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NORCO Council okays 6 union packs

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At its last meeting of the year on Dec. 13, Northampton County Council unanimously approved six union contracts for a large portion of the county's 2,200 employees.

"They are the greatest!" said Executive Lamont McClure of the workforce. "They're worth more money than we're about to pay them." He added workers understand "the taxpayers are not a money tree."

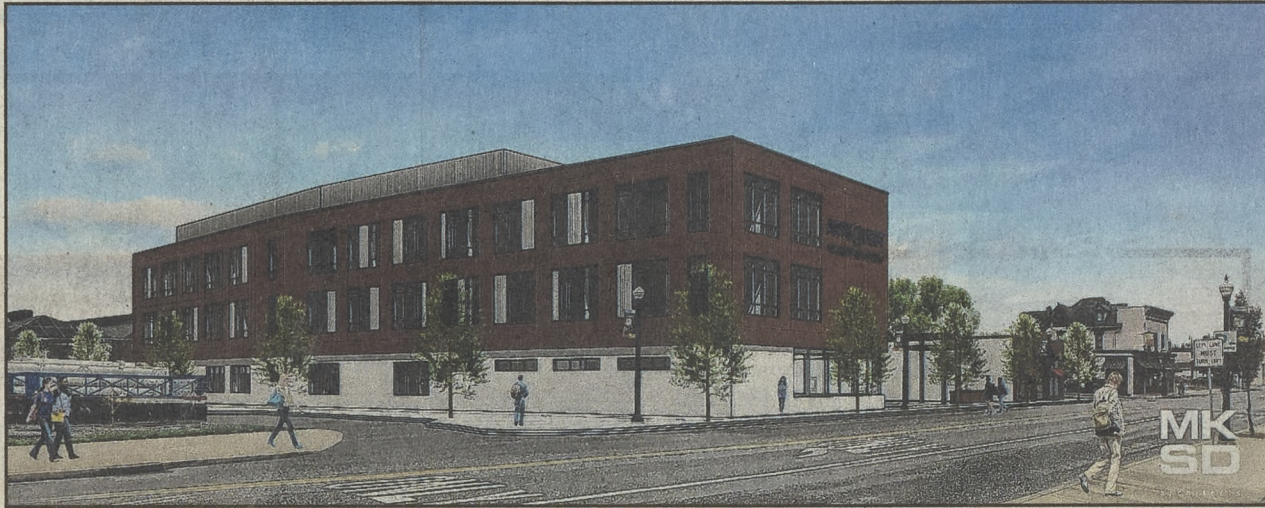
Four of these contracts are with the Court-Related Non-professional, Court-Appointed Non-professional, Residual Non-professional and Youth Detention Center bargaining units. All are a part of AFSCME. Their previous contracts expired at the end of last year. Under new three-year contracts, these four unions are each receiving what is known as a step increase for 2018. This is a 4 and one-half percent pay hike and is retroactive until the beginning of 2018. In 2019 and 2020, there will be 2 percent raises. Employees already at the top step will get a cash payout of \$1,750 for 2018.

Fiscal Affairs Director Steve Barron said the retroactive pay hike will likely take place in 2019.

The Gracedale Union, which consists of all union employees except for registered nurses, expires at the end of this year. In 2019, Gracedale workers will see a step increase, followed by 2 percent raises in 2020 and 2021.

Several years ago, Gracedale workers gave up their paid lunches to help keep the then struggling nursing home afloat. Under the new contract, Gracedale workers will get them back. Human Resources Director Elizabeth Kelly said that the union gave up three benefits in return. One perk is a sick leave bonus paid to part-time workers, even though they have

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Banana Factory Exterior perspective of the proposed ArtsQuest South Bethlehem Cultural Arts Center for 25 W. Third St. by MKSD Architects.

DRAWING COURTESY MKSD ARCHITECTS

Revised Banana Factory plans

Changes more appealing to Bethlehem HCC

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

ArtsQuest returned to the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission Dec. 17 with reworked plans for their major transformation of the Banana Factory complex.

Incorporating input from board advice and public comments gathered at the September hearing, ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert and MKSD architect Todd Chambers presented a revised plan that preserves a historic building previously slated for demolition. Although the proposal was tabled, they were told that the \$16-18 million project was heading in the right direction.

To make way for a new community cultural arts center, the original proposal called for the demolition of five of the six buildings in the complex at 25 W. Third St., including the early twentieth century three-story red brick and structural terra cotta D. Theodoridis Wholesale Banana Co. warehouse facing Northampton Street, and a circa 1885 stuccoed house facing W. Third Street.

Yielding to the commission's concerns regarding the removal of "contributing structures," ArtsQuest's revised proposal preserves the original warehouse for which the campus is named while incorporating it into the new construction. A circa 1925 one-story former auto



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert and MKSD architect Todd Chambers present a revised plan for transforming the Banana Factory complex into a cultural arts center. Their new proposal preserves a historic building they had previously slated for demolition.

parts store with a terra cotta cornice and entry gable that currently serves as the Crayola Gallery remains as first proposed. ArtsQuest now looks to attach a 3-D sculptural gallery to it along the east wall.

ArtQuest's revised plan still calls for the 1885 single-family residence to be razed to make way for an outdoor plaza between the new building and the former auto parts store. This drew mixed reactions from the committee. Hilgert and Chambers successfully argued that the dwelling has been so altered over the years it has lost its "historic integrity." Chambers also provided

cost estimates for renovating it at \$400,000 or moving it at \$548,000. They assured the board the house's decorative front door, door surround, entry roof and supporting brackets would be salvaged for reuse elsewhere within the new campus.

Roger Hudak related some of the history of the nineteenth century residence that he had recently learned from a realtor friend who once owned it. "The second floor of the house was a speakeasy. He wanted to know if the bar was still there," said Hudak, adding, "The third floor was inhabited by a number of ladies of 'ill repute.'" He quipped,

"Somewhere out there in the Great Wide Open they're laughing at us as we try to preserve a historic cathouse."

BHCC had few issues with the demolition of a 1953 addition to the original warehouse, a garage that was added in 1960, and what was built as contemporary infill when the Banana Factory complex was created in 2000. These were considered "non-contributing."

The commissioners welcomed the reduction to three stories from the previously proposed four-story new construction on the site of the current plaza and parking lot. They were also impressed with the preliminary design of the new structure as one that would fit into the streetscape and complement the industrial nature of the surrounding area.

A parking lot is planned at the West Second Street side of the property, with an outdoor plaza between it and the north face of the building. Some on the board questioned the need for the lot with parking garages nearby. They were told that the artists and other building tenants requested there be onsite parking available, as well as a safe drop-off space for students.

Hilgert said both plaza areas would serve multipurpose functions. She envisioned them as outdoor classrooms, as well as staging areas for public events.

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PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

What is the best Christmas present that you've ever received?



"Playstation 2."
Michael Banas
Bethlehem



"Going to Disney World."
Molly Neidig
Nazareth

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"When my dog had a clear x-ray after being diagnosed with cancer."
Kristen Bartholomew, Bethlehem

NORCO DA

Former Lehigh student charged in poisoning

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A former Lehigh University senior chemistry major has been charged with attempting to murder his roommate with thallium.

Yukai Yang, 22, has been charged with attempted murder and related offenses. According to Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli, who announced the charges Dec. 20, Yang admitted to Lehigh University police that he had purchased thallium online and intended to use it on himself if he did poorly on exams. He admitted to mixing it with food and beverages in a refrigerator he shared with his roommate.

Thallium is considered extremely toxic. Its use has been banned in the United States since 1972 after several accidental deaths resulted when it was being administered as a pesticide.

Testing of the roommate's blood revealed unsafe thallium levels, according to Morganelli.

This poisoning goes back to March and April, when Lehigh University police responded to several complaints from Yang's roommate, Juwan Royal. He told police of changing colors in his milk and mouthwash. In addition to getting ill, his personal property was vandalized on several occasions. On his desk, someone had scrawled "NIGGER, GET OUT OF HERE" with a black marker.

Lehigh University noticed similarities between the message in marker and a written statement from Yang, and charged him in May with malicious mischief, institutional vandalism and ethnic intimidation. Yang was free on \$10,000 bail (10 percent). He is a Chinese citizen and resides in Easton with his mother.

A trial date is scheduled for late January on the ethnic intimidation charges. According to Lehigh University newspaper Brown & White, Yang's student visa has been revoked.

Yang never took those exams. He was suspended by Lehigh. Royal graduated from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in May.



Bethlehem resident Breena Holland questions what the view of the transformed Banana Factory complex at 25 W. Third St. be like from the condos and restaurant at Riverport behind it and the overall view from Rt. 378.



Baker and business owner Francisco Mendez requests approval for a new sign for The Las Americas Bakery at 736 E. Fourth St. He was assisted by Emmanuel Mendez at left.

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When public comment was invited, Bethlehem resident Breena Holland questioned what the view of the West Second Street parking lot would be like from Riverport across from it. Her concerns about the overall view from Rt. 378 were allayed by the project's architect.

Audience members Dr. Bill Woodruff and Dr. Lee Riley voiced support for the project.

The commissioners also tabled proposed action on signage to the front façade of 327 Broadway and major alterations to the back of the building that faces 324 W. Fourth St. Larry Eighmy, owner of the property through Sycamore Hill Farm Development, was accompanied by architect Elliott Nolter and Seven Sirens Brewing Company owners Jordan Serulneck and Joshua Divers. The preliminary sign design for Seven Sirens Brewing Co. is a sans serif "trademarked font" of brushed aluminum letters on the Broadway side, illuminated by gooseneck lamps or light bar on a dark gray background.

According to Nolter, the West Fourth Street façade was redesigned to reflect historic proportions, but not replicate the lost design



To the amusement of all present, Roger Hudak (left) tells the sordid history behind the circa 1880s residence within the Banana Factory complex. According to what he had recently learned from a previous owner, it had been a speakeasy and brothel at some point in the building's history.



From left, Josh Divers from Seven Sirens, developer Larry Eighmy, architect Elliott Nolter, and Jordan Serulneck from Seven Sirens present a signage proposal for the façade at 327 Broadway and major alterations to plans for the back of the building that faces 324 W. Fourth St.

of what was once a circa 1880s decorative department store façade that been completely obliterated when the building was converted into an auto sales and service location in 1929. Eighmy looks to convert what is now a parking garage into a magistrate's office and courtroom with secure parking, a microbrewery, and other commercial space.

The board advised them not to use reflective glass as proposed, but continue working on the design to reflect more historic proportions.

Representing 134-136 W. Fourth St., Ming Jiang Dong and Jay Xiao received approval for a new 36-inch by 120-inch box sign for "Tasty China" and "Chinese Cuisine" in sans serif letters, and Chinese calligraphic symbols and telephone number. The blue, green and red lettering and pinstripe is on an off-white background and externally lit. Similar vinyl window graphics were approved as well, with the phone number to be smaller than the rest of the type.

Dong is the owner of the two-story commercial building at the corner of West Fourth Street and Brodhead Avenue.

A request to re-vinyl an existing 24-inch x 144-inch sign for The Las Americas Bakery

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Maureen McWilliams from C/O Allied Signs fields questions about a storefront sign design for ReV-el, formerly known as The Broadway Social at 217 Broadway.



Representing 134-136 W. Fourth St., Ming Jiang Dong and Jay Xiao seek a COA for a new box sign and vinyl window graphics for Tasty China.

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Wednesday, December 26

Salvation Army, Women's Ministries, Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; program, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules.

Explore STEM, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Youth Services, Main library, Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Call 610-867-3761(main) or visit www.bapl.org.

Thursday, December 27

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up; Tai Chi, 9:45 a.m. program, 10:45 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules.

Board games, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Youth Services, Main library, Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Call 610-867-3761 or visit www.bapl.org.

Friday, December 28

We've Got the Beat: Dance and Jam Session Dance and play preschool instruments in time to pop hits and children's favorites. No registration required. 11 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two and up. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Call 610-867-3761 or visit www.bapl.org.

Tuesday, January 1- New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 2

Story Time registration for babies and toddlers. Call 610-867-3761, ext. 499, or stop by 11 W. Church St.

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

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, December 26

Bethlehem Township municipal offices closed.

Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Bethlehem Township municipal offices hours: 8 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Most government offices closed.

Wednesday, January 2

Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

Northampton Co. Council - proposed budget hearing, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St., Freemansburg

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Putz displays (story of Christ's birth through narration, music, illuminated miniature scenes- Moravian tradition)

Central Moravian Putz, Christian Education Bldg. 73 W. Church St. 1 to 5 p.m. every half hour daily through Dec. 31. centralmoravianchurch.org/whoware/the-christmas-community-putz-and-the-star-candle-shoppe.

East Hills Moravian Church Putz, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 30. 1830 Butztown Road. Visit www.east-hillsmc.org; call 610-868-6481.

Holiday Putz Trail, through Jan. 13. Traditional Moravian Nativity scenes / displays: Moravian Museum Gemeinhaus, Single Sisters' House, 1810 Goundie House, Central Moravian Church. www.historicbethlehem.org.

Doors and Windows of Bethlehem exhibit, through Jan. 1. North and South sides.

Through December 29

Historic Haunts - Ghosts of Christmas Past. 6:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravian.edu.

Through January 14

Hotel Bethlehem Christmas display self-guided tour, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Sunday, December 30

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, with organ, harp and flute. 5 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Visit www.nativitycathedral.org.

10th annual Peepsfest: Family Disco Lounge, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Mascot Dash and Kids Fun Run, noon; Peeps in the Kitchen cooking demos, PBS39, noon, 2 and 4 p.m.; Peeps sculptures created by local artists; Fireworks, 5:15 p.m.; live animal presentations / Wildlands Conservancy. 2:30 and 4 p.m.; Creativity Table with the Banana Factory Arts; Make-Your-Own Peeps S'mores. Free admission; select activities require admission ticket or have additional charges. Steel

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PRESS PHOTOS BY CAROLE GORNEY

Volunteers bring in food and cook all breakfast and dinner meals in the shelter's kitchen. Most volunteers are from local churches. Millie Fortin, Ruth Koenig and Courtney Deppen are from the First Baptist Church on Linden Street.

People living on the edge

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering is 'family' to many

BY CAROLE GORNEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

If you think it is cold outside this month, imagine how much colder you would be if you were homeless and living on the streets. Thankfully, for the homeless in the Lehigh Valley there is a temporary shelter in Bethlehem that offers an escape from the cold, nutritious meals and a needed helping hand.

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering (BES) created the current winter shelter in 2017 by consolidating a number of facilities operated at up to 14 different churches in the area. In search of a single home, the BES Board of directors approached the Christ Church UCC on Market Street, and according to transitional executive director and shelter manager Bob Rapp Jr., the congregation voted unanimously to welcome the shelter.

In the current facility there are warm beds for up to 75 persons, with separate dorm-style rooms for men and women.

"The guests are an interesting mix of folks. Not unlike people you would meet at a ball game," Rapp said. "Some guests are chronic homeless who have been on the streets for seven or eight years. Tonight, we have a young man from out of town who will stay with us for two weeks until he gets



Betsy Easen has been volunteering with Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering for the past 10 years. As head site coordinator, she checks in guests staying at the shelter. She is going over the list of names with shelter manager Bob Rapp, Jr. He is also Pastor for Mission at Christ Church UCC, where the shelter has its home.



The spacious dining room also doubles as a fellowship hall where guests can watch television, play games or be entertained by volunteers with guitars and keyboards.

a paycheck from his new job. There's also a college graduate who just has had bad luck."

Rapp observed that most people don't realize how much they are living on the edge. All it takes is a health trauma or loss of a job to end up homeless, he said. "You can go to any Walmart parking lot and see people sleeping in their car. Sometimes more than one car."

Homeless people do freeze to death in the winter, Rapp said, referring to a couple found frozen in the ball fields at Ilicks Mill. BES operates during the coldest months from Dec. 1 through March 31, but Rapp added, "it is just as hard being out in the summer with ticks, bugs and heat. Last summer we lost someone to dehydration." For that reason, he said the BES board of directors is considering an option of running the shelter all year round.

For now, the winter shelter is providing a variety of needed services besides just a bed and food. Street Medicine from the Lehigh Valley Health Network offers diagnostic testing. Other organizations coordinate with BES to help guests get on housing lists, or start on medical

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AREA DEATHS

Denise M. Harry

co-owned Bethlehem Ice Service

Denise M. Harry, 63, died Dec. 11, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. She was a daughter of the late Carl and Nancy Moats. She was the wife of Carl Harry for 43 years.

She was a 1973 graduate of Whitehall HS. She earned a degree in nursing from Saint Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

She was home nurse for Rx Home Care. She co-owned Bethlehem Ice Service.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Melissa and Carl Jr.; and her two granddaughters, Kira and Hailee.

She was predeceased by a brother, Douglas Moats.

Contributions may be made to The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, 3939 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104; or by visiting www.redcross.org.

Arrangements were made by Gilbert Funeral Home Inc., Whitehall.

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BES

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regimens. "We need to drive home the point that we are here to help them," Rapp explained. "Some of these folks consider us their family. They don't trust a lot of other people."

In order to stay at the shelter, guests must first get a voucher from the police. If anyone has a warrant against him, he has a five-day grace period to stay at BES while going to see a magistrate to make a plan on how to get off the street and into housing. If the warrant is related to a serious matter, the police would detain the person, Rapp said.

The shelter opens at 5 p.m. and lights are out at 10 p.m. Guests may not arrive earlier than 4:45, and no one is allowed outside the building after 10. Emergency exits are alarmed, and doors are locked so no one can get in after closing. Guests must leave by 7 a.m. Two shifts of security guards are on duty every day from 4 p.m. in the afternoon until 8

a.m. The shelter manager also is on duty all night, as are a number of volunteers.

"There are issues in the shelter sometimes, but they are usually medical," Rapp clarified.

"We couldn't pull this off without volunteers," Rapp continued. "Last year, [we had] 1,200 volunteers in four months. They come from all over the valley; most from churches."

Volunteers do everything from buying food for all the meals, cooking in the shelter's well-equipped kitchen, serving meals and cleaning up. Some volunteers stay after dinner to entertain with guitars or keyboards, or to play games with the guests.

On its website page, BES notes that the need to shelter the homeless will not go away. It pledges to continue in its shared ministry with churches, civic organizations, businesses and city and county leaders "to work together to serve 'the least of these.'"



BES provides beds for men and women in separate rooms. Those who stay more than one night are able to leave personal belongings in locked boxes under their beds. The shelter can house up to 75 individuals.

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Stacks, 100 Founders Way. For information, visit www.steelstacks.org/peepsfest.

Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Peepsfest: Peeps sculptures created by local artists; Creativity Table; Make-Your-Own Peeps S'mores; Family Disco Lounge, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Grossology, 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; live animal presentations / Wildlands Conservancy, 2:30 and 4 p.m.; Peeps Chick Rising Ceremony, 5:15 p.m. music by Rolie Polie Guacamole, Peeps drop, fireworks. Free admission; select activities require admission ticket or have additional charges. Steel Stacks, 100 Founders Way. For information, visit www.steelstacks.org/peepsfest.

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It was the last Sunday of 1968 when Pastor and Mrs. Lundmark began their pastoral ministry at Northampton Assembly of God. The Lord has done many wonderful things in the church during the 50 years that have passed since then, and there are many fond memories of those whom they have been privileged to meet and to know.

This "Pastor's Comments" newspaper column ministry began over 40 years ago in 1975. We often meet those who mention that they read this column regularly. If this column has been a help to you, we invite you to let us know by sending an email to pastor@naog.ws or by writing a letter. Pastor Lundmark would enjoy hearing from you. If you would like to receive the column via email each week, please email pastor@naog.ws and make your request. Here is one of the first columns that Pastor Lundmark wrote:

On the first Christmas the shepherds heard a multitude of angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Hundreds of years before, the prophet Isaiah had foretold the birth of Jesus and said He would be called the **PRINCE OF PEACE!** After Jesus had miraculously fed 5,000 people, the Jews were preparing to make Him King, but became disillusioned and frustrated when He taught that He had not come to force a kingdom of **peace** upon this world, but to bring about a revolution of character within man termed the "new birth." Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to send **peace** on earth..." and "The Kingdom of God is **within** you." The **PRINCE OF PEACE** has come, yet 85% of all history concerns itself with war because men have rejected His rulership in their lives. We celebrate the birth of the **PRINCE OF PEACE** this Christmas, yet statistics reveal the highest rate of suicides during this season because of the disillusionment of those who seek **peace** outside of the **PRINCE OF PEACE**, Jesus Christ.

Remembering Mark Reccek

Late Press writer's words memorialized at hospital

BY PAUL CMIL
Special to The Press

When Mark Reccek was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, he began his treatment in the oncology department at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem. The Marine was a fighter and wrote regularly for The Press newspapers.

While he was undergoing treatment, he was being cared for by his sister, Donna Kukor, of Bath. During his stints in the hospital, Reccek continued to write columns on the experiences he had during his treatment.

Reccek was impressed by the work of a therapy dog named Sirius, who was trained by Charlene Piskula, of Coplay. Sirius was adopted by Lehigh Valley Hospital for many of its patients and proved to be valuable "medicine" in the fight against this ravaging disease.

With his handler, Sirius roamed the halls of the various buildings in the hospital complex. Reccek and Sirius bonded.

Reccek saw the effect the therapy dog had on autistic children, as well as the cancer patients and those recovering from heart problems. As he noted in his columns, Sirius helped him survive the stress of the cancer treatments.

The fight against the cancer was long and arduous. Amy Levan, director of the LVH Infusion Center, worked with Reccek, using the latest technologies. His sister kept him going with chicken soup and kind words.

Reccek succumbed to his illness Dec. 17, 2017, at the age of 42. His life was short, but his insight would continue to live on.

His columns were submitted posthumously for a Pennsylvania Newspaper Award by Press staff. Reccek



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Mark Reccek with therapy dog Sirius. As he noted in his columns, Sirius helped him bear the stress of the cancer treatments.



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Press correspondent Paul Cmil presents a Keystone Award won posthumously by Mark Reccek to Donna Kukor, of Bath, Reccek's sister, during a special ceremony Dec. 10 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem. Reccek wrote columns on his cancer diagnosis and treatment as well as the therapy he received from Sirius, here with his handler, Charlene Piskula of Coplay.

received a first-place recognition at the annual Keystone Awards ceremony.

Piskula was instrumental in preserving some of Reccek's columns on his treatment and the role of therapy

dogs in the healing process. With the help of Press staff, she gathered portions of his columns into a collage that was dedicated Dec. 10 to the oncology department at LVH-Muhlenberg.

The dedication was

attended by Kukor; Keith Weinhold, senior vice president of operations at Lehigh Valley Health Network; Levan; Robert Begliomini, president of LVH-Muhlenberg; and, importantly, Sirius.

COLUMNS BY MARK RECCEK

The chemo war begins

"Hello, is this Mark Reccek?"
"Yes, I am he," I responded to the caller.

"Hi, Mark. I'm just calling to let you know Dr. K would like you to begin chemo next Tuesday," the office assistant said.

And so, the next stage and chapter of beating cancer has begun.

Pensive, unsure and frightened are some of the words I would use to explain my first chemotherapy treatment.

The night before the treatment, I did my very best to ignore worst-case scenarios by thinking positively. I had been warned and told about the host of immediate, serious side effects I might experience within the first few minutes of my first treatment.

The morning of treatment arrived faster than I had expected. After registering, being weighed, assigned a chair and asked a few questions by the nurses, the process began.

The nurse deftly inserted an



Mark Reccek

IV line into my vein and gave me saline, Benadryl and another drug to help combat any potential, immediate side effects. Not too soon afterward, the first chemo drug arrived. I was asked information such as my name, date of birth and Social Security number to ensure the nurses were administering the proper drug to the correct person.

The first bag was then hung, and the drug began the slow process of traveling from the bag into my arm. I peered over my right shoulder as I keenly watched the toxic liquid cocktail eventually enter my vein. The burning sensation was one indication the drug had arrived in my system.

At this point, the 50 milligrams of Benadryl had fully impacted my body. I was quite groggy and felt as if I was levitating. After roughly 20 minutes with no reactions, I was fairly certain the first chemo drug would not pose any serious health issues.

Paying me a visit during this time was Coplay resident Charlene Piskula's therapy dog Sirius. He jumped on my lap to do what he does best - calm the receiver of the chemo drug. His presence surely helped to calm my fears.

After three-and-a-half hours of receiving the first drug, it was

time for the second. The second drug breached my body much faster, yet with the same ultimate purpose - to reach and attack the cancer cells. Before I knew it, my first round of chemo was over.

The radiation process and now my first chemo treatment has been nothing short of interesting. I've learned so much about medicine, cancer and side effects, as well as how to fight to stay alive.

In the past, I often would marvel at the positive attitude and sheer resilience of those battling cancer, asking myself, "Where do they gain such strength?" I'm learning, through my own experiences with cancer, it's either do or die.

You fight not only for yourself, but for your family, friends and even complete strangers. You fight to inspire them and show them even in those darkest hours, there is a light shining up ahead.

Take that light through the darkness and recapture the life you once had.

Cancer can either be a death sentence or a means to an end - the end being recovery and victory.

It's a battle like no other - a battle that opens up one's eyes to life and living.

The final bell rings

say I am finished with this stage of cancer treatment.

My final day consisted of a tradition shared by all who complete their course of cancer treatment: I rang a bell signifying the end of radiation.

I must confess, I'm a bit worn out and battered by the treatments, but I, along with others, am

seeing progress. I'm grateful these treatments have begun to make a difference.

Yes, I have cancer, and treatments may not have been easy, but I've been reminded daily I am alive.

When I think about where I was back in June and where I am See **RINGS** on Page A5

AREA DEATHS

Ronald Charles Makos Sr.



manager, painter

Ronald Charles Makos Sr., 79, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 16, 2018. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Andrew and Mary (Gredlics). He was in the U.S. Navy from 1957-1963.

He was a manager at Kinney Shoes. He was later a painter for Bethlehem Steel Corp. and then worked for Kraft Foods, from which he retired.

He was a parishioner of and an usher for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

He volunteered earlier in life as a painter for St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. John's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by three children, Christine and her husband Barry Eisenman, Michele and her husband Shawn McGoldrick and Ronald Jr. and his wife Julia; a sister, Florence "Terri" Pascoe, wife of the late John Pascoe; five grandchildren, Trevor Eisenman, Caitlin and Jillian Berosh and Ava and Lucas Makos; a nephew, Andrew Pascoe; and a close friend, Terry Gallagher.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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

Robert J. "Spike" Holowka

rigger department worker

Robert J. "Spike" Holowka, 65, of Hellertown, died Dec. 9, 2018, at his residence. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late Stanley and Johanna J. (Laky) Holowka.

He worked in the rigger department of Bethlehem Steel Corp. for many years.

He is survived by two sisters, JoAnn H. Smith of Horseheads, N.Y. and Gloria H. and her husband Frank D. Nastasee of Hellertown.

There are no calling hours. Services are private.

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

Sophia Kowalyk

born in the Ukraine

Sophia Kowalyk died on Dec. 15, 2018. She was born in the Ukraine.

She is survived by a son, Bohdan "Bo" Tanasijczuk.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Olexa Tanasijczuk and Wasyl "Wally" Kowalyk; and an older son, George Tanasijczuk.

Contributions may be made to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1826 Kenmore Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Burial will follow at Hope Cemetery.

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

George J. Libricz Sr.

Radprin volunteer

George J. Libricz Sr., 92, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 10, 2018. He was a son of the late Mary (Samenig) and Charles Libricz. He was the husband of the late Mary Louise (Grossett) Libricz.

He was a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

He worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and the Reading and Conrail Railroads.

He volunteered at Radprin Radio at Northampton Community College; the Da Vinci Center; WDIY Radio as a laborer and on air host; Boys Scouts of America; and the North Central Little League.

He is survived by two daughters, Lois and her husband Mark Hollopeter, and Laura and her husband Graham Stockley; two sons, George J. Jr. and his wife Noran and Carl and his wife Jutta; seven grandchildren, Heather, Jessica, Megan, Debbie, Stacy, Yvonne and Jan; and six great grandchildren, Michael, Evan, Sophie, Molly, Sarah and Finley.

He was predeceased by brothers; and a sister.

Contributions may be made to the Country Meadows Co-Workers Foundation, 830 Cherry Drive, Hershey, 17033.

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RINGS

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today, I am grateful to still be breathing air.

Rather than see a dark lining, I make it a point each day to try to see the beauty of life and embrace the kindness and generosity of family, friends and strangers.

Life is fraught with daily obstacles that may seem insurmountable. Obstacles confronted with a positive attitude make them easier to deal with and to fight through the roadblocks in life.

What's next, you might ask?

Chemotherapy

treatments could be an option in the near future. Chemo, unlike radiation for many, is a tougher road to walk, with the potential side effects difficult to bear. However, I'm ready for what lies ahead. I can either retreat or push forward harder.

You learn through a disease such as cancer that the battle is an incremental process involving a number of factors. Chief among them includes doctors, nurses and medical treatments, support of family and friends, prayer and relying on one's spirituality.

I believe no one can

go through cancer or any other major disease or illness without learning a few lessons that likely will stay with them for life.

I've learned the fragility and sanctity of life and the beauty that arrives with each coming day. Because I don't know what tomorrow may bring, I've learned to appreciate the bad with the good. For how can anyone of us truly know goodness and happiness if we have not walked through dark valleys throughout our life?

Also, I learned that family and friends are incredible resources. Often,

when one is in need, they will offer their assistance. It's during those difficult times others will surface to help you move forward in your fight to get well.

And, while no one wants to experience suffering, often there is purpose in suffering. We can use our own suffering to help others go through physical or mental diseases by sharing with them what we learned and how we coped and overcame.

Onward, I now move - to the next stage in conquering cancer!

EDITOR'S VIEW

Remembering those we lost during this holiday season

Many of our readers have been following the Guest Views written by former editorial assistant and freelance writer/photographer Mark Reccek, documenting his battle with cancer.

Although a very private person, Mark felt it was important to share his journey with the readers and the many friends he had acquired through his work at The Press.

On Dec. 17 [2017], Mark lost the fight.

Mark was well-educated with multiple degrees, one being a law degree. He was studying to take the bar exam to become a lawyer to represent those who could not represent themselves.

He was a quiet, compassionate soul who touched the lives of many of our readers.

One of his favorite stories, I believe, was when he interviewed Charlene Piskula, of Coplay, and her golden retriever therapy dog, Sirius. At that time, I'm sure he didn't know how important it would be to have Piskula and Sirius attend his first radiation appointment at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg.

"Both Sirius, a gentle golden retriever, and Charlene provided me with a sense of comfort and helped me relax during the appointment," Mark wrote. "I also got to witness firsthand the positive and therapeutic impact Sirius has on those battling cancer. The eyes of one elderly woman awaiting treatment lit up and a bright smile emitted from her face as Sirius sat next to her. As she gently pet Sirius, I could sense the woman was feeling more at ease with where she was."

Mark was working on a story for me when his health took a turn for the worse; unbeknownst

to me, when he emailed his notes, he was in a hospital bed.

Through Mark's connections, my son was able to interview two employees of Google in California for his graduation project in 2014. We will be forever grateful. But that was Mark - always trying to help someone.

When there was a fire in his apartment building years ago, all of his furniture and belongings were ruined. His co-workers and friends tried to give him furniture, televisions and money - none of which Mark wanted. He said he lived very simply and that was fine with him.

I know there are many of our readers who are also dealing with the loss of a loved one during the holidays.

Many of the churches in our area provide "Blue Christmas" services, which are held on or near Dec. 21, the longest night of the year. According to Rev. Nancy C. Townely, of Ministry Matters™, "Following this date, daylight seems to be returning for more and more of each day. On this night, or anytime this service is presented, we remember those for whom the holidays are not joyful; they are lonely, in mourning, feeling alienated and cast apart from family celebrations; they are experiencing depression and sadness and yet are often compelled to 'put on a happy face' for others, denying their true feelings."

Sylvia S. Havlish, M.Ed., bereavement counselor for 40 years, coordinator of bereavement ministries, Lutheran Congregations Services and bereavement counselor for St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus, offered some advice for managing grief during the holidays.

Remember that just as there is no right or wrong way to grieve, there is no "correct" way to mark a holiday.

Lean into the feelings of grief ... don't avoid them. You're not

trying to avoid grief ... you're trying to avoid pain.

Make new plans for this holiday. Evaluate the parts of your traditions that you want to "keep" and those that you might change.

Go in with a "game plan." Always build a "plan b" into the day to meet up with friends in case being alone becomes overwhelming.

Externalize your loss. Say a prayer, light a candle, make an ornament, donate money in your loved one's name, share funny stories.

Be gentle with yourself. Don't do more than you want and don't do anything that does not serve your soul (from the website grief.com).

One of Havlish's favorite authors on grief stated, "I have found that grief is the shadow of love. It only exists because there was love. So grief is embraced as a close friend; not as a place to stay ... but a place to rest a while when I need to."

"You hope you have a good listener in your life who will listen and allow you to express your feelings," Havlish said.

"The only words you need when you are trying to help someone who is grieving is 'tell me about it' and then quietly listen."

Havlish also said getting your feelings out is the first step to dealing with grief.

So thank you, Mark, from your co-workers and the many readers of The Press, for your compassionate journalism. Although your family and friends will miss you desperately, what a wonderful celebration it will be in Heaven, rejoicing on the birth of Christ, Dec. 25.

Debbie Galbraith
Editor
East Penn Press
Salisbury Press



Debbie Galbraith

American Heart Association logo and text: Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke. www.americanheart.org

New Tripoli Bank advertisement with holiday theme. Text: Thank you to all of our customers! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! All offices will close at 2:00 p.m. on December 24th and December 31st. Lists branch locations in New Tripoli, Orefield, and Emmaus.

Joe's Battery & Tire advertisement. Text: Thanks for Coming! We'd like to express our deep appreciation for all of your visits throughout the year. Lists names of staff members. Includes address: 2225 Union Blvd. - Allentown, 1912 Broad Street - Bethlehem. Phone: 610-437-4961. Website: www.joesbatteryandtire.com

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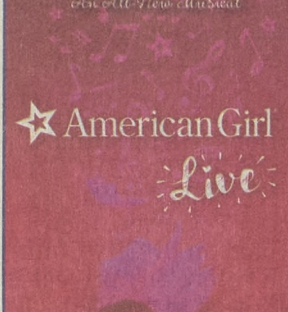
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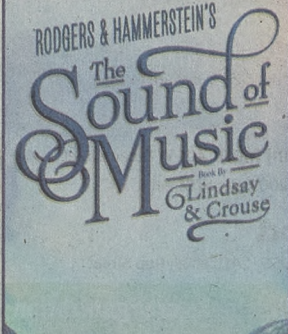
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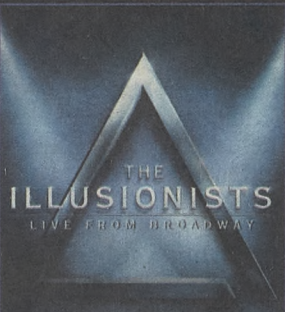
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A Night Of
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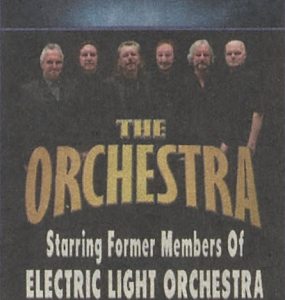
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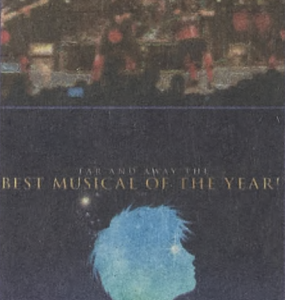
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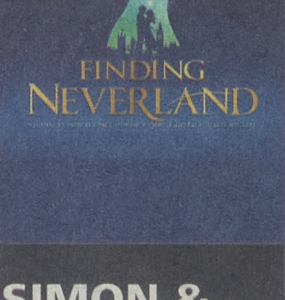
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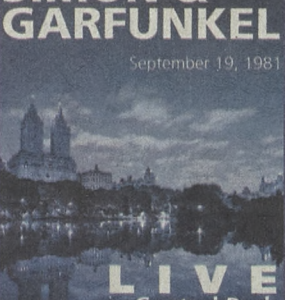
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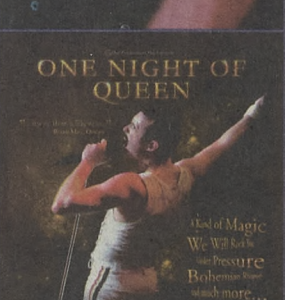
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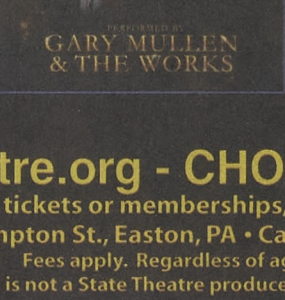
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Local Stars: Tony DaRe,
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SOMETHING NEW

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI



To the right when you walk inside 81 W. Broad St., Coal is dark, warm and cozy, with low tables surrounded by couches and cushioned chairs. Chef Armah says of the tone, "We're grill and chill." Coal is BYOB.

Coal for Christmas is a gift after all

Coal Lounge & Grill has opened downtown just in time to bring warm, exotic West African fare to a chilly Lehigh Valley holiday. Executive Chef Kofi Armah is from New Jersey, but spent many years in Ghana, and wanted to bring that different dining experience to Bethlehem, where he attended Moravian College. "I wanted to fill a void in the culinary scene," he says, "There are a lot of foodies in Bethlehem and it's the center of the Lehigh Valley. Downtown was a plus, and we want to increase tourism." Coal is open Tuesday-Thursday 5-10 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 5 p.m.-3 a.m., and is located at 81 W. Broad St. Call 484-456-1182 or visit on Facebook and coalbethlehem.com.



Executive Chef Kofi Armah begins his evening in the kitchen cutting imported yams. He worked in the Hotel Bethlehem kitchens for several years upon returning to the states. He recommended the spicy fried plantain appetizer (called kelewele) and said, "The chicken kebabs are to die for."

Rotary's Tastes & Tunes donates to BASD



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The Bethlehem Rotary Club's big annual fundraiser, Tastes & Tunes, earned a whopping total of almost \$41,000 this year, \$10,187 of which was presented to the Bethlehem Area School District at a luncheon Nov. 28. Above: Organizers President Mark Reed, Jim Smith and Deb Walter with BASD representatives Julie Bailey (center) and Assistant Superintendent Jack Silva (right), who said the money will go toward musical instruments, primarily for younger students. The rest of the money, said Rotary Vice President Peter Mickolay, will benefit any number of local groups with much larger grants than the Rotary could otherwise provide.

PLANS

Continued from page A2 at 736 E. Fourth St. was quickly approved with the suggestion that baker and business owner Francisco Mendez, correct a grammatical error in the business slogan to read "Finest Baked Goods." The dark brown serif lettering and pinstripe appear on an off white background. Emmanuel Mendez assisted with the proposal. The three-story building is owned by Lehigh Valley 4 Rent, LLC.

Maureen McWilliams from C/O Allied Signs scored a COA for a storefront sign incorporating board modifications for Re-Vel, formerly known as The Broadway Social at 217 Broadway. McWilliams agreed to reduce its size and make it oval-shaped to relate to the logo's oval shape. Instead of covering the "Lehigh No. 1" built-in letters and decorative terra cotta lion heads on the face of the former 1885 firehouse, the new sign would be located below those historic architectural elements.

Off white vinyl signage for the social club's front window was also approved. The descender in the letter "R" of the blue and off white script logo encircles itself with its own pinstripe noted board members Vice Chairman Gary Lader and Beth Starbuck.

The building is owned by Greg Salomoni.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the

neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts. Hearings are regularly scheduled on the third Monday of the month.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and residents in a designated historic district who wish to make alterations to a building's exterior. The BHCC's recommendations are later reviewed, then voted on by City Council before any project is allowed to proceed.

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| Bobbie Jo R - Walnutport | Joan S - Walnutport | Sarah W - Lehighton |
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Prizes must be claimed by December 31st or may be forfeited.



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- Lewis G of Danielsville
- Carol K of Lehighton
- Patty S of Jim Thorpe
- Linda S of Palmerton

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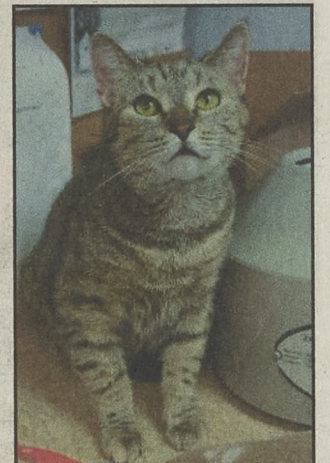
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CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



Hazy, a 4-year-old female terrier/pit mix, is playful and friendly. She's smart and easy to train. She has some dog aggression that we have been working on but she should be the only animal in the home.

Brooklyn is 4 1/2 years old and is a rather mellow lady. She doesn't mind sharing her space with other cats and would be happy to live in a quiet home or one with older children. She is on a Sensitive System Diet.

Ben Franklin invests \$220,000 regionally

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania's (BFTP/NEP) board of directors has approved the investment of \$220,000 in support of regional economic development. BFTP/NEP announces the following early-stage company investments that are provided in the form of loans with warrants. Some of the recipients are in the local community, includ:

- * Skillion, LLC, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem, Northampton County
- Ben Franklin Investment: \$40,000:

Complete development of Skillion's mobile app for remotely monitoring and controlling an electronic bike (e-bike) to prevent theft and/or manage e-bike rentals. Both the American and European e-bike markets are expected to grow significantly over the next five years, particularly in urban centers, creating the need for technology to support the sector.

- * Material Solution Services, Northampton, Northampton County
- Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000
- University Partner: Lehigh University's En-

terprise Systems Center: Complete the formulation of new composite materials that can be used for general fill in land development, construction material, and mine reclamation. The composites will recycle various waste products in conjunction with a binding agent to reclaim abandoned sites for safe and productive reuse.

- BFTP/NEP's strategy encompasses three key areas:
 1. developing and growing early-stage technology-oriented companies;
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3. promoting an innovative community-wide infrastructure that supports Pennsylvania's business technology ecosystem.

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a sick leave bonus paid to part-time workers, even though they have no sick days. Another is something known as "99" days. This enables employees to take up to five unpaid personal days every year. Some employees were taking more, which established a practice. Under the new contract, employees who abuse the "99" day perk will be disciplined. Finally, changes have been made to Friday shift differentials.

The final union contract is with the Human Services PSSU Union, which is part of SEIU. Employees there are getting a retroactive step increase in 2018, followed by 2 percent raises in 2019 and 2020. Because a step increase in Human Services is only about 2.25 percent compared to the 4.5 percent with the other unions, the county is also agreeing to make up the difference with cash.

Executive Lamont McClure said the new contracts eliminate the

gap insurance employees were being forced to pay in their health-care coverage. In addition, two new health plans are being offered. Both are "Preferred Provider Organization" (PPO) plans. These allow participants to visit in-network physicians or healthcare provider without first obtaining a referral from a primary care physician. According to HR Director Kelly, these packages provide more favorable prices and better coverage than other plans.

The first of these, called PPO400, is described by Kelly as a "traditional" PPO plan with a \$400 deductible for single members and an \$800 deductible for family coverage. The second PPO has higher deductibles (\$2,000 for single, \$4,000 for family), but enables employees to establish Health Savings Accounts. Single employees can contribute up to \$3,500 per year, while those with family coverage can pay in \$7,000 per year. The county is also willing to fund these accounts up

to \$1,250 for single coverage HSAs, and \$2,500 for family.

Kelly pointed out that HSAs are portable, meaning that if an employee leaves to work somewhere else, he can take the HSA with him.

After these contracts were approved by county council, McClure thanked them for "unanimously validating the dignity of the worker."

These new contracts mean that the county's payroll will increase \$848,048 this year, and \$2.6 million in 2020.

About 70 percent of the county's work force is union. Contracts with the Deputy Sheriffs' Association and corrections officers are unresolved. Other bargaining units include registered nurses, detectives and court-appointed professionals.

In other business, a director of treatment at the Juvenile Justice center was finally approved by unanimous vote. Council member Lori Vargo Heffner had previously imposed all kinds of roadblocks. She suddenly became

"comfortable" with the appointment after Judge Stephen Baratta advised her in a four-page letter that she was interfering with the courts.

Also, despite claiming she had the votes and rallying her supporters to attend the meeting and speak in favor of a tabled resolution condemning the use of plastic straws and bags, council member Tara Zrinski has decided to wait until next year to pursue it. She has said she wants county municipalities to use the resolution as a template for an enforceable ban. Bethlehem's Kathy Fox and Dr. Breena Holland spoke in support of the ban.

Finally, at the request of council member John Cusick, council approved \$5,000 grants from its contingency fund to The Center for Animal Health and Welfare and the Saucon Valley Community Center. Both are nonprofits.

Council member Kevin Lott spoke highly of both organizations.

VOLUNTEERS

FEED THE CHILDREN, Bethlehem, is accepting volunteer applications for the Teacher Store from dedicated and outgoing volunteers to help teachers shop for free school supplies and classroom furniture. Contact Beth Baier, 610-419-9356, baier@feedthechildren.org.

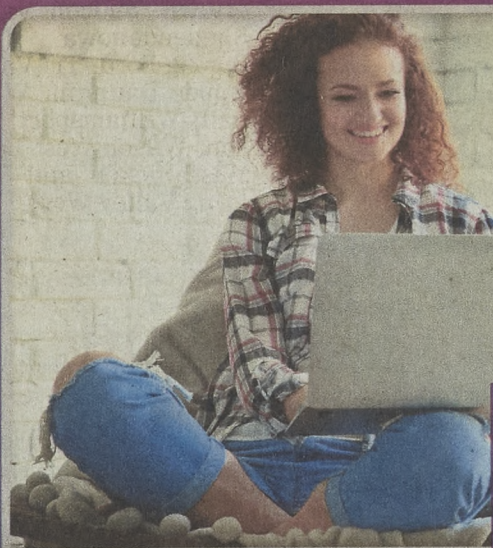
SECOND HARVEST - COOKING MATTERS PROGRAM needs volunteers for the Cooking Matters Program, a six-week cooking and nutrition educational course, offered to low income families at sites in Allentown and Bethlehem. Contact Laura Scarpino, 484-287-4015, iscarpino@caclv.org.

GRACEDALE NURSING HOME, Nazareth, needs a piano player from 10-11 a.m. for its Sunday morning church service on the first Sunday of each month, starting March 3. Contact Jennie Repsher, 610-829-3686, jrepsher@northamptoncounty.org.

CEDARBROOK SENIOR CARE AND REHAB, Allentown, is looking for cheerful volunteers who enjoy helping others shop. Contact Kerry Magliane, 610-336-5684, kerrymagliane@lehigh-county.org.

PHOEBE HOME, Allentown, needs holiday volunteers for several events. For more info, call Eileen Mihocko or Joan Wickel, 610-794-5366 or 610-794-5364.

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

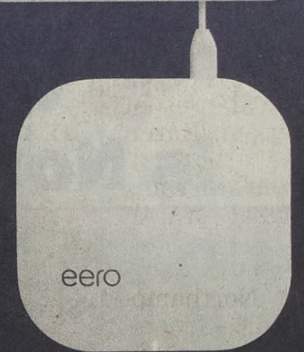


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HOOP CAMP

Come out and train with the Lady Hawks at the fifth annual Holiday Hoops Clinic on Dec. 27 for grades 3 through 8 at Bethlehem Catholic High School.

The clinic will run from 9-10:30 a.m. All training will be geared to the level of play and will include ball handling, offensive skills training, shooting technique, and footwork and agility training.

The cost is \$20 and walk-ins are welcome.

WHITEHALL FOOTBALL COACH

As has been the plan since June, Whitehall High School has posted its head football coach position.

Coach Kondikoff took on this untimely opening on an interim basis after the resignation of coach Brian Gilbert in June. We are very thankful to Coach Kondikoff and his staff for keeping things together for the student-athletes who participate in football at Whitehall. They all had the best interests of the players in mind.

Interested candidates can send resumes to Athletic Director Bob Hartman at hartmanb@whitehallcoplay.org.

GIRLS VBALL COACH

Catasauqua is looking for a coach for the 2019-2020 school year for an established high school girls volleyball program, previous experience as a varsity head coach or assistant coach in a successful program preferred.

Send letter of interest, current resume, credentials, current Acts 24, 34, 126, 151 & 168 and FBI federal clearance to Mr. Thomas R. Moll, II, Director of Student Activities, Catasauqua High School, 2500 West Bullshead Road, Northampton, PA 18067; EOE;

Deadline January 4, 2019.

TROUT UNLIMITED

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, at 6:30, the Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited will present the program: Karen Poshefko will speak on "Trout Streams and Global Warming."

The event takes place at Northampton Middle School, Rm. 205, located at 1617 Laubach Ave., Northampton, PA 18067

The public is invited to attend. Questions, call 610-262-7598.

Holiday tourney time!



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Alijah Cannon and the Liberty boys will travel to Freedom for a holiday tournament and a first-round matchup against the Pates.

FHS-LHS to square off

BY PETER CAR
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With the holiday season in full swing this week, all three Bethlehem schools will take part in finding some joy on the hardwood with tournaments taking place this week.

Freedom will keep things going at home on Dec. 27 and 28 with their second annual Christmas Shootout, featuring cross town rival Liberty, W.T. Woodson, and Dallas High School.

The Patriots and Hurricanes square off on opening night and Freedom head coach Joe Stellato hopes it can be a successful showing for the tournament.

"This event started because we did not want to travel during the holidays, but we had a lot of interest in teams coming here to play," Stellato said. "At the same time that we thought of this, Liberty was looking for a place to play over the holidays. It worked out for everyone involved. Opening with Liberty on the first night should lead to a good turnout and a great

atmosphere."

Liberty head coach Chad Landis enjoys staying home over the holidays and getting a chance to battle Freedom at the same time makes it all worth while.

"We have always changed up our Christmas schedule, usually on a two-year cycle," Landis said. "It has been nice to stay close to home, especially over the holidays. Anytime we play Freedom it makes for a good event."

Bethlehem Catholic will be hitting the road to Red Lion to take part in their holiday tourney with York Catholic and York Suburban in the field this Thursday and Friday as well.

"This will be my first time at this event, but I know that Becahi has been there several times and we expect the competition to be extremely challenging," said head coach Scott McClary. "It is my hope this will really get us ready to take on EPC foes when the New Year begins, as we start out with two of the toughest teams in Nazareth and Emmaus."

Hurricanes aim to defend holiday title

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty's Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic will take place this Friday and Saturday at Memorial Gymnasium.

Liberty won the event last season and crowned three champions in

Tal-Reese Fleming (113), Matt Maloney (120) and Damen Moyer (195). All three will be looking to repeat, as will the hosts looking for another team title.

Wrestling begins at 8:30am on Friday with the first session, while

the second session is scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday's wrestling starts with the semifinals at 10 a.m. and runs straight through.

This year's field of teams includes: Blue Mt., Council Rock South, Delaware Val-

ley, Easton, Freedom, Garnet Valley, Hazleton, Honesdale, James Martin (TX), Liberty, North Penn, Nazareth, North Penn, Northern Lebanon, Northampton, Northwestern, Owings Mills (MD), Parkland, Pen Argyl, Pennridge,

Phillipsburg (NJ), Quakertown, Saucon Valley, Shenendehowa (NY), Spring-Ford, Tri-Valley, Upper Dauphin, Whitehall, Williamsport, Wilson, Wilson-West Lawn, Wissahickon and Wyoming Valley West.

Christmas City tourney set for this weekend

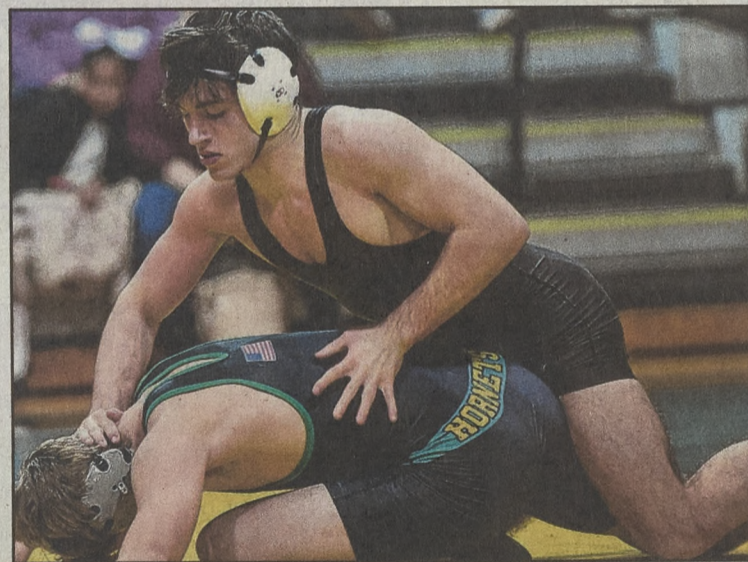
BY PETER CAR
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The 51st annual Tony Iasiello Christmas City Wrestling tournament will take place this weekend with wrestling kicking off on Friday at 10 a.m. and running straight through the day.

Saturday's action begins at 10 a.m. as well and runs straight through to the finals. The Hawks the team title a year ago, racking up 301 points and having 12 wrestlers in the finals, walking away with

six champions.

The field for this week includes: Annetville Cleona, Bald Eagle Area, Bethlehem Catholic, Blair Academy (Second Varsity Team), East Stroudsburg South, Emmaus, Executive Education Academy, Faith Christian Academy, First Colonial (VA), Leighton, Dieruff, Milton Hershey, Port Jervis (NY), Roman Catholic, Schuylkill Valley, Scranton, Southern Lehigh, Susquehanna Township and Wallenpaupack.



Cole Handelovic and the Hawks recently picked up a win over Emmaus last Wednesday, and then Northampton last Thursday and will take part in the Christmas City Tournament.

PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

SWIMMING

FHS boys top ESN

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's boys' swim team defeated East Stroudsburg North, 114-55, on Dec. 18 at East Stroudsburg.

In individual events, Jack Rosen won the 50 free in 26.7, and Paras Chand finished in second place.

Danny Connell won the 100 free in 56.3, and Rosen placed third.

Connell also won the 200 free in 2:01.7, Dylan Stahl was second, and Jared Franges was third.

Al Bell took first place
See **FHS** on Page A10



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Jake Everet and the LHS boys swim team got a win over Pocono Mountain West.

LHS boys beat Pocono West

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's boys' swim team hosted Pocono Mountain West on Dec. 18 when they defeated the Panthers, 91-67.

Addison Collins, Dylan Zukawski, Jonathan Drago, and Sam Capwell won the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:47.73.

Collins went on to win the 200 free in 1:59.51, and Jeffrey Eisenhardt was second in 2:18.42.

Sean McGuire took first place in the 200 IM in 2:22.26, Ryan Wycherley came in second in 2:27.25, and Seth Cole-

man was third in 2:27.78. Drago won the 50 free in 23.92, and Capwell was right behind in 23.94.

Jake Evert placed first in the 100 butterfly in 57.39, and Coleman was third in 1:08.44.

Collins won the 100 free in 53.07, and Ben Service was second in 56.64.

In the 500 free, Daniel Lader placed first in 6:00.03, Eisenhardt was second in 6:28.34, and Kevin Conklin was third in 6:40.56.

The Hurricanes won the 200 free relay with
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Bethlehem House Contemporary Art Gallery, 459 Main St. bethlehemhousegallery.com/.

Bethlehem Township Community Center, Senior drop-in, 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday; Golden Years group, 2 p.m. first Thursday. Visit www.bethlehetownship.org/btcc/senior.html.

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

Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room: Fowler bldg., 511 E. Third St. Visit www.copsnkidslv.org.

Free homework help. Drop in 4 to 6 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Libraries, 11 W. Church St.; 400 Webster St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610-867-7852 (Southside).

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

Lehigh Valley Active Life: senior activities. Visit <http://lvactivelife.org/> or call 610-437-3700.

Lehigh Valley Art Alliance events. Visit www.lehighartalliance.org.

Lower Saucon Twp. Sr. Center, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. For senior activities: call 610-625-8744.

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

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

New Bethany Ministries, 339 W. Fourth St. Visit www.newbethanyministries.org.

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Saucon Valley, senior activities, 323 Northampton St., Hellertown. Call 610-838-0722 or visit <http://svcommctr.org/seniors/activities/>.

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Borough taxes will rise next year

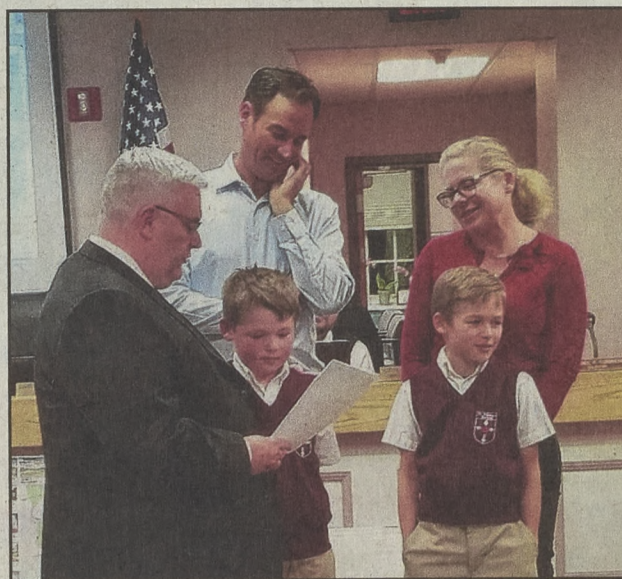
HELLERTOWN

BY MARK KIRLIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In a nearly unanimous vote of 5 to 1, Hellertown Council passed an increase in property taxes by .75 mills in the 2019 budget. The .75 mill increase is equivalent to approximately \$75 a year for properties assessed at \$100,000. The only no vote came from brand new council member Andrew Hughes, who is in the process of getting up to speed. Council member James Hill was not present at the meeting.

The comments during the meeting evolved from concerns by citizens about a rumor of laying off two police officers, to dispelling the rumor and how it relates to funding and taxes.

Originally the two officers were never in the borough's budget. Funding came from gaming grants dispersed by the county gaming authority. With a change in state law, the county authority has been discontinued. According to Council President Thomas Rieger, "this problem resides with the state."



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Hellertown Mayor David Heitzelman (left) swears in St. Theresa School students Alex and Henry as honorary "mayors for a day" as their Mom and Dad look on.

Rieger did say the rumors of two layoffs are false. He noted the borough is funding one of those officers out of the general fund tax dollars and to fund the second, the tax increase would be 2 mills, and the same the following year, which he believes

the community can't do. Rieger explained one full time officer alone costs the borough \$130,000 with benefits.

According to Rieger, "as everybody knows, Hellertown has I think going to be the highest rate in Northampton County. We are fast

approaching the max millage the borough can tax."

In addition, Rieger noted the borough is facing challenges, including rising costs such as an insurance increase of 6.2 percent and contractual raises which went up 2.5 to 3 percent in the police and public works department.

Rieger went on to say, "at the end of the day it's not taking a thousand dollars here, it's we're no longer doing road paving or we're no longer going to have a department; that's the type of money we're talking about here."

In other news, in a fundraising initiative for St. Theresa School in Hellertown, Mayor David Heitzelman presented students Alex and Henry the honor of being "mayor for a day." At a pre-arranged date and time, Alex and Henry will be picked up at their home by a police car and given a tour of what the mayor and police department do. According to Heitzelman, this is meant to "educate our children of the future."

District hires a new assistant supt.

SAUCON VALLEY

BY MARK KIRLIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Saucon Valley School Board unanimously approved the hiring of new Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristine Rosenberger for a term of three years at \$120,000 per year. Rosenberger will be replacing Dr. Susan Mower-Benda, who recently resigned to take over as director of curriculum

and instruction at the Pleasant Valley School District.

Rosenberger will be leaving her current position as Associate Principle at Governor Mifflin Senior HS in Shillington, Berks County. Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler said he's excited about the expertise that she brings to the posi-

tion and highlighted her prior experience as a director of teaching and learning and as a director of curriculum.

In addition, he congratulated her hiring and thanked her for her "perseverance" for the five separate interviews that were conducted. She was invited to the podium to make a few

comments. Rosenberger said, "I'm really looking forward to working with the team, with the communities and representing the district well."

In other news, per the state of Pennsylvania's requirement for reorganization under the school code, the board held its annual vote on officers such as president and vice president.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY STEPHEN ALTHOUSE

Members of the "Three Kings" musical group perform various holiday classics during the "Holiday on the Southside" event Dec. 7 at Tranquility Park in Southside Bethlehem.

Holiday on the Southside

Tranquility Park, located at 727 E. Fourth St. in Bethlehem, hosted a "Holiday on the Southside" event Dec. 7. Southside residents and elected officials witnessed the lighting of a holiday tree and participated in singing various holiday carols. The event, sponsored in part by the Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem, included remarks from Pennsylvania Rep. Steve Samuelson, Bethlehem City

Councilwoman Olga Negrón and Anna Smith of the CADCB. The Three Kings musical group also performed holiday tunes, as members of the Lynfield Community Center and the community at-large sang along. Following the event, cookies and hot chocolate refreshments were offered at the Bethlehem Public Library's Southside Branch.



Santa Claus takes time out of his busy schedule to attend the "Holiday on the Southside" event Dec. 7.



Pennsylvania Rep. Steve Samuelson, left, makes remarks to the crowd attending the "Holiday on the Southside" event Dec. 7 at Tranquility Park in Southside Bethlehem.



Santa Claus with various youth who attended the "Holiday on the Southside" event Dec. 7.

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Season passes for residents and non-residents of Bethlehem may be purchased in the recreation office, Room 506, city hall, 10 E. Church St., or at the rink.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Making state legislature smaller no easy task

"I got it close, but I couldn't get it over the goal line." That's the way state Rep. Jerry Knowles, R-Schuylkill-Carbon, described his effort to shepherd a bill through the General Assembly to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 203 to 151 members.

"We were one procedural vote away from getting this on the ballot, the closest we have ever come," he said. The bill, which was for all intents and purposes dead as a doornail in October after some fancy political chicanery, officially succumbed on Dec. 1, when the legislative session ended. As a result, everything resets, and we go back to square one.

In an exclusive interview with me, Knowles said he doesn't know whether he has the "fire in the belly" to reintroduce the bill in the new session. He said he will make a decision between now and the middle of January to determine whether he will lead the effort in the new session or whether he will encourage someone else to take up the charge.

Knowles has been in the forefront of this six-year effort to reduce the size of the state House of Representatives from its current 203 members to 151. The original bill left the 50-member state Senate intact.

But two months ago, when three Republicans joined 14 Democrats on the House Rules Committee to amend Knowles' original bill to include a reduction in the number of senators from 50 to 38, its death knell rang.

This was the poison pill that doomed the legislation, because there was little support in the Senate for a reduction in its number, although the Senate was willing to go along with the House reduction.

Knowles' bill would have called for a constitutional amendment to let voters decide. Approving such an amendment is difficult, because it requires the House and Senate to pass identical bills in consecutive legislative sessions, after which the legislation must be approved by the voters. Both houses did pass Knowles' bill once, but not twice.

There is no question in my mind that if a bill on legislature reduction gets on the ballot, it will be approved overwhelmingly.

"I can't tell you how disappointed I was," Knowles said. He said originally there appeared to be a lot of enthusiasm for the bill, "but it turned out to be false enthusiasm," Knowles added.

Knowles described it this way: He feels that some legislators signed on as co-sponsors to make them look good to the public, but all along they expected that the bill would go nowhere. When the bill began to get traction, it took some of them by surprise and they became concerned that maybe they would wind up losing their jobs.

"They played games and blew up the bill," Knowles said, laying the blame squarely on the feet of House Minority Leader Frank Dermody, D-Allegheny, who was recently re-elected to that position.

Knowles wants to make sure that the true mission of this bill is not overlooked amid all of the political noise and shenanigans that have torpedoed it. "The whole purpose of this bill is to give voters a chance to make a decision on how big a Legislature they want," he said.

There is no question in my mind that if a bill on legislature reduction gets on the ballot, it will be approved overwhelmingly. Pennsylvania has the second-largest Legislature in the nation, next only to New Hampshire, which pays its part-time representatives a pittance. Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly are making at least nearly \$89,000 as of Dec. 1, second-highest paid in the nation next to California.

While he is frustrated by the political games being played, Knowles said that he has not taken it personally. "I don't think it has anything to do with me," he said.

He realizes that it would take courage to pass a bill such as this because it could essentially mean the end of the road for 52 of his colleagues.

"It scares the bejesus out of them," he said.

Knowles said he admires the framers of the state Constitution, who made it "really hard" to change the charter. When you think that more than 3,000 bills get introduced each session, but only a few pass, you can just imagine how tough it is to get a constitutional amendment passed, he explained.

Reducing the number of House members would save taxpayers an estimated \$15 million annually, according to a House study.

Of course, there is some opposition within the House itself. Aside from the practical matter of eliminating their own jobs, some House members are concerned that newer, enlarged districts would be too unwieldy and would not allow them to be as in touch with their constituents. Under the plan, the average population of a House district would be about 85,000, compared to the present 63,000.

With today's wondrous technological advances in communication, legislators have all sorts of contact alternatives with constituents compared to the "old days."

By Bruce Frassinelli | treditor@tnonline.com

Sands employees support Sassy Massey



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Employees at the Sands Bethlehem Casino collected over 350 toys, crafts, books and puzzles through the 'Sands Cares' holiday toy drive in October and November. On Dec. 12, they turned the collection over to Sassy Massey Foundation volunteer Mike Fritts, and co-founders Janelle Massey and Jim Massey, parents of Jillian Massey, for whom the Foundation is named. Jillian passed away in December 2017 after a nearly two-year battle with brain cancer. While undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Jillian created the Sassy Massey toy drive to benefit other kids undergoing treatment at CHOP. It continues in her memory, benefiting children ages 1 to 18 when they are hospitalized, through the efforts of many, including the Sands Casino.

Council approves appointments

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

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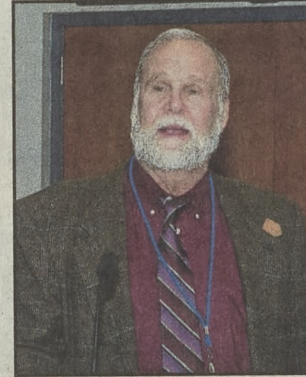
Commissioners made several routine appointments Dec. 12, approving the appointment of Kyle A. Russell to the position of warden of the county jail. Previously the board signaled approval by voting for Russell's appointment in a preliminary or first hearing vote.

Sarah Andrew was reappointed to the Aging and Adult Services Advisory Council, while Patrick Palmer was appointed to the council. The votes were unanimous, except for Commissioner Percy Dougherty, who was absent.

A third appointee, Robbie Matthews, was also approved but without the support of Councilwoman Amy Zanelli, who voted against the appointment; she said she wasn't convinced Matthews' qualifications were suitable for the job.

The commissioners also approved leases of agricultural land with three farms to lease county land. This included a 10-acre plot east of Leaser Lake leased to Let Farms, Inc., with offices on Mantz Road in Germansville, Let Farms, Inc. which has an existing lease for the property, will pay \$650 per year for the lease.

Also leased were seven acres at the intersection of Broadway and Cedarbrook Road in South Whitehall Township to Weinhofer Farms, LLC of Whitehall. Weinhofer Farms will also lease 21 acres south of Lenhart Road



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

LEFT: Frank Gerlach, a case worker with the Office of Crises Intervention thanked the Commissioners for their support for the non-union employees. RIGHT: Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong presented an analysis of Lehigh County's Taxes calculated in terms of how many pennies of each dollar functions in the County costs.

Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong presented an analysis of Lehigh County's Taxes calculated in terms of how many pennies of each dollar is spent on the various functions in the county.

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All other functions	0.0150 (of a cent)
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Totals	1.000 (dollars)

in Whitehall Township and will pay \$1,155 annually for the lease for both properties.

Commissioners also approved a lease of Tract 1 through Tract 5, comprising 233 acres of the Seem Seed Farm, to Dennis P. Trexler Farms/Leroy C. Stahler, Inc. with offices in Limeport

Health of PA was approved by commissioner for the fifth program year.

Commissioners also gave preliminary approval for a lease with Adams Outdoor Advertising for a 3.5-acre site near the northeast end of the Hamilton Street bridge. Adams will maintain an advertising sign on the site. They will pay \$7,325 per year for the lease.

The county coroner will get a new Ford Explorer and replace obsolete equipment with new X-ray equipment as per an amendment of the 2018-22 Capital Plan approved by the commissioners.

Harold J. Eyer was honored by the Lehigh County Commissioners on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr. Eyer was not in attendance for the bestowed honor.

Frank Gerlach, a case worker with the Office of Crisis Intervention, thanked the commissioners for their support for the non-union employees during this year's budget hearings.

"The Human Services Department is really struggling all over," he said. "We're on the front lines—we need all the help we can get."

"Take care of people in human services," said Gerlach. "Let's take care of workers—look beyond the numbers. We have the same goals. Let's work together and accomplish those goals."

Commissioners also gave preliminary approval to salary levels for Lehigh County row officers.

Bruce's cites several reasons. Under negotiated union contracts, wages have increased between two and three percent. Health insurance costs have risen 8.7 percent. Debt service next year on four loans over the past nine years will be over \$2 million. The cost of the pension funds has increased \$100,000. Workers compensation insurance has skyrocketed 27 percent. Unfunded stormwater mandates will cost \$250,000-750,000

Bethlehem Township increasing tax rate; Hanover Township holds line

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At their Dec. 17 meeting, Bethlehem Township Commissioners voted 4-1 for a 9 percent property tax hike in 2019. Voting 'Yes' were Vice President Malissa Davis and commissioners Kristine Blake, John Gallagher and John Merhotten. Voting 'No' was President Mike Hudak. He voted against both the budget and a fire tax policy that restricts the anticipated fire tax revenue to the acquisition of

fire vehicles.

This decision follows three budget hearings. The proposed spending plan was available on the township website and could also be physically inspected at the municipal building over the past 30 days.

At the current real estate tax of 7.09 mills, the annual tax bill is \$647 for the average taxpayer. With an increase in millage to 7.74 mills, taxes will increase to \$705 for the average homeowner next year.

In addition to real es-

tate taxes, the township imposes an earned income tax (0.5 percent). The average annual earned income tax payment per household is \$415, and will remain unchanged.

For the first time, the township has imposed a fire tax set at 0.15 mills. Under state law, money collected through a fire tax must be set aside in a separate account and may be used only for the township's two volunteer fire departments.

In a detailed budget message, Manager Doug

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PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

New Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kristine Rosenberger speaks to the school board after her appointment is approved by the board.

NEW

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Susan Baxter was unanimously approved as the new president of the board. She previously held the vice president position. She will be replacing Michael Karabin, who served in that role for the past seven years. The board also unanimously voted in Dr. Shamim Pakzad as the new Vice President.

In speaking of outgoing Karabin, Pakzad said, "I never realized

how important and involved this job is and it's only been the past year that I've gained a lot of appreciation for both the role and the way Mike has conducted himself... and I want to thank you for your service."

Other members of the board repeated Pakzad's sentiments. Karabin characterized his time as President as a "somewhat pleasurable experience" and said it was time to give others a chance to get acquainted with officer positions.

LINE

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per year. Also, the township can no longer count on any casino grants, upon which it relied for \$250,000 per year. Bruce describes the township a "mature, nearly built-out municipality where annual revenues have not quite been keeping up with annual expenses for the better part of a decade."

There was no discussion before the budget vote from any of the commissioners or the public.

"We're \$17 million in debt, we have some fire trucks we need to purchase, hence my Yes vote," explained Commissioner John Merhotten. "I'd love to go through the budget with anybody and explain what we're not paying for."

The audience included NorCo GOP Chair Lee Snover, who left the meeting soon after the vote.

Hudak called the fire tax a "feel good" measure that won't really accomplish anything.

Meanwhile, in nearby Hanover Township (NC), supervisors adopted their 10th straight no-tax-hike budget at their Dec. 18 meeting. Manager Jay Finnigan credits their 0.50 mill fire tax as one of the main reasons. It enables the township to plan ahead for major capital purchases without incurring debt. The millage rate, which has remained the same since 2008 and includes the fire tax mills, will remain at 3.90 mills. This is about half that of Bethlehem Township.

Hanover Township has been debt free for the past three years.

COLLEGE NOTES

Penn State Lehigh Valley

Certified REcovery training Jan. 26

Penn State Lehigh Valley will hold Certified Recovery Specialist training from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Jan. 26 at the Lehigh Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley.

CRS personnel assist others in recovery from substance use disorders. Those with direct experience in addiction and recovery are welcome to register.

The program meets current Pennsylvania Certification Board educational requirements in recovery management, education and advocacy, professional ethics and responsibility, confidentiality and more that is relevant to field of addiction. For questions, email att3@psu.edu or call 610-285-5026.

Penn State University's local campus is located at 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. For information, call 610-285-5000 or visit www.lv.psu.edu.

Northampton Community College

Nurse Aide program info Jan. 9, 22

There will be information sessions for Northampton Community College's Nurse Aide program at 6 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 22 at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St. The evenings will cover NCC's training program and how to get started.

Classes to prepare for nurse aide certification begin on Feb. 9. To enroll, visit www.northampton.edu/HealthcareCourses.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For information, call 610-861-5000 or visit www.northampton.edu.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LESLIE REGAN

Lehigh ROTC members await instructions for their helicopter training lab Nov. 2 at the university's Mountaintop Campus. The cadets often participate in intense training sessions and simulations.

ROTC/RangerChallenge

Lehigh team places 2nd

BY LESLIE REGAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Students at Lehigh University have the opportunity to take part in Military Science classes (Army ROTC) as an elective, in addition to their general undergraduate coursework. ROTC cadets learn leadership qualities and team building through intensive physical training, which often takes place at 5 a.m. before other classes begin. Army personnel teach cadets self-discipline, critical thinking skills, as well as many other qualities that will help shape the students into well-rounded and courageous individuals.

Participating in ROTC also opens up the possibility of receiving academic scholarships. After finishing a baccalaureate degree, as well as the requirements in the ROTC program, a student can obtain a commission as a second lieutenant and become eligible for assignment with the Active or Reserve/Army National Guard Forces of the U.S. Army.

The ROTC has training labs as well as classes to create simulations of real military scenarios. Some of their field training exercises consist of breaking down into squads to figure out how to execute the training. All squads are given a mission and have to go through procedures as a team to execute missions in the field.

Lehigh ROTC has a Ranger Challenge team, a prestigious club within the program that sends students to an intensive inter-school competition every fall that tests ability to succeed in rigorous tasks such as land navigation, weapons assembly, evaluating and moving casualties, and extreme obstacle courses. Le-



An ROTC leader speaks to cadets about their mission. They will be split into squads and given a range of tasks to complete.



Kevin Loughlin, sergeant of the Ranger Challenge team, enjoys time with fellow cadet Micheal Bastidas. Loughlin has an instrumental role in the Ranger Challenge Team.



ROTC cadets gather to undergo training. They are overseen by Army personnel and superior cadets.

high's Ranger Challenge team committed to many hours of training and returned to campus before the semester began to start training.

The team meets 18-20 hours a week outside of other ROTC classes and training. All the hard work paid off, according to Team Captain Jacob Matus.

"There are 44 teams that compete from all over the northeast," Matus explained. "This year, we came in second overall after coming in third last year, so we did pretty well all around."

Kevin Loughlin, sergeant of the Ranger Challenge team, said everyone involved in the competition works tirelessly, devoting a significant amount of time preparing for and participating in the competition.

"It was pretty commendable how much work people put into it because it's cadets from Lafayette, Lehigh, DeSales, but they all put in a lot of effort regardless of where you go to school," Loughlin said. "To see it all come together in the end is pretty huge."

Lehigh's team stands out among the other schools. In addition to the strong physical condition of the team, its members have formed a close-knit group and share a sense of community.

"What we are doing is a lot of skill-based and physical stuff, but probably one of the most important things is the team chemistry," Matus said. "We are all pretty close friends, which I think separates us from a lot of the other teams."

The close bond that brigade members share allows them to collaborate and succeed even when faced with challenging tasks.



The Lehigh Ranger Challenge Team: Dominique Voitek, Palmer Ferrara, Alex Duke, Micheal Bastidas, Haley Aversa, Kevin Loughlin, Jacob Matus, Aidan Frick, Sam Fishbein, Anna Katz and Lucas King. Team member Bradley Au did not attend.

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NCC Chorus presents 'Candlelight Carol'

Northampton Community College Chorus performed its annual holiday concert on the Main Campus in the Lipkin Theater Nov. 30. Its 90-plus member vocal ensemble's theme was "A Candlelight Carol," representing the magic and spiritual image of the quintessential candle through the repertory of songs. The goal was to encourage unity and bring all religious backgrounds together during the holiday season. The NCC choir director is Rosemary Murdy-Haber. Concerts are free, though a small food/money donation is encouraged. This goes toward local food banks. The spring concert is set for Friday, April 26, 2019, featuring an entire concert of LOVE SONGS. New members are always welcome.

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13TH ANNUAL ABES SALUTE LEHIGH VALLEY STAGE

Romantic-comedies, musicals and renovation



By Paul Willistein
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The big news for the Lehigh Valley theater community in 2018, was, of course, Civic Theatre of Allentown's successful \$5.5-million "The Next Act" capital campaign to renovate and reopen its historic Nineteenth Street Theatre, namesake of Allentown's West End Theatre District.

The other 2018 story of note in ABES-land, as in the 13th annual Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton (ABEs) Lehigh Valley Press Focus awards for locally-produced theater, was the success of Northampton Community College's Summer Theatre season, which consistently drew crowds to its shows on the Bethlehem Township main campus. NCC, which combines professional and local talent in its productions, produced five shows in two months, including three musicals.

The region's 2018 summer theater season was especially vibrant, led by the 27th season of The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival and the 38th annual season of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre.

As Carole Gorney, a reviewer for Lehigh Valley Press Focus, noted in her overview (Focus, Aug. 17) of the 2018 Lehigh Valley summer theater seasons: "Lehigh Valley theater groups really upstaged themselves the summer of 2018 with a total of 20 outstanding productions in three months, more than half of which were lavish musicals."

While the ABES typically laud community and professional theater in the Lehigh Valley, and the Focus section annually runs its "High School Musicals" series, highlighting the annual

Freddy Awards competition, special mention should be made of high school fall drama productions in 2018.

Typically, because of the the annual Freddy awards for high school musicals presented in May at the State Theatre Center for The Arts, Easton, Lehigh Valley high schools present dramas in the fall and musicals in winter and spring.

Parkland High School presented a student production of "26 Pebbles," playwright Eric Ulloa's drama about the 2012 tragic shooting in which 20 students and six adult staff members died at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Mark A Stutz, Director of Visual and Performing Arts, Parkland School District, who directed "26 Pebbles," spearheaded the effort for Parkland to present the important piece as its fall play, which was chosen to be performed in December at the International Thespian Society Pennsylvania State Conference in December at North Penn High School, Lansdale, Montgomery County.

The Parkland production wasn't the only area fall high school theater drama tackling a challenging topic.

The Emmaus High School drama department presented "The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-time," playwright Simon Stephens' play about a person with autism.

The Northampton Area High School drama club presented the still-topical "The Diary Of Anne Frank" by playwrights Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett.

At Salisbury High School, where Director Will Erwin encouraged students to stage, direct and crew their own plays in a "One-Act Festival," in lieu of a traditional full-length fall drama.

In addition to many features articles and interviews run in advance of area theater productions, including national touring productions performed in the area, Lehigh Valley Press Focus published 41 theater reviews, including 23 theater reviews by Carole Gorney, 17 theater reviews by Paul Willistein, and one review by Dawn Ouellette.

That compares, for example, to 35 theater reviews in 2017, 39 reviews in 2016, 38 reviews in 2015 and 31 reviews in 2014.

As a final note, we've seen many changes in the Lehigh Valley journalistic community in 2018. Yours truly noted his 50th year as a professional journalist, starting as a paid freelancer while a Southern Lehigh High School junior (where I played District Attorney Flint in "The Night Of January 16th" and went on a Faye Sprandel English class trip to the American Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, Conn.).

While at The Globe-Times newspaper, I started the Sigleys, named for theater reviewer Dan Sigley. Soon after starting at Lehigh Valley Press, the ABES began. This is our lucky 13th ABES. Here's hoping there are many more.

Professional Theater Producer: Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre: Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT) works closely with the Muhlenberg College Theatre and Dance Department, which The Princeton Review 2019 edition of "The Best 384 Colleges" ranked No. 9 for "Best College Theater," placing the program among the Top 12 in the United States in 10 of the past 11 years. MSMT generated star power with "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" performance bringing his sister, pop star Ar-



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Frankie Grande, Meredith Kate Doyle, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre



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Nkrumah Gatling, at piano, "Ragtime," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival

iana Grande, and her then boyfriend Pete Davidson of "Saturday Night Live," to the west Allentown campus to see the musical. To top it off, "Beauty And The Beast" opened MSMT's 38th annual season. Scenic Designer Edward T. Morris gave the MSMT production a delightful storybook feel, working with Lighting Designer Gertjan Houben. Magic Consultant David Caserta added to the stagecraft. Costume Coordinator Barbara Erin Delo, Makeup Designer Joe

Dulude II and Wig and Hair Stylist Kim Danish created believable representations of the inanimate objects the castle-keepers turned into: Cogsworth (Bob Fahringer, wonderful as always), the clock; Lumiere (Zachary Spiegel, with solid comedic timing), a candleabra; Babette (Allison Bloechl), a feather duster; Mrs. Potts (Lauren Curnow, in a tremendous turn and voice), a teapot; Chip (Nathaniel Rock, who was just perfect), a teacup; Madame de la

Grande Bouche (Jenna Leigh Miller), a dresser with drawers, and the Beast (Alan Mendez, dashing underneath the costume). The cast of 35, which included an Ensemble of 20, was capably directed by Gary John La Rosa, with Choreographer Ann Cooley, and Music Director Ed Bara, with an 11-piece orchestra. The musical opened with a prologue narration with images projected on a frame at stage center. "Belle," the opening number was See ABES on Page B2



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Christian Coulson, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival



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Mairin Lee, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival



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Eric Hissom. "All's Well That Ends Well," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival



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sung by Belle (Ashley Hiestler, Lehigh Valley summer theater season's breakout star), Gaston (Jon McHatton, in terrific form and vocals), Lefou (Noah Sunday-Lefkowitz, a great scene-stealer), the Three Silly Girls (Danielle Costanzo, Maura McColgan, Elissa Wells) and the Townspeople. "No Matter What" was earnestly sung by Hiestler and Neil Hever (Maurice). In addition, MSMT again teamed with Atlas Circus Company for "Tal: Beyond Imagination," a "world-premiere circus performance for kids, parents and everyone else."

Director, Musical, Charles Richter, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre: With music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert, and based on the 1952 parody book by Shepherd Mead, the terrifically-entertaining musical was directed with impish charm by MSMT co-founder Charles Richter. "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" at Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre succeeded like nobody's business because everybody was trying and yet they made it all appear so effortless.

Musical: "Ragtime," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. "Ragtime" is profoundly relevant to contemporary societal problems in the United States. In the hands of Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF)

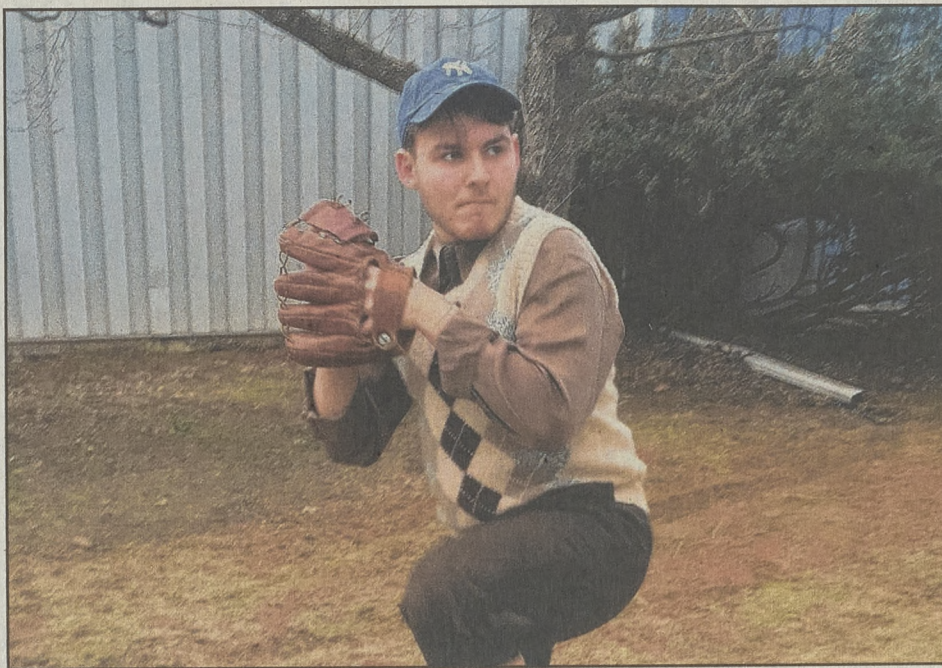


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From left: Will Morris, Barry Glassman, "Tuesdays With Morrie," Civic Theatre of Allentown

Associate Artistic Director Dennis Razze, who directed PSF season-opening musicals, including "Evita," 2017; "West Side Story," 2016; "Les Miserables," 2015; "Fiddler On The Roof," 2014; "Oklahoma!," 2013, "Ragtime" was another PSF blockbuster. Nkrumah Gatling (Coalhouse Walker, Jr.) had incredible charisma and a voice that reached the back rows. Destinee Rea (Sarah) had a wonderful stage presence and a stunning voice. Razze directed "Ragtime" with a superb sense of showmanship, astounding production values, and a cast of lead performers who seemingly stepped off the Broadway stage

and onto the Main Stage of Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, where "Ragtime" opened PSF's 27th annual season.

Original Musical: "Dictators 4 Dummies," Touchstone Theatre, The "Tyrants of Tomorrow Telethon" was the fictional television show setting for the musical satire, "Dictators 4 Dummies," written and directed by Christopher Shorr, with input from fellow Touchstone ensemble members. The ingenious script, musical score and lyrics are based on Shorr's "The Fascist Playbook," a list he has been compiling for years about authoritar-



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Jack Miller, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Pennsylvania Playhouse



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"Hairspray," Munopco Music Theatre

ian tactics. Shorr's biting satire could not have been more relevant as it exposed through humor all-too-familiar ploys to discredit critics, the media, and destroy trust in facts.

Choreography: Karen Dearborn, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. The cast of 17 and an additional 11 in the Ensemble were put through their paces by Choreographer Karen Dearborn and backed by a 10-piece orchestra with Music Director Bryan L. Wade.

Actress, Musical: Tessa Grady, "42nd Street," Bucks County Playhouse. Tessa Grady played Peggy Sawyer with a combination of innocent insecurity and can-do bravado. She has to be one of the fastest tap-dancers ever. Her feet were a blur as she tapped her way across the stage, in turns, spins, in place, and even backwards. Grady is a triple-threat (sings, dances, acts) as was the 17-member Actors Equity and six Acting Apprentice cast in the phenomenal Bucks' "42nd Street" production directed by Bucks County Playhouse Artistic Associate Hunter Foster. With at least one dozen cast members on stage tapping in unison, with precision on-point poise, in stunning choreography by Jeremy Dumont, the effect was amazing.

Actor, Musical: Frankie Grande, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. Frankie Grande por-

trayed J. Pierrepont Finch at his jaunty, hysterical best. Grande did it all: act, song and dance (including speed-tap and a handstand flip). "I Believe In You," the American Songbook standard with Finch (Grande in his own winsome interpretation) and The Men, and "Brotherhood Of Man," the show's signature showstopper, with Finch, Womper (Dan Dobro), Biggley, Miss Jones (Krystal Hall belts it out) and the Male Ensemble, were outstanding.

Ensemble, Musical: "Million Dollar Quartet," Bucks County Playhouse. Yes, it's a jukebox musical, i.e., hit after hit hung on a storyline on stage, but "Million Dollar Quartet," which replicates the legendary Dec. 6, 1956, jam session of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash at Sun Record Studios, Memphis, Tenn. Ari McKay Wilford (Elvis Presley) had the moves that got "The King" ready for his waist-up closeup on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Brandyn Day (Jerry Lee Lewis) is an incredible piano player and honky-tonks it atop, around, and on the upright. John Michael Presney (Carl Perkins) has the guitar chops to lead the band. Sky Seals (Johnny Cash) not only has the bass-baritone, guitar-strumming and speaking voice down for "The Man In Black," he just about steals the show as a kind of reincarnation of the country icon.

Play: "Shakespeare In Love,"

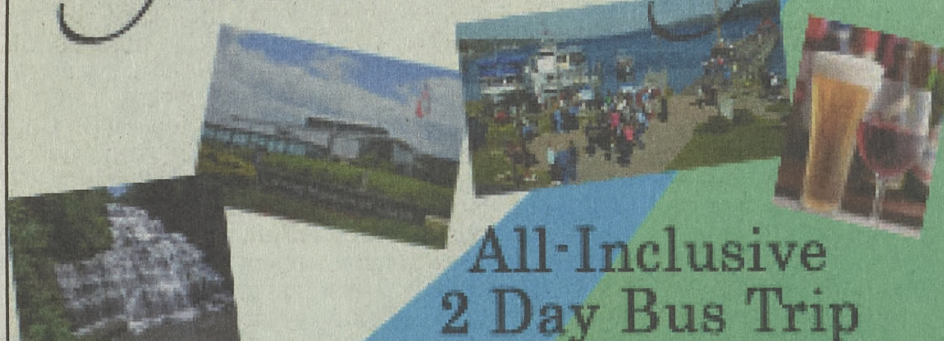
Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. You've heard of a couple's movie? PSF's "Shakespeare In Love" was a couple's play. The romance between Shakespeare (Luigi Sottile, a buff Bard) and Viola De Lesseps (sensitively-intense Mairin Lee) is tinged with youthful enthusiasm and rounded out by life's circumstances. As directed by PSF Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy, "Shakespeare In Love" was a romantic-comedy for the ages and the sages.

Original Play: No ABE awarded for 2018 in the Professional Theater category.

Actress, Play: Mairin Lee, "Shakespeare In Love," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. As Viola De Lesseps, Mairin Lee is never the blushing bride (promised to Lord Wessex, played by Christian Coulson, who portrays peevishness to the hilarious hilt). Instead, she's a strong, independent woman, even around her Nurse (Jo Twiss, evoking laughter with her every utterance). Lee is delightfully Lucille Ball-like with her darting eyes and asides when she dons a male disguise to audition for "Romeo And Juliet."

Actor, Play: Christian Coulson, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. As Richard II, Christian Coulson brought the monarch's vulnerability at the core to the fore so that, despite the king's flaws, mistakes and insensitivity as a leader, he rendered him

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"Million Dollar Quartet," Bucks County Playhouse



"42nd Street," Bucks County Playhouse

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a sympathetic character. Coulson portrayed a ruler who withdraws, turns inward, becomes ruminative in his ruination, and comes up with some darn good speeches, among them: "I wasted time and now doth time waste me." Witnessing King Richard II's descent from the throne is painful. He sees all, senses all, bears all with a dignified, muted, gentle presence. He's the king of pain.

Ensemble, Play: "All's Well That Ends Well," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The "as-is" in Shakespeare era production was sans director, sans costume designer, sans scenic designer, but not sans talent. PSF's "all-stars" of veteran performances brought their A-Game to the Schubert Theatre stage, including Anthony Lawton, Susan Riley Stevens, Greg Wood, Spencer Plachy, Jim Helsinger and Eric Hissom. "All's Well That Ends Well," which brought down the curtain on PSF's 27th season, was a tetter-totter of tragedy and laughter, but mostly laughter. "All's Well That Ends Well," indeed.

Director, Play: Patrick Mulcahy, "Shakespeare In Love," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. PSF Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy hit all the right notes and tropes in what was the most satisfying Shakespeare production, albeit a Shakespeare-themed production, in years at PSF. From the casting of some 24 excellent actors so well-matched to their roles (plus, the actors were in repertoire with "King Richard II") to an insistence on briskly-delivered dialogue, to complicated head-spinning crowd scenes, to lovely Elizabethan courtly-dancing (beautifully staged by Dance Choreographer Erin Sheffield), to swift backstage-front stage point of view shifts, to the staging of thrilling sword fights (by Mulcahy, also Fight Director), to rousing music and singing, to a trap-door, to, yes, Spot the dog (Buddy Igor), Mulcahy's "Shakespeare In Love" had all you could ask for in a professional summer theater show.

Costume Design: Lisa Zinni, "Shakespeare In Love," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The bejeweled, sumptuous costumes for the men and women by Costume Designer Lisa Zinni were dazzling and provided pageantry, especially for Queen Elizabeth (an imperious and stunning Starla Benford). Viola De Lesseps (Mairin Lee) attire was exquisite, including a turquoise gown and a creamy wedding dress. The gowns glowed thanks to Director Patrick Mulcahy's stage blocking and Lighting Designer Eric T. Haugen, who used the full palette from profile spot, to splashes of mood-en-

hancing color, to lighting, working with Music Designer-Sound Designer Liz Filios.

Scenic Design: Daniel Conway, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Scenic Designer Daniel Conway created an impressive formality (a gold sunburst crest, later collapsed, looms above the king's throne) in tall wooden tower structures and walkways to serve multiple purposes in multiple scenes. Conway's two-tiered set evoked The Globe Theater in "Shakespeare In Love," which was in rep with "King Richard II" at PSF.

Lighting Design: Eric T. Haugen, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Lighting Designer Eric T. Haugen's meticulous work created castle interiors and exteriors with swift mobility, and the unseen flick of a lighting cue.

Sound Design: William Neal, "King Richard II," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Sound Designer William Neal incorporated non-melodic percussive tones and a pastiche of repeated words in television news reports to add to the element of unease and intrigue.

Community Theater Producer: Civic Theatre of Allentown. Civic Theatre not didn't need a barn to put on a show. The non-profit which gives Allentown's West End Theater District its name, renovated its huge Nineteenth Street Theatre in a \$5.5-million capital campaign that is ongoing. The ornate ceiling, back wall mural and details throughout the interior were restored. New seats, lighting and sound system are among the major improvements

that enhance the entertainment experience for movie-goers as well as theater-goers. With the transformation, Civic Theatre takes its place alongside Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, and the State Theater Center for the Arts, Easton, as stunning historic venues.

Musical: "Billy Elliot The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. The Lehigh Valley debut of the Elton John musical was well-timed to the reopening of the Nineteenth Street Theatre and the opening of Sir Elton's farewell world concert tour at PPL Center, Allentown. Civic Theatre Artistic Director William Sanders and the entire Civic staff deserve heartfelt praise for bringing this pertinent production to life to fill the West End Theater District's storied venue with a show of equal splendor. "Billy Elliot The Musical" was a gem of a production in the newly-minted gem of a theater.

Original Musical: No ABE awarded for 2018 in the Community Theater category.

Actress, Musical: Kathleen Oswalt, "Billy Elliot The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. As Mrs. Wilkinson, the ballet school teacher, Kathleen Oswalt, who has given Civic audiences many wonderful performances ("Nine To Five," "God Of Carnage," "Cabaret"), outdid herself. Oswalt played the range of the bristling, overbearing dance teacher: sassy and brassy, but also tough and tender. She was in fine voice in dialogue and song and dance.

Actor, Musical: Parker James Fullmore, "Billy Elliot The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Crucial to the success of Civic Theatre's "Billy Elliot" was



From left: Greg Wood, Spencer Plachy, "All's Well That Ends Well," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival

the casting of a young actor who could sing, dance and act. Parker James Fullmore filled the bill and then some in the title role. The musical's show-stopper of show-stoppers, "Electricity," proved why without a doubt that if there wasn't a phenomenal young talent like Parker James

Fullmore," there might not have been a "Billy Elliot The Musical" at Civic. Fullmore was in great form, with a terrific stage presence, clear voice, and poised and athletic in ballet, dance and gymnastic scenes.

Ensemble, Musical: "Billy Elliot The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. The

Ballet Girls were nine impressive young dancers. Robert Trexler, who impressed previously at Civic ("Young Frankenstein," "The Full Monty"), achieved something more as Dad. His singing was something to behold in "Deep Into The Ground" with the Full Company, See **ABES** on Page B5

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Restored ceiling dome inside Civic Theatre of Allentown's Nineteenth Street Theatre



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New seats in renovated Civic Theatre of Allentown's Nineteenth Street Theatre

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and "He Could Go And He Could Shine," with Dad, Tony (Ryan Murphy) and the Ensemble. Joann Wilchek-Basist brought a special pathos to Grandma, especially in "We'd Go Dancing" with the Men's Ensemble. The gauntlet was thrown down in the very first number, "The Stars Look Down," with powerful chorus singing by the Full Company in the signature music by Elton John, which elevated the show throughout.

Director, Musical: Williams Sanders, "Billy Elliot The Musical," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Civic Theatre Artistic Director William Sanders took a chance with the agit-prop dialectic meets dancing mineworkers of "Billy Elliot." Sanders, assisted by three cho-

reographers, including Deena Linn, Sarah Parker and Jennifer Haltzman Tracy, the latter for the ballet sequences, kept the complex storyline streamlined and moving briskly, propelled by a superb 10-piece orchestra conducted by music director Frank Anonia.

Choreography: Joanellyn Schubert, "Crazy For You," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Choreographer Joanellyn Schubert brought rousing, well-synchronized tap-dancing to the stage in "Crazy For You," based on George and Ira Gershwin's 1930s hit movie, "Girl Crazy," for a musical where 1930s-style tap-dancing is a key component of the show.

Play: "Tuesdays With Morrie," Civic Theatre of Allentown. Written originally as a best-selling memoir by sportswriter Mitch Al-

bom, then turned into a TV movie and later a play by Albom and Jeffrey Hatcher, "Tuesdays With Morrie" celebrates life and death as natural progressions. The script is full of humor and hope, with the overriding theme that what matters in the end is humanity and love. In Morrie's words: "The wise and wonderful things you want to say at the end are the kind of things you should say all your life." The plot centers around the relationship between Albom, played sensitively by Will Morris, and Albom's former sociology professor Morrie Schwartz, who is dying from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), played by Barry Glassman, who gave another gripping performance in the title role. Director William Sanders avoided the temptation to overdramatize the scenes, letting the au-

thenticity of the bonding between the two men create the emotion and tell the story

Original Play: "A Softening Of Her Eyes," Crowded Kitchen Players. "A Softening Of Her Eyes," the story for which is based on a true story, is particularly challenging, especially in the era of the Black Lives Matter and #metoo movements. "Eyes," given its world premiere by Crowded Kitchen Players (CKP), was written and directed by CKP co-founder Ara Barlieb. While the drama doesn't resolve societal problems, it illuminates socio-economic underpinnings. CKP's "Eyes" was powerful theater.

Actress, Play: Trish Cipoletti, "A Softening Of Her Eyes," Crowded Kitchen Players. Trish Cipoletti was so in character as Leslie See **ABES** on Page B6



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See solution on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip: Q equals H

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

EMCEE RIVALRY ACROSS

- 1 Moves like a dog's tail
5 Sicilian erupter
9 Not too swift
16 Slack-jawed feeling
19 Question to an unknown caller
21 Portable grill
22 See 38-Down
23 Start of a riddle
25 In favor of
26 Downhillers, e.g.
27 "—haw!" (rodeo yell)
28 Magazine agent's success
30 Total failure
32 Riddle, part 2
36 Run — (buy drinks on credit)
37 Title for Lancelot
39 Sleep study acronym
40 Big vases
41 Riddle, part 3
49 Cab Calloway catchphrase
50 Lovingly, to a musician
51 Common folks
55 Similar to
57 Actor Kilmer
58 Peppery
59 Boxer Clay, later
60 Riddle, part 4
69 PC combo key
70 Water, in Vichy
71 A, in Italy
72 "Zip—Doo-Dah"
73 Riddle, part 5
81 Author Rand
82 Fall Classic mo.
83 12, on a sundial
84 Small kid
85 Clorox, e.g.
87 Having no 131-Across
91 Sarajevo locale
96 Riddle, part 6
99 Some vipers
102 —pah-pah
103 Gen. Lee's side: Abbr.
104 Half-pint
105 End of the riddle
111 —Stone (hieroglyphic discovery)
114 Gretel's brother
115 Metal source
116 Painter's undercoat
117 A Gershwin brother
118 Riddle's answer
125 Sci-fi author Stanislaw
126 Email, e.g.
127 Some overcrowded houses
128 Historic span
129 Smiled villainously
130 See 74-Down
131 Top of a car

18x18 crossword grid with some numbers filled in.

DOWN

- 1 It follows "/" in a URL
2 "Feels so nice!"
3 Loses one's hair
4 Not guaranteed only to float
5 Merman of song
6 British prime minister
7 Small peevish
8 Enzyme-name suffix
9 Transparent
10 Dwells
11 Shikoku sash
12 Is no longer
13 Here, in Le Havre
14 Sandbar
15 Indian language
16 Public scandal
17 Like Afghans
18 Act of exiting
20 Clic — (Bic brand)
24 Drain-clearing stuff
29 Shocks
30 Quick race
31 Sewing case
32 Baby buggy, to Brits
33 Tolkien meanings
34 Fish in a Pixar title
35 Doctors' gp.
38 With 22-Across, spaced out
42 "If — a Hammer"
43 Mouselike animal
44 1970s Chevy
45 "Curses!"
46 Shed skin or feathers
47 Doctors' gps.
48 Curse
52 Resident of Riyadh
53 Page of "Juno"
54 Album's first half
56 Make — in (begin working on)
58 "Grand" hotel
60 1983 comedy with Mr. T
61 Gasoline additive
62 Wading bird
63 Sickly
64 Label
65 Color shade
66 "Say again?"
67 Rock's Brian
68 Boat mover
74 With 130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster"
75 Say again
76 Old lovers
77 "Say it — so!"
78 — Field (Mets' home)
79 Drifting sort
80 English prep school
86 Aides: Abbr.
87 "Hmm, I guess so"
88 Grandiosity
89 In the past
90 Magazine or book divs.
92 Wall — (financial district employee)
93 Nearly massless particle
94 Lacks entity
95 "— boy!"
97 Vie for the love of
98 Lurches from side to side
99 For a spell
100 Generous type
101 It's west of Colombia
106 Bursts (with)
107 Of the past
108 Ski cottage
109 Like pop flies
110 Co.'s top dog
112 Hall's pop partner
113 Slightly built
116 Admiral Graf — (German warship)
119 Mao — tung
120 Sugar-name suffix
121 Big rabbit feature
122 Peak: Abbr.
123 Siouan tribe member
124 Abbr. on a bounced check

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See solution on page B10

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Estate of FLORENCE SMITH, deceased, late of the Township of Lower Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Robert Eric Hall a/k/a R. Eric Hall & Robert E. Hall, Deceased. Late of Lower Milford Twp., Lehigh County, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Allentown vs. Devon Francis - No. 2007-ML-1758 - Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Parkland School District vs. Michele Hanawalt - No. 2014-ML-2225 - Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Donna A. Line, late of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Names Act of Pennsylvania that an application for registration of a fictitious name was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Raymond K. Boyce Deceased, late of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Betty J. Keenly a/k/a Betty Jane Keenly, Deceased, late of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Joan D. Hillegass late of the Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to Penny L. Link, Administrator.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ZHB 18-19004
The Zoning Hearing Board of East Allen Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 regarding the following application:

PUBLIC NOTICE
Atlantic Home Loans, Inc., hereby gives notice that a DBA of Next Home Loans has been registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Corporations Bureau.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of FERN I. HAWK, deceased, late of Schnecksville, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of HELEN M. QUIER, late of North Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of LAWRENCE J. VASS A/K/A LAWRENCE JAMES VASS, Decedent, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of DONNA A. LINE, late of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of SHIRLEY A. LEIBENSBERGER, deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA, will receive sealed bids for lawn mowing and trimming services.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF LAUREL SICKLER, a/k/a LAUREL MARIE SICKLER, deceased, late of Bethlehem, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF PATRICIA R. ECKRODE, deceased, late of Lower Macungie Township, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF ERMA A. SNYDER, deceased, late of Upper Macungie Township, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF GLORIA D. DELONG, deceased, late of Salisbury Township, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARYLIN A. RICKEY, 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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DOROTHY F. DAVIS, Deceased, late of Luther Crest Senior Living at 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, Lehigh County PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

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ZONING HEARING BOARD UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Upper Macungie Township is soliciting bids for the following:
BID #2018-12.02 for Grange Park Farmer's Market
Upper Macungie Township is soliciting bids from established local Non-Profit Organizations to lease a portion of Grange Park, 360 Grange Road, Allentown, PA 18104, and to create and manage a Farmer's Market located thereon.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, announces the 2019 public meeting schedule. All meetings are held at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, unless noted otherwise.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm; except there will be no meeting on July 4, 2019.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Craftsman 2018 Snow blower. 24", 6.5 H.P. \$450. 610-261-2229.
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