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'I'm sober, ... just disabled'

Resident asks for police understanding

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"I came here to address a matter in which has to deal with disabled people and sobriety," explained Jesse Almodovar to city council March 22.

He said, "After high school, I started going out. And of course, when you see a disabled person walking around in a town, at bars, whatnot, you are going to get calls to your police department about some guy walking on the street not looking normal, I guess you would say."

"That's happened a lot, over and over, and constantly, I've had to explain I'm sober, just disabled."

In addressing Police Chief Michelle Kott, Almodovar asked: "I just want to know if there's maybe a way to implement some type of training to understand the difference in how to know the difference between a disabled person and a drunk person."

He concluded, "I came here to just ask if there's anything that you can do. Maybe help your police force understand that just because somebody doesn't see **SOBER** on Page A3



Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy with graduates at one of two dozen ceremonies he's overseen.

Roy reflects on 13 years

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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It was a small meeting room dominated by a nondescript pale table. Around it sat animated, concerned personalities who erupted in loud diatribes and shouted over each other, and under whose care the Bethlehem Area School District floundered in purpose and debt. It was a \$50 million organization responsible for educating the city's youth, but run by guests on "Jerry Springer."

Thirteen years ago, new members joined the school board, and Joe Roy took the big administrative seat overseeing the schools themselves. BASD's culture and function are very different today, calmer and more efficient, and an entire class of students has progressed from kindergarten to graduation under his

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watch. The bell has rung, and he is heading home.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy is retiring in July.

Turning things around

Roy began his career as a teacher at Emmaus HS and by 1992 was cutting his teeth as an administrator at Liberty HS. He continued as principal at Palisades, Springfield Township, in Montgomery County before tack-

ling BASD in August 2010. He was aware the district had financial, governance and computer issues, but he wanted to return because of the sense of tradition and history he felt when he worked here previously. But it was not an easy landing.

"My plan was get in learn from many people to understand the issues, then build approaches to fix things," Roy said. "The first year was the roughest. I was still commuting from Philadelphia area and many long evening meetings. But, the main accomplishment of my first year was getting in place the core senior leadership team that would see us through the rough seas: Stacy Gober as CFO; Jack Silva, assistant superintendent; Russ Giordano, chief human resources officer; Mark Stein, chief facilities officer - all were hired See **ROY** on Page A2

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB
What is your favorite Easter basket treat?



"I like chocolate Easter bunnies because it reminds me of being a kid."

Kaylin Ward
Bethlehem



"In my country of El Salvador it is a flower called coloflor."

Jorge Castro
Bethlehem

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Board to appoint Dr. Jack Silva as next BASD superintendent

"I am confident Dr. Silva will continue to keep the BASD moving forward as the premier District in the Lehigh Valley."
Michael Faccinnetto

The Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District is proud to announce its intention to appoint Dr. Jack P. Silva as the next superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District, effective July 2023. The board will vote to approve Dr. Silva at its April 24 meeting. Dr. Silva will succeed Dr. Joseph Roy, who has served as the district's superintendent since 2010.

Dr. Silva began his career in the Bethlehem Area School District in 2010 as the assistant superintendent and chief academic officer. He is recognized as a state and national leader in improving students' reading achievement, establishing school-community partnerships, and creating career pathways in support of graduates' post-high school success.

"I am confident Dr. Silva will continue to keep the BASD moving forward as the premier district in the Lehigh Valley," said Bethlehem Area School Board President Michael Faccinnetto. "Under his leadership as assistant superintendent and chief academic officer, our students have been given access to new curricular opportunities and have grown academically."

Prior to his position in the BASD, Dr. Silva served as an administrator in the Souderton Area School District. His roles included principal, assistant principal, and director of secondary education, director of K-12 education. He taught social studies in Souderton Area School District and Central Bucks School District.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What is your favorite Easter basket treat?



"Beef jerky."
Cody Fife
Bethlehem



"Peanut butter eggs."
Maureen Solares
Whitehall Township



"Peanut butter eggs."
Joe Novak
Bethlehem



"Malted milk balls and malted eggs."
Mike Au
Bethlehem

Ben Franklin to fund health sciences startups

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania has announced the Life Science and Healthcare Technology Fund, designed to assist in the creation of life science startups in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The fund provides up to \$250,000 to match investments by regional healthcare providers and specialists, private corporations, and academic institutions that are creating spinoff companies or developing technologies of interest to their organization. Participating organizations must commit at least \$50,000 into the startup, targeting technologies that improve the lives of patients or the delivery of care. Recipients of the investment can be companies launched by individuals from within the organization or companies attracted to the region by a participating institution.

Investments from the fund can be made for a wide range of life science and healthcare improvements, such as: new biologics or pharmaceuticals; medical devices or diagnostics; in-hospital caregiving and patient management tools and software; new caregiving solutions; staff and patient safety solutions; and community health solutions.

Potential clients and partners are encouraged to contact Wayne Barz, Chief Investment Officer at wbarz@nep.benfranklin.org for more information.

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LOCAL POLICE

ATV arrest

Among growing concern about hazardous dirt bike and All-Terrain Vehicle traffic on roadways, Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin announced the arrest of Taurean Durran Farmer, 40, of Pen Argyl.

Farmer was wanted for several incidents of reckless driving on roadways on an ATV, for numerous traffic violations and fleeing and obstructing police. Two incidents happened in one day in July 2022. In the first, on Tlghman Street in Upper Macungie Township, Farmer was allegedly driving at unsafe speeds, doing wheelies with a passenger behind him, and swerved into oncoming traffic to evade police.

About five minutes later in South Whitehall Township, Farmer was observed traveling with a large group of motorcycles and ATVs which did not stop for police lights. Farmer allegedly blocked a police car from passing for two blocks.

Farmer again fled police July 19.

Farmer was arrested on a Lehigh County warrant in New York City and was extradited to the county. He is currently in Lehigh County Jail.

ROY

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during my first year. "In later years, Marie Bachman as chief technology officer and Claire Hogan as chief pupil services officer became key leaders. That team stayed together for 10-plus years. Stacy retired in summer 2022, Russ is retiring along with me at the end of this school year. All others are still in place. This is unheard of in large school districts."

Noteworthy challenges were balancing the budget while holding down taxes, removing barriers to educational equity, and the ongoing process of re-thinking the meaning of grades and assessments.

Recent years have seen another change in the landscape.

"Teachers are the glue that holds everything together. I am so disappointed when I see attacks on teachers by partisan and divisive cultural fighters."

In 2017, Roy was named Pa. Superinten-

dent of the Year, but this personal accomplishment remains secondary in his satisfaction to everything the district as a whole has done. His list includes turning the district's reputation from very poor to highly respected locally, regionally and statewide; rebuilding its finances; rebuilding the IT infrastructure; implementing full-day kindergarten; the Leader in Me, Restorative Practices, Wellness Centers, Reading By Grade 3 literacy (has received national recognition), and other programs. He also made issues of equity and social justice center stage in serving a population that is made up of 60 percent students of color.

What retirement means

"This job, for 13 years, required sacrifices on the part of my wife and children," Roy explained. "It's time to stop asking for those sacrifices. Additionally, both of my oldest daughters will be getting married in the coming

"I love this community. Our beautiful diversity creates a community that gets that people are different and accepts people for who they are."



school year. I want to be truly 'present' in mind and spirit for their weddings without the never-ending worry and daily challenges of serving as the CEO of BASD.

"Finally, I'll take some time to think about what is next, but I imagine some combination of university teaching, project/consulting work. I also plan to read a lot more and live a healthier lifestyle."

It's not over

Even as he nears his departure, Roy said he is overseeing preparations for further demands on the trans-

portation department in the face of a nationwide bus driver shortage and coming teacher shortages. But Bethlehem remains a point of great professional and personal pride that will weather these challenges together.

"I love this community. Our beautiful diversity creates a community that gets that people are different and accepts people for who they are. This is why we have not seen the partisan cultural divisions that have hit so many districts. I'm proud of our people that make up our BASD school community."

Contributed article

SILVA

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Silva received his doctorate of educational leadership from Lehigh University, his master's of education in curriculum and instruction from Kutztown Univer-

sity, and his bachelor's of science in secondary education from Pennsylvania State University. Silva is also Built by Bethlehem attending Fountain Hill ES and Broughal MS and graduating from Liberty HS in 1982. He is a lifelong resident of the school

district and both of his children graduated from Liberty HS.

"It is an honor to be presented with this opportunity," Silva said. "I am looking forward to building upon the excellent work being done by our faculty and staff, as well as extend-

ing BASD partnerships with the Bethlehem community. We are blessed to live, learn, and grow in this wonderful school community where each person matters and everyone has a path to a brighter future."

MAYOR'S SOUTH SIDE TASK FORCE

Fire Dept. smoke detector giveaway

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

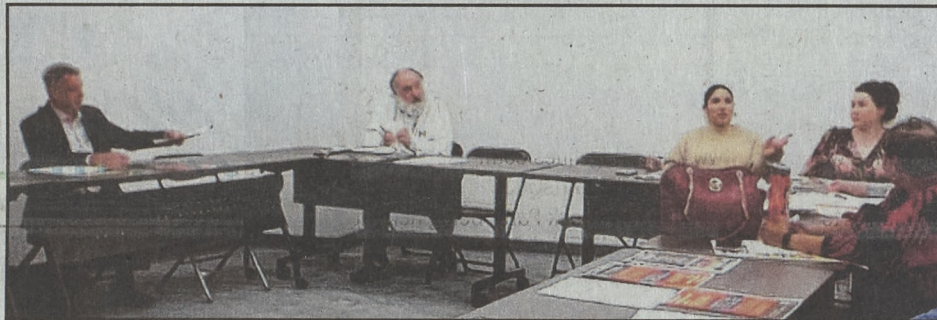
Chairperson Janine Santoro and members of the Mayor's South Side Task Force had much to discuss at their March 29 gathering. The hybrid meeting was held in the NCC Fowler Center.

Santoro related Fire Chief Warren Achey's continued call for volunteers to help with installing 300 smoke detectors in around 100 Bethlehem homes on May 6. These will be distributed from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Schweder Fire Station (Company 1), 419 E. Fourth St.

She mentioned they are seeking assistance with alerting residents by posting lawn signs and distributing door hangers two weeks prior. This is part of an American Red Cross national program offering the safety devices for free.

Santoro followed up saying Bethlehem is also hiring firefighters. Information can be found on the city's website: www.bethlehem-pa.gov.

Among her updates



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

The Mayor's South Side Task Force continues to meet in person and via Zoom. From left, are Heudia Health CEO Ed Connors, Jeff Zettlemoyer from Housing Opportunities Group, Samantha Mravlag from CADCB, Katy Wirth from SouthSide Arts District, and Adrienne McNeil from Lehigh University.

from the mayor's office, Santoro announced Mayor William Reynolds and members of the Latino Council are looking to create a relationship with a sister city in Puerto Rico.

Transgender Day of Visibility was celebrated at the end of March at Payrow Plaza with a flag-raising event hosted by Corinne Goodwin from PA Trans Equity Project.

Santoro provided online links to an information session on the Community Recovery Fund at: https://webuild.beth-

lehem-pa.gov/en/ where a formal Community Recovery Fund application will be available through April 30.

Santoro reminded attendees Bethlehem's State of the City address is scheduled for April 6, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Presented by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, it takes place at ArtsQuest.

She also introduced community fellow Kevin McNulty and intern Lya Ali, both working in the mayor's office.

Samantha Mravlag from CADB remarked on South Side Commu-

nity Visioning meetings focused on Environmental Justice will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on April 11 at South Side Lofts, April 25 at Broughal Middle School, and May 9 at Cathedral Church of the Nativity.

Mravlag also mentioned Lehigh University's annual Spring Clean-Up on the Southside is scheduled for April 15 from 9 a.m. - noon. Volunteers are to meet at 8:45 a.m. at Farlington Square.

Katy Wirth, Southside Arts District, and See **SMOKE** on Page A3

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AROUND TOWN

WINE EVENTS RETURN: It'll be an evening of great wine and fancy clothes, capped off with a thrilling race when ArtsQuest hosts the Run for the Rosé Derby Watch Party. Produced in partnership with Noble Oak, this fashionable fête will be held Saturday, May 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Air Products Town Square and Capital Blue Cross Creativity Commons at SteelStacks. Jay Nee of Juniper and Grain is back offering a tasting of rosés from near and far and the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby will be broadcast live on a large LED screen. Tickets will go on sale April 30. Visit Steelstacks.org for additional information regarding pricing.

ArtsQuest, in partnership with Upper Macungie Township and Sports and Social Allentown, announces the sixth annual SangriaFest, scheduled for Sept. 2, at Grange Park. Tickets are on sale now at ArtsQuest.org. The event runs from 4 (3 p.m. for premium access hour) to 7 p.m. Premium access hour includes four exclusive sangria samples, catered menu, exclusive access to a private bar, air-conditioned restrooms and access to VIP parking. Please note there are a limited number of tickets to this event and there is no guarantee that tickets will be available day-of or at the gates. This is a 21+ event.

GARDEN CLUB APRIL MEETING: The Bethlehem Garden Club will hold its April meeting April 23, at the Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road at 1 p.m. and the program will begin at 1:30. The program, "Spring Sensations," will be presented by Renee Tucci, a floral design educator and consultant from Philadelphia. Light refreshments will be served.

FOOD EXPERT TO SPEAK: International speaker and author Jon Steinman will present "Who Owns Your Grocery Store?", a program highlighting what food co-ops offer in the age of giant grocery stores. His talk will also focus on what food co-ops need to grow and thrive, and how they can support a community economy.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held April 15 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Wilbur Mansion Event Center, 201 Cherokee St., Bethlehem. It will also be offered online, via Zoom.

Steinman's presentation is sponsored by the Bethlehem Food Co-Op, which is working to bring a community-owned, 'everyone welcome' grocery store to 250 E. Broad St., Bethlehem. The full service market, which currently has over 1300 members, is expected to open later this year.

Attendees are asked to register by Saturday, April 8, at this link: bit.ly/42BMoj0, whether planning to attend in person or to view the Zoom presentation. The first 25 to register will receive a copy of Steinman's book, *Grocery Story*, that can be picked up at the in person event; one per household.

The Zoom link to view the live presentation is bit.ly/3JdfCp0.

TRANS-BRIDGE RESERVATIONS: Trans-Bridge Lines has announced that it will offer a reservation experience beginning Monday, April 3, on its Doylestown/Flemington routes. All trips will offer passengers confirmed bus runs for the travel date and time booked.

Trans-Bridge Lines will transition to reservations beginning with their Doylestown/Flemington schedules before incorporating their Wall Street, Newark Airport and Allentown/Clinton routes.

In addition to confirmed seating, the company continues to work closely with their technology vendor to provide augmented features for easy online ticketing, as well as Apple and Google Wallet capability for quick access to boarding passes.

For more information on Trans-Bridge Lines, please visit the company's website at www.transbridgelines.com.

BANANA FACTORY BLOCK PARTY: ArtsQuest invites the community to a free, family-friendly Block Party, being held at the Banana Factory Arts Center, 25 W. Third St., on Bethlehem's SouthSide, Saturday, May 20. The event, taking place from noon to 6 p.m., will feature live music, exhibitions, art workshops and more.

Formerly known as the SouthSide Arts & Music Festival (SSAMF), this one-day art-inclusive celebration will feature a variety of programming, all free to the community.

Featured vendors include The Bethlehem Area Public Library, The Wicked Botanist and MAKE Lehigh Valley. Food will be provided by local food trucks and a cash bar will be available.

Thursday, April 6

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

Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc. general meeting. Program: 3d Printing with George N3qsd. 7:30 p.m. Nancy Run Fire Company, 3564 Easton Ave. Details, to register, contact KE3AW@arrl.net or call 610-419-9286 or visit www.dlarc.club

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, April 7

First Friday events: visit <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/first-friday/>

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, April 8

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

Monday, April 10

Celtic Tea Party (reservation deadline): Includes three courses with tea, sandwiches and dessert and Celtic music. Tea tasting tables and a mimosa station with sparkling apple cider available at an additional cost. Fancy hat contest during the event; win a brunch for two at the hotel. 10 persons per table. Tea party attire requested. 1 to 3 p.m. Historic Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St. Visit <https://celticfest.org/celtic-tea-party/> for tickets and information.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The first floor is stripped for renovation. The new shelves will be arranged around a central desk area with sight lines in all directions. Carpets, lights and meeting spaces will all be updated.

BAPL gets needed renovation

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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The Bethlehem Area Public Library is undergoing the first renovation of its ground floor since its opening downtown in 1967. Residents will have noticed a number of regular services, such as perusing the shelves and computer

access, are unavailable even as programs continue, but things will be better than ever in a few weeks.

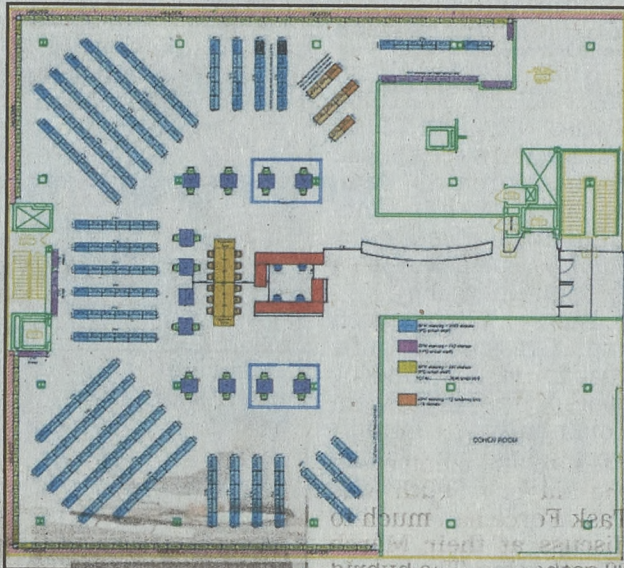
The 2022 capital campaign was designed to meet modern needs for brighter, cleaner shelves, a centralized desk area and private study and meeting

rooms. According to library sources, "Much of the furniture and shelving was installed in 1967 when the main concern was having space for print materials and room for the card catalog. We have done our best to reconfigure these existing structures, but it is not meeting current

needs and the time for a redesign is now."

New, shelving, lighting and carpeting will make for a relaxed aesthetic and easier access throughout the massive room.

There isn't currently a plan for a grand re-opening.



A concept design of the new floor plan by J.P. Jay Associates, library furniture supplier.



The books are stowed in safety crates while the renovations take place.

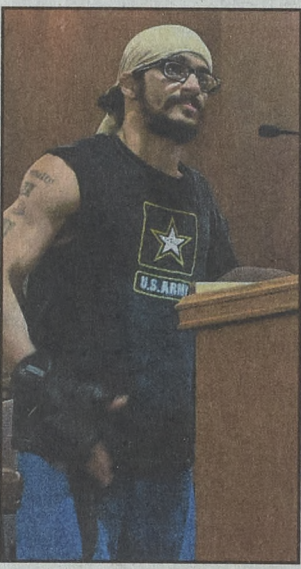
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cause somebody doesn't walk like somebody else outside on the street, it doesn't mean that they are bad. It doesn't always mean that they are breaking the law.

"Just take the time to talk to them. You don't always have to stop us to ask for our IDs, or have four or five officers back you up. All we want to do is walk outside."

After the meeting, Kott spoke to Almodovar privately.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE

Left, Jose Almodovar speaks about looking for a way to educate and sensitize the police and the public about the disabled.

Later, Eric Carr and Robert Lopez were honored for their years of service to the city.

Lopez worked for 36 years with Department of Public Works and thanked those who came to see him receive

this honor. Carr was not present to receive his citation.

April 18 is the new date for the public hearing on a zoning ordinance for 119 Technology Drive.

At issue is a request for rezoning from Industrial Redevelopment to Central Business by Serfass Development.

If the zoning change is agreed to by city council, Serfass Development would build a six-story building with 240 apartments.

SMOKE

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nounced Spring on the Southside April 22 from 1-4 p.m. along the Greenway between Adams and Polk streets. Focused on "food, yoga, art and plants," it is presented by SouthSide Arts District and St. Luke's University Health Network.

State Rep. Steve Samuelson (D) reported that Gov. Shapiro's recently-released budget proposal provides a 7.8 percent increase for basic and special education funding. The Bethlehem Area School District would see an increase of 11.5 percent.

Samuelson said he was able to secure a \$1M state grant for the "Steel General Office Building." Along with help from State Senator Lisa Boscola, grants for the north side will help with traffic and pedestrian safety.

With the shift of power in the state legislature, Samuelson is now the Majority Chair of the Finance Committee. In that capacity, he will be seeking an increase in eligibility and dollars for the state rent and property tax rebate program.

Jeff Zettlemyer from Housing Opportunities described a federal grant program that pro-

vides funding to bring buildings up to code and accommodate disabled residents. Other grant and loan programs were mentioned.

He and Roger Hudak noted new houses were under construction near their neighborhood.

Eric Fontanez from the Bethlehem Area School District mentioned Dr. Joseph Roy's retirement and said kindergarten registration has begun.

Adrienne McNeil from Lehigh University spoke about the annual Spring Fling held at Broughal Middle School.

Heudia Health CEO Ed Connors said he was studying community vi-

olence prevention funding opportunities and would share what he learns with the Bethlehem Police Dept.

Attending remotely, Emma Scheinmann from the National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) promoted S.T.E.A.M. into Spring Break, a youth series for April 2023. Activities include guided tours, steam engine demonstration and metal melting and shaping workshop. Information: nmih.org/spring2023

The Mayor's South Side Task Force regularly meets on the last Tuesday of the month.

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AREA DEATHS

Joseph Martin Beier
of Bethlehem Township

Joseph Martin Beier, 67, of Bethlehem Township, died March 23, 2023. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late William E. Beier Jr., and Emma V. (Pezmeg) Beier.

He started his career in the foundry at Bethlehem Steel Corp.

He was an IT Programmer Analyst with DXC for more than 43 years.

He is survived by two brothers, William E. Beier III and wife Janet and David M. Beier; cousins; and friends.

Contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

Ethel B. Benner

parachute maker



Ethel B. Benner, 97, of Bethlehem, died March 28, 2023, in Riverton Nursing and Rehab facility, Allentown. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Milton and Ethel (Reed) Bissey. She was the wife of the late Lester T. Benner.

She was a secretary for many years for the former Dodig Insurance Company before retiring. She was a parachute maker for the former U.S. Gage Co. during World War II.

She was a member of Trinity U.C.C. Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by four children, Christine Richards (David), Gail Jones (Theodore), Nancy Kichline (Gerry) and George Shively; four stepchildren, Wheeler, Rebecca Hitcho (the late Michael), Victoria Prosperi (William) and Jessica Agentis (James); grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by six brothers and sisters; and a stepdaughter, Patricia.

Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research

James John Holzinger

Bethlehem attorney



James John Holzinger died March 28, 2023. He was a son of the late Anna and Joseph Holzinger. He was the husband of Liza Aristoff Holzinger for 44 years.

He was 1972 graduate of Liberty HS and a 1976 graduate of Moravian College. He earned a Juris Doctor with honors from Delaware Law School of Widener University, where he was the managing editor of the Law Review.

He was admitted to both the Delaware Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar in 1984. He clerked for the Honorable Justice John J. McNeilly of the Supreme Court of Delaware. He was, after returning to Bethlehem, a senior partner at Holzinger, Harak & Scmillio. He taught Business Law for 35 years at Muhlenberg College.

He was a vice president and later a president of the First Windish Fraternal Benefit Society of America. He was on the Board of Directors for the Allentown State Hospital until it closed in 2010. He was a past vice president of the Greater Bethlehem Soccer League.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, James Holzinger; two daughters, Rebekah Holzinger (husband Richard Winslow) and Jessica Holzinger; and two grandchildren, Alexis and Brandon Holzinger; and two sisters, Geraldine Holzinger and Jean Somers.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Ann Fletcher and Theresa Diehl; and a brother, Raphael Holzinger.

Contributions may be made to Stephen's Place, 729 Ridge St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Philip Adam Martocci

born in Bethlehem



Philip Adam Martocci, 59, of Middleburg, Florida, died March 14, 2023, after a hemorrhagic stroke while on a ski trip in Nevada. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Mary and Tony Martocci of Bethlehem. He was the husband of Julie (Steinbrecher) Martocci.

He attended Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary elementary school (now St. Michael the Archangel), and Saucon Valley Jr. and Sr. HS, where he played football; and East Stroudsburg State College, where he majored in Information Technology and was president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

He set up the computer technology behind ticketing for major attractions around the world.

He was an Eagle Scout.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by three children, Sam, Kimmie and Jenn; four sisters, Laura, Natalie, Monica and Diana; a nephew; and nieces.

Contributions may be made to St. Michael the Archangel School, 4121 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015; or to the American Brain Foundation, 201 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55415

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

PLEASE NOTE

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HELLERTOWN

Climate and finance are addressed

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The March 20 meeting of the Hellertown Borough Council was uncontroversial but productive, addressing several issues during the hour-plus meeting.

Garrett Powell, who serves on the borough's Climate Action Committee with councilor Terri Fadem, provided an update on the inaugural Climate Town Hall meeting held the previous week.

Powell said it was "well-attended," with about 30 folks joining in-person and via Zoom. He added that they received multiple follow-up emails from groups expressing interest in their efforts, including Saucon Valley HS's Environmental Club.

The committee's next steps will include refining messaging on energy- (and cost-) saving initiatives and working with Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft to procure quotes on solar

power throughout Hellertown, Powell added.

Councilor Andrew Hughes then reported on the second meeting of the borough's budding Finance Committee.

Along with colleague Matt Marcincin, Hughes' presentation elaborated on the borough's property holdings and their financial implications. He noted that Hellertown boasts 90-plus acres of parks, multiple facilities, and 42 vehicles.

Hughes further "challenged" invested parties to consider some revenue-generating possibilities that might derive from the creative deployment of these assets. Some of his suggestions included selling off some of the borough's lesser-used equipment and exploring installing solar panels on the south-facing roof of the new Public Works building.

In other business, Hartranft happily reported successfully bidding on a \$396,000 grant



The council honored four Saucon Valley High School students – Jake Jones, Aiden Grogg, Cole Hubert and Liam Scrivanich – who placed at the recent PIAA state championship wrestling tournament. (Photo courtesy Saucon Valley Athletics Facebook page)

for improvements to Gregory Park. Council President Thomas Rieger noted the "pocket park" on Easton Road is overdue for an upgrade.

Rieger also announced that an upcoming regular council meeting will be held immediately following a dual Open House & Ribbon-Cutting/Retirement of Robert Ruch Ceremony at the now-finished Public Works facility. May 15 is the tentative

date, contingent upon Ruch's ability to attend, Rieger added.

Also, the council honored three high school students – Jake Jones, Aiden Grogg, and Cole Hubert – who placed at the recent PIAA state championship wrestling tournament. District Athletic Director Bob Frey noted that a fourth wrestler, Liam Scrivanich, was unable to attend.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP

Board honors 2 community heroes

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nina Dziak, Ethan Christiansen, Arthur Grasso Jr. and John Walden were recognized at the March 20 Bethlehem Township Commissioners' meeting for helping someone in a medical emergency.

Diaz, Christiansen and Grasso, all lifeguards at the indoor pool of the Bethlehem Community Center, were joined by Walden to assist in providing potentially life-saving actions Feb. 25.

On behalf of the township, President John Merhottein recognized and honored their efforts in helping someone in need.

In other business, in a vote of 3-1, DeAnn Lawrence was appointed as Commissioner for Ward 1, the seat formerly held by the late Dale Sourbeck.

Her term will end January 2024.

With the support of the recreation com-



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to formally apply for a grant of \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

An additional grant application for \$75,000 for playground renovations was approved under the Northampton County Livable Landscape program.

Commissioners also passed Resolution R027-23 approving the expenditure of \$611,301.98 for a 900-ECO 12-yard truck-mounted combination sewer cleaner.

However the commissioners rejected a waiver of the application fees and the escrow accounts for the installation of a gazebo for Green Pond United Methodist Church.

The gazebo is considered a structure because it is 22 feet. Under this classification, it falls under the land development process.

The commissioners agreed to a waiver of the land development process.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Council members recognize hero

BY BILL LEINER JR.
Special to The Press

At the March 1 Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Council meeting, council members honored a hero in their community. Council Chairman Bruce Paulus read and presented a proclamation on behalf of council and the community to Sharon Steitz.

Paulus declared March 2 as Sharon Steitz Day in Hanover Township. Steitz courageously entered the home of Joseph and Virginia Hook, her elderly neighbors, and escorted them from their burning home to safety Jan. 13.

Steitz was thanked by all of council and the Hooks, who were on hand for her recognition, which noted her quick action and bravery to save them from the fire.

In other matters, council approved Resolution 2023-32 to grant final land development for Patriot American Parkway, lot 2, Exeter Land, 1701 Dauphin St., Allentown.

Resolution 2023-33 was pulled by the requester about final land



PRESS PHOTO BY BILL LEINER JR.

Sharon Steitz, center, is honored for saving neighbors Joseph and Virginia Hook (at left) from a Jan. 13 fire. Council Chairman Bruce Paulus and the rest of council joined in honoring Steitz.

development for Patriot American Parkway, lot 3, Exeter Land, 1112 American Parkway, Allentown.

Patriot American Park, on American Parkway in Allentown, is an office complex consisting of more than 500,000 square feet on about 140 acres of land in Hanover Township, Lehigh County. The building has a two-wing design with a center, open-air atrium that is

three stories high.

The developer plans more than 200,000 square feet of industrial space. The property is part of the EQT Exeter group. The group is a global operation that acquires, develops, leases and manages logistics, office, life science and residential properties.

Council also voted to authorize township Manager Melissa Wehr to release payment three to Wexcon Inc. for the

Allendale sanitary replacement project in the amount of \$158,613.34.

Wexcon Inc. is an industrial utility contracting company based in Mohrsville that contracts with private companies, the state and local municipalities.

The next council meeting is set for 7 p.m. April 5 in the municipal building, 2202 Grove Road. It is an in-person meeting only.



Goblins safe, throwable paintball kits.

Left, Mezzimatic CEO Briana Gardell and Sales and Marketing Director Kaela Gardell celebrate their success.

Contributed photos

Goblins, local innovation startup, finds its Target

Innovation zone beneficiary Mezzimatic LLC of Bethlehem has struck a major deal with Target Corporation. Target will carry the company's flagship product Goblins Throwable Paintballs and Play Paint online and in-stores nationwide.

The company has come a long way since the idea for Goblins was first conceived by CEO Briana Gardell. Gardell first worked on the product while getting her master's in Technical Entrepreneurship at Lehigh University. She went from testing 26 different prototypes, to making them in her apartment kitchen, to canning them in SoBe-

CoWorks, moving to Pi Partnership for Innovation, selling in Michaels Stores, to finally landing on the shelves of Target - a Top 10 retailer in the United States.

"It is so exciting to have Goblins products in Target" said Mezzimatic CEO Briana Gardell. "We're in stores just in time for Easter, so hopefully we'll be another Bethlehem based product that will be in Easter baskets - just like the iconic Peeps."

"This is exciting news for Briana, Target, and Bethlehem" said Bethlehem Mayor J. William Reynolds. "We still remember when Briana was working on the product while en-

rolled at Lehigh. We invested funding and resources through our KIZ Program soon after she created her start-up company because it was apparent that she has the personality and determination needed to grow a business. We couldn't be happier to see Goblins in Target stores nationwide."

Eligible companies are for-profit business entities that: 1) are located within the SBKIZ, 2) have been in operation for less than 8 years, 3) operate within one of the KIZ targeted industry clusters, and 4) are developing innovative technologies.

Contributed article

BRIEFLY

EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of the Emmaus Public Library will host a bus trip to the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City May 11.

There is a cost and reservations are required by April 10.

The Morgan Library

is the setting of the bestselling novel, "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

The bus will depart 8 a.m. from The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 3461 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. and return by approximately 6 p.m. the same day.

The trip includes a guided tour of the Morgan Library, lunch and sightseeing.

There is a cost. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Proceeds benefit the Emmaus Public Library.

Call 570-259-0200 with questions.



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Tuesday, April 11

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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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, April 5:

HARB - Historical Architectural Review board, 5 p.m. Masks may be required. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Submit public questions, comments, name and phone number 24 hours in advance via email to planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov

Fountain Hill Finance, P.W., Personnel, House committees, 5:30 p.m. 941 Long St.

Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Council 7 p.m. 2202 Grove Rd.

Thursday, April 6

Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), 7 p.m. Fowler Family Southside Center, Northampton County Community College, 511 E. Third St. For in-person location and zoom link information, visit www.bethlehemec.org

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

NorCo Human Services, 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

Government and other buildings may be closed.

NorCo NCCD Education & Outreach Committee, 1 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, April 10

Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4 p.m. Community Room, Monacacy Towers, 645 Main St.

Bethlehem Twp. NorCo Recreation Commission, 6 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

Tuesday, April 11

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

NorCo Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board, 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

NorCo NCCD Admin/ Ops Committee, 6 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

HanNorCo Board of Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

NCCD Board of Directors, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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

Wednesday, April 12

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

Nor Co Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Fountain Hill Stormwater Authority, 6 p.m. 941 Long St.

BethNorCo Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.

Hellertown Water Authority Board, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.

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

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MUNICIPAL NEWS

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

NARCAN TRAINING OFFERED: The Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division will offer Heroin & Opioid Prevention Education + Naloxone Training as part of the Fentanyl Awareness campaign, Fake is Real. After attending this program, participants will know about the different types of opioids, identify signs and symptoms of opioid abuse and overdose, know how to safely store and dispose of prescription medications, identify community resources for people facing addiction, and learn how to administer NARCAN. For more information, please visit FakelsReal.org/Hope-Training

Free NARCAN kits, courtesy of the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau, will be available.

Anyone interested in the training should contact Gretchen Hill at ghill@norcopa.gov.

LETTER POLICY

The Press welcomes responsible expression of all points of view submitted as letters to the editor. We make an effort to print all letters we receive which identify the writer, both to us and to our readers.

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Letters to the editor may be emailed to gtaylor@tnonline.com.

Ben Franklin invests \$1.1M regionally

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania's (Ben Franklin Northeast) Board of Directors has approved the investment of \$1.1 million in support of regional economic development. 11 companies, including six technology startups and five established manufacturers, from Ben Franklin Northeast's service area received funding, including many in Northampton and Lehigh counties.

Ben Franklin Northeast announces the following early-stage company investment:

Veneca, Inc. Lehigh County
Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$100,000

Veneca is a cybersecurity platform that creates a comprehensive network of trust between service providers and the organizations that use them by creating standardized, independent cybersecurity risk assessments and evaluations of suppliers' cybersecurity risk postures. The investment supports product development and go-to market execution.

Ben Franklin Northeast announces the following investments in established manufacturers, which is provided in 1:1 matching funding for work with a college or university partner:

BRD Noise and Vibration Control, Inc. Northampton County

Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$10,000

BRD Noise and Vibration Control designs and manufactures materials for noise and vibration control for large commercial HVAC systems and industrial equipment. This investment supports the implementation of parametric drawings which will enable the company to improve the productivity of engineering

resources, on-time delivery and resource utilization, customer service, quality of product, and support top-line growth plans. BRD Noise and Vibration Control will partner with Lehigh University's Center for Supply Chain Management on this project.

Straight Arrow Products
Northampton County

Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$20,000

Straight Arrow Products produces hair and skin care products for the equestrian and human markets. The investment supports the implementation of new modules to their Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to enhance forecasting and reporting. Straight Arrow Products will partner with Lehigh University's Center for Supply Chain Management on this project.

US Specialty Formulations, LLC Lehigh County

Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$25,000

US Specialty Formulations, LLC (USSF) is a biotech firm, commercializing an oral-mucosal vaccine - QYNDR - recently successfully completed its Phase I clinicals. This oral vaccine targets multiple COVID-19 variants and may be adapted to other viruses such as flu, Group A Strep and RSV. USSF also produces sterile injectable pharmaceuticals for hospitals, physicians, and is a key supplier in the perfusion market. The investment supports implementing an electronic quality control system to improve its operational workflow and tie into its anticipated new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. USSF will partner with Lehigh University's Enterprise Systems Center on this project.

Ben Franklin Northeast announces the following early-stage company investments as part of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). These projects were financed [in part] from Pennsylvania Small Business Credit Initiative funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development:

LifeAire Systems Lehigh County

Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$340,000

LifeAire Systems manufactures air purification equipment for the In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), hospital, long term care, and life science markets. LifeAire Systems patented multi-stage air purification technology eliminates 99.99 percent of all known airborne contaminants that compromise the success of the in vitro culture of living cells, development and production of biological and pharmaceutical products, and contribute to illness and infections in healthcare acute care spaces and senior living residential spaces. The investment supports continued new product and technology development, increased inventory, and improvements to their supply chain.

Spoke Sciences, Inc.
Northampton County

Ben Franklin Northeast Investment: \$400,000

Spoke Sciences develops technologies to deliver insoluble lipidic ingredients in water-based formulations. This investment supports scale up of research, development, and commercialization efforts.

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County gets jump start on renewal

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh County commissioners unanimously passed the first reading of a bill to restart and fund a countywide Redevelopment Authority March 22.

Chair Geoff Brace explained, "in addition to supporting this, I actually think that the Redevelopment Authority, as it gets its bearings and begins its work in Catasauqua, I think the scale of redevelopment authority-related projects is pretty significant in Lehigh County. All of those projects will happen outside of the city of Allentown and the city of Bethlehem. This will be a great tool for other municipalities to use, because those two cities already have a redevelopment authority."

Second reading will take place April 12.

A bill amending the 2023-2027 Lehigh County Capital Plan, which will include renovations to the Cedar View Apartments, was also passed. Records show that an engineering inspection and audit declared the balconies unusable. Commissioner Jeffrey Dutt explained the findings. "When they went in to look at the balconies, they noticed there was some chipping of the cement, the facing of it. When they did further studies, they needed more repairs so I came forward to have this Capital Plan amended to include so the balconies will be safe for the residents of Cedar View Apartments."

Dutt also explained funding in the capital plan for mail ballot extracting equipment and upgrading mail ballot sorting equipment registration.

"This is to purchase a novel of separators so that we will be counting ballots on election

night faster and more efficiently. So that was put through our capital plan and will be purchased for this year, and up and running for this year's election." The bill passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-14 Approving Professional Service Agreements with Kim Gillen, Esq., Michael Gough, Esq., and Hala Khouly Esq. to Act in the Capacity of Juvenile Dependency Attorneys was passed.

Commissioner Dave Harrington, who chairs the Courts and Corrections Committee, explained, "dependency has to do with children who, unfortunately, have not had a more watchful eye from the county, and Children and Youth, and things like that. So, this is a very crucial function that we do here in Lehigh County."

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12.

Unemployment card provider to change

The Pennsylvania Treasury Department announces the beginning of a transition period to a new prepaid debit card provider for Unemployment Compensation and State Workers' Insurance Fund claimants.

Claimants of both programs are strongly encouraged to verify that they have their correct mailing address on file with the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) to ensure all mailings reach them in a timely manner. Claimants can also change their payment method to direct deposit by visiting L&I's website.

Money Network prepaid debit cards, issued by My Banking Direct, will replace U.S. Bank ReliaCards® currently in use. Beginning on or about March 6, the Money Network prepaid debit cards were mailed to UC/SWIF recipients who receive benefit payments via prepaid debit card.

The new card arrived in a plain white envelope with an Omaha, Nebraska, return address. Recipients should be sure to remove the card before discarding this envelope.

Claimants should note that any remaining balances on U.S. Bank ReliaCards® will not transfer to the new Money Network prepaid debit cards. Those with remaining funds on U.S. Bank ReliaCards® should continue to use the card until it reaches a zero (\$0.00) balance. Remaining funds can also be transferred to a personal savings or checking account.

While the number of people affected by this change will vary depending on the number of claims, approximately 47,000 claimants statewide received Money Network prepaid debit cards by the end of March. Nearly all of those

will be recipients of UC benefits; the number of SWIF benefit recipients affected by the change is estimated to be fewer than 20.

Direct URLs for the relevant resources from Treasury and L&I are:

<https://www.patreaury.gov/UCdebitcard>

<https://www.patreaury.gov/UCdebitcardFAQ>

<https://www.uc.pa.gov/faq/claimant/Pages/Debit-Card-FAQs.aspx>

<https://www.uc.pa.gov/faq/claimant/Pages/Direct-Deposit-FAQs.aspx>

Claimants with questions can email UCDtreasuryweb@patreaury.gov or call 877-869-1956.

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St. Luke's urges vaccines for kids

The recent reappearance of polio in some communities in the Northeast serves as an important reminder to parents to keep up with their child's vaccinations.

"Vaccines are key to keeping everyone in the family healthy, from infants to school children and from teens to older adults, and to preventing the spread of serious diseases in our communities," said Jennifer A. Janco, M.D., a pediatrician with St. Luke's University Health Network.

To be fully immunized, children need all doses of all vaccines recommended for their age

group.

If your child does not receive all the recommended doses, your child and your family members are vulnerable to serious diseases, Janco said.

Parents can check their family's online SLUHN portal or call their SLUHN pediatrician's office to find out whether their child is due for any vaccinations or boosters, and to schedule an appointment if necessary.

Due to the COVID pandemic, a number of children fell behind on their vaccinations and now is the perfect time to get them caught up, Dr. Janco said.

While Pennsylvania is one of only 15 states that allows for philosophical exemption to vaccines for school entry, Dr. Janco agrees with the Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendations for parents or guardians of students enrolled in grades K-12 to have their children immunized against various communicable diseases, including polio.

The regulations apply to kindergarten, elementary and secondary students enrolled in a public, private or nonpublic school, and home education students.

Gov. Shapiro promoting volunteer fire co. grants

The Shapiro Administration announced Feb. 23 that the application window is now open for grants to help Pennsylvania's rural communities increase protection from wildfires.

Gov. Josh Shapiro is committed to keeping our communities safe and ensuring our Commonwealth is ready for a wide range of emergency situations.

This new funding will build on the Shapiro Administration's continued investment in communities across Pennsylvania.

"We are pleased to support the men and women who volunteer with the fire companies that serve our rural areas and communities across Pennsylvania with these grants," Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn said. "Having well-equipped and highly trained wildland firefighters is critical to protecting the commonwealth's natural resources and we encourage eligible fire companies to apply for this grant round."

Acting State Fire Commissioner Thomas Cook noted volunteer fire companies' service to communities close to home, adding that many volunteer firefighters often join DCNR's Bureau of Forestry crews battling wildfires across the U.S.

"Grants programs like these are vital financial lifelines for the volunteer fire companies that keep our communities safe, and they fund increasingly necessary training and equipment that firefighters would otherwise go without," Cook said. "Certainly, the last few years have underscored that the ability to tackle wildfires is a key competency fire departments will need to focus on going forward."

Grant applications must be electronically submitted through DCNR's grant website by 4 p.m. May 11.

To expedite applications and decision-making processes, DCNR is accepting only online applications.

Visit DCNR's website for more information about the Volunteer Fire Assistance grants.

Local firefighting forces in rural areas or communities with fewer than 10,000 residents qualify for the aid, which is used for training and equipment purchases directly related to fighting brush and forest fires.

Grant recipients are selected based on vulnerability and adequacy of existing fire protection.

The key objective is to better equip and train volunteers to save lives and protect property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas.

Priority will be placed on projects that include the purchase of wildfire suppression equipment and protective clothing.

Grants also may be used for purchasing mobile or portable radios, installing dry hydrants, wildfire prevention and mitigation work, training wildfire fighters, or converting and maintaining federal excess vehicles provided to

them by the department.

Local firefighting forces may receive grants up to \$12,500.

Aid is granted on a cost-share basis.

Grants for any project during a fiscal year cannot exceed 50 percent of the actual expenditures of local, public, and private nonprofit organizations in the agreement.

Cook and Dunn noted the dedication volunteer fire companies demonstrate when they answer assistance calls coming from other states, while also responding regularly to local woodland and brush fires.

They noted the wildfire grants help enable smaller companies to concentrate more on public safety and training while easing their fiscal constraints.

In 2022, nearly \$763,000 was awarded to 122 volunteer fire companies serving rural areas and communities where forest and brush fires are common.

The grant program, offered through DCNR and paid through federal grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, has awarded more than \$13 million since it began in 1982.

BRIEFLY

EMMAUS FISH STOCKING

The Cedarbrook SportsmensClub will not be permitted to stock trout in Furnace Dam in 2023 due to the presence of the New Zealand Mud Snail, an invasive species, found in some area streams and in two trout nurseries in Lehigh

County, including that of the club.

According to a notice from the club and posted to Emmaus borough social media, the mud snail is not parasitic and does not damage trout, however, the concern from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is "the trout in our nursery, in theory, can

consume the tiny snails and pass them through their system unharmed into any waterway that receives our trout."

The club is permitted by the commission to stock waters where the snails are already found but not in areas where they have not been found, the post continues.

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Rose Garden spring clean-up

Clean-up at Bethlehem's Rose Garden has begun. Two hardy volunteers braved raw rainy weather March 25 to begin getting the flower beds looking their best. Pam Ruch of Emmaus and Elena Helmuth of Bethlehem began by trimming rose plants. Ruch urged others to join them each Saturday morning as the clean-up continues. "No experience is necessary," said Ruch, who said it would also be great if people would adopt a bed. She is also hopeful that the City of Bethlehem can pitch in with mulching and edging each bed.

Above: Horticulturist Pam Ruch trims a climbing rose." We want it to go up, said Ruch.

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Bethlehem resident Elena Helmuth trims a rose bush in one of the many flower beds at the Rose garden.

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Yesterday: College hoop memories

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

For many years – and even now in some circles – it is still known as “The Shot.”

Ironically, it was at Philadelphia’s Spectrum when Duke’s Christian Laettner made a shot from just above the foul line to give then No. Duke a 104-103 overtime victory over Kentucky in an East Regional Final on March 28, 1992.

In this week’s version of my Yesterday column – reminiscing about sports in the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s and beyond, I will take a look at some of the more colorful college basketball players as well the tidbits and trinkets that touched our lives in some ways.

And do you recall where Allentown Central Catholic’s Billy McCaffrey finished his college career? Also, which show from the 1970s was named after a bird associated with a Christmas song? Which Phillies’ slugger had the briefest career in pinstripes?

Had To Remember These Guys: Laettner made his game-winning shot when he took a nearly full court pass from Grant Hill under his own basket. Kentucky chose not to guard Hill and tried to double-team Laettner, who managed to get off the shot. If you remember, Laettner’s pro career never quite matched the glory of his college days. He was drafted third overall by Minnesota in 1993, but he played for six teams in his 13 years. However, remember when he was voted the “most hated college basketball player” in an ESPN poll?

Growing up in the late 1960s and 70s, it was a real treat to watch Saturday afternoon college basketball on NBC from the traditional college powers down south such as North Carolina, South Carolina, and North Carolina State.

I will always remember David Thompson “The Skywalker” from NC State who led the Wolfpack to an undefeated season and national championship in 1974. Back then, the same dunk was outlawed in college basketball due to the “Lew Alcindor” rule that was in effect from 1967-77.

That NC State team had some more memorable characters such as 5-7 guard Monte Towe, 7-2 center Tom Burlison, and 6-8 power forward Tim Stoddard. They all were perfect role players around Thompson. There also was little-used reserve Matt Moeller – no relation – but you knew it was big to have a player with your last name

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Colin Peacock slides back to first against Liberty in a recent game.

BC has strength among one other

BY PETER CAR
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Being a close knit group always helps in sport settings and Bethlehem Catholic is banking on that being a key for their baseball season this spring.

The Hawks finished 12-10 last year and lost in the District 11 4A semifinals to Blue Mountain, but third-year head coach Matt Corsi hopes his blend of youth and experience can push the Hawks back to the post-season this year.

“Our goal is to qualify for the league and district playoffs,” said Corsi.

Back for Becahi include Eric Wert (CF/SS, Senior); Beckham

McNally (P/OF, Senior); Pete Hrousis (1B/P, Senior); Adam Boyer (P/1B, Senior); Ben Kaczor (P, Senior); Jamel Clements (OF, Senior); Brayden Rader (SS/3B, Junior); Jeremy Fyrer (Utility/P, Junior); Caden Deegan (1B/P, Sophomore); Colin Peacock (OF, Sophomore); Bryce Blawn (3B/SS/2B/OF/P, Sophomore) and Zach McCoy (2B/SS/OF, Sophomore).

Newcomers are Joey Richards (C, Sophomore); Phil Taylor (1B/P, Sophomore); Dylan Pyle (OF, Junior); Sam Bachman (3B/C/P, Junior); Josh Yeakel-Mendez (OF, Junior); Joseph Casciano (Utility/P, Sophomore);

Petros Tsihlis (OF/P, Sophomore) and Ioannis Ramirez (OF, Senior).

“We are starting the year a little banged up,” said Corsi, “But the team motto has been we are one. This is a very close team and they are taking a team first approach this season. Our depth will be tested early.”

Becahi has split their first two games of the season, knocking off Archbishop Carroll 7-2, but dropping a 17-9 contest to Freedom last week.

The Hawks have a busy four-game stretch this week with Pocono Mountain East, Easton, Liberty and Nazareth.

Pates boys lacrosse ready to defend title

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom’s boys’ lacrosse is picking up right where they left off last season. The defending District 11 3A champs are 5-0 on the season and show no signs of letting up.

Finishing last season 17-5 with their first district championship in school history, head coach Tony Fabrizio is confident his group can make another run in the postseason.

“We have some of the area’s best players on every side of the ball,” Fabrizio said. “I think we will match up well with teams this year. We’re looking to show that last year wasn’t a fluke. We’ve embodied the motto ‘No one Cares, Work Harder.’ No one cares we won last year, we need to work harder to be the best again this year.”

Freedom’s prime returners this season include seniors Alex Hume, Jake Ballerini, Eli White and Ryan Ha-



Alex Hume is back for the FHS boys.

thaway. Juniors Jared Karibinus, Alex Greenburg, Jonah Ortwin and Tony Solivan also make up the core of the roster.

The Pates have crushed all of their opponents this season, including a 13-2 win over Central Catholic and an 11-2 win over Northwest-ern.

“I think Parkland, Central, Emmaus and Easton will all be tough games like normal,” Fabrizio said. “I think we will get everyone’s best game this year so we need to be prepared for that. I think our goal every year is to be better than the last. We’re hoping to continue that this year.”

Becahi girls fall to Easton

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Easton pitcher Audrey Rinda got the best of Bethlehem Catholic’s hitters in the Red Rovers’ 6-2 softball victory over the Golden Hawks on March 29 at Becahi.

“We have some very good hitters, and we weren’t swinging the bat as well as I feel we can, but we have to give their pitcher credit too because she was pretty good,” said Becahi coach Rich Mazza.

Rinda delivered nine strikeouts but gave up a home run to Beca pitcher Mia Van Fleet.

Van Fleet’s homer to left field in the third inning put the Hawks on the scoreboard first, but Rinda struck out the next three batters.

In the top of the fourth inning, Sydney Reinert’s RBI single scored Cieara Barreiros to tie the game, but the Red Rovers proceeded to plate three more runs.

The Hawks left two runners on base in the

bottom of the fourth after Francesca Oberholzer’s base hit and a double by Sarah Banko and scored its second run in the fifth inning on Brooklyn Miller’s RBI.

Easton scored its last two runs in the sixth inning while Becahi left fielder Adrianna Truss made a difficult catch in left field for the Red Rovers’ second out and made a diving catch in the seventh inning.

“Yes, she’s playing hard,” said Coach Mazza. “Two great catches.”

The Hawks had a scoring opportunity in the sixth inning after Truss reached base on an error when her hit to center field popped out of Alyssa Mayorca’s glove as Truss sprinted to second. Kristal Torres then had a base hit to right, but Truss was out coming into home.

Becahi is scheduled to travel to East Stroudsburg North on April 5 before facing city rival Liberty on April 11 at Liberty.

Hawk volleyball looks to improve

BY PETER CAR
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Progress is what Tim Sledz wants with Bethlehem Catholic’s volleyball team this season.

The Hawks are hoping they can build each day with the roster at their disposal and Sledz understands the process is a gradual step toward competing.

“We have a solid group of players coming back this year and we are looking for them all to make contributions to the team,” said Sledz. “With such a small roster we have to be flexible in our ability to play different positions and put team goals over individual interests.”

The returning seniors for the Hawks include Matteo Mowrey (OH); Josh Doane (OH/OPP) and Hazie Camacho (MH). Senior Brenden Finnegan (OH) is also on the roster this spring as a newcomer.

Juniors that are back in the fold are Jack Preiss (MH) and Robby Welsh (OPP/Setter/

OH), along with sophomores Ethan Wiles (Libero), Daniel Sledz (Setter / OPP) and Michael Parks (OPP), with Nathaniel Yoder (DS) joining the team this year.

“They have been putting in a lot of time at open gyms over the off-season and a couple did club over the winter so we are coming in with more team experience than we did last year when we only one two-to-three matches. We are looking to improve on that and challenge teams each game. The players know better what it takes to be successful and look forward to getting out on the court.”

The Hawks have gotten off to a 1-3 start on the season, dropping games to Easton, Freedom and Tunkhannock. They defeated Notre Dame Green Pond on Monday in five games, but have a tough week with EPC powers Parkland and Whitehall on tap.



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Josh Doane goes up to block a shot against Parkland during a recent game.

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Hurricane tennis team blanks Emmaus

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Liberty Hurricanes made quick work of the Emmaus Hornets on the tennis court and won, 7-0, on March 30 at Liberty.

"We had a good match," said Liberty coach Chris Conrad. "There was some motivation, I think, based on personalities and prior matches. They were motivated to play their best."

Roman Farhad won at one singles, 6-2, 6-0,

over Eddy Chow, Luke Appleman defeated Nick Stone, 6-2, 6-0, at two singles, and David Broczkowski defeated Zach Moser, 6-1, 6-0, at three singles.

"I was expecting a good match, but I've been practicing a lot, so I felt really good coming into it, and I played well. I feel like I fixed my mindset, I felt the touch, and I could hit any shot I wanted," said Farhad. "I faced him before, and it was a really close match. He usually hits good

shots and comes out of nowhere, so I made sure that didn't happen."

Appleman has also been putting in the work since last season.

"I really fixed everything. My backhand was bad last year, but that improved a lot, and my serve really improved too," Appleman said. "[Nick Stone] likes to hit it when we're on the deuce side. He likes to hit it across, and he leaves the line open all the time, and I hit the line a lot."

The number one doubles pair of Micah Steck and EJ Powers won, 8-3, and at two doubles, Chris Giannaris and Sid Tekumalla defeated Ryan Baig and Quinn Durkin, 6-0, 6-0.

At three doubles, Elijah Quan and Jackson Jobsen won their match over Sarresh Senguttuvan and Quaid Peatiwal, 6-4, 6-0, and at four doubles, Matt Alter and Finn Brown defeated Abdul Aidala and Cole Stuchko, 6-2, 6-1.

"The lineup is set

for doubles right now, but we're going to have some moving parts for [the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Championship Tournament] because there's a band trip, and I'm going to lose six of my starters, so a number of guys who are playing today are trying to find alternates to play there because we have the depth to do that," said Coach Conrad. "We just need to figure out who are the best second tandems to at least get them into

EPCs."

Alter and Brown played an extra match on March 30 and defeated East Stroudsburg North's Jacob Karpinski and Joseph Medina, 8-1. The Timberwolves have doubles players only on their roster. Liberty's Neil Rana and Connor Ohl then defeated Medina and Diego Cano, 8-2.

Liberty remains undefeated as of Press deadlines and will host Nazareth on April 6.

Freedom edges EHS

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Every out mattered in Freedom's 7-6 victory over Emmaus as the Hornets chipped away at the Patriots' 7-0 lead on April 3 at Freedom.

Emmaus had the bases loaded in the sixth inning when a run was saved on a throw from Freedom third baseman Maia D'Amico to catcher Brianna Cole.

"That was a big play there," said Cole. "Looking at the score at the end of the game, it would've been a tied game, but I know [Maia's] smart in the game, and she has a good arm, so even with that runner being close, I knew she had the out."

Patriot pitcher Alexis Acevedo was working toward a shut out until Brianna Amey knocked a 2 RBI single to right field.

"Being the catcher and a leader on the team, it's kind of my role to calm our teammates down, especially when things start getting crazy like that, so I was letting [Alexis] know she was doing great," Cole said. "She was throwing strikes. They just started hitting her, and that

was not on her at all. She just needed to keep throwing her game."

Mason Roselli's double to the center field fence cleared the bases for the Hornets, making it a two-run game.

Cole made another trip to the circle when Brooke Rummel went in to relieve Acevedo.

"This has been, I think, her second varsity game pitching," said Cole, "and I was talking to her and letting her know she's got this and don't let all the outside stuff get in her head."

Rummel forced a grounder to end the inning.

"Lex was throwing drops and curves, and she got us through five innings," said Freedom coach Michele Laubach, "so we always say that's our game plan to bring in the righty who throws a little harder, the typical closer to shut the game down."

The Patriots scored two runs in the first inning on a 2 RBI single by Daniela Guzzo after D'Amico was hit by a pitch and Madison Glick hit a double.

In the second inning, Siara Gonzalez, Rum-

mel, and Glick had a base hit apiece, Cole doubled, and the Pates were ahead, 5-0.

In a one-two-third inning for Acevedo, infielders Kate Miller, Glick, and Gonzalez turned a double play for the last out.

Rummel's hard hit double to center field scored two more runs for the Patriots in the fifth inning, and Cole had her second double of the day in the sixth.

"I felt the pop more off the bat, and it felt like a better hit coming off. It was at a really stressful point. We can't leave it down to the last inning. Going up to bat with two outs, I'm focusing on getting on base because I know we have a lot of good hitters after me."

Emmaus scored a run in the seventh inning and left two runners on base when Amey hit a grounder to D'Amico who threw it to Gonzalez to end the game.

"I knew it was a slow roller, so I had to charge it hard. My focus was getting a good throw to first base," D'Amico said. "Our pitchers worked so hard the whole game, so we needed that last out."



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Jillian Mayes and the Liberty girls are looking for more wins this season.

LHS girls hoping hard work pays off

BY PETER CAR
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Coming off last year's 3-15 season, Liberty's girls' lacrosse has a new coach in Samantha Weinert leading the charge for the Hurricanes.

Weinert wants to see improvement from the program and hopes the work the team has put in can pay off this spring.

"I look forward to this upcoming season and to

show everyone the hard work the girls have put in during the offseason," she said. "We're looking to close the gap between our opponents from last season."

Back for the Hurricanes are Sophia Cstari (Junior, Mid); Sarah Fitzpatrick (Senior, Mid); Yanna Bozakis (Senior, Attack); Camryn Copf (Senior, Defense); Malia Lockhart (Sophomore, Defense); Jillian Mayes (Se-

nior, Defense); Marren Broesicke (Junior, Attack) and Emma Crosson (Junior, Defense).

Newcomers include a trio of freshmen Ellis Corr (Midfield), Julianna Zumas (Midfield) and Erika Broesicke (Goalie).

The Canes have started the season 1-5, but have games against Northampton, Pleasant Valley and Freedom this week.

Bethlehem hockey making progress

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

The Bethlehem entry in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey league lost their final game of the season, an 8-4 defeat against Southern Lehigh, 6-5, in the league single-elimination playoff game.

It wasn't about an agonizing loss in their final game. Instead, it was about how they got there.

The BASD (Bethlehem Area School District) team finished with an overall 8-4 record this season, a mark they may have not been able to achieve. But, they persevered through some rough spots, and now believe they can be a force in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League (LVSHL).

The Southern Lehigh game certainly left some lingering effects.

"Our kids deserve a lot of credit," said head coach John Snyder. "The game against Southern Lehigh was a hockey game to see. They played their hearts out."

"We worked our way to that point, and now we know what we can do as a team."

Snyder sees the Beth-

lehem unit, which serves as the lone area outlet from the defunct Bethlehem Catholic, Freedom, and Liberty teams from the past, ready to take the next step.

"Our kids have bought into the system," added Snyder. "This year, it was a lot of fun. It also has been gratifying to see how much progress they have made."

"We have about 85 percent of our kids from Freedom."

Snyder pointed to Tyler Bertlesen, who led the team in scoring this past season with 13 goals and 18 assists for 31 points. He was followed by Donovan Richards (12-12-24), Nick Montz (13-11), Ryan Hathaway (10-6-16), and Chris Fanning (5-9-14).

"Those guys made a difference," said Snyder. "There are a few of them that play travel hockey, and that can make a difference."

"We managed to put together some good lines, and they were quite effective."

Fanning - a Moravian Academy student - was a stalwart on defense, as Snyder described him as, "the best defenseman in the Lehigh Valley." Thomas Piraparel and

Stephen Gargollo also were strong on the back end.

In the nets, Eden Binder played in each game and posted a 3.85 goals against average.

"She hung in every game for us," said Snyder. "At the end of the season, you could see that she made progress."

Bethlehem set the pace for the season. They opened with a 6-6 tie with Southern Lehigh, and they reeled off four consecutive victories, two against Phillipsburg and one each against Parkland and Nazareth.

Down the stretch, Bethlehem won four of seven games, one a 7-3 triumph over Southern Lehigh.

Snyder also credited his coaching staff of E.J. Powers, Paul Fisher, and Shane Watson. Powers also is the team manager.

With interest building in the program, Snyder is optimistic about the future.

"We had a good year," he stated. "We were a game away from getting to the finals. That was a real testament to this team."

Freedom girls eye another playoff berth

BY PETER CAR
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Lacrosse at Freedom hasn't only been strong for the boys, as the girls side figures to be a post-season contender.

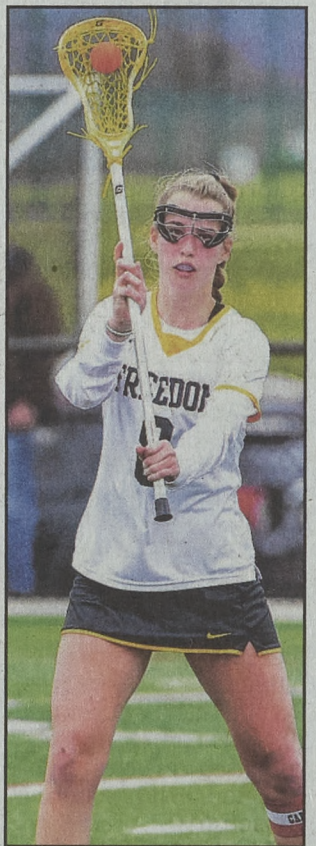
After finishing last year 11-5 and losing to Parkland in the district quarterfinals, the Pates return a stable group of players to the fold this season.

Back for the Pates are Paige Jenkins (Sr., midfield); Paige Telatovich (Sr., midfield); Brooklyn Kollar (Jr., defense); Lucy Kontir (Jr., defense); Arianna O'Keefe (So., goalie) and Maya Stickler (Sr., goalie).

Jenkins and Telatovich are first-team all stars, college commits and team captains, as Jenkins is heading to Slippery Rock, while Telatovich is going to Pitt.

"We are thankful to have Paige Telatovich back from a serious injury that cut her 2022 season short," said head coach Charis Innarella. "Paige was leading our team with 40 goals and 90 draw controls and well on her way to reaching 200 career goals."

"Paige Jenkins is



Paige Jenkins is back for the Freedom girls this season.

coming off a very successful season with 70 goals and 14 assists, while Brooklyn Kollar (captain) and Lucy Kontir are the backbone of our defense. Goalie Arianna O'Keefe recorded

HABERSTUMPF SHOTS CAREER LOW

The Moravian University men's golf team finished third of 11 schools in the Muhlenberg College Invitational Monday played at the Lehigh Country Club.

The Greyhounds recorded a four-man team score of 320. Dickinson

College won the tournament with a 297

Freshman Jake Haberstumpf (Bethlehem/Freedom HS) won the tournament with a career low round of 68 on the par 70 course to lead the 55 golfers. Haberstumpf's round

included four birdies and 12 pars. It was also his fifth medalist honor of the year, and Haberstumpf has been under par in six of 13 career rounds including three rounds under 70.

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EPC TRACK AND FIELD TOP PERFORMANCES

The second installment of the EPC top performances is listed below.

Annika Flanigan continues to lead the way in the 100 for the girls, coming in at 12.5

Flanigan is also tops in the pole vault now, clearing 11-0.

Freedom's Valentine Fynn-Paul is second in the 200 with a time of 22.7.

LEGEND

Allen (A), Bethlehem Catholic (BC), Central Catholic (CC), Dieruff (D), Easton (Ea), East Stroudsburg North (ESN), East Stroudsburg South (ESS), Emmaus (Em), Freedom (F), Liberty (L), Northampton (No), Nazareth (Na), Parkland (P), Pleasant Valley (PV), Pocono Mountain East (PME), Pocono Mountain West (PMW), Stroudsburg (S), Whitehall (W).

BOYS

4x100: 1. Parkland 42.94, 2. Emmaus 43.8, 3. Nazareth 44.11, 4. Stroudsburg 44.38, 5. Easton 45.52.

4x400: 1. Emmaus 3:34.3,

2. Parkland 3:35.91, 3. Easton 3:40.98, 4. Stroudsburg 3:43.62, 5. Bethlehem Catholic 3:45.4.

4800: 1. Emmaus 8:44.10, 2. Parkland 8:48.16, 3. Stroudsburg 8:51.92, 4. Northampton 8:51.93, 5. Easton 8:57.2.

100: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 10.7, 2. Jareel Moore (PV) 10.8, 3. Dylan Simon (P) 10.81, 4. Bryson Gilchrist (ESN) 10.9, 5. Trey Tremba (P) 10.97.

200: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 21.9, 2. Valentine Fynn-Paul (F) 22.7, 3. Trey Tremba (P) 22.9, 4. Robert Williams (BC) 23.0, 5. Michael Phillips (Ea) 23.2.

400: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 50.5, 2. Tyler Rothrock (P) 52.41, 3. Michael Phillips (Ea) 52.64, 4. Brett Pevcec (Em) 53.3, 5. Spencer Sabo (L) 53.5.

800: 1. Liam Davis (ESS) 1:58.0, 2. Praveen Sureshkumar (P) 2:01.37, 3. Brady Hoffman (P) 2:01.61, 4. Tyler Finck (Em) 2:01.7, 5. Jordan Gagner (Na) 2:02.05.

1600: 1. Jacob Barnes (P) 4:32.84, 2. Paul Abeln (P) 4:34.5, 3. Connor Murphy (Na) 4:35.59, 4. Ethan Willard (P) 4:39.1, 5. Oscar Felegy (Em) 4:39.6.

3200: 1. Ethan Willard (P) 9:49.48, 2. Adam Kollgaard (Na) 9:57.12, 3. Liam Davis (ESS) 9:58.9, 4. Liam McGuigan (P)

10:10.56, 5. Paul Abeln (P) 10:17.48.

110H: 1. Andrew Beers (P) 14.99, 2. Jacob Madeira (P) 15.54, 3. Kash Kern (P) 15.82, 4. Samuel Chedester (Ea) 15.91, 5. Parker Hoff (Nz) 15.96.

300H: 1. Andrew Beers (P) 39.30, 2. Ben Price (Em) 42.8, 3. Abiel Guartey (S) 43.01, 4. DJ Kelly (CC) 43.1, 5. Joshua Ayanwole (Ea) 43.2.

High Jump: 1. Lucian Freeman (Em) 6-5, 2. Jasius Allen (A), Kyle Moore (Em), Gabriel Kabba (Em), Kamoni Smith-Johnson (S) 6-3.

Pole Vault: 1. Drew Brinker (S) 14-0, 2. Tyler Grabinski (Em) 13-6, 3. Chris Hu (S), Xavier Ossman (S), Gregory Sommer (W) 11-9.

Long Jump: 1. Kyle Moore (Em) 23-1.5, 2. Kevin Polonia (S) 22-2, 3. Zahir Williams-Dennis (ESS) 22-0, 4. Aidan Rompilla (BC) 21-8, 5. Jasir Frutchey (Ea) 21-4.5.

Triple Jump: 1. Kyle Moore (Em) 45-5, 2. Evan Loro (Em) 43-1, 3. Kevin Polonia (S) 42-5, 4. Jonathan Castronovo (Em) 41-10, 5. Joshua Lynds (Em) 41-3.

Shot Put: 1. Clark Gulycz (CC) 49-2, 2. Odin Ferency (Ea) 48-9, 3. Aiden Raub (S) 47-11, 4. Chris Mognosi (S) 44-6, 5.

Dylan Darville (Em) 43-9.

Discus: 1. Aiden Rayn (S) 145-9, 2. Odin Ferency (Ea) 139-0, 3. Julius Reyes (P) 131-3, 4. Robert Morgan (Ea) 126-6, 5. Nicholas Esper (Na) 123-9.

Javelin: 1. Jeremy Bruzese (S) 170-5, 2. Thomas Loyd (W) 156-0, 3. Nick Cruz (ESS) 151-9, 4. Haven Tarbox (Em) 148-3, 5. Leo Dauberman (P) 147-4.

GIRLS

4x100: 1. Parkland 49.38, 2. Liberty 52.2, 3. Emmaus 52.3, 4. Stroudsburg 52.83, 5. East Stroudsburg South 53.6.

4x400: 1. Parkland 4:06.97, 2. Easton 4:09.17, 3. Emmaus 4:27.0, 4. Liberty 4:32.7, 5. Whitehall 4:32.9.

4x800: 1. Easton 10:08.45, 2. Parkland 10:11.97, 3. Stroudsburg 10:50.15, 4. Emmaus 10:51.8, 5. Whitehall 11:13.0.

100: 1. Annika Flanigan (L) 12.5, 2. Naeema Salau (P) 12.53, 3. Kaley Seide (P) 12.73, 4. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 12.8, 5. Keturah Stewart (F), Mariah Wellington (ESS) 12.9.

200: 1. Mariah Wellington (ESS) 25.9, 2. Naeema Salau (P) 26.24, 3. Kaley Seide (P) 26.35, 4. Amanda Mercurius (Nz) 26.5, 5. Cierra Valley (P) 26.59.

400: 1. Lucy Tobia (P) 58.73,

2. Cierra Valley (P) 1:00.51, 3. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 1:01.4, 4. Nemani Moon (PV) 1:02.0, 5. Avery Peluszak (No) 1:02.41.

800: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 2:22.2, 2. Lana Hutwitz (P) 2:23.76, 3. Erin Vincent (Ea) 2:24.63, 4. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 2:26.1, 5. Gracie Trexler (P) 2:28.23.

1600: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 5:07.9, 2. Lana Hutwitz (P) 5:15.95, 3. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 5:18.7, 4. Erin Vincent (Ea) 5:18.91, 5. Payton Campbell (Em) 5:21.9.

3200: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 10:57.8, 2. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 11:28.8, 3. Payton Campbell (Em) 11:32.7, 4. Sidney Hutt (Ea) 12:10.0, 5. Catherine Brinker (S) 12:17.84.

100H: 1. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 15.3, 2. Christian Zulu (W) 16.6, 3. Madison Bowman (P) 16.64, 4. Payton Davis (L) 16.8, 5. Isabelle Russo (Em), Kayla-Rayne Quinones (Em) 16.9.

300H: 1. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 46.1, 2. Danika Cuchran (No) 50.04, 3. Payton Davis (L) 50.6, 4. Lindsey Pelaez (S), Camryn Hoffman (Na) 50.84.

High Jump: 1. Sheldyn Pierre (Em), Jewell Little (S) 5-1, 3. Calen Michaels (BC) 5-0, 4. Leah Jenkins (No), Gabrielle Lanier (Ea) 4-11.

Pole Vault: 1. Annika Flanigan (L) 11-0, 2. Reese Ruggiero (PV) 10-0, 3. Sophia Walker (F) 8-6, 4. Olivia Wszola (ESS) 8-3, 5. Keira Gilboy (Em), Carrington Brehm (Ea), Tessa Hopkins (W), Naomee Adisa (Na) 8-0.

Long Jump: 1. Hailey Sammarco (P) 16-3.5, 2. Anne Beenders (No) 16-1.5, 3. Emma Shafnisky (Na) 16-0, 4. Mattison Hyland (PV), Rylee Ruggiero (PV) 15-11.

Triple Jump: 1. Gabrielle Lanier (Ea) 36-1, 2. Lindsey Pelaez (S) 35-3, 3. Catherine Crompton (P) 34-1.5, 4. Anne Beenders (No) 33-7, 5. Sheldyn Pierre (Em) 33-4.

Shot Put: 1. Celis Miranda (ESN) 34-8, 2. Lucy Coyler (No) 34-2, 3. Ella Henritzy (S) 31-2.5, 4. Electra Theagene (W) 30-9.5, 5. Alexia Pritchard (P) 29-8.5.

Discus: 1. Leanne Villante (Ea) 100-9, 2. McKayla Strunk (S) 93-3, 3. Bella Dauberman (P) 93-2, 4. Nora Jones (PV) 90-10, 5. Charlotte McElroy (Na) 90-9.

Javelin: 1. Kara Miller (PV) 106-0, 2. Gabby Reid (ESS) 100-9, 3. Olessya Minorics (BC) 99-11, 4. Bella Dauberman (P) 99-6, 5. Fylee Abt (Na) 98-0.

Kids blank Liberty

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Konkrete Kids went above and beyond in their mission to claim their place within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference when they defeated Liberty in five innings, 10-0, on March 31 at Liberty.

"We wanted to prove that we're still one of the top teams here in the EPC," said Northampton coach Kristy Henritzy. "No, I don't think I was expecting us to 10-run them. It's a great team. They're well-coached. But the expectation of what I thought would happen is that we're gonna stay in a game, and we're gonna make sure that every opportunity we have, we're gonna execute where we need to, and I think that's the biggest piece of this."

After Northampton

pitcher Emma Fraley's solo home run in the second inning, the K-Kids put up six runs in the third inning.

"We chip away a lot, and once we get our momentum, you can't really stop it," Fraley said.

Hannah Makovsky led off with a single up the middle and got to second base on a wild pitch. Ava Cascario singled to left field and stole second. Then, Hannah Duerr had a base hit to center field and got to second on the throw home.

Liberty pitcher Miya Williams walked the next three batters before giving up a 2 RBI single to Sam Barber.

The K-Kids scored two more runs in the fourth inning and two in the fifth inning.

Kylie Eberts walked, Cascario singled, and Fraley doubled down the

third base line after fouling off multiple pitches in the same place.

"I wanted to keep it going, keep the ball rolling," said Fraley, who was faced with a bases-loaded situation in the bottom of the fifth that would have spoiled the mercy rule ending to that point.

"I love a good game," she said. "You never want to give up a run, so I wanted to get that out. I worked kind of in, kind of away, more away."

Northampton's victory over Liberty kept the Kids undefeated with a record of 5-0.

"Emma's doing a great job in the circle, so it's good to see her step into that role and take on the workload," said Coach Henritzy. "Her record last season was 6-0, so she had proved that she could throw a full game and win."

who would do his share of college basketball before spring training.

Those Famous Birds: Beginning in 1956 and stretching periodically until 1986, NBC has used its Peacock logo, and it has become synonymous with the network. There also is the three-chimed musical piece that we all know well. The network originally unveiled it in 1956 to promote its color programming.

On March 23, 1974, ABC's "Partridge Family" ended a four-year run on the network. The opening scene was a partridge busting from an egg with the song "C'mon Get Happy." Even though we probably don't want to admit it, we all watched the show with David Cassidy and Danny Bonaduce as well as Susan Day.

Thank You For Your Support: In the early 80s, we were all enamored by two older gentlemen sitting on a rustic front porch trying to see a wine cooler in their commercial.

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The commercial ended with their popular slogan, "thank you for your support."

division, holding the opposition to a .245 batting average. She allowed a combined four extra base hits and maintains a 10-2 record on the season with a 2.07 ERA.



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

The 2022-23 Pennsylvania deer harvest numbers are in and reflect a 12 percent increase over the 2021-22 season.

Outdoors: Harvest numbers increase

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

The 2022-23 estimated deer harvest numbers are in and they reflect a 12 percent increase over the 2021-22 seasons.

According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, there was an estimated total of 422,960 deer harvested. This was an increase over the 2021-22 season when 376,810 deer were taken. The estimated count broke down as 164,190 antlered and 258,770 antlerless deer.

The PGC points out that the buck harvest was only two percent higher than the most recent three-year average, and they are seeing more older bucks being available for harvest. Along with that, the agency reports that for five years running, about one of four Pennsylvania hunters tagged a buck, with two of every three bucks harvested being 2.5 years old or older.

Interestingly, of the antlerless deer taken, 67 percent were adult females while 17 percent were button bucks, and 16 percent were doe fawns. Hunters filled roughly one of every

four antlerless deer licenses last season.

As a further breakdown of the total harvest, the regular firearms season accounted for the largest part of the 2022-23 tally as hunters took 251,520 deer with 87,190 being bucks and 164,340 being antlerless deer. Bowhunters, with either bows or crossbows, tallied 145,640 deer of which 75,770 were bucks and 69,870 were antlerless deer. The estimated muzzleloader take was 25,790 deer of which 1,230 were bucks and 24,560 were antlerless.

As for local Wildlife Management Units, the totals were as follows with bucks noted as "A" and antlerless as "AL" and with last year's totals listed in parenthesis: 3D: 5,550A (4,700), 7,400AL (6,300); 4C: 6,900A (5,700), 8,200AL (6,400); 5C: 7,200A (6,600), 16,700AL (14,700); 5D: 2,500A (2,600), 6,700AL (6,300).

Of all the states WMUs, 2D registered the highest totals of 14,000 A (11,500) and 23,000 AL (19,900) for the firearms season.

For archery and muzzleloader season totals, they are as follows: 3D,

archery, 2,260 A, (1,980), 2,030 AL (1,500); muzzleloader, 40 A (20), 770 AL (500); 4C: archery, 3,450 A (2,870), 2,170AL (1,750); 5C: archery, 5,020 A (4,730), 8,040AL (6,890); 5D: archery, 2,080 A (2,800), 4,760 AL (4,390), muzzleloader, 20 A (120), 140 AL (210).

TROUT/SHAD BITES

In addition to inseason trout stocking dates, volunteers with Lehigh Fish & Game and Pioneer Fish & Game associations will be stocking a little over 100 golden rainbow trout in the Little Lehigh and other area streams. The trout come compliments of Cabala's in Hamburg and from their in-store aquariums.

Shad are also being caught in the Delaware River from Lambertville upriver. Steve Meserve, who does commercial shad netting in the Delaware, has reported catching 87 roe and 121 bucks as of March 27, and has returned 182 shad to give him a total of 390 or 12.58 shad per haul so far this season. And that was done in 31 hauls over 26 days.

We'll keep you posted on further Delaware River shad updates.

DAY

Continued from page A9 when you were 14.

Speaking of the little men, who could forget 5-3 Mugsy Bowles, who played for Wake Forest back in the mid-1980s and also has been the shortest player to play in the NBA. By the way, how many of us can remember that McCaffrey finished his final two years at Vanderbilt after spending his first two years at Duke.

Speaking of "little men" in the game, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Niagara's 5-9 Calvin Murphy, who was more known from his days with the Houston Rockets. Murphy scored more than 17,000 career points, and he easily could have scored more with the three-point line in effect during his heyday.

Of course, there are many others on many fronts, but these were a few who came to mind.

Irish Glory Days: With Mike Brey announcing his retirement at Notre Dame, you have to remember the Irish's Austin Carr, one of the game's most prolific scorers. Along with Carr, there was the intense Richard "Digger" Phelps, who seemed to be always donned in green and yellow with those plaid sports jackets. On the telecasts from Notre Dame, it

ZIGMUND HONORED

The PSAC Eastern Division Pitcher of the Week was Paige Zigmund of East Stroudsburg who is a junior from Liberty. In a pair of complete

games against Kutztown and West Chester, Zigmund allowed just two earned runs and a walk while striking out eight in a pair of wins against top teams in the

DEROSA HONORED

Four Bloomsburg University wrestling team members were named to the 2022-23 Mid-American Conference (MAC) All-Academic Team, as announced by the league office recently. Earning spots on the team were seniors Bronson Garber (Millersburg, Pa./Upper Dauphin) and Bruno Stolfi (Harleysville, Pa./Soudernton), redshirt senior Josh Mason (New Ringold, Pa./Blue Mountain), and redshirt sophomore Anthony DeRosa (Milford, N.J./Bethle-

hem Catholic). A total of 80 student-athletes were named to this year's squad.

Cleveland State led the way with a total of 13 student-athletes on the team, while George Mason and Kent State followed with nine honorees each.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have

participated in at least 50 percent of the team's meets.

Mason, Stolfi, and Garber all are three-time members of the MAC All-Academic Team while DeRosa earned his first-career accolade.

Mason leads the team with a 3.91 GPA in finance while Stolfi boasts a 3.66 GPA in supply chain management. DeRosa is a business major with a 3.63 GPA and Garber has a 3.49 GPA in supply chain management

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Game hunt seasons, limits are adjusted

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners has proposed modifications for the 2023-24 seasons:

- For elk, the archery season would be a week later than in 2022-23 to provide additional time between the license drawing and the beginning of the season.

- For small game, a significant expansion for put-and-take hunting of captive-reared bobwhite quail through an

earlier season opening date, later season closing date, and removal of the daily bag limit. Also, adjustments to crow season dates and addition of Thursdays as hunting days are proposed to shift hunting opportunity from the peak breeding season to the fall and winter months.

- No substantive changes are proposed for white-tailed deer or wild turkey seasons, although the 2024 youth and

regular spring turkey seasons are proposed to open five days later than in 2023.

Before their vote, the board reviewed recent license data showing a positive change following the implementation of the Saturday opener. In particular, the license data showed that the move to a Saturday opener was followed by increased license sales by hunters ages 18 to 34 and female hunters. The board will

vote to finalize the 2023-24 season dates, including those for the firearms deer season, at its upcoming meeting on April 15.

The board also preliminarily approved a measure that would make all mentored hunters, including mentored adults, eligible to participate in the October special firearms season for antlerless deer and bears.

The public may offer comments on all proposed 2023-

24 seasons and bag limits, as well as other board actions, between now and the board's April meeting, when 2023-24 seasons and bag limits will be finalized, and antlerless deer license allocations will be determined.

The board will meet April 14 and 15 at the Game Commission's Harrisburg headquarters.

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Yianni Kyziridis, owner of Pat's Pizza and Bistro, is ready to welcome customers to Pat's new brick oven pizza trailer, which made its debut March 17 at the three-day St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash at The Wooden Match.



An artisan pizza, one of the tasty choices at Pat's Pizza and Bistro at the bash.

People of all ages enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash at The Wooden Match.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TAMU QUIGLEY

Wooden Match Weekend

BY TAMI QUIGLEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

St. Patrick's Day cooks up thoughts of corned beef and cabbage, but those celebrating at The Wooden Match's St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash hit the Irish Sweepstakes for their taste buds with a variety of savory fare, such as the debut of Pat's Pizza Trailer, the on-the-road extension of Pat's Pizza and Bistro.

"We're pretty excited trying out our new truck - there are a lot of hungry people," said Pat's Pizza and Bistro owner Yianni Kyziridis.

This year marked the first time Pat's was part of the St. Patrick's Day Weekend Bash March 17-19, which is always one of the most popular weekends at The Wooden Match. But Pat's is no stranger to the local festival scene, having been

serving up tasty fare at events including Musikfest and Christkindlmarkt.

"We've been at Musikfest for a few years, and the trailer makes it easier and more compact to go to other places," Kyziridis said.

The custom-made pizza trailer features a new gas-and-wood fired brick oven and stainless steel kitchen equipment.

Pat's menu choices at the bash included personal artisan pizzas such as plain, pepperoni, margherita, Nonna's Meatball and Buffalo chicken, as well as a sampling of yummy appetizers including cheesesteak eggrolls and Buffalo chicken meatballs.

Kyziridis said Pat's also offers the option to rent the pizza trailer for events, so when Pat's isn't traveling to events with the trailer, the staff will handle peo-

ple's request for a private party or corporate event.

Pat's will take its new trailer to the Live in the Garden Concert Series, which the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce will launch in May on Saturdays in the Bethlehem Rose Garden.

Pat's Pizza and Bistro, which opened in November 2017 at 1426 W. Broad St., introduced a new Sunday Brunch menu April 2.

Those feting the wearin' o' the green could also enjoy food trucks from Slide On By!, Taco Town, Lehigh Valley BBQ and K-Town Taphouse.

In addition to food trucks, the bash offered live music, entertainment, outside bars, cigars and games, vendors, Jameson Tents and Irish Whiskey vendors.



Hungry patrons check out the options at Pat's.



The New Standard band keeps the music going on St. Patrick's Day.



Three friends who love exploring local businesses are bedecked for St. Patrick's Day as they enjoy the bash. Their adventures can be followed on Facebook at facebook.com/threepeoplellc.



Guests celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the K-Town Taphouse food truck.



Joe Hanson takes the wearin' o' the green to a whole new level as he enjoys the bash with Clyde, his pet ciauque parrot.

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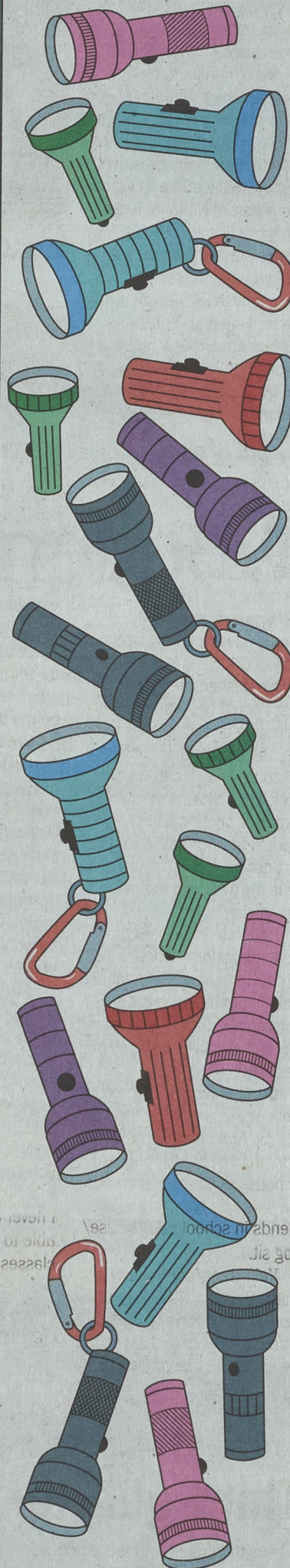
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The Mystery of Farmer Howe's Cows

Can you find the two identical cows?



Hot. That was the best word to describe May 1842 in New York.

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Farmer Howe walked over to his cows. When he got there, he felt cool air. Surprised, he looked around and found a hole in the ground. His cows were standing around the hole. Cool air was coming out of the hole in the ground!

Cool! Farmer Howe looked down the hole and discovered it was an opening to an underground cave.

Follow the maze to see what became of Farmer Howe's cave.

What is a Cave?

A cave is an opening in the Earth that is large enough to hold a person. Most caves are formed in rocks that dissolve, or get eaten away, like limestone.

When water soaks into limestone, the stone dissolves and holes start to form underground. These holes are called caves. Caves grow very, very slowly.

It takes about 100,000 years for a cave to grow large enough for people to fit inside.

Cave or Cavern?

A cavern is a type of cave. They tend to be larger. Caverns can be made of smaller caves connected by tunnels.

A person who explores and studies caves is called a spelunker.

Stalactites

Stalactites hang down from cavern ceilings like icicles made of mineral deposits. As water drips from the cave ceiling, some of it evaporates and the minerals dissolved in the water remain. It takes thousands of years for stalactites to form.

Stalagmites

Stalagmites form on cavern floors and grow up toward the ceilings. Water drops from a stalactite land on the floor of the cave, evaporate and leave behind minerals. As more minerals are left behind, a stalagmite starts to grow upwards.

Columns

Columns form when a stalactite and a stalagmite meet and grow together.

The deepest cave discovered so far is the Voronya Cave in Abkhazia, Georgia. It is 7,208 feet (2,197 meters) deep.

Caves cannot go down more than 9,800 feet (3,000 meters). Deeper than that, the pressure from the rocks becomes too much and the cave collapses.

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Shape Search!

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Standards Link: Use visual cues to understand points of view.

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Waves Make Caves!

Sea caves are created by waves hitting rock cliffs over a long period of time, causing erosion.

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the alphabet to reveal another name for sea caves.

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Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

Double Double Word Search

- CAVE
- CAVERN
- COLUMN
- COOL
- COW
- DEEP
- EARTH
- FORM
- HOLE
- SLOWLY
- STONE
- STUDIES
- TUNNELS
- WATER
- YEARS

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SPELUNKING**

The verb spelunking means to explore caves.

People who love caves like to go spelunking.

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

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Standards Link: Compare and contrast points of view.

What do you call it when a stalagmite and a stalactite bump into each other in the center of a cave?

ANSWER: A stala-fight.

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Favorite subject: Math has always been my favorite subject because it is one of those classes that builds while you move through it. You are always learning something new but at the same time, you are learning more piece by piece.

Activities: I am president of BAVTS SkillsUSA and I am also a part of National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). My shop is Masonry, where I am the foreman, which means I am in charge of keeping everyone working and on task.

Next steps: After high school, I plan on getting right into the workforce whether it is starting as a basic laborer or Union work.

Career goals: My goal is to be able to retire as a Union Mason when I am in my early to late 50s. Most places offer amazing pension opportunities as long as you are with the company long enough.

Heroes and why: My heroes have to be my Uncle Jerry and my Pappy. My Pappy always pushed me to be the best I could be, even if I didn't believe in myself. He has to be the one person that pushed me to be included in everything and try to do everything I wanted. My Uncle Jerry graduated from BAVTS and he was always top in the class, so he is my hero and the person I am striving to be.

Hobbies: In my free time I have many hobbies that I like to do. Hanging out with friends, listening to music, crocheting, hunting and fishing are just a few of the activities I do in my free time.

Current job(s): I currently work at Slopeside Pub and Grill at Blue Mountain Ski Area. I work front of house and back of house at the restaurant. On the side I do also help tutor my friends in school and I house/dog sit.

Volunteer/community work: Being in NTHS one of the things we have to do is community service. Last year we redid all of the mulch beds



at BAVTS. I also helped set up and break down our induction ceremony.

Likes: I really enjoy spending time with friends and doing crafts, whether it is crocheting or making bracelets. My favorite thing to do has to be Masonry, which is why I love BAVTS so much.

Dislikes: There is one thing that I don't like and that would have to be people not trying or not being willing to help. You will never know if you don't try. When people say they can't do something and they never made an attempt that has to be the thing I dislike most.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): Two of my greatest accomplishments so far are making it into the BAVTS Masonry program, as well as joining the National Technical Honor Society. There is one accomplishment that tops them all and that would have to be becoming the president of BAVTS SkillsUSA.

Advice for peers: I always try to give the best advice I can to my peers. My biggest piece of advice has to be never to give up and never think you aren't good enough. Join that club, put your name out there, and if you try and it's not for you then you can always drop it but it's never too late to try. I never thought I would be able to balance Northampton classes, BAVTS, Skills USA president, NTHS, and having a job, but it's possible. All it takes is some motivation and you can do anything you set your mind to.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LORI PATRICK

Notre Dame cast members of the production "Guys & Dolls" argue over where to hold the next craps game with the thought that the police are on to them. The scene includes a full length stage backdrop of Times Square, making it colorful and vibrant.

Notre Dame HS presents 'Guys & Dolls'

BY LORI PATRICK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"Guys & Dolls," a romantic comedy with a twist set during the Roaring 20s in Manhattan's Times Square and Havana, Cuba, was performed at Notre Dame HS in Bethlehem Township. Stage director Caitlin Bach, music director Ben Stefan and choreographer Erin Griffith brought to life the story first premiering on Broadway in 1950.

Mixing evangelical women with high rolling gamblers and commencing placing bets and playing craps as love interests, the story takes you through a negotiation of love and living the straight and narrow life style. The performances were March 24, 25 and 26 on the new addition 19,000 square-foot auditorium that seats 600.



Left: Puritanical missionary and showgirl Miss Adelaide (Mackenzie Hughes) finally gets her 'Guy,' notorious craps game manager Nathan Detroit (Dylan Stroppa) after years of negotiation, even by telling her own mother they had several children together and were already married.

CHARTER HS FOR THE ARTS

Third quarter begins

The third quarter of the school year is notoriously known as the busiest. As winter begins to thaw into spring, we are reminded that the year is coming to a close, finals are drawing near, and for us seniors, graduation is becoming all too pressing a reality. Luckily, however, this quarter also holds many exciting events to lift our spirits. No matter what your artistic interest may be, third quarter is always jam-packed with performances and school events.

February opened this year, as it has for the past several years, with the Black Excellence Show. A favorite performance among many students, the show this year had a wide variety of art styles, including monologues, songs, dances and poetry. Music for the show was done by the House Band.

"I thought it was a beautiful culmination of student efforts and black excellence," says BSU adviser, Mx. Shehan. The Black Excellence Show took donations for the BSU's Little Free Library project, amassing donations for both the libraries in Bethlehem and Allentown. The show was incredibly moving both for the audience and for all of the students involved.

As a nice closing to February, this quarter also held the Winter Ball. The all-school dance was a popular event as always. This year's theme for the winter ball was the MET Gala. Students came in their most MET gala-esque outfits and enjoyed a night of music, food and of course, dancing.

Our third quarter also included another of the school's most popular performances: the school musical! This year, Charter Arts put on "MAMMA MIA!" The show ran March 16-19 and 24-25th and completely sold out all performances. "MAMMA MIA!" was directed by theater teacher Ashley Weller, and the beautiful set was designed by the Charter Arts Production Arts major. Students put on an amazing performance of this fan-favorite musical, with all of its classic thrills. Big dance numbers, iconic music and beloved characters were brought to life on stage, showcasing the talent of everyone involved.

Charter Arts has several performances to look forward to in the upcoming weeks. Among these are the Literary Arts Greater Lehigh Valley Film Festival April 1 and the Young Choreographers in Concert dancer showcase April 15 and 16. Students have already begun work on these projects and are preparing for final showcases.

And of course, we all need some time to relax eventually, and spring break is just around the corner. Students will have the opportunity to go home, spend time with friends and family, and recharge their artistic and academic batteries for this final stretch of the school year.

The year truly has gone by so fast, and while yes, we are all excited for summer, we will be savoring this final quarter as well.



Latcher



Evangelist Sergeant Sarah Brown (Alessandra Hurd), head of Broadway's Save-a-Soul Mission, confuses high rolling gambler Sky Masterson (Daniel Carroll) after they end up in Havana on a bet that Sky can't take the 'Dame' of his choice there. The mostly reserved Sarah had a little too much liquor infused cake and became tipsy, making Sky uncomfortable and ready to head back to New York. A love match eventually ensues between the unlikely pairing.



During the Notre Dame production of "Guys & Dolls," cast members listen and sing back up. With the ensemble song, "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat," Nicely Nicely Johnson (Nathaniel Urquiza) explains a dream at Save-A-Soul Mission where the gamblers and evangelists come together for a meeting.



The gamblers of "Guys & Dolls" can't find a place to shoot craps so they head to the underground New York City sewer system to avoid detection by police. Benny Southstreet (Keegan Ramsay) leads the games with a throw. The production was held in the new auditorium addition at Notre Dame in Bethlehem Township.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
	74 / 62	75 / 43	58 / 34	57 / 35	63 / 42	61 / 38	56 / 35
	5-14 mph SE	14-16 mph SW	14-18 mph WNW	8-10 mph WNW	6-11 mph SE	1-11 mph SE	6-17 mph WNW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high of 74°, humidity of 67%. Southeast wind 5 to 14 mph. The record high for today is 82° set in 1928. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 62°. South southeast wind 16 mph. The record low for tonight is 21° set in 1995. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of showers, high of 75°, humidity of 61%. Southwest wind 16 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 43°. West northwest wind 15 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 58°, humidity of 32%. West northwest wind 14 to 18 mph. Friday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 34°.

Weather Trivia

Based on average yearly snowfall, what is the snowiest location in the U.S.?



Answer: Stampede Pass, Wash. with 440.3 inches per year.

Mikayla's Voice speaks of diversity, inclusion

Mikayla's Voice, Nazareth, a local nonprofit organization founded to empower children of all abilities to educate others about diversity and inclusion is partnering with several local and state organizations and corporations to ensure people with disabilities aren't left out of the social justice discussion.

According to a Mikayla's Voice press release, true cultural change must start with kids, and books are an ideal way to begin or continue important conversations with children.

Books that accurately portray people with disabilities can have a positive influence on the self-esteem of children with disabilities and build bridges of understanding with their peers.

They share commonalities that make us similar but also help celebrate our unique traits that enrich the world.

In response to current events and world challenges, this year Lehigh Valley Reads has focused on building children's home libraries with diverse books celebrating all people in our communities.

When students see their own identities in the material they read, they are more engaged in the learning process.

Equally important is the need for books that help children understand and appreciate people who are different from themselves, encouraging their growth into adults who to con-



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY MIKAYLA'S VOICE

Davina is all smiles as she shows off her copy of the book, "Our Friend Mikayla."

continue to advocate for inclusion, so Mikayla's Voice was excited to partner on this initiative.

Mikayla's Voice has published three books about having a friend with a disability written and illustrated by kids for other kids.

Mikayla was born with a brain injury, Jeffrey has Down syndrome, and Brady is challenged by autism, but the books are about more than the main characters or their disabilities.

They are about friendship. And kindness.

Lehigh Valley Reads has added the three titles to their suggested

booklist.

Committed to creating diversity and equity in our community, Just Born Quality Confections has gifted Our Friend Mikayla for all first graders, High Fives and A Big Heart for second, and Super Brady - Always on the Move! for students in third grade at Marvine Elementary School, Bethlehem.

This initiative will be continued each year, allowing students to receive a new book as they move through the grade levels, building diverse libraries in hundreds of homes across Bethlehem.

Pennsylvania Department of Developmental Disabilities recently awarded Mikayla's Voice a Community Response Grant to gift 267 free annual subscriptions to their new enrichment website to families with a child with a disability.

"Mikayla's Bookshelf" includes all three books in a fun, page-turning electronic format, as well as enrichment lessons related to the themes of inclusion, kindness and friendship, each aligned to state standards, and addressing Social and Emotional Learning competencies.

They include Universal Design for Learning strategies, with direct links to supplemental support information such as: text to speech, speech to text, word banks, passive assistance, and hand under hand, with further technical assistance if required.

Mikayla's Bookshelf is part of the year-long inclusive programming provided to educators in school districts through a grant with the Pa. Department of Education-Bureau of Special Education.

Dedicated to its continued development, this month they have developed a list of outstanding children's books featuring characters with disabilities.

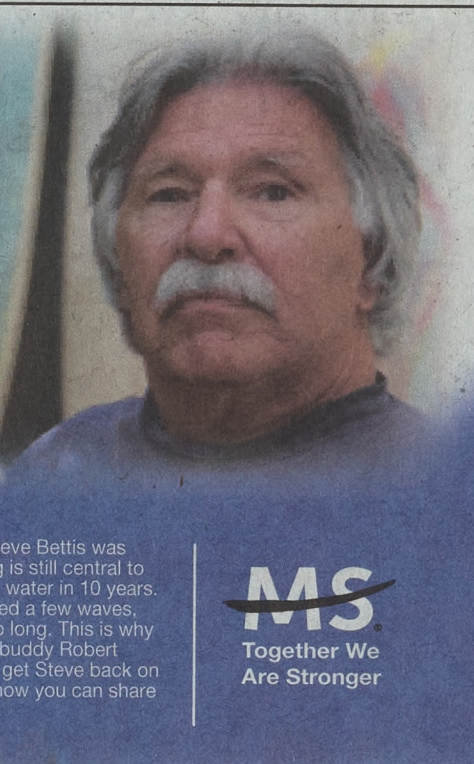
The character with the disability doesn't need to be the main subject of the book, nor should the focus have to be on their disability.

They are simply looking for interesting stories that include people with different abilities and represent them in a positive way - mirroring what they want children to learn.

The characters should be treated with respect and kindness, in a fair and equitable way. No more. No less. Accepted for who they are, valued friends.

Contributed article

OFF MY WAVE.



Ocean Beach native and local surf legend Steve Bettis was diagnosed with MS in 2006. Although surfing is still central to his life, he hasn't been able to get out on the water in 10 years. For a man whose daily routine always included a few waves, more than a decade out of the surf is just too long. This is why the National MS Society teamed up with his buddy Robert "Wingnut" Weaver and used virtual reality to get Steve back on his wave. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.



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For whom the bell tolls

Liberty Bell Museum contents expected to go to Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, along with 'Pip the Mouse' puppet show

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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An agreement is in the offing to transfer the bulk of the contents of the Liberty Bell Museum to the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum.

The replica of the Liberty Bell is expected to remain in the basement of the former Zion UCC Church, Allentown, where the Liberty Bell is said to have been hidden during the Revolutionary War.

An agreement for the Liberty Bell Museum, which had its 60th anniversary in 2022, to stay in the basement of the "Liberty Bell Church," 620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, was unable to be reached between the nonprofit museum and Resurrected Life Community Church United Church of Christ,

144 N. Ninth St., Allentown.

"We've been talking to the president of the Liberty Bell Museum for several months," said Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum Executive Director Joseph Garrera in a March 28 phone interview with a reporter for Lehigh Valley Press.

"Through the good work of Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, who took a leadership role helping the Liberty Bell Museum work through this during the course of our discussion, he asked, 'Would the Lehigh County Historical Society be prepared to act as a backstop if things didn't work out?'" Garrera recounted.

The historical society operates the Lehigh Valley MUSEUM on Page B7



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
 Liberty Bell Museum Manager and Tour Guide Stephanie Burke with Liberty Bell replica in Zion UCC Church, Allentown. Photo taken July 16, 2022.

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts

Jay Leno, 7:30 p.m.

April 7, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. Leno, born April 28, 1950, in New Rochelle, N.Y., grew up in Andover, Mass., graduating from Andover High School. He received a bachelor's degree in speech therapy from Emerson College, where he started a comedy club in 1973.



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Leno made his first appearance on "The Tonight Show" in 1977, performing a comedy routine. During the 1970s, he had minor roles in several television series and films.

Starting in 1986, Leno was a regular substitute host for Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show." In 1992, he replaced Carson as host.

In 2004, Leno signed a contract extension with NBC to retain him as host of "The Tonight Show" until 2009. Later in 2004, Conan O'Brien signed a contract with NBC to become the show's host in 2009. When Conan O'Brien took over as host, Leno started a primetime talk show, "The Jay Leno Show," which aired at 10 p.m. weeknights.

Leno returned to hosting "The Tonight Show," 2010 - 2014. In 2013, NBC announced that Leno would leave "The Tonight Show" in 2014, with Jimmy Fallon as his successor.

Leno's final show as the host of "The Tonight Show" was Feb. 6, 2014, with guest Billy Crystal, who was the first guest on the first version of Leno's show.

From 2014 to 2022, he hosted "Jay Leno's Garage," and since 2021, has hosted the revival of "You Bet Your Life." Leno writes a regular column in Popular Mechanics showcasing his car collection and giving automotive advice.

Leno has maintained an active schedule as a touring stand-up comedian, doing an average of 200 live performances a year in venues across the United States and Canada and at charity events and USO tours. He has also appeared on the "Tonight Show" with Jimmy Fallon.

On Nov. 12, 2022, Leno suffered "serious burns" to his face and hands when a vehicle at his Los Angeles garage burst into flames. On Jan. 17, he sustained multiple broken bones after falling off a motorcycle.

Tickets: State Theatre box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; <https://statetheatre.org>; 1-800-999-STATE (7828)

NCC 'Much Ado' about Shakespeare

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

Northampton Community College's Theatre Department will present William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" as its final

production of the college's 2022-2023 school year. The comedy will be presented April 13 - 16 in the Lipkin Theatre, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem Township.

NCC Theatre Department Chair William Mutimer, who is directing the play, says it's one of Shakespeare's earliest comedies,

written between 1598-99. The play was included in Shakespeare's First Folio, published in 1623.

The story revolves around two romances that begin when a group of soldiers arrive in Messina and two of them fall for local young women.

The first romance is between Claudio and Hero and is nearly ruined by the

accusations of the villain, Don John.

The second romance is between Claudio's friend Benedick and Hero's cousin Beatrice, who say they are not interested in love. Their relationship takes center stage with the characters' wit and banter providing much of the humor.

Mutimer says that See 'MUCH ADO' on Page B4

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Articles and Photos by ED COURRIER

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals on the road to the 21st annual Freddy Awards, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section continues its preview series, which began Feb. 22. The 2023 Freddy Awards ceremony is 7 p.m. May 25, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, telecast live on WFMZ and streamed on wfmz.com. Information: <https://freddyawards.org/>



From left: Emily Brachi (Laurey Williams), Eric Wood (Curly McLain), Vasilis Montsenigos (Will Parker), Anna Lorenzo (Ado Annie), "Oklahoma!," Parkland High School.

PARKLAND 'Oklahoma!'

"Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!"

Director Lori Colacito is assisted by Vocal Director Alison Lagan, Choreographer Kelly Jean Graham, Pit Orchestra Director Allison Figueroa, Set Designer Katrina Miller, Technical Director Mike Wawrzyniec and Director of Visual & Performing Arts Francis Anonia.

With music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics and book by Oscar Hammerstein II, the musical is based on "Green Grow the Lilacs" by playwright Lynn Riggs.

Premiering in 1943, the original Broadway production received a

Special Pulitzer Prize in 1944 and a 1993 Special Tony Award (50th Anniversary). There were four Broadway revivals, starting in 1951. The 1979 Broadway revival garnered two Tony Award nominations. One Tony Award of seven Tony nominations went to the 2002 Broadway revival. The 2019 Broadway revival scored two Tony Awards out of eight Tony nominations.

The 1955 American film adaptation received two Academy Awards out of four Oscar nominations.

Notable songs include "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'." "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," "Kansas City" and "Oklahoma!"

Tickets: www.showtix4u.com/event-details/70535



From left: Cooper Roche (Herald), Sydney Bennett (Cinderella), Caleb Brown (Prince Charming), Theresa Ruhl (Stepsister Portia), Elizabeth Maigur (Stepsister Joy), "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," Bethlehem Catholic High School

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC 'Cinderella'

"Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" dances to the stage in glass slippers, 7 p.m. April 14, 15, 21, 22 and 3 p.m. April 16, auditorium, Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem.

Director Diana Tice is assisted by Assistant Director and Choreographer Rachael Leonard, Assistant Director Garrett Farrell and Music Director Joseph Fink.

After being kicked around by her cruel stepmother and self-centered stepsisters, a young woman dreams of a better life.

With music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, the musical is adapted for the stage

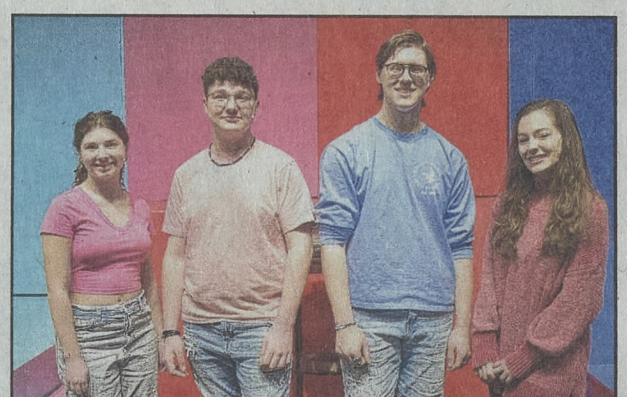
from the 1957 CBS teleplay starring Julie Andrews.

The basis for the story is the fairy tale "Cendrillon, ou la petite pantoufle de verre" ("Cinderella, or The Little Glass Slipper") by 17th-century French author Charles Perrault.

The TV special received three 1957 Prime-time Emmy Award nominations. Two televised versions followed in 1965 and 1997, as well as stage productions.

Musical numbers include "In My Own Little Corner," "Ten Minutes Ago," "It's Possible" and "Do I Love You Because You Are Wonderful?"

Tickets: www.becahi.org/arts/theater-program/



From left: Julia Borawski (Kim MacAfee), Damon Dellanno (Conrad Birdie), Jacob Kremer (Albert Peterson), Kaylyn Guerrieri (Rose Alvarez), "Bye Bye Birdie," Nazareth Area High School.

NAZARETH 'Bye Bye Birdie'

"Bye Bye Birdie" rocks the stage, 7:30 p.m. April 13, 14, 15 and 2 p.m. April 16, Nazareth Area High School, 501 E. Center St., Nazareth.

Director Sandra Jameson is assisted by Assistant Director Devin Cetnar, Visual Directors Sue Durner and Molly Samuelson, Choreographer Jenelle Castriagnano, Vocabulary and Music Director Craig Albert, Orchestra Director Rick Hilborn and Technical Director Chelsea Soto.

Rock star and Army conscript Conrad Birdie performs a farewell concert prior to reporting for duty in 1958. The satiric musical revolves around a desperate songwriter and his secretary, as well as a fan, her fami-

ly and the teenager's jealous boyfriend.

The musical, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Lee Adams, and book by Michael Stewart, opened on Broadway in 1960 and in 2009 as a Broadway revival.

The original Broadway production was nominated for eight Tony Awards, receiving four Tonys in 1961.

"Bye Bye Birdie" was released as a movie in 1963 and in 1995 as a television production.

Production numbers include "A Lot of Livin' to Do," "Honestly Sincere," "The Telephone Hour," "Kids" and "Put On a Happy Face."

Ticket information: adavis@nazarethasd.org

LVHN behavioral health facility in Hanover to create 300 jobs

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and Universal Health Services plan to construct a new 144-bed behavioral health hospital along Macada Road, Hanover Township, Northampton County, across from the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - Muhlenberg campus.

The new facility will be operated by the joint venture and is expected to create more than 300 full-time jobs including nurses, clinicians, therapists, technicians and administrative staff.

Groundbreaking for the new 97,000-square-foot facility is expected to be held in spring 2024 with expected opening in fall 2025.

The partnership combines two leaders in health care: UHS, one of the United States' leading providers of behavioral health care, and LVHN, long-respected for its behavioral health program in our region, to address the growing demand for high-quality behavioral health care services for seniors, adults and adolescents.

"The scarcity of mental health resources is a major national issue that is hitting us hard, right here in the Lehigh Valley," said Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer, LVHN.

"The need for a variety of behavioral health programs and services is far outpacing regional capacity, and those needs are only grow-



CONTRIBUTED IMAGE

Artist's rendering of Lehigh Valley Health Network and Universal Health Services behavioral health hospital proposed for along Macada Road, Hanover Township, Northampton County

ing," Nester said.

"As the region's leading health-care provider, LVHN has for decades implemented initiatives and worked with others to address this ongoing need, which includes the largest inpatient behavioral health service in the region on the current LVH - Muhlenberg campus," said Nester.

"This new facility across the street will nearly triple the number of inpatient beds available to the Lehigh Valley. With the announcement of this new partnership, LVHN is taking a positive step forward on our journey to expand access to care for those suffering with mental and behavioral health issues," Nester said.

"Whole person health is incomplete without

comprehensive mental health services, and it has never been more apparent that this is a service our community wants, needs and relies on," said Edward Norris, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, LVHN.

"Our annual Community Health Needs Assessments consistently reveal that access to leading-edge, convenient and compassionate behavioral health care is a top priority. This project addresses that long-standing need," Norris said.

Nester said LVHN provides inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services, including extensive tele-psychiatry programs. Demand for services has increased rapidly in recent years, and the

COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the need for inpatient psychiatric capacity for all populations in the region.

UHS is one of the nation's largest and most respected providers of health care in the U.S. with more than 300 facilities.

UHS behavioral health facilities located in Pennsylvania include Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital, Clarion Psychiatric Center, Fairmount Behavioral Health System, Foundations Behavioral Health, Friends Hospital, Horsham Clinic, KeyStone Center, Roxbury Treatment Center, The Meadows Psychiatric Center and Lancaster Behavioral Health Hospital, the latter a joint venture with Penn Medicine.

LVHN relaxes face-mask use in certain areas

Face masks are optional for the public inside Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) hospitals and health-care facilities in areas not associated with patient care.

For visitors, that means masks will be a personal choice in spaces including cafeterias, gift shops, chapels, pharmacies and patient education and support-group meetings on hospital campuses.

The wearing of masks remains mandatory in patient-care areas at LVHN locations, maintaining an important barrier against the spread of COVID-19 to help keep everyone healthy. Anyone with respiratory illness symptoms is asked to always wear a mask in any LVHN facility.

"Across the country, hospitals and health networks are transitioning their masking guidance to allow more flexibility in certain areas," said Timothy Friel, MD, Chair, Department of Medicine, LVHN.

"We feel it's appropriate given the state of the pandemic and the downward trend locally in positive tests for both COVID-19 and flu," Friel said.

Updated signs will be placed in newly-mask optional LVHN locations. Masks will be available near patient-care areas.

"This is a small change, but one we feel is medically-appropriate, based on the sustained downward trend in local COVID-19 transmission," said Alex Benjamin, MD, Chief Infection Control and Prevention Officer, LVHN.

"Just as with prior surges of COVID-19, we can adjust our masking

policies and operations as needed to minimize the risk of the ongoing pandemic to our health care workers, patients and visitors," Benjamin said.

Benjamin said LVHN continues to urge everyone to be up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations. A person should have received the primary COVID-19 vaccination series and recommended boosters.

Two-thirds of Pennsylvanians are "fully-vaccinated," according to state Health Department data, i.e., they received the primary COVID-19 vaccination series. Rates are much lower for boosters.

Here are some examples of how the new masking policy will work at LVHN in different locations:

LVPG practices: Masks required, including in the waiting room.

LVHN hospitals: Masks optional to enter, or in non-patient care areas including cafeterias and gift shops. Masks also will be optional in family-visitor waiting areas. Masks are required in the emergency room registration and waiting areas, on inpatient floors, and in other patient care areas, including in procedure areas and physical therapy-rehabilitation spaces.

Diagnostic-care centers: Masks required, including in the waiting room.

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Elevators: Masks are optional.

The updated LVHN mask policy went into effect March 6.

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To get started, search for bargains. Shopping

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



at outlets can save you a ton of money. Pay close attention to special sales.

Pace yourself. You don't need to buy a new wardrobe all in a day. Start with a few color-coordinated pieces that you can mix and match. Build your professional closet slowly, adding classic pieces as you can afford them.

Updating your image and putting your best shoe forward will send a

positive message to your clients and boss. Don't underestimate the power of your appearance.

Think about a policeman's uniform, a doctor's white jacket. These garments assure us that the person we are dealing with is an authority in his or her field. Your attire speaks volumes about you. Attire is a critical tool in business that is often overlooked.

We make decisions about people within the first three seconds of meeting them. We then spend the next 90 seconds trying to confirm our first impressions.

This means that before you even open your mouth, you've been

sized up. Knowing this, a professional should dress professionally and appropriately.

In a competitive world, it pays to understand the importance of your clothing. Investing in your personal presentation will multiply your ability to succeed.

Respectfully Yours,
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In praise of close families

One of my neighbors passed away this week.

Truth be told, she had a great life. At 94 years of age, she was enviably active.

I used to watch in awe as she weeded her yard with the dexterity of a teenager.

Fern was one of a kind so her neighbors are having a celebration of life that's also a bit unusual. We're going to toast her life with her favorite cocktail then sit around and tell what we call "Fern stories."

There was only one sad thing about her passing. None of her close relatives were there with her. Her daughter said she and her mother upset each other so it was best to stay away.

They are coming to clean out her things and settle the estate.

That same scenario also happened a few months ago when a 75-year-old man died alone. He and his daughter were estranged for 20 years. She came afterward for her inheritance.

I always feel sad when I hear about stories like that because I know what they are missing.

They are missing the warmth and comfort of a close family.

No matter what I lose in life — house, possessions and even physical ability — I know I will always have the love and comfort of a caring family.

Like so many families, none of us live near each other. We are scattered across many states.

My daughters have the crammed schedules their work demands. Yet, when the hurricane hit my house they were on the next plane to Florida.

If it weren't for them I would probably still be sitting in a corner not knowing what to do next.

Even now, more than six months after the hurricane, they still keep me propped up emotionally.

It's an act of love on their part. But I have to tell the truth and say there are times when we totally disagree about matters big and small.

While we don't sit around in a love fest and sometime we have to struggle with our emotions, all three of us know the love and respect is always there. It's paramount.

A while back my daughter Maria called me to say she is so grateful for her sister, Andrea. That warmed my heart.

But then she told me why: "When you are getting on my nerves I like to call my sister because she is the one who best understands."

That little conversation says more than their mother is sometimes difficult.

It also shows the kind of close relationship I share with my two daughters.

We are close, of course.

But better yet, we are also authentic. There is nothing phony about the relationship the three of us share. We share our honest emotions and share what's happening in our lives.

WARMEST REGARDS

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Through the years we have learned how to be truthful but gentle. Very gentle.

We have learned, thanks to Maria's wisdom and bravery, that there are times when we tell each other "I'm not ready to discuss that."

Or, we say "You already told me that. Let's not go there again."

It's a good way to protect feelings yet still maintain honesty in our relationship.

Do we slip up? Quite a bit.

When we do there is always one of the three of us who can provide good council.

I worked hard when my daughters were young to teach them what I regard as important.

Now, they are often the ones teaching me what is important to them.

One important thing they taught me is the need to say I'm sorry when I say or do something hurtful.

They've always been good at apologizing when they hurt someone's feelings.

Many years ago they told me I never say I'm sorry.

At first, I made a joke about it, saying the only reason why I never apologize is because I'm never wrong.

But then I realized they wouldn't say that if it wasn't important to them.

I've learned to quickly say I'm sorry when I'm wrong or when I unintentionally cause hurt feelings.

Of course I'm sorry when my words or actions hurt them.

No loving parent deliberately wants to hurt their children. I am ever so thankful that we have the kind of closeness where we can say, "Whoa. That's hurtful."

I am also most grateful that every day we tell each other how much we love them.

Growing up, I knew by my mother's constant care and unselfish actions how much she loved me.

But it bothered me that she never TOLD me she loved me. It bothered me a lot.

It took growing wiser for me to realize my mother never expressed love because she grew up in a home and a family where no one was verbal about their love.

I was the one who started doing it in our family. At first, it made my brother uncomfortable. But I did it anyway until eventually we all were able to verbally share feelings.

One thing I did right with my daughters was to let them know how much they are loved.

I know I am too. They tell me by their words and actions.

I know the love we have for each other is the most precious thing in life.

If you learn to value and appreciate family, you will gain one of life's riches.

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Talk to boy, 7, about handling his frustration

Q: My seven-year-old son has a hard time when he gets frustrated. Sometimes he will cry, throw or break things, and sulks when I try to talk to him. How can I help him?

Learning to handle frustration is a stage of development, said the "Family Project" panel.

"There is a whole world of language. Teach him to identify what he's been feeling and express his feelings," said panelist Chad Stefanyak.

"Children learn where they have power in life and he has learned there is power in smashing things. You need to curb his behavior before it escalates. We all operate at a baseline and when we get upset, we go up the curve," said panelist Mike Daniels.

"Start by saying, 'I know you were feeling really frustrated and angry, but it's not OK to smash things,'" said panelist Denise Continenza.

Discuss what happened after he has calmed down, the panelists agreed.

"When he is not breaking things, say,

FAMILY PROJECT

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



"You were really upset. Is there something we could have done better?" Stefanyak said.

"Acknowledge 'You were so frustrated,' and then praise him when he behaves well. We learn from mistakes. Give him constructive feedback when he does something positive. Say, 'You handled that really well. Let's talk about how to be able to manage things,'" said Daniels.

Daniel suggested teaching him to do deep-breathing exercises.

"When we are upset, closing our eyes and focusing on breathing re-connects our brains and bodies," Daniels said.

"If he refuses help, sits and sulks, there might be a level of embarrassment that he wasn't able to control himself. You might have to build him back up," noted Stefanyak.

"There will be a lot of pent-up energy from being frustrated. You

might take him away from the situation. Take him outside. Let him calm down and come back inside to talk about it," added panelist Pam Wallace.

"After he has exploded, try to let him deescalate on his terms. Maybe sulking is part of that. Say, 'I see you need time and I will come back in 10 minutes,'" said Daniels.

"Seven-year-olds go through stages. Be patient and observant. Watch for him expressing anger and frustration on pets, and maybe on friends. Ask his teacher about his behavior at school. If he's showing the same behavior in the classroom, talk to the counselor," said panelist Wanda M. Arroyo.

"Sometimes, students get frustrated because they are not understanding the material being covered at school or they can't do something they have been asked to do. Maybe there's some cognitive problems that only a counselor or expert can determine," Arroyo added.

This week's panel: Chad Stefanyak, school counselor;

Denise Continenza, extension educator; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist; Pam Wallace, child welfare community advocate, and Wanda M. Arroyo, former teacher and school administrator.

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Treatments for Essential Tremor are discussed

Q. I heard that Botox can help if you have shaky hands. Is that true?

"Shaky hands" is a symptom of "essential tremor," which is the most common movement disorder. The medical community calls it "essential" because it isn't linked to other diseases.

Botulinum toxin type A (Botox) injections, popular for ironing wrinkles, are used to treat muscle spasms and tremors caused by diseases such as multiple sclerosis and neurological conditions such as muscle spasms of the neck, shoulders and face.

And, yes, it's true that Botox is used to treat hand tremors. Injections can bring relief for up to three months. However, if Botox is used to treat hand tremors, it can cause weakness in your fingers.

Essential Tremor (ET) is often confused with Parkinson's disease. Unlike Parkinson's disease, however, ET doesn't lead to serious complications. Parkinson's is associated with a stooped posture, slow

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movement, a shuffling gait and other difficulties.

Not all tremors are ET. There are more than 20 kinds of tremors. For instance, excessive caffeine, alcohol withdrawal, problems with thyroid or copper metabolism or the use of certain medications may cause tremor.

A genetic mutation is responsible for about half of all cases of ET. The only other known risk factor is older age. Although ET can affect people of all ages, it usually appears in middle age or later. Men and women are affected equally.

Abnormal communication within the brain causes ET. There is no cure yet for this disorder.

Tremor is an involuntary movement of one or more parts of the body. Most tremors occur in the hands. Tremors

can also show up in the arms, head, face, vocal cords, trunk and legs.

Victims of tremors usually get them when they make a delicate movement such as writing with a pen or tying shoelaces. Tremors usually disappear when a person is resting.

Some people have relatively mild tremors throughout their lives, but others develop more severe tremors and increased disability.

Most people with ET don't need treatment. The effects of the condition can be eased by avoiding what aggravates the problem: lack of sufficient sleep, anxiety, stimulants such as caffeine and temperature extremes.

Drinking alcohol can calm tremors for up to one hour after consumption. However, tremors tend to worsen when the alcohol wears off.

Physical therapy and exercise can develop more stability in hands that shake.

There are other medications besides Botox that can bring relief. These include beta blockers normally used

to treat high blood pressure, anti-seizure medications and tranquilizers.

If tremors are severe and drugs don't help, there are surgical procedures available.

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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'MUCH ADO'

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Shakespeare used the title's play on words to reference the secrets and trickery that form the backbone of the play's comedy, intrigue and action.

Through "noting," which sounds like "nothing" and means gossip or rumor, Benedick and Beatrice are tricked into confessing their love for each other, and Claudio is tricked into believing that the virginal Hero is promiscuous.

Mutimer has assembled a cast of 27 college students, alumni and community actors.

Michael J. Sheridan and Lydia Walker, NCC theater students, play Claudio and Hero, respectively.

Sheridan recently appeared on the NCC stage as Leon Czolgosz in the fall musical "Assassins," and was in "Footloose" and "Something Rotten!" for NCC's Summer Theatre.

Walker also performed in NCC's "Assassins," as well as playing Susan in Cedar Crest College Theatre's production of "Company."

NCC alumni Justin Fenner and area actor Tatiana Torres take on the roles of Benedick and Beatrice, respectively.

Fenner, an East Stroudsburg resident, has previously been on the NCC stage in "Little Foxes" and "The Pillowman."

Torres, a DeSales University graduate and Allentown resident, has performed in "The Burn" and "Citizen: An Amer-

ican Lyric" at NCC, and "The Fox on the Fairway" and "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" at the Pennsylvania Playhouse.

NCC alumni Daniel Sottile plays the evil Don John. Sottile, an Allentown resident, has appeared at NCC in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Avenue Q," "The Rover" and "Assassins." He was Director of Children's Theatre at Insomniak and Assistant Artistic Director at Allentown Public Theatre.

The cast includes Christopher Gibbs, Jacqueline Fedonvszak, Meghan Lawler, Sage Eugene Buie, Max Wetherhold, Travis Nugent, Justin Ferguson, Isaiah Elleby, Morgan Flagg-DeWittler, Buster Page, Andy Van Antwerp, Colleen Popper, Brody Baron, Mina Price, Elle Podwats, Amber Smith, Jadean Nicholas, Connor Sternberg, Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Melissa Munroe, Britney Preston and Alden Detwiler.

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: L equals P

See solutions on Page B10

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

CELEBRITY ANAGRAMS

- ACROSS
- 1 Hindu music pattern
 - 5 Captivated
 - 13 Kellogg's toaster treat
 - 20 Missing GI
 - 21 Sprinted competitively, perhaps
 - 22 One shunning something
 - 23 Best Actor nominee for "Mrs. Miniver"
 - 25 Maximal-ebb phenomenon
 - 26 Trauma pro in a hosp.
 - 27 "Knives Out" actress — de Armas
 - 28 No, in Fife
 - 30 Japanese wheat pasta
 - 31 Filmed again
 - 33 American Ballet Theatre principal dancer beginning in 2015
 - 39 Double Stuf cookies
 - 42 Look for water with a divining rod
 - 43 "Juno and the Paycock" playwright Sean
 - 44 He played Otto Octavius in "Spider-Man 2"
 - 48 Truth bender
 - 49 Shifts body weight against
 - 50 Pics to click
 - 52 Which person
 - 55 Series-ending abbr.
 - 56 "Yes, Yvette"
 - 57 "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" poet
 - 62 Jeff Bridges sci-fi film
 - 65 Glockenspiel relative
 - 66 Frosty film
 - 67 Planet's path
 - 68 Trying Jenny Craig, e.g.
 - 70 Stands up
 - 71 Midday time
 - 72 Treaty result
 - 74 Impacts
 - 77 Apt retail establishment for 57-Across to own?
 - 80 "Kew!"
 - 81 Daddies
 - 83 Moose kin
 - 84 These, in Spain
 - 85 Alternative to laser tag
 - 88 — buco
 - 89 Apt item for 44-Across to keep files in?
 - 92 Chief Cochise, e.g.
 - 95 Garlic mayo
 - 97 Principal
 - 98 Apt business for 33-Across to have on the stock exchange?
 - 101 Mimicking a crow's cry
 - 105 Sci-fi princess

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 - 2 Au courant
 - 3 Top medals
 - 4 Valved brass instrument
 - 5 Make a gaffe
 - 6 California wine valley
 - 7 Have — with (be favored by)
 - 8 Lady's title
 - 9 Assn.
 - 10 "Norma —"
 - 11 Writer Umberto
 - 12 IHOP competitor
 - 13 Prefix with -lithic or -zoic
 - 14 — -lacto vegetarian
 - 15 "Wham!"
 - 16 From which a name is taken

- 17 Reebok rival
- 18 Made over
- 19 Au courant
- 24 Tourist destination that's "green"
- 29 Golf rarity
- 32 Ho-humness
- 34 Cruel Amin
- 35 Many an heir
- 36 Pan Am rival
- 37 Travel origin, generically
- 38 Virtual money
- 40 "— vincit amor"
- 41 Heavy drinker
- 44 Bar brew
- 45 "It's go time!"
- 46 Almanac, in large part
- 47 Ship's diary
- 48 Trent of Mississippi
- 50 Slushy drink
- 51 — Rica
- 52 Accessory near a mouse
- 53 Real estate transaction
- 54 Individuals
- 58 "It's too hard for me"
- 59 Brought on
- 60 More crafty
- 61 Comic Idle
- 63 "— I a stinker?"
- 64 "I'd rather — there" ("That topic is off limits")
- 67 A while ago
- 69 Loch —

- 70 Ketchup ingredient
- 72 Belittled, informally
- 73 Study of insects, informally
- 75 Many a monk
- 76 Some unofficial sci-fi stories
- 78 Two-gender pronoun
- 79 Prefix with center
- 82 Camera variety, briefly
- 86 Swiss mount
- 87 Bowled over
- 88 Gas ratings
- 89 Floor cleaner
- 90 Styled after
- 91 Writer Anaïs
- 92 Partners
- 93 Capital of South Dakota
- 94 Laotians and Thais
- 95 Just dandy
- 96 Likenesses
- 99 Leslie of "Lili"
- 100 "The Deep" director Peter
- 102 Delhi's land
- 103 Very poor
- 104 Whirls around
- 108 Short skirt
- 109 Old Peruvian
- 112 "Do — say!"
- 113 Skater Midori
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD NORTHAMPTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3449 Cherryville Road Northampton 610-262-5645 www.NAOG.ws Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible 7 p.m.	MORGENLAND CHURCH 3120 Weidasville Rd. Orefield, PA 18069 610-395-0067 Pastor Alex Rodriguez 9 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sunday School during church)	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 4131 Lehigh Drive, P.O. Box 1030 Cherryville (610) 767-7203 www.hopecherryville.org The Rev. Jami Possinger, Pastor 8 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Handicap Access. & Air Cond. People of Hope, working together, with God, to love & serve others.	UNION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville 610-767-6884 Rev. Gordon A. Camp 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Visit ulclv.org for worship video	FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EMMAUUS N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts. Emmaus 610-967-5690 Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi 10:00 a.m. Worship Live Streaming Available on our Website www.faithchurchemmaus.org office@faithchurchemmaus.org	EBENEZER U.C.C. Route 143, New Tripoli 610-298-8000 Pastor Wally Frisch Sunday School, 9 a.m. all ages 10:15 a.m. Worship (in person) or on Facebook live All Are Welcome!	CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C. 135 Quarry Rd., Alburtis 610-966-2991 Pastor, Rev. Matthew Gorkos 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Also Live On Facebook
VALLEY CHURCH Meets in Roxy Theater, 2004 Main St., Northampton 610-984-4904 Pastor Phil Miller 10 a.m. Every Sunday Refreshments	LUTHERAN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd. Emmaus, PA 18049 610-967-2220 Rev. Mark Wimmer, Interim Sr. Pastor Rev. Tami K. Reichley, Assoc. Pastor Rev. Cindy Camp, Interim Assoc. Pastor 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship (In person or livestreaming) 9:30 a.m. Family Service Masks Optional Sunday School & Nursery Care available 2nd Sunday each month: 2:30 p.m. Rejoicing: Spirits Worship www.lchsemmaus.org	WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 610-298-2437 Pastor Brandon Heavner Worship, 9 a.m. On Facebook Live www.weisenbergchurch.org Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.	NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 4004 Tilghman St. 610-395-5062 Rev. Matthew Hacker 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Saturday Worship, 6 p.m. www.nativityallentown.org Live Streaming on Facebook	QUAKERS LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512 9:30 a.m. In Person & Zoom Worship Religious Ed for all ages Child care provided Masks, Vaccinations Required Handicap Acc./Hearing aids avail. For more info. & Zoom link Visit www.lehighvalleyquakers.org All Are Welcome	OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville (at the Y of Fountain Rd & King's Hwy) The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship resumes in sanctuary www.oldzionsucc.org	CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL UCC 4695 Lowhill Church Rd., New Tripoli, PA 18066 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. In Person Weekly Worship Via Facebook Live or Lowhill Church YouTube christchurchatlowhill.org 253rd Anniversary Year!
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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP WHITEHALL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3300 Seventh Street Whitehall, 610-434-8661 www.WhitehallBFC.org Timothy Schmoey, Sr. Pastor 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 3355 MacArthur Road Whitehall, PA 18052 (610) 435-0451 Interim Pastor, Rev. Peggy Wuertele Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9 to 9:30 a.m. email prayer requests to FaithLutheranWhitehall.org Handicapped Accessible Hearing Devices Available	CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1245 W. Hamilton St Allentown PA 18102 610-433-4271 Pastors: Samuel Zeiser & Maritza Torres Dolich In person worship - 10:30 a.m. Zoom worship - 10:30 a.m. See our website for more information www.christ-atown.org	NON-DENOMINATIONAL EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH 4129 S. Church St. Whitehall 610-262-4961 Pastor Brad Roth 9 a.m. Sunday School all ages 10:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service Handicapped Accessible Child Care, Air Conditioned Blended Worship of hymns, songs & Contemporary praise! Visit us at www.egyptcc.org	CEGAR 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!	ST. PETER'S UCC FULLERTON 575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052 Rev. Steven C. Davis, Sr. Pastor Maundy Thursday Commu- nion Service, 7 p.m. April 6 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m. April 7 Easter Worship, 9:30 a.m. 610-264-8421 stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com	ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC 5129 Schochary Road New Tripoli, PA 610-298-8064 Worship 9:30 a.m. Handicapped Accessible All Welcome!
HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SCHNECKSVILLE 3749 Route 309 North Orefield, 610-395-4970 Luke Rex, Pastor Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.	JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH 5103 Snowdrift Road Orefield 610-395-5912 The Rev. Dody Siegfried 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 streaming on Facebook & website Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. at 8 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sun. at 10:30 a.m. Handicap Acc./Hearing Devices Avail. www.jordanlutheran.org	NEW LIFE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN Church 6804 Weiss Road New Tripoli, PA 18066 (610) 298-2710 Rev. Lauren Applegate Preschool M-F 9 to 11:30 Sunday School 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am info@nlclc.com	PRESBYTERIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATASAUQUA 210 Pine St. - 610-264-2595 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. 139 North Fourth St. Emmaus 610-965-9158 Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 Sunday School Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship	UNITED METHODIST EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2336 S. 9th Street Allentown, PA. 18103 610-797-1571 Pastor Lela Hartranft 9:15am Sunday Service Children's Sunday School TBA Preschool Tues-Thurs 9:15am-12:45pm https://www.facebook.com/EUMALLENTOWN Eumcsec@gmail.com	UNITED CH. OF CHRIST ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 139 North Fourth St. Emmaus 610-965-9158 Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 Sunday School Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship
EPISCOPAL ST STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3900 Mechanicsville Rd Whitehall PA 18052 610-435-3901 Email: saintste@ptd.net Rev. Jonathan Mayo www.saintste.com Service: Sundays, 11am Holy Eucharist Livestreamed on FB @ facebook.com/whitehallepiscopal Handicap Accessible, All Welcome!	ZIEGELS LUTHERAN 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 www.ziegelschurch.org 8:30 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube Handicapped Accessible Rev. Andrew Meckstroth, Pastor	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 5th & Chestnut Sts. Emmaus 610-965-9885 Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens www.stjohnsemmaus.org Worship, 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 a.m.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship (in person) 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour/Faith Formation 11 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live The Rev. J.C. Austin, Senior Pastor The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton Assoc. Pastor, Formation & Justice	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	UNITED CH. OF CHRIST ST. JOHN'S UCC 2918 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall Int. MacArthur & Eberhardt Rd. 610-821-8725 stjohnsuccmickleys.org Rev. Virginia Schlegel 10:30 a.m. Worship All Are Welcome Here!	UNITED CH. OF CHRIST ST. JOHN'S UCC 82 S. Church St. Macungie, PA 18062-1016 610-966-3086 Solomonsucc.com Frank Schaffer, Pastor 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Nursery during Worship Handicap Accessible



Scouts of Troop 93 serve spaghetti

LEFT: Leader Seth Guindine, standing, and volunteer Al Czanker man the ticket table during Boy Scout Troop 93's spaghetti dinner fundraiser, held March 25 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue, Northampton.

ABOVE: Troop 93 Scouts prepare to serve the meal, which included spaghetti with meatballs, salad, garlic bread, ice cream and refreshments.

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'Wick 4' a closed book

AT THE MOVIES
By Paul Willistein
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"John Wick: Chapter 4" is preposterous.

It's also preposterously amazing cinema.

"John Wick 4" has a lot in common with the Hollywood western. The movie opens with Keanu Reeves astride a horse galloping across a desert region in pursuit of and shooting at three "bad guys."

The western theme is carried through to the end of "John Wick 4" with a gun duel by John Wick in front of the Basilica of Sacré Coeur in Paris that's worthy of "High Noon" (1952) and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1966).

"John Wick 4" is a globe-trotting film, from the deserts of Jordan, to the cities of New York City, Rome and Paris. Scenes in swank five-star hotels, palatial estates, art galleries and high-tech discotheques are swathed in dark hues, bronzed tones and rock-concert style backlighting. "John Wick 4," as with the previous films in the series, is nothing if not stylish and sleek.

Half of the film's nearly three-hour length seems to be taken up with hand-to-hand combat, fight choreography, shooting and car chases and crashes.

Dialogue in the film is scant. John Wick is relegated to monosyllabic utterances worthy of contemporary action film stars of old.

Keanu Reeves' acting is also monosyllabic. Reeves' minimalist act-

ing works well for John Wick.

Keanu Reeves is surrounded by a cast of intriguing characters, including Donnie Yen (Caine, a blind martial arts fighter), Bill Skarsgård (Marquis), Rina Sawayama (Akira), Ian McShane (Winston), Hiroyuki Sanada (Shimazu), Shamier Anderson (Tracker), Laurence Fishburne (Bowery King), George Georgiou (The Elder), Clancy Brown (Harbinger), Scott Adkins (Killa), Marko Zaror (Chidi) and the late Lance Reddick (Charon), to whom the film is dedicated.

The plot, having to do with a crime organization called The High Table, leaves a lot to the imagination in the screenplay by Shay Hatton ("Day Shift," 2022; "Army of Thieves," 2021; "Army of the Dead," 2021; "John Wick Chapter 3," 2019) and Michael Finch ("American Assassin," 2017; "The November Man," 2014; "Predators," 2010) based on characters created by Derek Kolstad (screenplay, "Nobody," 2021; "John Wick: Chapter 3"; "John Wick: Chapter 2," 2017; "John Wick," 2014).

Director Chad Stahelski (director, "John Wick: Chapter 2," "John Wick: Chapter 3"; co-director, "John Wick"; stunt double, Keanu Reeves, "The Matrix," 1999; Brandon Lee, "The Crow," 1994) is the real deal when it comes to martial arts action-thrillers.

While the action in "John Wick: Chapter 4" is brutal (and somewhat exhausting for this movie-goer), the movie's violence is cartoon-like as in a "Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner" Looney



Walk this way: Keanu Reeves (John Wick), "John Wick: Chapter 4"

Tunes. Yes, "John Wick: Chapter 4" is preposterous, especially because no human could survive the beatings, pummeling and shootings inflicted upon John Wick, nor many of his opponents, for that matter.

Nonetheless, "John Wick: Chapter 4" is the real deal for fans of the John Wick franchise and for fans of Keanu Reeves. It's sensational, expert and thrilling film-making.

"John Wick: Chapter 4," MPAA Rated R (Restricted: Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for pervasive strong violence and some language; Genre: Action, Crime, Thriller; Run Time: 2 hours, 49

minutes. Distributed by Lionsgate.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Stay to the very end of the "John Wick: Chapter 4" credits (and that's saying something with the hundreds of computer-generated imagery artists and stunt actors listed) for a scene with Caine (Donnie Yen) and Akira (Rina Sawayama). Something unfolds in her hand.

Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office, March 31 - April 2: "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" opened at No. 1 with \$38.5 million in 3,855 theaters, knocking "John Wick: Chapter 4" from No. 1 to No. 2 with \$28.2 million in 3,855 theaters, \$122.8 million, two weeks, as "His Only Son," based on the Biblical story about Abraham and his son, opened at No. 3 with \$5.5 million in 1,920 theaters.

one place, \$5.3 million in 3,016 theaters, \$98.2 million, four weeks. 5. "Creed III" dropped one place, \$5 million in 2,827 theaters, \$148.5 million, five weeks. 6. "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" dropped four places, \$4.6 million in 3,451, \$53.4 million, three weeks. 7. "A Thousand and One," opening, \$1.8 million. 8. "65" dropped three places, \$1.5 million in 2,113 theaters, \$30.5 million, four weeks. 9. "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania" dropped three places, \$1.2 million in 1,440 theaters, \$212 million, seven weeks. 10. "Jesus Revolution" dropped two places, \$1 million in 1,415 theaters, \$50.8 million, six weeks.

98,788. **Movie box office information from Box Office Mojo as of April 2 is subject to change.**

Unreel, April 5: "Air," R: Ben Affleck directs Matt Damon, Ja-

son Bateman, Viola Davis and himself in the bio pick about Nike's development of the Air Jordan shoe named after basketball star Michael Jordan.

"The Super Mario Brothers Movie," PG: Matthew Fogel directs the animation and the voice talents of Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Jack Black, Seth Rogen, Keegan-Michael key and Sebastian Maniscalco in the Adventure Comedy. The Super Mario Brothers travel through the Mushroom Kingdom.

Unreel, April 7: "The Pope's Exorcist," R: Julius Avery directs Russell Crowe and Franco Nero in the Horror-Thriller. The screenplay is inspired by the files of Father Gabriele Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican.

"Paint," PG-13: Brit McAdams directs Owen Wilson and Wendi McLendon-Covey in the Comedy-Drama. The fictional story of Carl Nargle, Vermont's No.1 public television painter, is told.

"On a Wing and a Prayer," PG: Sean McNamara directs Dennis Quaid and Heather Graham in the drama. After a pilot dies mid-flight, a father takes control of the airplane.

"Showing Up," R: Kelly Reichardt directs Michelle Williams, Hong Chau and Andre 3000. An artist plans a new exhibition of her sculpture.

"Boom! Boom! The World vs. Boris Becker," No MPAA rating: Alexs Gibney directs the documentary film about the tennis star.

Movie opening dates from Internet Movie Database as of April 2 are subject to change.



Easter Sunday

You're Invited to these local churches

ALL ARE WELCOME!

April 6th - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 PM (Communion)
 April 7th - Good Friday Service - 7:30 PM
 April 9th - Easter Sunday - 7AM & 9AM (Communion)

Weisenberg Lutheran Church
 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd.
 New Tripoli ~ 610-298-2437
 www.weisenbergchurch.org
 Rev. Brandon M. Heavner
 In person & Facebook Live

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." - 1 Peter 1:3

Christ Lutheran Church
 1245 HAMILTON ST., ALLENTOWN

Holy Week Worship
 Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 PM
 Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30 PM
 (service held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 37 S. 5th St., Allentown)
 Easter Vigil Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Worship
 April 9 at 10:30 AM at Christ Church

We hope you will join us in person or online
 All services will be streamed live via Zoom & YouTube
 Visit our website for all the details www.christ-atown.org

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATION!

April 6: Maundy Thursday Fellowship Dinner at 6PM
 Communion Service at 6:30PM
 April 7: Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30PM
 April 9: Easter Sunday Celebration with Communion 10AM

CHRIST'S CHURCH @LOWHILL
 610-298-2527
 4695 Lowhill Church Road
 New Tripoli, PA

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
 3461 Cedar Crest Blvd., Emmaus, PA
 610-967-2220

Please join us for Holy Week Services All Are Welcome!

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6
 12:00 & *7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7
 12:00 pm & *7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY - April 9
 7:30, 8:30, 9:45 (Family Easter Celebration) and *11:00 am

*In-person and streamed live via Zoom
 Please visit our website for more details:
 www.lchsemmaus.org

Calvary Baptist Church of Allentown
 invites you to join us for worship

4/6 Maundy Thursday 7pm
4/7 Good Friday 7pm
4/9 Easter Sunday 10:30am
 (Coffee fellowship @9:30am)

4601 Tilghman St.
Allentown, PA 18104
 cbc-abe.org
 Rev. Melvin Thomas Jr.
 Matthew 28:6
 "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said"

Jordan Lutheran Church

Invites YOU to Join Us for Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 2nd
 Palm Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am
 (Communion and Distribution of Palms)

Thursday, April 6th
 Maundy Thursday
 Holy Communion 7 pm

Friday, April 7th Tenebrae Service
 Service of Darkness 7 pm

Saturday, April 8th
 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am
 (Registration at 9:30 am)

Easter Sunday, April 9th
 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am
 Easter Breakfast 7-9:30 am
 (Family Center - Donation taken at Center)
 Easter Services with Holy Communion 8 am & 10:30 am

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MUSEUM

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ley Heritage Center, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown. Liberty Bell Museum Board of Directors President is Dr. Dennis Blankowitsch. Liberty Bell Museum Manager is Stephanie Burke, a museum tour guide.

In commemoration of the hiding of the bell, a State Historical Marker from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was dedicated July 16, 2022, in front of the then Zion UCC Church. Former State Sen. Patrick M. Browne, among officials who spoke at the dedication, was instrumental in securing the state plaque.

The plaque notes that the Liberty Bell was hidden in the church from September 1777 to June 1778. There was concern that the Liberty Bell, then the Pennsylvania State House Bell, was going to be melted down for use as munitions by the British.

The Liberty Bell was removed from its tower in Philadelphia and transported by guarded wagon train to Northampton Town, now Allentown. The bell was placed under the basement floorboards of the church.

The Liberty Bell Shrine, later Liberty Bell Museum, was founded in 1962.

With the Liberty Bell replica expected to stay in the church, Resurrected Life may create a Liberty Bell museum or display of its own there.

"Pip: The Mouse Before Christmas," the holiday season puppet show, is expected to move to the heritage museum.

"That's the plan now. Pip the Mouse will come, too," said Garrera.

It's anticipated that Pip will hold forth at the



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Entrance to Liberty Bell Museum at doors on left of Zion UCC Church, Allentown, in photo taken July 16, 2022.

heritage museum for the holiday 2023 season. If so, it will be the third home for Pip. The puppet show originated at the former Hess's department store, Ninth and Hamilton streets, Allentown.

Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ, 620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, was believed to have had a congregation at that location for approximately 250 years. Zion's Consistory, which put the church up for sale in June 2022, donated the property to Resurrected Life, which took deed to the property in February.

The Liberty Bell Museum is a non-profit that operated in the church. The exhibition, "Let Freedom Ring!" which opened in February, was to have continued through April at the museum. Instead, the Liberty Bell Museum closed April Fool's Day, April 1.

"We're prepared to help them [Liberty Bell Museum] out and to work with them and to create a large permanent exhibit that will be representative of what the museum had to offer and help tell the expansive story of the Liberty Bell and its

importance in American history," said Garrera.

"There are final documents to be signed between the Lehigh County Historical Society and the Liberty Bell Museum," Garrera continued.

"Of the things that are on exhibit there, some belong to other organizations, such as the [Honorary] First Defenders, and even specialized collectors. Those things will be returned to those people."

"The timeline is going to happen rather quickly."

The [Liberty Bell] replica [in the Liberty Bell Museum] is owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

"When the disposition is concluded, there are different options that we have."

"I think the biggest thing will be designing a new exhibit to tell the story of the Liberty Bell."

The Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum has 13,000-square feet of exhibit space.

"Our museum chief curator Jill Youngken has already put together some preliminary designs,"



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

State Historical Marker prior to unveiling July 16, 2022, at Liberty Bell Museum, Zion UCC Church, Allentown, where Liberty Bell was hidden during the Revolutionary War.

said Garrera.

A replica of the Liberty Bell could be purchased for about \$50,000 from a foundry.

The year 2026 marks the United States' semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary.

Garrera is optimistic about the prospects for Allentown's Liberty Bell heritage:

"We're almost 50 years away from the Bicentennial [1976]. We're coming up on the 250th anniversary."

"We think that in the next few years, there will be considerably more interest in the Liberty Bell. That's going to create renewed awareness in the Liberty Bell," said Garrera.

Lehigh Valley Heritage Center information: 610-435-1074; <http://www.lehigh-countyhistoricalsociety.org/>



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Attending State Historical Marker dedication ceremony July 16, 2022, at Liberty Bell Museum, from left: then State Sen. Patrick M. Browne; Karen Arnold, Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission representative; then Liberty Bell Museum Director, Rev. Joshua Knappenberger; Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerck, and Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong.

Services

Local churches for Easter Worship



DID YOU KNOW?

Celebrations of Easter Sunday Mass are known for their joyous nature regardless of where Christians happen to be. But few, if any, celebrations of Mass can match the scope of the celebration in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the public celebration to be canceled in 2020 and 2021, but it returned in 2022. A sizable number of celebrants returned along with it, as estimates suggested around 50,000 people were on hand to celebrate Easter Sunday Mass on the plaza directly in front of St. Peter's Basilica on April 17, 2022. Pope Francis led the Mass, which was concelebrated with 280 priests, 25 bishops and 23 cardinals. But the crowd attending Mass was just the beginning, as Pope Francis later delivered his Urbi et Orbi benediction, a papal address and apostolic blessing the pope delivers on solemn occasions, from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica before an estimated crowd of 100,000.

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4004 W. Tilghman St., Allentown (next to Wegman's)
610-395-5062 / www.nativityallentown.org

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday - April 2
Holy Communion - 8 AM & 10:30 AM*

Maundy Thursday - April 6
Traditional Holy Communion - 2 PM
Meal & Communion in Fellowship Hall - 6 PM

Good Friday - April 7
Children's Worship - 11 AM
Good Friday Worship - 2 PM & 7 PM*

Saturday - April 8
Holy Communion - 6 PM
Easter Sunday - April 9
6 AM & 8 AM & 10:30 AM*
*Livestream on Facebook

4/6 - Maundy Thursday
Agape meal and service 6:00 pm

4/7 - Good Friday
Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

4/9 - Easter Communion Services
The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:00 am Sunrise Service
8:30 am Lutheran Festive Service
11:05 am UCC Festive Service

He is *Risen!*

ZIEGELS UNION CHURCH
9990 ZIEGELS CHURCH RD, BREINGSVILLE, PA 18031
610-285-6157 WWW.ZIEGELSCHURCH.ORG
ALL ARE WELCOME HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

HOLY WEEK at JORDAN UCC
1837 Church Road, Allentown, PA 610-395-2218
(corner of 309 and Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY
8:00 & 10:30 AM - "Song of The Shadows" Cantata in the Sanctuary at both services

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY
7:00 PM - Holy Communion and Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
Noon - 3:00 PM - Sanctuary Open for Personal Prayers
7:00 PM - Worship with Candlelight & Livestreamed

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY
1:00 PM - Community Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY:
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

6:00 AM - Easter Dawn Service (outside weather permitting)
6:45 AM - Easter Dawn Breakfast, Social Hall
8:00 & 10:30 AM - Easter Communion Services
10:30 service *livestreamed at jordanucc.org/online-worship*

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church
8269 Spring Creek Road, Alburtis
610-395-1215

Join Us

Maundy Thursday - Communion 7:00 PM
Good Friday - 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday
Celebration Service with Communion
10:00 AM
with breakfast served starting at 8:30 AM.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
HOLY WEEK

<p>April 2 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 am</p> <p>April 6 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm</p> <p>April 7 Good Friday 7:30 pm</p>	<p>April 9 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise</p> <p>8:00 am & 10:45 am Festival Worship</p>
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2623 Brookside Rd, Macungie - 610.965.3265

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED**

Sealed proposals will be received until 8:45 AM, April 24, 2023 at North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA, then publicly opened and read at approximately 9:00 AM the same day, for the following items:
ASPHALT JOINT & CRACK SEAL in place
HIGH PERFORMANCE SEAL COAT/QUICK SET FOG SEAL
BITUMINOUS SEAL COAT in place
ULTRA THIN BONDED WEARING COURSE in place
FB-3 prevailing wages required
 The materials specified herein shall meet PA DOT specifications.
 Bid proposals and complete specifications may be obtained at the Township Office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.
 In Place bidders are required to provide, as bid guarantee, a certified check or bid bond, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total proposal, made payable to North Whitehall Township. In Place bidders must submit a PA DOT pre-qualification statement. The successful bidder shall be required to supply Performance and Payment Bonds as required by law.
 The North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept any bid which, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the Township.
 Jessica Koenig, Secretary
 NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
 Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

SEALED PROPOSALS will be accepted by Hanover Township until 12:00 p.m., on April 11, 2023 at the Hanover Township Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem PA 18017, for the following Contract:
 "2023 Paving Proposal" on various streets in Hanover Township, Northampton County
 2,310 Tons of 12.5 mm Wearing Course
 5,955 SY of Gutter Milling, As Directed
 Miscellaneous Pavement Markings including Thermoplastic and Paint
 All materials must meet PENNDOT Pub. 408 Specifications and Standards. Bidders need to be PENNDOT prequalified.
 Proposals must be on forms provided by the Township. Proposals shall be marked "2023 Paving Proposal". Proposal forms, specifications and bid information can be obtained at the Hanover Township Municipal Building at the above address or by calling Martin Limpar, Public Works Director, at 610-866-1140 X 224, Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
 A MANDATORY Individual Pre-Bid meeting must be arranged with Martin Limpar at the above number and times up until the bids are due.
 All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid made payable to Hanover Township.
 The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price within 20 days of the award of the contract.
 All bids will be opened and read publicly at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Township Building and, pending review, awarded at the Board of Supervisors Meeting at approximately 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
 Hanover Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or portions thereof, and to delete projects and or portions of the project depending on budgetary constraints and may also waive any technicalities deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.
 Pennsylvania Prevailing Wages WILL Apply to this contract.

Hanover Township
 Martin M. Limpar,
 Public Works Director
 3630 Jacksonville Road
 Bethlehem PA 18017

Mar. 29, Apr. 5

Public Notice

Request For Proposals: Architectural and Engineering Services
 The Lehigh County Housing Authority (LCHA) hereby requests proposals from Architectural and Engineering firms to perform professional architectural and engineering services related to repair and rectification of ongoing water issues in the structure of the Public Housing facility, located at 333 Ridge St Emmaus PA. The Scope of Services provided by the A/E firm shall include: schematic design; design development; contract documentation preparation; bid and award support; confirmed documents; construction administration; post-construction; and other A/E services related to the Project as requested by LCHA.
 LCHA seeks proposals from firms qualified to provide Services through completion of the Project. The Model Form of Agreement (Form HUD - 51915) is the professional service contract that will be used through this solicitation process.
 Any questions regarding this Request for Qualifications should be in writing and directed to:
 ATTN: Jennifer Hasili, Deputy Executive Director
 Email: jennifer@lcha-vhdc.org
 A complete proposal package may be obtained from:
 LCHA website: www.lehighcountyha.org
 Following are the Key Dates associated with this Request for Qualifications:
 (subject to change at LCHA's discretion through Addenda to this solicitation)
 Pre-Submission Conference:
 Thursday April 6, 2023 2:00 PM EST Ridge Manor I 333 Ridge St. Emmaus PA 18049
 Final Submission of Written Questions:
 Tuesday April 11, 2023
 Proposals Due:
 Thursday April 20, 2023 2:00 PM EST 635 Broad St Emmaus PA
 Proposals to be sealed, marked and addressed, Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services Attn:
 Jennifer Hasili
 Deputy Executive Director
 Lehigh County Housing Authority
 635 Broad Street
 Emmaus, PA 18049
 Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2010, a certain mortgage was executed by ROSEMARIE ACKERMAN and RUDY S. ACKERMAN, as mortgagor in favor of METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A. as mortgagee and was recorded in Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County in Mortgage Instrument 2010031951 ("Mortgage"); and WHEREAS, the Mortgage encumbers property located at 2708 West Washington Street a/k/a 2708 Washington Street Allentown, PA 18104, parcel number 548679988510 ("Property"); and WHEREAS, the Property was owned by Rudy Ackerman and Rosemarie Ackerman by virtue of deed dated October 14, 1987 and recorded December 2, 1987 in Book: 1407; Page: 69; and WHEREAS, Mortgagor/Record Owner Rudy Ackerman died on May 22, 2015. By operation of law title vests solely in Rosemarie Ackerman and Rudy Ackerman is hereby released of liability pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1144. Rosemarie Ackerman died on November 25, 2021 intestate and is survived by her heirs-at-law, Sally Ackerman King, Ann Ackerman Lalik and Unknown Heirs of Rosemarie Ackerman; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("Secretary"), pursuant to an assignment recorded on October 18, 2018 in Instrument 2018030008, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage (paragraph 9 (a)(i)), as Rosemarie Ackerman died on November 25, 2021, and that upon the death the entire principal balance becomes due and owing, and that no payment was made, and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this Notice; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of March 1, 2023 is \$469,628.93 plus interest, costs and other charges through the sale date; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 29, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 24, 2016 in Misc. Instrument #: 2016030492, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the Lehigh County Courthouse located at 455 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101 all real property and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:
 ALL THAT CERTAIN MESSAGE, TENEMENT AND LOTS OF GROUND SITUATE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN TWENTY-SEVENTH AND BROAD STREETS, IN THE SEVENTEENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN, COUNTY OF LEHIGH AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:
 ON THE NORTH BY WASHINGTON STREET;
 ON THE SOUTH BY CARY STREET;
 ON THE EAST BY LOT NO. 2706 WASHINGTON STREET; AND
 ON THE WEST BY LOT NO. 2714 WASHINGTON STREET,
 CONTAINING IN FRONT ON SAID WASHINGTON STREET SIXTY (60) FEET AND EXTENDING IN DEPTH OF EQUAL WIDTH TO CARY STREET ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) FEET.
 BEING KNOWN AS LOTS NOS. 2708-2712 WASHINGTON STREET, AS SHOWN UPON PLAN NO. 1 OF THE COLLEGE HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT COMPANY RECORDED IN THE OFFICE FOR THE RECORDING OF DEEDS FOR LEHIGH COUNTY, IN BOOK OF MAPS AND PLANS VOLUME 2, PAGE 115, ALSO BEING KNOWN AS HOUSE NO. 2708 WASHINGTON STREET.
 APN: 548679988510
 The sale will be held on April 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the Lehigh County Courthouse located at 455 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$469,628.93 plus interest, costs and other charges through the sale date. Ten percent (10%) of the highest bid is the deposit required at the sale.
 The amount that must be paid to HUD by the mortgagors or someone acting on their behalf so that the sale may be stayed is the total delinquent amount of \$469,628.93 as of March 1, 2023, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
 There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
 When making their bid, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's bid as set forth above in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of ten (10%) percent must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.
 The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) days, and a fee will be charged in the amount of \$150.00 for each fifteen (15) day extension requested. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
 If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder's deposit will be forfeited, and the Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.
 There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein.
 KML LAW GROUP, P.C.
 Foreclosure Commissioners
 (215-825-6305)

Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 Bridge Rehabilitation Program. The project includes but not limited to Rehabilitation of Township owned metal bridges including preparing and the application of protective coating on all exposed metal surfaces. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBID, available at <https://pennbid.procureware.com>. Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM (prevailing time) on April 17, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBID after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Publication 408, Section 103.04 requirements. Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids.
 Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary
 Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LOWHILL TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lowhill Township will conduct a Public Hearing on **TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Lowhill Township Municipal Building located at 7000 Herber Road, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, PA 18066 for the following zoning appeal: **Case No. 2023-1:** The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on **TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.**, to hold a hearing on the appeal of Matthew Costa and Amy Costa seeking a variance from Section 912.03 of the Lowhill Township Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a private garage in front of an existing residence where Section 912.03 prohibits a private garage within a required front yard in any District. The subject property is located at 5005 Seibert Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 in the Township's RC Rural Conservation Zoning District. Tax ID No. 543886964137-1.
 The above-referenced property is in Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted can be available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants, or their representatives with legal standing, must attend. All objectors and interested parties are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to be heard.
 Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the **Township Municipal Building** located at **4444 Walbert Avenue**, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday April 20, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following, and any other business brought before the Board. The meeting will also be streamed live through GoToMeeting. Due to the limitations of the facility, public comment may or may not be available for remote viewers. To access through your computer, go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757490189>. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189.
RIDGE FARM FINAL PLAN PHASE 1B MAJOR PLAN 2017-101 REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAN REVIEW
 An application to develop the properties located at 1802 North Cedar Crest Boulevard (the northwest corner of the Walbert Avenue/Cedar Crest Boulevard intersection). The plan proposes 5 apartment buildings containing a total of 60 units; 14 two-unit dwelling units (7 pairs of twins); the continuation of Yellowstone Road, Road M and its intersection with Cedar Crest Boulevard, and a portion of Road H totaling 1,571 linear feet of private roads and 1,207 linear feet of new alleys; 117,173 square feet of Open Space; and Basins 3 and 4 and associated stormwater management facilities on a 13.2-acre portion of the 31.9644-acre tract. The property is served by public water and sewer and is zoned R-10 and TND-Residential Cluster Overlay District and is being developed as a TND-Residential Cluster Overlay. Kay Walbert LLC is the equitable owner and applicant.
AMENDING SECTION 350-15 TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF USE REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW
 An amendment to Zoning Ordinance to add Section 350-13(f), proposed by staff, to create a Certificate of Use and standards by which it will be issued.
AMENDING SECTION 350-42(h) TO CLARIFY THE HEIGHTS EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW
 An amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 350-42(h), proposed by staff, to clarify the conditions under which the Maximum Height of Buildings or Structures listed in Section 350-24(c) may be exceeded.
 All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection upon request.
 Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department
 Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a Regular Public Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road to discuss and take action on the below listed legislation.
ORDINANCES
 1. **BILL NO. 13-2023 (FIRST HEARING)**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON APRIL 9, 2007, AS ORDINANCE NO. 2671 AND ADOPTING IN ITS PLACE THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP.
 2. **BILL NO. 14-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 2023 CDBG ADA HC RAMPS CONCRETE CURB AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, CONTRACT NO. 2023-01 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (DEVELOP)
 3. **BILL NO. 16-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS FOR 500 FEET ALONG THE CHESTNUT STREET FRONTAGE OF 5101 BEEKMANTOWN ROAD AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (DEVELOP)
 4. **BILL NO. 17-2023**
 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS FOR 1200 FEET ALONG THE CHESTNUT STREET FRONTAGE OF 5101 BEEKMANTOWN ROAD AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (DEVELOP)
RESOLUTIONS
 1. **RESOLUTION NO. 3247**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIC TOWNSHIP RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S RECORD RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULE. (ADMINISTRATION)
 2. **RESOLUTION NO. 3248**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DEADLINES OF THE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF EAGLE VIEW TOWNES, LOCATED AT 5266 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, INDEX #1884-16 PROVIDED UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 3005 ON FEBRUARY 12, 2018
 3. **RESOLUTION NO. 3249**
 TITLE: RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LOT CONSOLIDATION/ MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAN OF PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GREYSTONE CAPITAL, INDEX 1998-22 (DEVELOP)
 4. **RESOLUTION NO. 3250**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO SATISFY THE JUDGEMENT OF MJ-31107-CV-0000006-2023 AGAINST ROBERT J. GANCI AND KATHLEEN F. GANCI
 5. **RESOLUTION NO. 3251**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FUTURE ROADWAY DEDICATION FOR THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE RAISE GRANT PROJECT (ADMIN/BOD)
 6. **RESOLUTION NO. 3252**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY PARCEL ID. 549828018530 FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 271431
 7. **RESOLUTION NO. 3253**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY PARCEL ID. 549828028392 FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 271431
 8. **RESOLUTION NO. 3254**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY PARCEL ID. 549827198526 FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 271431
 9. **RESOLUTION NO. 3255**
 TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LEHIGH COUNTY PARCEL ID. 549827364102 FOR HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 271431
 Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration Office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.
 /s/Thomas Slonaker
 FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
 Apr. 5

Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Le-Nor-Co Ad School Year 2023-2024
 The Le-Nor-Co Purchasing Co-op is accepting bids for bread and ice cream. Vendors are encouraged to contact Lori Seier with questions. Ph: 610-351-5671 Email: seierl1@parklandsd.net
 Proposals are due 4pm on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Bid opening will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, May 12, 2023. Bids will be submitted through BidAdvantage for Schools. Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Storhouse Self Storage Lehigh Street, 1449 Lehigh Street, Allentown Pa 18103 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges:
Alize Thomas, leased space #1039
 The items will be sold online **April 20, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, pre-registration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time.
 Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP
CONDITIONAL USE HEARING**

The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Township Municipal Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 to consider the following Conditional Use Application:
 The appellant, Eric Miller, owner of Miller Manufactured Home Park 8220 Airport Road Bath PA 18014, requests a conditional use approval to allow for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming use. Subject property is located in the Suburban Residential (SR) zoning district. A Mobile Home Park is not permitted in this zoning district, section 250-18 (307) of the East Allen Township Code.
 Applicant wishes to expand the existing park by 50% Section 250-33(a,b,c,d.), by addition of 14 new units.
 Any interested party is welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard.
 Timothy R. Weis
 East Allen Township
 Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
 Apr. 5, 12

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

NOTICE is hereby giving that the East Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 for following application:
ZHB 23-19013
 The appellant, 7 Commerce Pittston LLC, aka, (Toyota Lift) 7 Commerce Road Pittston, PA 18640. The applicant is proposing 24,150 square foot multi use building to serve as an office, warehouse, sales, retail and repair. The applicant also is seeking relief from section 250-241G to permit minimal stormwater management improvements within the required 20-foot buffer and front yard setback. Property is located in the OC Office Commercial District Tax ID. L5-13A-1-0508. Multi use properties are not permitted by right in this zoning district, Section 250-24.1B of the East Allen Township Code. Applicant is seeking relief of this section.
 Interested parties may view the appellant's application at the Township Building from Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM or by appointment. Those who need reasonable accommodations to attend the hearing may request such accommodations by emailing info@eastwp.org or calling 610-262-7961.
 Timothy R. Weis, BCO
 East Allen Township
 Zoning Officer
 Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA**

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council meeting is Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building 2900 South Pike Avenue Allentown, PA 18103. Agenda items include Walking Purchase trash clean up arrangements.
Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on April 12th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville 18031, to hear the following appeal:

#04 23 005 The Zoning Appeal of Chad & Kristen Bruckner, 918 Yorkshire Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031; for a variance from Section 27-403.4.F.(2), to construct a pool barrier fence within a drainage and conservation easement. The property is located at 918 Yorkshire Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031.
The property is situated in the R3 Zoning District. The Parcel Identification Number is 545479306675 1.

Applicants must appear at the hearing.
All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Kyle Kuester
Zoning Officer
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL
Secured party: Lynnville Foodservice, LLC
Name of Debtor: Lynnville Hotel, LLC

Lynnville Foodservice, LLC will sell the following collateral:

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Hotel Liquor License No. H2668 (LID #67099), AS IS, and subject to all restrictions, limitations, liens, security interests, renewal date(s), and expiration date(s), which do or may exist, and/or which are provided by law and otherwise.

to the highest qualified bidder in public as follows:

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: 8148 Bausch Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 (Lynn Township, Lehigh County)

Kevin T. Fogerty, Esquire
Law Offices of Kevin T. Fogerty
1275 Glenlivet Drive, Suite 150
Allentown, PA 18106-3109
Tel.: (610) 366-0950
Fax: (610) 366-0955
Attorney for Lynnville Foodservice, LLC
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Weisenberg Township will receive sealed bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.net) until 11 A.M., prevailing time on Thursday April 27, 2023, for the Weisenberg Township Salt Storage Facility. The work includes but is not limited to all labor, materials, tools, and oversight required to provide heavy duty concrete paving and installation of salt storage facility, including debris removal, and all other work as indicated or reasonably implied in the contract documents. The Owner will install and maintain E&S Controls and complete site grading.
All bidding documents will be available online at no cost at www.PennBid.net beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract shall be furnished by the successful bidder as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders. Prevailing Wage Rates shall apply.
Immediately following the due date and time, all bids received through PennBid will be opened online at Barry Isett and Associates and referred to the Weisenberg Township for final award. An abstract of the bids received will be available to bidders on PennBid following the date and time that bids are due as indicated above.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the site location, Weisenberg Public Works, 3535 Willow Run Road, Kempton, PA 19529. All bidders are encouraged to attend. Questions may be submitted through PennBid's "Clarifications (From Vendors)" tab on or before 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 21, 2023. Responses will be provided via PennBid to all registered parties.
Weisenberg Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions or to waive any informalities in bidding and to withhold award for a period of sixty days.

On Behalf of Weisenberg Township
Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
5420 Crackersport Road
Allentown, PA 18104

Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall will hold a special meeting on **MONDAY, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.** in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, to deliberate and render a final decision with regard to the following zoning appeal:

ZHB-2022-10: In the case of Moyer Construction, LLC, whereby the applicant seeks a Favorable Interpretation from Section 350-23(b), Uses Not Specifically Listed, Similar Uses, which permits the Zoning Hearing Board to determine that a proposed Use not listed in the Zoning Ordinance is sufficiently similar in character and impact to that of a listed Use so that the proposed Use may be treated the same as the listed Use. The Applicant seeks a Favorable Interpretation pursuant to Section 350-23(b) that a Sober Living Residence is sufficiently similar in character and impact to an Assisted Living Residence which is a permitted Use in the R5 Zoning District. The subject property is located at 3599 Broadway and is zoned R5 Medium Density Residential District. Tax ID No. 548643493992-1.
The Zoning Hearing Board previously held hearings on this matter on December 01, 2022, December 29, 2022, January 05, 2023, January 31, 2023, February 09, 2023, and February 14, 2023. The record in this matter is now closed, and the Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting on **MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**, for the purpose of deliberating in an executive session of the Board and voting on a final decision in public session immediately thereafter.

The above-referenced property is located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted can be available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance).
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BOROUGH OF EMMAUS**

FRANKLIN STREET SANITARY SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Bids will be received for the Franklin Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project via the PennBid online bidding system, until 3:30 PM local time, Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Bids will be opened at that time, and publicly announced at the Borough office promptly thereafter. A summary of all bids received will be available for viewing on the PennBid web site after the opening.

The project, located in the Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA, includes removal of about 530 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer mains and ten service laterals, and replacement with new pipes at substantially the same location and elevation; reconstruction of 3 sewer manholes from top of precast concrete cone to grade; aggregate backfill and bituminous base pavement repair of trench excavations, and incidental repair of curb, sidewalk, and other elements disturbed or removed to perform the Work. All Work is located within Borough public street rights-of-way.
Complete sets of the Bidding Documents, including Contract forms, Specifications, and Drawings, will be available from the project page at www.PennBid.net by Friday, April 7, 2023.

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Submit any questions regarding the project or bidding process via the "Questions" tab on the project's PennBid web page. Final questions must be submitted via PennBid no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, April 28, 2023.

Each Bid must be accompanied by an electronic copy of Bid Security payable to Borough of Emmaus in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price, in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond.
The Contractor shall be required to pay wages in accordance with the Commonwealth of PA Department of Labor and Industry Prevailing Wage Determination included in the Contract Documents. The project is subject to the provisions of the PA Public Works Employment Verification Act, PA Steel Products Procurement Act, Trade Practices Act, and Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunities regulations. Other specific requirements for bidding are described in the Bidding Documents.
The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reasons, and to waive any informality in any Bid Proposal. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid Opening or later if permitted by law. Within ten (10) days after the Contract has been awarded, the successful Bidder shall furnish to the Borough the Bonds and Insurance Certificates required by the Contract Documents, guaranteeing the performance of the Contract.

BOROUGH OF EMMAUS
SHANE PEPE, MANAGER
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed for **LEO LOGISTICS INC.** with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The address of the association's proposed registered office in this Commonwealth is 9883 OLD 22, BREINIGSVILLE PA 18031-2231 in Lehigh County. This corporation is incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.
Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Parks & Recreation Board will conduct a Public Meeting on Thursday, April 20th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss any matters that may come before the Board, and to take any necessary action, if appropriate. The meeting will occur at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.
Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary
Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Board Meeting Notice

The Northampton County Housing Authority will hold a special board meeting and annual meeting on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in person or via zoom, at 15 Wood Street, Nazareth, PA in the community room or join via ZOOM, login details to be published on the website.
Topic: Northampton County Special and Annual Board Meeting
Time: Thursday, April 6th, 2023, 04:15 PM Eastern Time
Please contact Ms. Didden at (610) 759-8488 for further inquiries.

Gwendolyn F. Didden, MHS, PCHA
Executive Director/President
Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2023-02 at its public meeting held March 16, 2023, which amends Chapter 27 (Zoning), Part 26, Administrative and Enforcement, Section 27-2604, Zoning Hearing Board, to Increase the Number of Zoning Board Members from Three to Five, and to Eliminate the Position of Alternate. Any person claiming a right to challenge the validity of Ordinance 2023-02 must bring legal action within thirty (30) days of the publication of the second notice pursuant to Section 10108 of the Municipalities Planning Code. A copy of the full text of Ordinance 2023-02 is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania.
Renea Flexer, Asst. Manager/Secretary
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Lower Macungie Township will receive bids for the completion of the public improvements at the Community Center Expansion Project located at 3450 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. The Base Contract work will primarily include modifying and placing amended soils in a rain garden, mowing and overseeding one infiltration basin. The Base Contract work will also include the placement of specified landscaping and the removal of surplus materials from the site. Alternate/Add-On No. 1 will include the mowing and overseeding of a detention basin and an infiltration basin. Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid Electronic Document and Bid Management Program at <https://pennbid.procureware.com> beginning March 29, 2023. Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 AM (prevailing time) on April 17, 2023. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of PennDOT Pub. 408, made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price. The successful bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds each in an amount equal to the Contract Price and meeting PennDOT Publication 408, Section 103.04 requirements. This project is subject to the terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, and is to be bid as such. The successful bidder is assessed a variable award fee from PennBid. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any and all bids.
Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Bid Form and electronic copy of Bid Security for the Sioux Street Reconstruction Project will be received online via the PennBid Program until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on Thursday, April 20, 2023. At 4:00 p.m., the bid tabulations from the PennBid website will be publicly read aloud at the Borough of Fountain Hill Office, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015-2660.
Final questions are due no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023.

The project consists of approximately 1,665 square yards of milling/removing existing pavement and subbase materials, fine grading roadway, placing stone subbase, base course and wearing course, installing miscellaneous erosion and sediment control facilities, installation of curb ramps and replacing miscellaneous concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway aprons on Sioux Street in the Borough of Fountain Hill.
All Bid Documents and details are available at no cost online at www.PennBid.net

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the required form, certified check, bank cashier's check, or other security acceptable to the Owner in the amount of 10% of the total Base Bid. Bids will be effective for 60 calendar days from the Bid opening date except as permitted by law, and may not be withdrawn during this period.
The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Act of August 15, 1961 (P.L. 9 87), as amended, known as the "Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act" and the Regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Department of Labor and Industry. The Contractor shall include these requirements in all subcontracts for the project. Specific requirements for bidding are described in the Bidding Documents.

The project is subject to the provisions of the Public Works Employment Verification Act, and Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity regulations.
The Borough of Fountain Hill reserves the right at its option to waive any informalities, irregularities, defects, errors or omissions in any or all of Bids, and to accept or reject any or all parts of the Bids which in its judgment is in the best interest of the Borough.

Borough of Fountain Hill
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on April 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, and consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, AMENDING CHAPTER 27 "ZONING" OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY PERMITTING MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT BY CONDITIONAL USE IN THE "HE" - HIGHWAY ENTERPRISE DISTRICT; AMENDING CHAPTER 27, "ZONING", PART 24 "CONDITIONAL USES, SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES, AND CERTAIN USES BY RIGHT SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CRITERIA" BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTION §27-2417 "MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN THE HE- HIGHWAY ENTERPRISE DISTRICT"; PROVIDING DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A MIXED USE GOLF DRIVING RANGE WITH HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AND FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. FROM SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY WITH DIMMED LIGHTING OPERATED UNTIL TWO HOURS AFTER CLOSING FOR MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING FOR AQUARIUM, PERFORMANCE THEATRE, AND MIXED-USE SPORTS RETAIL USES; PROVIDING FOR ACCESSORY USES; ALLOWING FOR A MAXIMUM FREESTANDING SIGN HEIGHT OF 50' FOR A SINGLE FREESTANDING SIGN WITH FRONTAGE ON I-78; AMENDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR LIGHTING; AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES"**. Copies of the full text of this amendment is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing and be heard. The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TRASH REMOVAL & RECYCLING SERVICES
FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS, TESTING, CERTIFICATION, REPAIR SERVICES**

The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than NOON prevailing time, Thursday, April 13, 2023, at which time RFPs will be publicly opened. DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.basdschools.org or by email at purchasing@basdschools.org.
Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bethlehem Parking Authority, shall hold a public meeting, to be held at 4:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April, 2023, at the office of the Bethlehem Parking Authority, 85 West North Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018, for general Bethlehem Parking Authority business.
Steven Fernstrom, Executive Director
Bethlehem Parking Authority
85 West North Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Trexlertown Self Storage located at 1455 Trexlertown Road, Macungie PA, 18062 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges:
John Clauser Leased Space #B524, Dina Fritz Leased Space #D721, Manuel Centeno Leased Space #L1839

The items will be sold online April 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at www.StorageTreasuries.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, pre-registration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time.
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDITORS REPORT**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Catawauqua Area School District from the Independent Auditor of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was filed in the Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court and the Northampton County Courthouse, Criminal Department and the Carbon Lehigh I.U. It will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the Administration Office of the School District during normal business hours.
Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts
321 E. Third St
Bethlehem, PA 18015
charterarts.org**

Charter Arts School Finance Committee Meetings - 4:00pm
April 17, 2023, meeting changed to April 11, 2023
Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS & QUOTES**

**Heating Supplies
Plumbing Supplies
Lamps & Bulbs Supplies
Fall Sports Supplies
Lumber Supplies
Science Supplies
Tires and Service
Oil and Grease
Vehicle Parts**

The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed bids and quotes in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than **1:00 PM** prevailing time, **Friday, April 28, 2023**, at which time bids will be publicly opened. DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BASD WEBSITE - www.basdschools.org or by email at purchasing@basdschools.org.
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Hearing/Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport, PA 18066 on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following appeal(s):
Appeal #543, Case #23-01
Ryan Suchon (owner/applicant) is applying for a special exception/variance use of the Lynn Township Zoning Ordinance Sections 27-304(2), 27-503(15)(A)(21), and any other applicable zoning relief, for licensing of an existing pole barn as a brewery licensed by (PLCB), only utilizing a 6-8 gallon home brewing system. The parcel number(s) is 542854698736; property location is 8004 Bausch Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 and is in the AP-Agriculture Preservation Zoning District.
Christopher Noll
Zoning Officer
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE
HANOVER TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY**

Hanover Township invites the public to review and provide written comments on the Township Pollutant Reduction Plan beginning on Friday, April 7, 2023 and extending through Monday, May 8, 2023. The Pollutant Reduction Plan, as required by the Township PAG-13 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit, outlines the 5-year plan, beginning in 2023, to reduce sediment loading to impaired local surface waters. A copy of the Pollutant Reduction Plan is available for public review at Hanover Township Office located at 2202 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109; Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. The Township will also accept comments from the public at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Vicky Roth
Township Clerk

Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids via PennBid for the SR 222 and Grange Road Dual Right Turn Signalization project which includes a pedestrian crosswalk, landing area, pedestrian signals, line striping for new lanes, signs, concrete sidewalk, concrete mountable curb, concrete handicap ramp and necessary traffic signal work to accommodate the signalization of the dual right turn lane installation. Bids will be received online via PennBid until 9:00 a.m. (prevailing time) on Monday, April 24, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Clarification" tab.
Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Owner(s) in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of the General Conditions. The successful bidder must furnish Performance, Payment Bonds and Insurance per Contract and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of General Conditions. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids. No bid will be accepted if obtained from sources other than the issuing office noted above.
Robert Ibach, Jr. - Township Manager
Upper Macungie Township
Apr. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will meet in the Public Meeting Room, at the Township Municipal Building, located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania on Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing and a possible Conditional Use approval of the following project. The meeting will also be streamed live through GoTo-Meeting. Due to the limitations of the facility, public comment may or may not be available for remote viewers. To access through your computer, go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757430189>. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189.

**4741 CHAPMANS ROAD FLEX-WAREHOUSE FACILITY
CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW 2022-601
REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW**

An application for Conditional Use approval for the Warehousing and Distribution Use at 4741 Chapmans Road. The applicant proposes a Warehousing and Distribution Use within the existing warehouse that proposes a greater amount of traffic than the previously-approved Warehousing and Distribution Use. The subject property is served by public water and sewer and is zoned IC-1 industrial-Commercial-1 (Special Height Limitation). Riverbend South Whitehall Properties I, LLC is the owner and applicant. All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection upon request.
Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department
Mar. 29, Apr. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room "A" 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

Appeal No. 09-2023 of Nikie Nguyen 1565 Brookside Road Macungie PA 18062. Property located in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 545791093582-1. Applicant is requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 27-706 regarding the maximum impervious lot coverage for the proposed additional paved parking and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

Appeal No. 10-2023 of Jatin and Pamela Gupta 7448 Cedar Road, Macungie PA, 18062. Property located in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546456955748-1. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 17, Section 27-706 regarding maximum impervious lot coverage for the proposed pool/patio and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

Appeal No. 11-2023 of Kolano Design 6026 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh PA, 15205. Property located at 4440 South Cedarbrook Rd. Allentown PA, 18103 in a HC-Highway Commercial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 5485089888576-1. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 22, Section 27-2217 1. D. regarding wall signage for the proposed self-storage building and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at **6:00 p.m.**
The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Apr. 5, 12

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 S. Pike Ave., Allentown, PA 18103. The meeting will be held to hear the following case:

3054 S. Pike Ave (Appeal No. 23-0012) – Jessica Ritz requests variance relief from §27-403.4.E(3)(a) to maintain a 6-foot, privacy-style fence within the front yard setback of 3054 S. Pike Ave (max. 4-foot, picket-style permitted). The property is located within the R4 Medium Density Residential zoning district.

1414 East Susquehanna Street Lot #9 (Appeal No. 22-0398) – A. Hunter Homes, LLC appeals the Zoning Officer's decision denying the placement of a manufactured home within the park at 1414 East Susquehanna Street on the basis that it is a pre-existing, non-conforming site. In the alternative, the applicant seeks variances from §27-402.1.OO(5) and §27-402.1.OO(6)(b) to place a manufactured home with 4' between dwelling units (15' required) and 2' setback from the cartway (10' required). The property is located within the R5 Medium High Density Residential zoning district.

1414 East Susquehanna Street Lot #6 (Appeal No. 22-0400) – A. Hunter Homes, LLC appeals the Zoning Officer's decision denying the placement of a manufactured home within the park at 1414 East Susquehanna Street on the basis that it is a pre-existing, non-conforming site. In the alternative, the applicant seeks variances from §27-402.1.OO(5), §27-402.1.OO(6)(a), and §27-402.1.OO(6)(b) to place a manufactured home with 10' between dwelling units (15' required), 10' setback from exterior lot lines (50' required), and 5' setback from the cartway (10' required). The property is located within the R5 Medium High Density Residential zoning district.

3064 Lanze Lane (Appeal No. 23-0011) – Raad Almir requests variance relief from §27-307.2.A, Section 27 Attachment 4, §27-308.2.F(1)(d), and §27-403.4.E(4)(b) to maintain a two-story deck (max 6 foot high above the surrounding average ground level permitted; current height unknown), concrete patio (15% max impervious surface permitted; 24.82% exists), and brick wall (max 3 foot high permitted; 3.5 foot exists) at 3064 Lanze Lane. The property is located within the CR Conservation Residential zoning district.

All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests to review the files in advance should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisbury-township.org or 484-661-5825. Mar. 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Nelson K Storks, deceased, late of Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Kate D. Storks, 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. Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Trudie L. Powell, deceased, late of Coopersburg, 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:

Arnold Ray Kostenbader
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to his Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of LUTHER J. HOTTLE JR., deceased, late of Bethlehem, 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:

Valerie Lynn Ripley, Executrix
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to her Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of NANCY M. WIEDER, a/k/a NANCY MINERVA WIEDER, deceased, late of Lower Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

James D. Wieder, Executor
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to his Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Arun Joshi, aka Arun Chandra-Shekar, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, PA. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Sreedevi Joshi, 8740 Grady Dr, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 5

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Jean L. Sidoroff, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **Andrew V. Schantz, Esquire and Stanley J. Bushner, Executors Estate of Jean L. Sidoroff c/o Andrew V. Schantz, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. Two City Center 645 Hamilton Street, Suite 510 Allentown, PA 18101 Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12**

ESTATE NOTICE

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Popular trends in home exteriors

Certain homes have an undeniable wow factor. That instant appeal tends to be noticeable the moment visitors pull up to the curb, and it might be a byproduct of homeowners' willingness to embrace the latest exterior design trends.

Trends come and go, but recognition of the current fashions can help homeowners create that highly sought-after wow factor. The following are some recent trends in home exteriors that have helped homeowners set their properties apart.

Wood

Natural wood has undeniable appeal, and it hasn't only found new-found devotion among home interior decorators. Natural wood garage doors create a sense of warmth and can set a home apart from others with steel doors, which tend to be the most popular garage door material. In addition to the garage door, natural wood entry doors and wood decks are popular ways to impart this classical, warm look to a home's exterior.

Painted brick

Like natural wood, brick is a traditional material that's both sturdy and classical. But homeowners can add character to brick with a coat of paint, which has become a popular trend in recent years. Light tones tend to be most popular when painting bricks. The experts at Better Homes & Gardens note that this could prove a long-term commitment if homeowners so desire, as a properly painted brick exterior could last as long as 20 years.

Hardscaping

Hardscaping isn't a new trend, but it has been trending in recent years. Hardscaping is an umbrella term that includes everything from outdoor living rooms to incorporating natural stone into a



landscape. Outdoor living rooms are one hardscaping trend that has become increasingly popular of late. These spaces serve as an extension of indoor living spaces. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that recently homeowners have looked to create covered outdoor rooms that can be enjoyed more frequently than patios or decks that are not protected from the elements.

Outdoor lighting

It makes sense that individuals looking to spend more time enjoying

their properties outdoors would want more lighting outside. Ambient outdoor lighting can be utilized throughout a property. Such lighting can light up walkways and driveways and be used to light up landscaping features like trees and gardens.

Home design trends tend to be fickle. But recognition of the current trends in exterior home design can set homes apart and turn properties into awe-inspiring places to enjoy the great outdoors.



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Signs a home exterior needs updating

Renovations are a great way for homeowners to reshape their homes. Some may aspire to renovate so their home is more reflective of their personal taste, while others may do so in an effort to make their homes better align with modern styles and sensibilities. Regardless of why a homeowner chooses to renovate, the need to do so is often evident to the

naked eye, especially when the time comes to update home exteriors.

Curb appeal is often discussed in regard to the effects it can have when selling a home. But curb appeal is equally important for homeowners who aren't putting their homes on the market. A well-maintained, aesthetically appealing home is a source

of pride, while a home with fading curb appeal can make homeowners feel a little sheepish. Homeowners who want their homes to maintain their curb appeal can look for signs that it's time to update their home exteriors.

Curling shingles: The roof may not be the first thing people think of when pondering curb appeal, but a damaged roof can contribute to problems that ultimately affect the exterior and interior of the home. Multiple curling shingles indicate it's time to replace the roof. The sight of curling shingles is not pretty, but the larger issue in such instances is the potential for costly water damage when water gets in through the affected shingles.

Dated entry door: Many home improvement experts insist they can determine when a home was built or most recently renovated simply by looking at the front door. Steel and glass doors are popular in modern homes, so homeowners with front doors with ornate designs and oval glass inserts can likely benefit from an upgrade to their entryway. A modern front door can make a statement and real estate experts note how popular updated front doors are among buyers.

Unightly landscaping: It's not only the physical components of the home that may suggest an update is necessary. Homeowners without a green thumb may have exterior landscaping that has seen better days. If a spring or summer day spent tending to your landscaping is not your ideal weekend pastime, then consider replacing unsightly landscaping with low-maintenance plants or hardscaping. These alternatives to more needy plants can create curb appeal without requiring any extra work for homeowners.

Cracked driveways/walkways: If the driveway looks like a busy road at the end of snow plowing season, chances are that's adversely affecting the impression people have of your home. In addition, cracked walkways indicate a need for renovations, as these areas are front and center when welcoming guests.

Updating a home's exterior can restore curb appeal and help homeowners feel better about their properties.



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- **Create a compost pile.** Composting is an eco-friendly way to enrich lawns and gardens. Composting helps to conserve water because compost promotes moisture retention in soil, reducing homeowners' need to water their lawns and gardens while also helping them to save money on their water bills. Composting also helps homeowners avoid the need to use potentially harmful chemical fertilizers because compost is a natural, slow release fertilizer.
- **Water at the right times of day.** Homeowners who water their lawns and gardens at the right time of day can help the planet and reduce their energy bills. Watering during the coolest times of the day means less water will be lost to evaporation, ensuring water-needy

soil will get all it needs to help lawns and gardens thrive. Early morning watering before the sun reaches its midday peak and/or evening watering as the sun is setting are typically great times to water lawns and gardens, rather than when temperatures are at their hottest.

- **Use a rain barrel.** Rain barrels provide another great way to conserve water while tending to lawns and gardens. Rain barrels collect and store rain water from roofs and downspouts, keeping water from washing into sewage systems where it can't be put to good use. Water collected in rain barrels can be used in various ways. Many homeowners can use water from rain barrels to water their lawns, gardens and houseplants, saving money on their water bills along the way.

The basics of fertilizing a lawn

Spring marks the return of lawn and garden season. Lawns often bear the brunt of winter's wrath, so spring is a great time to nurse them back to health, and fertilizing can be an essential component of that process.

Fertilizing a lawn can be intimidating. An array of fertilizers, with each seemingly designed to address a different issue, can make homeowners' heads spin when visiting their local lawn and garden center. However, fertilizing is a very simple task that any homeowner can tackle. In fact, fears about fertilizing are often unfounded and can be overcome with some basic knowledge of the process.

Identify which type of grass is in the yard. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that turfgrass is divided into two categories: cool-season grass and warm-season grass. A local lawn and garden center can



help homeowners identify which type of grass is in the yard, and this often depends on location. Fescue, bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are some examples of cool-season grasses, while Bermuda, bahia, St. Augustine, and zoysia are considered warm-season grasses. Identifying which type of grass is in the lawn is important because that will indicate when to fertilize. Cool-season grasses are typically best fertilized in early spring, while warm-season lawns can benefit from an application just

before especially warm temperatures arrive.

Survey the lawn to identify which spreader to use. A small yard or a thriving lawn with only a few bald or unsightly patches may not need a full application of fertilizer. In such instances, a hand spreader can suffice. For larger lawns and areas, a broadcast spreader is the ideal option. Spreaders have multiple settings, and the fertilizer package will indicate which setting to utilize when using the product.

Test the soil prior to purchasing fertilizer. The lawn experts at Pennington® note that a simple soil test can reveal soil pH and phosphorous and potassium levels. Soil tests can be purchased at most home improvement stores and lawn and garden centers, and they can help homeowners determine which fertilizer will most benefit their lawns.

Water the lawn prior to fertilizing. The experts at Scotts® recommend a good watering a few days prior to fertilizing a lawn. Such an approach ensures the soil is ready to accept the fertilizer once it's applied.

Follow the instructions carefully. Detailed instructions are typically provided on fertilizer product packaging. Once homeowners have identified and purchased the product they need, they can simply follow the instructions on the packaging, including how and when to water after application, which can make fertilizing less intimidating.

Fertilizing in spring can help a lawn recover from the previous summer and winter, ensuring it's lush and green when summer entertaining season arrives.

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The dangers of mowing too low

Spring marks the return of many things. Trees and flowers begin to bloom again in spring, while warmer temperatures are welcomed back with open arms. Grass also begins to grow again in the spring. That means it's not too long before homeowners have to dust off their lawn mowers and get to work. Those who don't necessarily enjoy mowing the lawn may be tempted to cut their grass very low, as doing so can mean longer intervals between mowing sessions. However, mowing grass too low can have a very adverse effect on a lawn.

Cutting too low can injure the grass. Cutting grass too low can injure the grass, creating what's essentially a domino effect of problems to come. Injured grass will focus on its recovery efforts, thereby making it vulnerable to other issues.

Cutting too low promotes weed growth. Injured grass is vulnerable to invaders, including weeds and insects. Weeds

and insects can attack grass as it recovers from injury, and before homeowners know it, their lawns are overcome with a host of problems.

Cutting too low allows crabgrass to thrive. Crabgrass needs ample sunlight to grow. By cutting grass too low, homeowners may unknowingly be promoting crabgrass growth. Crabgrass is unsightly and can rob surrounding grass of the moisture it needs to grow. So lawns cut too low may not only lose their lush appeal thanks to the unattractive appearance of crabgrass, but also because areas surrounding the crabgrass patches might turn brown due to lack of water.

Cutting too low can stress the grass. Cutting too low also makes lawns vulnerable to summer heat. Without blades tall enough to block some of the summer sun, grass can quickly succumb to summer heat, leading to dried out, discolored lawns.



VEGETABLE PLANTS TO NEVER PLANT SIDE-BY-SIDE

It's the beginning of the season when we start thinking about our gardens and what variety of vegetables we'll be planting. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or if this is your first year planting a vegetable garden, you've decided to get outside and get your hands dirty. Congratulations! You'll want to do everything you can to ensure your garden is a success.

The principle of companion planting ensures that the plants you grow together will help one another thrive in their environment. It is equally important that you consider which plants DO NOT grow well together, before you start to dig.

Plants that don't like each other may be responding to different environmental needs, could be in direct competition with one another for major resources such as sunlight, or may attract insects that severely harm the other. Determining plant compatibility can be a guess in your specific garden until you can monitor the growing habits of your plants.

There's a basic rule of thumb when it comes to planting crops near one another. First, check that the plants are of similar size and light requirements. Planting very tall plants like tomatoes next to bush beans, for example, is a bad idea because the tomatoes will likely shade out the beans. Plant shorter plants far enough away from taller plants or in a row as a border.

Plants that need a lot of water will cause chaos with nearby plants; the same as fertilizer. It's always a good idea to plant things with similar nutritional and water

needs together, unless they are fiercely competitive. Even then, you can often compensate by spacing them extra wide and providing enough fertilizer and water for both types of plants.

Lastly, are the plants that are allelopathic. These plants have the capability to chemically impede the vital systems of competing plants. Many crops have been observed leaving behind allelopathic chemicals that greatly affect the growth of their plants. Rotating broccoli can help to reduce the amount of residue it leaves behind that other plant can't tolerate.

You should never plant members of the onion family, including shallots and garlic, together with peas. It is believed that the onions can stunt the growth of the beans.

Growing tomatoes and potatoes together means trouble. They are attacked by the same blights so when planted next to one another, the diseases spread more easily.

Both asparagus and broccoli are considered heavy feeders, meaning they require a lot of nutrients and moisture. Planting them together could stunt their growth. Vegetables that do well with broccoli are aromatic herbs, radishes, and spinach. Asparagus does well alone or with herbs like dill, parsley, and basil.

Corn and tomatoes are both prone to worms and fungal blights, so an infestation in one area could spread to the other. Plant tomatoes with basil or chives to improve flavor - but avoid dill. Carrots are another good choice. Pair corn with beans and pumpkins. Read more in our blog at www.herbeins.com.

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Small renovations that can make a big impact

Home renovations provide a host of benefits. Such projects can increase resale value and improve on the safety, aesthetics and functionality of a home.

Some homeowners may employ the mantra "go big or go home" when they embark on home improvements, thinking that only the largest renovations produce noticeable change. But that's not the case. Various smaller renovations can provide a lot of bang for homeowners' bucks as well.

• **Countertops (and hardware):** A complete kitchen overhaul may stretch some homeowners' budgets. However, changing an older countertop for a new material can provide the facelift a kitchen needs. And while changing the cabinets may be homeowners' ultimate goal, swapping hardware in dated finishes for newer handles and pulls can provide low-cost appeal.

• **Paint:** Painting a space is an inexpensive improvement that adds maximum impact. Paint can transform dark and drab rooms into bright and airy oases. Paint also can be used to create an accent wall or cozy nooks. Homeowners also can showcase their personalities with their choice of paint colors.

• **Lighting:** Homeowners should not underestimate what a change in lighting can do. When rooms or exterior spaces are illuminated, they take on entirely new looks. It's worth it to invest in new lighting, whether it's a dramatic hanging light over the dining room table or task lighting in dim spaces.

• **Weatherproofing:** Improving windows, doors, weatherstripping, and insulation in a home can offer visual appeal and help homeowners save money. The initial investment may be significant, but those costs will pay off in energy savings. According to One Main Financial, space heating is the largest energy expense the average American homeowner has, accounting for around 45 percent of all energy costs.

• **Mudroom:** Turn an entryway into a more functional space with the addition of cabinets, benches or custom-designed storage options that perfectly fit the area. Cubbies and cabinets can corral shoes, umbrellas, hats, bags, and much more.

• **Accent updates:** Any space, whether it's inside or outside a home, can get a fresh look with new decorative accents. Invest in new throw pillows and even slipcovers for living room sofas. Use new tile or paint the brick on a fireplace in a den, then update the mantel with decorative displays. Purchase wall art that can bring different colors into a room. Change the cushions on deck furniture and buy color-coordinated planters.

These subtle changes will not cost as much as full-scale renovations, but they can still help homeowners transform their homes.



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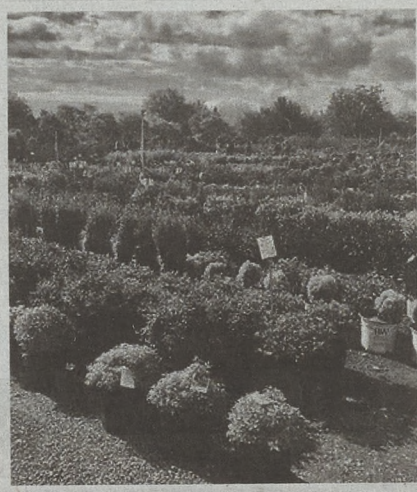
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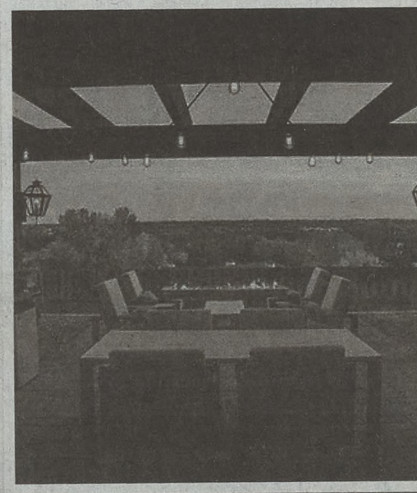
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4 ways to make your garden more successful

Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers. But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden. This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost, shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant seeds and how far apart to space plants? Are you aware of the sunlight needs of certain flowers or plants? If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden. Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.

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5 patio projects to enhance outdoor living

Warm weather paves the way to more opportunities to enjoy fresh air. For homeowners who have the luxury of outdoor spaces, including private patios, now is the time to start thinking about projects to enhance these gathering spots.

A patio can be considered a transitional area that links the outdoors to the inside of a home. According to the home and lifestyle resource *The Spruce*, a patio is often an oasis for lounging and entertaining. And depending on homeowners' budgets and preferences, a patio can be just as comfortable and stylish as interior spaces. The following are five patio projects that can transform these valuable spaces.

1. Pretty pergola

A pergola is an open-air (traditionally wood) structure that adds a measure of shade and privacy without completely blocking views of Mother Nature. Installing a pergola over the patio helps define the seating area. Hanging plants can add to the ambiance and string lights can make this a great spot to gather when the sun sets.

2. Patio fire pit

Build a fire pit right into the design with the same materials used to create the patio. For example, if the patio is brick or flagstone, build up to create an eye-catching fire pit. Fire pits not only look good, they also expand the time frame that the patio can be enjoyed, offering cozy spots to sit even when the weather chills.

3. Frame it in

Make the patio a true extension of the inside by putting up walls around three sides of the patio if it connects to the home. Leave the last open to the yard, or consider installing screens to mimic the look of popular lanais. The walls will offer more weather protection, meaning you can invest in high-quality patio furniture to make this a fully functioning outdoor living room. Hang a television that is rated for outdoor use for movie-watching under the sun or stars.

4. Ooh la la

Vintage bistro tables and chairs can turn a drab patio into one that calls to mind a Parisian courtyard. Whimsical lighting and accents that you would normally think to see indoors, like a gilded mirror, can add extra appeal. Soften wrought iron and other metals on the furniture by including plenty of flowers and greenery. Don't forget the candles and a place to stash a bottle of chilling wine.

5. Farmhouse chic

Transform a patio into an entertaining space that caters to guests. A large farmhouse style table flanked by benches and some upholstered chairs sets the scene for a dinner amid the fresh air. Watering cans filled with wildflowers and mismatched flatware establish a casual feel for gatherings in the space. For those who plan to cook and serve outside with frequency, invest in outdoor appliances so you'll never have to miss a beat with guests.

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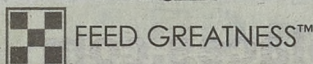
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Though plants might not seem like the first thing individuals think of when they ponder long-term investments, perennials can be just that. The home and garden experts at HGTV note that some perennials can live for a very long time. For example, according to HGTV, the colorful flowering plant peony, despite a blooming season that usually lasts just seven to 10 days, has been known to survive for 70 to 100 years. Hostas are another popular perennial because they require little maintenance, and that extra free time can add up over the course of the hosta's life, which can exceed 15 years. Long-living perennials are not



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• **Use stones or gravel for a walkway.** If commercially installed pavers or cement walkways are not within your budget, there are some affordable alternatives. Flagstone or individually purchased and spaced pavers and pea gravel can be used to create pathways. Some construction sites even offer free stones when asked. Soften the look with moss or other plants on the perimeter.

• **Remove some lawn.** Lawns can require hours of upkeep that may involve the application of expensive fertilizers and weed-killing products that are not always so eco-friendly. Reduce the size of a lawn by putting in a mixed planting bed of perennials or ornamental grasses, or use landscape fabric and mulch.

• **Look for free mulch.** Municipal recycling centers may offer residents access to free mulch made from grinding up leaves, branches and other plant debris collected throughout the town. Simply bring a few containers to the recycling center and spread the mulch for an ornamental look or to insulate landscapes over winter and protect against weeds.

• **Repurpose old items into planters.** Old wheelbarrows, barrels, watering cans, and other items can be repurposed into container gardening vessels. Figure out if items marked for



the garbage bin can be incorporated into garden features instead.

• **Invest in plants that are easy to propagate.** Perennials are the gardener's friend when it comes to saving money. These plants sprout anew each year, and many, such as sedum, catmint, ferns, hostas, and black-eyed Susans, can propagate by division. Figure out the best times of year to divide the plants and start growing them in individual containers before planting the sturdy new shoots in the ground. A single variety of plants grouped together in mass plantings is affordable and easy.

• **Shop end-of season sales.** Garden centers may begin to make room for holiday items come the fall. Take advantage of reduced costs

on remaining plants and landscape accessories during this time of year. Plants can be covered or allowed to thrive indoors until they can be planted in the spring.

• **Pool your resources.** Homeowners planning on a big landscaping or revitalization project may want to speak with neighbors to see if they're interested in doing the same. Contractors guaranteed business from a few homes in the same neighborhood may be willing to negotiate lower prices for the volume of work on things like driveway repaving, deck or fence-building, or installation of paver patios.

Some handy ideas can help homeowners transform landscapes without spending too much.



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What to know about landscape lighting

Home improvement trends come and go, and one trend that has become wildly popular in recent years is recognizable in yards every night. Landscape lighting has transformed how people see and enjoy their properties at night, making it one of the more sought-after upgrades among modern homeowners.

Curb appeal is often

seen through the lens of how homes appear during daylight hours, but landscape lighting can make homes look better and more modern, and potentially safer, after the sun goes down. With such potential, landscape lighting is worth exploring for homeowners looking to upgrade their properties.

Are there differ-

ent types of landscape lighting?

When considering landscape lighting, homeowners should know that there are various options to consider. According to the lighting experts at Lumens, spotlights project a concentrated and narrow beam of light that's usually around 45 degrees. Spotlights are often chosen

to highlight specific features on a property, like a component of the landscaping. Individuals who want to cast light over wider, more general areas may consider floodlights, which Lumens notes spread light up to 120 degrees.

Inground lighting is among the more sophisticated landscape lighting options. Lumens notes that inground lighting illuminates the whole of a tree or structure, often creating a dramatic look. These circle-shaped lights also are great at illuminating walkways and driveways.

Post lights are another outdoor lighting option, and these are often used to light up long walkways and pathways so it's easier and safer to navigate dark areas at night.

Is landscape lighting a job a DIYer can handle?

Many homeowners consider a do-it-yourself approach when pondering a potential home ren-



ovation, and a landscape lighting project is likely to inspire such curiosity as well. The home experts at HGTV note that the feasibility of DIY in regard to a landscape lighting project depends on the type of lighting homeowners want to install and where they want to install it. Replacing an existing electrical fixture may be well within the skill of a seasoned DIYer, but installing a new fixture is a job best left to the professionals. Homeowners whose

homes currently have no or very little landscape lighting are almost certainly better off working with a professional. Solar lighting that does not require any electrical work can be installed quickly and easily by anyone, but such options may not provide the look homeowners are aiming for.

How much lighting is necessary?

The amount of lighting homeowners want to install is up to them. If the home currently has little or no landscape lighting, a consultation with a professional can help to determine how much lighting to install and where to install it. When discussing landscape lighting, homeowners may want to inquire about dimmers. Dimmers can increase or decrease lighting depending on the situation. For example, homeowners may want a little extra light during a party, but less when relaxing alone outside at night. Dimmers allow homeowners to adjust as necessary.

Landscape lighting is a popular home renovation trend. Homeowners considering adding landscape lighting to their property are urged to work with a skilled professional to devise and install a set-up that makes their homes more appealing at night.



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3 potentially low-maintenance trees to consider for your property

Few things in nature are as breathtaking as a beautiful landscape. That beauty is perhaps one reason why many homeowners spend so much time and expend so much effort on their lawns and gardens.

Though plenty of homeowners love spending time in the yard, others may not be so inclined. For the latter group, low-maintenance trees can be just what the doctor ordered. Low-maintenance trees can provide the beauty nature-loving homeowners desire without all the extra work of more needy plants. It's always best to consult a local landscaping professional prior to planting to ensure a tree will thrive in a given climate. In preparation for that consultation, homeowners can study this list of three low-maintenance trees while recognizing that all trees may need a little extra TLC in extreme weather.

1. **Jacaranda:** Instantly identifiable by its purple blooms, the jacaranda tree is native to South America, which makes it ideal in warm climates. The jacaranda tree is considered a shade tree and if or when it sheds its leaves, those leaves can typically be mowed, saving homeowners the work of raking them. However, the online home and garden resource The Spruce notes that jacaranda trees can require substantial maintenance when planted near surfaces where people walk, such as driveways and patios. So when planting jacaranda trees, it's ideal to do so in locations where falling leaves will land exclusively on grass.

2. **American arborvitae:** The Arbor Day Foundation® notes



that the American arborvitae requires almost no care when it's used as a hedge or a screen. That's a popular use for this versatile specimen with a narrow, pyramid shape. Though it does not provide the bright blast of color offered by the jacaranda, the American arborvitae creates an elegant look that offers considerable privacy as well.

3. **Japanese red maple:** The Home Depot notes that the Japanese red maple are very low-maintenance trees that can adapt to various soil types and grow in an assortment of light conditions. During dry periods, however, the ADF notes the importance of keeping soil consistently moist. Various types of soil can accommodate the Japanese red maple, so

this is a consideration for any homeowner looking to add some color to their lawns without a lot of extra work.

When consider new trees for a property, homeowners can easily be persuaded by the beauty of the tree. Though that's worthy of consideration, homeowners who want low-maintenance trees should speak to a gardening professional about the work required to maintain a tree's beauty throughout the year, especially during periods of drought or other adverse conditions. In addition, ask the gardening pro to recommend non-invasive trees. Planting invasive trees can be harmful and cause damage to surrounding plants, which can be costly and time-consuming to address.

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How to prepare soil for spring planting

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and perhaps nowhere is that rebirth more noticeable than in the yard. Each spring, grass begins to grow again as inviting landscapes beckon people outdoors.

Extra sunlight and rising temperatures make spring a great time to plant flowers, grasses and trees. To ensure successful planting, homeowners must take steps to prepare the soil. Healthy soil can provide the ideal conditions for roots to take hold, helping plants establish themselves before potentially harsh summer conditions arrive. Preparing soil might seem like an extensive job, but a simple approach may be all that's necessary to create conditions that promote plant growth this spring.

• **Clean up the previous months' mess.** Whether homeowners live in regions marked by year-round warmth or places where winter typically features heavy snowfall, it's a good idea to clean up an area prior to spring planting. Fallen leaves, rocks, grass clippings, and other debris can contribute to compacted soil that makes it hard for plants to establish strong, healthy root systems. Clear away any debris prior to planting before taking the next step in your soil preparation routine.

• **Loosen the soil.** Once debris has been cleared away, loosen the soil. Depending on the size of the area where you'll be planting, you may need to invest in tools like a shovel, spade, spading fork, and/

or a lawn edger. If you're planting in a small area, such as a deck planter box that still has soil from last year's planting inside it, you can either clean the box and replace the soil entirely or dig around with a handheld trowel, cultivator and/or weeder. It's important to loosen all of the soil around where you will ultimately plant prior to planting to ensure water can reach the roots and help them establish themselves once planting is completed.

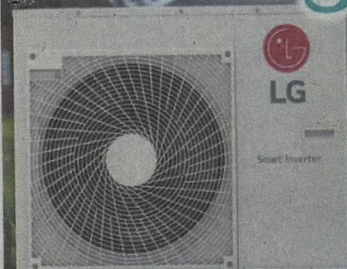
• **Test and, if necessary, amend the soil.** A simple pH test can help determine the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. This is an important step as soil that is too acidic or alkaline can decrease the availability of nutrients the plants will need to thrive. In addition to conducting a pH test, which can be purchased at little cost at a local home improvement store, homeowners can contact their local Cooperative Extension Service to test their soil quality. These tests will reveal soil pH, but also can shed light on the texture of the soil and other components. Once the test is conducted, the local Coop Extension Service may recommend amendments to improve the nutritional quality of the soil so new plants can thrive.

Soil conditions go a long way toward determining if new plants will thrive. Preparing the soil prior to spring planting can ensure a successful season.



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Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what home-

owners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

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What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling

bills.

Project: Plant shade trees.

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

Project: Insulate the water heater tank

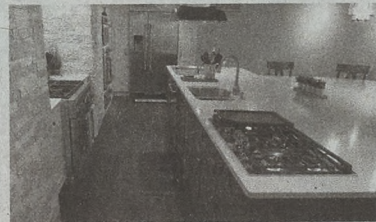
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The benefits of planting native species

Spring and summer present ideal growing conditions for many plants, making these seasons an ideal time to tend to lawns and gardens. Though it's easy to succumb to the temptation of exotic plants, avid gardeners and eco-conscious planters recognize the significance of native plants.

Novices may not realize that native plants are much better for a landscape and the local ecosystem it calls home. Recognition of the many benefits of native plants can make for healthier lawns and gardens and a healthier planet as well.

• Native plants are built for local climates.

One of the issues gardeners who plant exotic plants run into is keeping those plants thriving when weather turns harsh. For example, exotic plants may require extra watering in areas that experience drought or even long periods without precipitation in spring and notably summer. The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that at least 40 states anticipate water shortages by 2024. Planting native plants can help to combat those shortages by reducing the need to water plants if conditions become dry in late spring and summer.

• Native plants save money.

It's also important to note that native plants save homeowners money. Because they're capable of thriving in local conditions, native plants tend to require less watering, which can help homeowners reduce their utility costs. But native plants also require less upkeep, which means homeowners can save on potentially costly, not to mention eco-unfriendly, pesticides and other amendments in order to maintain the look of exotic plants. And though it's not always the case, exotic plants tend to cost more at



nurseries than natives.

• Native plants save gardeners time.

In addition to saving money, native plants don't require as much attention. Though spring and summer is a great time to be in the yard, it's also a great time to be out and about. Because native plants thrive in local conditions, gardeners won't need to spend much of their free time tending to them. Exotics tend to require a lot of extra attention and effort, especially when conditions become harsh. Spending more time outdoors in harsh weather does not appeal to most gardeners.

• Native plants blend

in with an existing landscape.

Native plants look natural within an existing landscape, adding some instant aesthetic appeal without breaking the bank. When planting exotics, homeowners may feel a need to redesign their entire gardens to create a certain look (think Japanese garden). That can quickly consume a budget and take up a lot of free time in both the short- and long-term.

Planting season marks a great time to revitalize a landscape. Choosing native plants when doing so pays numerous dividends for homeowners and the planet they call home.

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With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's easy to see how homeowners might grow a little bored by these rooms. The cost of a kitchen remodel won't be cheap, as the home improvement resource Angi.com notes that the typical cost of such a project in the United States is between \$13,000 and \$38,000. Angi.com estimates even indicate that a high-end remodel could cost homeowners as much as \$61,000. That's beyond many homeowners' budgets. But the good news is that there are many quick and easy, not to mention less expensive, ways to give a kitchen a new look.

• **Repaint and restyle the cabinets.** Cabinet space is an undeniably precious commodity in a kitchen, especially as more and more homeowners embrace their inner chef and cook more complicated meals at home. After all, the more expansive a home chef's culinary repertoire, the more space that person needs to store all the tools of the cooking trade. A full cabinet replacement is unnecessary if the cabinets are still functional and not overcrowded, so repainting them can be a great way to give the kitchen a new look while keeping costs reasonable. During the painting project, homeowners can install

new cabinet knobs and/or drawer pulls to freshen up the style of the cabinets even further.

• **Install under-cabinet lighting.** Another inexpensive way to give a kitchen a new look is to install under-cabinet lighting. Under-cabinet lighting serves both an aesthetic and practical purpose. From a purely aesthetic standpoint, under-cabinet lighting can make a kitchen feel more warm and keep the kitchen illuminated when meals aren't being prepared and homeowners don't want to have their overhead lights on but still want to be able to navigate the kitchen safely. During meal prep, under-cabinet lighting can illuminate counters so it's easier to chop, peel and perform other prep tasks.

• **Replace existing backsplash.** Replacing backsplash is another simple, inexpensive and effective way to give a kitchen a new feel. Homeowners can opt for something neutral that won't upset their existing decor or go with a more bold backsplash that immediately draws the attention of anyone who enters the room. This simple job can be done by the average do-it-yourselfer and the cost of new backsplash won't break the bank.

• **Replace existing seating.** Whether you have an island countertop with bar stools or a breakfast nook with cushioned seats, replacing the seating is a budget-friendly job that can create a new look when entering the room. Countertop bar stools come in many styles, so giving this area of the kitchen a



new feel can be as simple as shifting from classic, high-back stools to more modern swivel stools with a chrome base. For the breakfast nook, replacing a light-colored bench cushion with a bolder alternative can instantly transform the look of the space.

Kitchen remodels can break the bank. But there's a host of budget-friendly ways for cost-conscious homeowners to revitalize these popular spaces in their homes.



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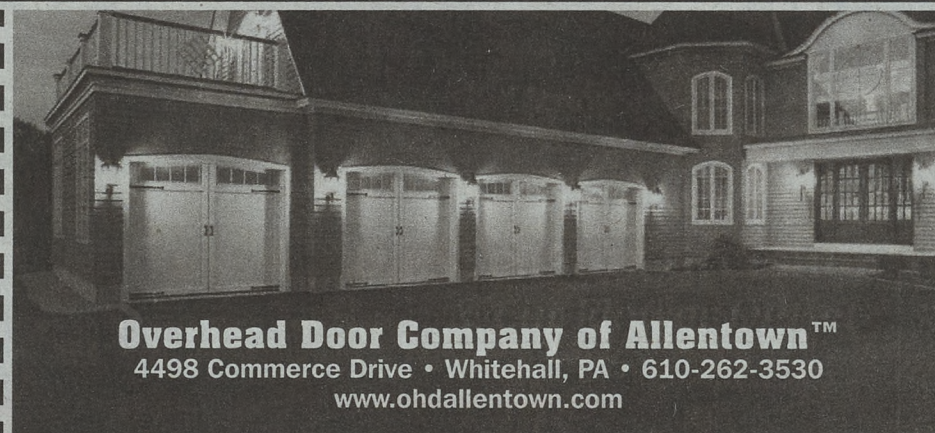
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