Haven university" as punishment for a crime?
- Painter Max
- Frigid epoch
- University near Fort Worth
- Water, in Cuba
- "Ars — artis" (MGM motto)
- "I'll do it," in radiospeak
- '16 Olympics city
- Major conflict
- Dirt in a 57-Across
- Lemon-hued growth on old bread?
- Suspend, as a meeting
- Certain British noble's domain
- Kind of sword
- "Notorious" Supreme Court inits.
- Vintage Ford
- People using swearwords
- A typical casual greeting?
- Bagel centers
- Lena of song
- Angry feeling
- Food-packing plants
- "Tail cone," for "Lance Ito"

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- Shaggy ox that's a baseball mascot?
- Floral decoration
- Satan, with "the"
- Philosopher Kierkegaard
- Printing machines
- Loathes
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- Articulates
- In — (mired)
- Hollywood's Sorvino
- Angler's chum
- Put forward
- Proved false
- Kilns, e.g.
- Go really fast
- Winter hrs. in Fla.
- Twice CCLI
- Lacto — diet
- Threatened hostilely
- Sword metal
- Surgery sites, in brief
- Scholarly group
- Devoted attendant
- Many a sonata finale
- Disney mermaid
- Sarcasm, informally
- Writer Wiesel
- North Atlantic catch

- Pig's grunt
- Bouquets-to-order co.
- "Pshaw!"
- Egg producer
- Having light beams
- Gay (WWII plane)
- Have the capacity to, to Shakespeare
- Treaty
- Indoor tabby
- Tote bag
- See 93-Down
- Correct
- Comply with
- More skilled
- Gas in lights
- Strong alloy
- In a snobbish way
- Psi follower
- Camouflage
- Doc treating apnea
- Hightail it away
- Perplexed
- Certain palm berry
- Give the OK
- Take-home
- Former BP gas brand
- H2O, to a tot
- "Yipes!"
- Khalifa (Dubai skyscraper)

- Overused theme
- OPEC ship
- Center points
- Big ravine
- Traveled
- Undermines the power of
- "Seize the day" acronym
- Ship dining place
- "Navel" fruits
- Just missed parring
- Suffix with fruit names
- California's Marina del —
- Do injury to
- Rabbits
- Elbow-to-wrist bone
- Appear to be the case
- Twyla of choreography
- With 43-Down, list of superb students
- Expunge
- Singer LeAnn
- "In case you — noticed ..."
- Corp. money honchos
- As to
- Idyllic garden
- IRS form IDs
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- First-aid —
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PUBLIC NOTICE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 7:00PM

The Salisbury Township Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 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 items:
1525-1537 ROOSEVELT AVENUE (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.
2844 SOUTH PIKE AVENUE (NO. 22-0046) - Review of the land development project at 2844 South Pike Avenue submitted by Thomas P. Williams Jr. which proposes to maintain two building additions, an accessory apartment, and all supporting site improvements. The property is located within the C2, Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.
All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship-pa.org or (610) 797-4000 ext..5825. Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANOVER TOWNSHIP,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HAS THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR 2023 MEETINGS:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION: JANUARY 3RD - 7:00 PM @ 3630 JACKSONVILLE RD BETHLEHEM, PA 18017.

BOARD OF AUDITORS: JANUARY 4TH - 7:00 PM @ 3630 JACKSONVILLE RD, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETINGS: JANUARY 10TH, JANUARY 24TH, FEBRUARY 14TH, FEBRUARY 28TH, MARCH 14TH, MARCH 28TH, APRIL 11TH, APRIL 25TH, MAY 9TH, MAY 23RD, JUNE 27TH, JULY 25TH, AUGUST 22ND, SEPTEMBER 12TH, SEPTEMBER 26TH, OCTOBER 10TH, OCTOBER 24TH, NOVEMBER 14TH, NOVEMBER 28TH, DECEMBER 19TH. ALL HELD AT 7:00 pm AT 3630 JACKSONVILLE RD, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017.

PLANNING COMMISSION: JANUARY 9TH, FEBRUARY 6TH, MARCH 6TH, APRIL 3RD, MAY 1ST, JUNE 5TH, JULY 10TH, AUGUST 7TH, SEPTEMBER 11TH, OCTOBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 6TH, DECEMBER 4TH. ALL HELD AT 7:30 PM AT 3630 JACKSONVILLE RD, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY: JANUARY 30TH, FEBRUARY 27TH, MARCH 27TH, APRIL 24TH, MAY 22ND, JUNE 26TH, JULY 24TH, AUGUST 28TH, SEPTEMBER 25TH, OCTOBER 30TH, NOVEMBER 27TH. ALL HELD AT 6:00 PM AT 3630 JACKSONVILLE RD, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017.

RECREATION ADVISORY: JANUARY 12TH, MARCH 9TH, MAY 11TH, JUNE 8TH, JULY 13TH, AUGUST 10TH, SEPTEMBER 14TH, AND NOVEMBER 9TH. ALL HELD AT 7:30 PM AT HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER, 3660 JACKSONVILLE RD, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017 Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
BUREAU OF PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT
2023 PLUMBING LICENSE RENEWAL

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development, and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2023 or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.

Licenses can be renewed in person during Township business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or via mail, or be placed in the Development Office drop box located at the front entrance to the municipal building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. Payment can be made with cash, check, or money order (made payable to Whitehall Township).

2023 YEARLY LICENSE FEES:

- Master Plumber: \$ 75.00
•Journeyman Plumber: \$ 50.00

Also, please notify us if there are any changes regarding your contact information. You can provide it in writing with your renewal, by emailing it to cjandris@whitehalltownship.com, or by calling the office and speaking with Chris at 610-437-5524, Ext. 1128.

LEE A. RACKUS
BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL
Dec. 7, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburts, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburts Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, Pennsylvania 18011, will consider and may enact ordinances entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AT 3.83 MILLS (3.75 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES AND 0.08 MILLS FOR FIRE PURPOSES), WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; CONFIRMING A 2% DISCOUNT ON REAL ESTATE TAXES PAID WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE AND A 10% PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY SUCH TAXES WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE; AND CONFIRMING WITH NO CHANGE IN RATES FOR 2023 THE PER CAPITA TAX, EARNED INCOME TAX, LOCAL SERVICES TAX, REALTY TRANSFER TAX, WATER RENTALS AND FEES, SANITARY SEWER RENTALS AND FEES AND THE FEES FOR COLLECTING MUNICIPAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION RANGES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT BY THE BOROUGH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, INCLUDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, THE CHIEF OF POLICE, AND PROFESSIONALS; MAKING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE A SALARIED POSITION WORKING A MINIMUM OF FORTY (40) HOURS PER WEEK; CLARIFYING THE EFFECT OF SALARIED STATUS; AND CONFIRMING THE EXISTING FIDELITY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburts Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours, or by making arrangements with the Borough Manager at 610-966-4777. The Alburts Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Manager at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.

David G. Knerr, Esquire
Solicitor

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, announces the 2023 public meeting schedule. All meetings are held at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, unless noted otherwise. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of business conducted at any meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. All meetings will include any and all matters that may properly and duly come before the Boards.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm
Workshops on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 pm, as needed
Executive Sessions will be held as needed, generally before or after a regularly scheduled meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm
Workshops on 3rd Tuesday of month at 6 pm, as needed
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Last Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in January, April, July & October
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm in January, April, July & October
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm; except there is no meeting in August.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

4th Tuesday of each month at 6 pm, as needed; except the November and December meetings will be the 3rd Tuesdays, if needed.
Agendas advertised, as needed.

AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1st Tuesday of the month 6 pm in March, June, September & December
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
Held at the Public Works Annex, 5536 Indian Creek Road, Macungie, PA
Last Monday of the month in January, April, July and October, at 7 pm
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

As advertised
Renea Flexer
Asst. Township Manager/Secretary
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Catasauqua Borough Council will hold a special meeting at 7pm on Dec. 28, 2022 to pass the 2023 Budget if not adopted at the Dec. 19, 2022 meeting. Please check www.catasauqua.org for updates. Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ONE, CYNTHIA ANN, dec'd. Late of Palmer Township, Northampton County, PA. Executor: Kyle Ellis c/o Brook Hastings, Esquire, Hastings Law, LLC, 25 Washington Lane, Suite 5A, Wyncote, PA 19095
Attorney: Brook Hastings, Esquire, Hastings Law, LLC, 25 Washington Lane, Suite 5A, Wyncote, PA 19095
Dec. 14, 21, 28

NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of North Whitehall Township adopted the final 2023 budget at their meeting on December 5, 2022. The budget is available for inspection at the Municipal Office, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA during normal business hours.
Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer
North Whitehall Township
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whitehall Township ICDA
BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2023
All meetings will be held at ATA FINANCIAL, 1044 Third St., Whitehall, PA 18052
January 16, 2023 @ 6:30PM
March 20, 2023 @ 6:30PM
May 15, 2023 @ 6:30PM
September 18, 2023 @ 6:30PM
October 16, 2023 @ 6:30PM
December 18, 2023 @ 6:30PM
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE

Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA will conduct the following meetings during the calendar year 2023 in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051.
Supervisor's Re-organizational meeting: Tuesday - January 3, 2023 @ 5:00 pm.
Supervisor's Close-Out meeting: Wednesday - December 27, 2023 @ 8:00 am.
Auditor Re-organizational meeting: Wednesday - January 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.
Supervisor's Regular meetings: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm.
Planning Commission meetings: Last Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm except November when the meeting will be held Thursday November 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm and December when the meeting will be held Thursday December 21, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.
Zoning Hearing Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month (as necessary) @ 7:00 pm.
Environmental Advisory Council meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month (as necessary) @ 7:00 pm.
Fire Company and Board of Supervisors meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month (as necessary) @ 6:30 pm.
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2023 meeting dates for the Borough of Alburts are as follows:
Borough Council: Jan. 11th and 25th, Feb. 8th and 22nd, Mar. 8th and 29th, Apr. 12th and 26th, May 10th and 31st, June 14th and 28th, July 12th and 26th, Aug. 9th and 30th, Sept. 13th and 27th; Oct. 11th and 25th, Nov. 8th and 29th, Dec. 13th and 27th
Borough Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
Alburts Park & Recreation - Jan. 13th, Mar. 9, May 11th, July 13th, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9th at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 2nd Tuesday of each month as needed
Highway/Water/Sewer Committees - last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm as needed
Policy/Personnel/Public Safety Committees - 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed
Pension Board- Jan. 25th at 6:45 pm, Apr. 26th at 6:45 pm, July 26th at 6:45 pm and Oct. 25th at 6:45 pm
Alburts Borough Authority (Water Authority) -Apr. 24th at 7:00 pm and Oct. 23rd at 7:00 pm
Borough Business Revitalization: First Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Council - as needed
Budget - Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st and Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Hearing Board - as needed
All meetings are held in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin St., Alburts, PA. The public is invited to attend.
The Alburts Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. If you need any reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call 610-966-4777 to make arrangements. Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Table with columns: DATE, COMMITTEES, MEETING TIMES. Lists meeting dates and times for various committees like Building & Grounds, Athletics, Academics, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Table with columns: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Lists Board Meeting dates and times for the Catasauqua Area School District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2023
See website for in-person/virtual meeting updates and meeting links.
2023 January Meetings
Board of Supervisors "Reorganization Meeting": Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Auditor's Meeting: Wednesday, January 4th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
Board of Supervisors: January 19th, 2023 - Will be the second meeting of the month for the Board of Supervisors. Regular meeting at 7:00 pm.
2023 Meetings
Regular, monthly meetings, except in conflict with legal holidays.
Board of Supervisors - Workshop Meeting: Advertised only as needed
Board of Supervisors - Regular Meeting: First and third Thursday of each month, February through December, beginning at 7:00 pm.
Emmaus Borough / Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC): Fourth Monday of each month except, No January, March, November, or December Meetings. Call office for locations.
Planning Commission: Monday prior to the first Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., except in conflict with a legal holiday 12/28/2022, 5/30, 7/5, 9/5, 1/4/2024; Workshop meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month, only if necessary.
Zoning Hearing Board: Second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., upon application for a hearing.
Recreation Commission: Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Call Office for location.
Open Space Committee: Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. only to conduct business.
Emergency Services Committee: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. only to conduct business.
Pension Committee: Second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm only to conduct business.
All meetings unless otherwise noted will be held in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA.
Upper Milford Township
Edward Carter
Manager
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING NOTICE

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors will hold their Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Both Reorganization and Board meetings will be held at the Fogelsville Volunteer Fire Company, 7850 Lime Street, Fogelsville. The Auditors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 7000 Herber Road, New Tripoli. Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF 2023 REORGANIZATION AND GENERAL MEETINGS

ALLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION
The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allen has scheduled the Township Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 beginning at 6:00 P.M.
The General Meetings of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2023 are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. All meetings will begin at 6:00 P.M.
The Allen Township Planning Commission will hold regular meetings on the third Monday of each month for the year 2023. All meetings will begin at 6:00 P.M.
All meetings will be held at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania. Purpose of each of the above-stated meetings shall be to reorganize each Board/Commission as well as the review of any other matters properly brought before the Boards/Commission.
Ilene Marie Eckhart
Manager
Allen Township
Dec. 21

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 their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien. Tom Roginski, Space#922 Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the calendar year 2023 for the Borough of Alburts, Lehigh County, PA, is available for public inspection at the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, Lehigh County, PA during normal business hours and at www.alburts.org Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Nazareth Self Storage located at 249 S Main St., Nazareth, PA 18064 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. This sale will occur as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 12/29/2022 at 10:00AM. Stacey Sullivan unit #C220. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Dec. 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of PETER MANNISI, Late of Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executor named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: John Anthony Mannisi, Executor c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A. 515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502 Allentown, PA 18101 or to his attorney: Judith A. Harris, Esquire Norris McLaughlin, P.A. 515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502 Allentown, PA 18101 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF HAROLD J. DANKEL a/k/a HAROLD DANKEL, deceased, late of Alburts, 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: Frederick K. Dankel, Executor c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 or to his Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esq. 207 E. Main Street, Ste.100 Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF BONNIE L. DISTLER aka BONNIE LOU DISTLER, deceased, late of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Michelle M. Krempasky, Administratrix c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 or to her Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esq. 207 E. Main Street, Ste.100 Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF KATHRYN ANN SWOYER, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Executrix or her attorney named below: Executor: JORDAN A. HANNA c/o Samuel F. Feldman, Esq. Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 2310 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, Esquire Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 2310 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Anthony G. Teti, Sr. a/k/a Anthony G. Teti, Deceased. Late of Upper Milford Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 12/13/21. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Kathleen G. Teti, Executrix, c/o Carla Trongone, Esq., 333 N. Broad St., Lansdale, PA 19446. Or to her Atty.: Carla Trongone, The Law Offices of Carla Trongone, 333 N. Broad St., Lansdale, PA 19446 Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, without delay, to the administrators or to their attorneys named below: Decedent: RONALD A. JANKOWSKI Date of Death: October 17, 2022 Late of: Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania Executor: Catherine Teresa Jankowski c/o Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire 211 West Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517 Attorney: Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below: Decedent: ELIZABETH K. DANE, a/k/a ELIZABETH KATHLEEN DANE Date of Death: October 14, 2022 Late of: Center Valley, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Executor: Alexander J. Lemheny c/o William W. Matz, Jr. Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517 Attorney: William W. Matz, Jr. Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem PA 18018-5517 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that the following Ordinances shall be considered, and if appropriate, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Ordinance #2022-18: Proposing to amend the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Part 2 (Traffic Regulations) by establishing stop intersections on multiple streets throughout Upper Macungie Township as set forth more fully in the body of the ordinance.

Ordinance #2022-19: Proposing to amend the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 (Sewers and Sewage Disposal) at Part 1 (Terminology), Part 2 (Connections to Sewer Systems), and Part 4 (Wastewater Discharge Limitations) requiring compliance with the terms and conditions of the ordinances of Upper Macungie Township governing connection to and use of the sanitary sewage collection system and enforcement of any such violations as set forth more fully in the body of the ordinance.

Ordinance #2022-20: Proposing to amend the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20 (Solid Waste) at Part 1 (Solid Waste Disposal) and Part 2 (Residential Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Disposal and Recycling Charges, Bills, and Payments) regarding billing procedures as set forth more fully in the body of the ordinance.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances shall be on display at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building at the address indicated above, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on file at The Parkland Press, Allentown, PA, where they may be inspected.

Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Elizabeth Ann Charters, 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: Deborah Ann Zolotareva, Executor c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown PA 18104 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF TERESA M. MONDSCHIEB, late of Coplay, 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 Jeffrey S. Mondschein, Executor, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105 or his attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire. The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105. Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. GREEN, deceased, late of 45430 Fairway Drive, Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Nancy J. Green, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire. The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Zurbano, Catharina Schoute a/k/a Catharina Schoute a/k/a Catharina S. Zurbano, dec'd. Late of Allentown Co-Administrators: Roberto Benjamin Zurbano a/k/a Roberto B. Zurbano and Kenneth Edward Zurbano a/k/a Kenneth E. Zurbano c/o Rowe Law Offices, P.C. 1200 Broadcasting Road, Suite 101 Wyomissing, PA 19610 Attorneys: Priscilla Natale, Esquire Rowe Law Offices, P.C. 1200 Broadcasting Road, Suite 101, Wyomissing, PA 19610 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF Thomas Andrew Cleary, deceased, late of 214 N. Fountain Street, City of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Daniel L. Cleary, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert Van Horn, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of John W. Reppert, Deceased, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to John W. Reppert II, a/k/a John William Reppert 2nd, Administrator, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Pearl M. Doplilka, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Holly Ann Kociolok, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Doris Jane Krasley, deceased, late of Lower Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Richard D. Krasley Sr., who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF Mary Ann S. Meckes a/k/a MaryAnn S. Meckes, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, and State of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Executrix: Melissa Susan Blocker a/k/a Melissa Blocker c/o Joshua D. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN LAW OFFICE PC 1935 Center Street Northampton, PA 18067 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Arlene H M Kehm, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Brenda A. Sweeney, Executrix c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esquire Steckel and Stopp, LLC 125 S Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Charles F. Schrenko, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Kelsey Siegfried, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Mary Fien, deceased, of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Theodore Fien, Jr., who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Theodore Fien, Jr., Administrator. c/o Lori Gardiner Kreglow, Esquire 18 East Market Street P.O. Box 1961 Bethlehem, P.A. 18016-1961 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF THOMAS R. MILLER, deceased, late of Whitehall, 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 payment to: SCOTT A. MILLER, EXECUTOR c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Dianne L. Peters, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Steven A. Litz, Esquire, Administrator 4744 Hamilton Boulevard Allentown, PA 18103 Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF OLIVE J. HAWK, deceased, late of Emerald, 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: CYNTHIA A. KOCKER c/o Attorney Stephen A. Strack Steckel and Stopp LLC 125 S Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080 Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Lillian F. Baker, Deceased. Late of Bethlehem City, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Alyce B. Galligani and George W. Baker, Executors, c/o Edward H. Butz, Esq., 1620 Pond Rd., Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104. Or to their Atty.: Edward H. Butz, Lesavoy Butz & Seitz, 1620 Pond Rd., Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF MANUEL S. FUICA, deceased, late of Forks Township, Northampton 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 payment to: Mary Ann Szkarlatiuk AND Käreni Szkarlatiuk, Executors c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Paulette M. Hottenbach, deceased, late of Whitehall, 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: Ronald T. Anderson, Executor c/o Emily A. Zettlemoyer 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or to his attorney: Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq. 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE TRUST NOTICE

Regen Erik thor-Straten Special Needs and Medicare Set-Aside Trust. Regen Erik thor Straten, Deceased. Late of Hamburg Borough, Berks County and Bethlehem City, Lehigh County, PA. This Trust is in existence and all persons having claims or demands against said Trust or decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Arden Trust Company, Trustee, c/o Kim D. Fetrow, Esq., 1001 Conshohocken State Rd. Ste. 1-300, West Conshohocken, PA 19428. Or to its Atty.: Kim D. Fetrow, Heckscher, Teillon, Terrill & Sager, P.C., 1001 Conshohocken State Rd. Ste. 1-300, West Conshohocken, PA 19428 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of The Estate of Elizabeth M. Fitzpatrick, Deceased. Terese M. Stofflet, Administratrix of the estate, of Lower Macungie Township, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, died on 03/15/2022. All persons having claims against the estate are requested to make known the same to the Administratrix or attorney named below. All persons indebted to the Decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the Administratrix or attorney named below. Terese M. Stofflet c/o Linda S. Luther-Veno, Esquire 2204 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Linda S. Luther-Veno, Esquire Law Offices of Linda Luther-Veno, LLC 2204 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Frank A. Unger, 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: Terry A. Unger-Gisolfi, Executor c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of KENNETH D. HENDRIX, late of the Township of Hanover, 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: Executor: BRIAN D. HENDRIX c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE 70 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426 Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Estate of RALPH A. ANDRIANO, late of 7914 Woodsbluff Run, Fogelsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Deceased. Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same, without delay to: Deborah Lee Lynch-Jenkins and Robin Grace Leisher, Co-Administrators c/o Miller Thielen, P.C. 101 S. Richmond Street Suite B Fleetwood, PA 19522 Or to the Estate's attorney, Amy J. Miller, Esquire Miller Thielen, P.C. 101 S. Richmond Street Suite B Fleetwood, PA 19522 Dec. 14, 21, 28

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