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"I do think we need to give a stronger voice to the center at the moment," Congressman Charlie Dent told supporters as he announced his retirement. "The sensible center is being left behind in too many cases. I tend to bring that voice outside of Congress as well as inside." He also warned of a "growing trend towards nativism, isolationism, protectionism and at times, nihilism. These are not attributes of a great nation." Despite his bleak assessment, Dent remained positive. "The good news is, as Churchill said, Americans will always do the right thing, but not till they exhaust every other possible alternative."



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Local resident Tony Simao attends the DeploraBall at the National Press Club. The ball was named for Hillary Clinton's campaign comments disparaging some of Trump's followers as "deplorable."



PRESS FILE PHOTO

Linda Robertson of Bethlehem and husband Don participate in the Women's March. Linda said she bought tickets to go on one of the buses five days after the election, but later decided to drive to Washington, D.C.

PEOPLE SAY
BY DANA GRUBB

If you could buy anything for anybody this Christmas, what would it be and for whom would you buy it?



"I'd pay off my parents' farm."
Evan Brown
Malvern



"I would get the dramatic painting with the blue line and I would give it to my brother because he's a police officer."
Savannah Sobetsky
Lansdale

PEOPLE SAY
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2017

A year in review

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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It was a year of continued tragedies and devolving political and social discourse nationwide, yet the Lehigh Valley and Bethlehem in particular remain quiet and prosperous. But that is not to say there have not been many highs and lows.

Here is a reminder of what we at The Bethlehem Press have covered in 2017:

JANUARY

- Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli at loggerheads with Sands Casino over state legal concerns regarding its annual \$10 million in host fees to local municipalities
- City Council member Olga Negron-Dipini and Michael Colón lead yearlong effort to revamp the city's ethics ordinance
- Former Norco Human Services employee Sara Packer is charged with participating in the alleged rape, murder and dismemberment of her own adopted daughter, Grace
- Bethlehem Area School District sweats possible \$12.5 million deficit for the upcoming year, but is already implementing plans to shrink that number



PRESS FILE PHOTO

R.K. Laros and his longtime friend and former mayor, the late Gordon Mowrer, at their last meeting in November 2014. Laros passed away Feb. 17, 2017, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Costing \$500,000 and built entirely with private funds, the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol's new headquarters is now operational. The new stable included eight acres of pasture as part of the lease with the Allentown Diocese. "It's like their own little getaway," said Mounted Patrol Officer Eric Waldeck.

FEBRUARY

- Busloads of city and valley residents share their recent experiences in Washington, D.C.; some who visited for the presidential inauguration and others for the Women's March the following day
- Borough of Freemansburg Mayor Gerald Yob says 36 years as mayor isn't enough, and he'll run for one more term
- Mayor Bob Donchez announces he will seek a second term
- Bethlehem Township commissioners again ponder how to leave the Bethlehem Area Public Library family, but can't decide on proper wording for a referendum
- CHEMO Bag non-profit helps comfort local cancer patients
- WGPA celebrates 70 years on the air
- Fountain Hill okays construction of new public works facility

MARCH

- Bethlehem Township Council member Pat Breslin causes contention in the community and on the board with comments made on WAEB-FM, and lawyers for Save Green Pond Marsh want him disqualified for operating out of his office to advance a planned
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If you could buy anything for anybody this Christmas, what would it be and for whom would you buy it?



"The best Martin guitar made for my husband."
Vicki Showers
Bernville



"A snow globe with a moose in it for my mom."
Kelsey Elliott
Bethlehem



"I would buy my father album cover coasters of all the bands that he likes."
Samantha Szewczak
Upper Macungie Township



"For my daughter, something to keep her warm this year-winter gear for my daughter."
Stephanie Deifer
Whitehall

What are you doing to cope with this sub-freezing weather?



"I've been out in it every day, so it's layer up."
Rhonda Fehr
Bath



"Drink hot coffee and cuddle up under blankets."
Raymond Gonzalez
Bethlehem



"The turtle-necks and long winter coats have come out, along with hand warmers."
Karen Jani
Nazareth



"I am originally from Siberia in Russia, so this weather is nothing for me."
Lana Sunnergren
Atlanta, Ga.



"Stay by the fireplace, play board games, and sometimes brave the weather."
Melinda Gombos
Bethlehem

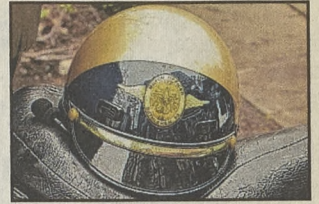


"Have fun!"
Blake Good
Bethlehem



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY CAROL SMITH

Café the Lodge receives a \$5,000 Wells Fargo Foundation gift at a June 1 presentation at Café the Lodge, 427 E. Fourth St., Southside Bethlehem. Left: Rich Adams, Wells Fargo Foundation Committee member; Allen Singer, Café the Lodge chef; Ian Panyko, The Lodge director; Café barista Gregory Dutt; Mike Pany, Wells Fargo senior community development director; Laura Haffner, Wells Fargo area vice president for the Lehigh Valley; Steve Evans, development director for Resources for Human Development; Kristy Minier, Wells Fargo district manager; and Molly Fleming, Wells Fargo Foundation Committee member. Opened in March 2012, the Café is open to the public with easy access off the South Bethlehem Greenway. Previous Wells Fargo gifts have allowed the Café to remodel its outdoor dining area.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY CAROLE GORNEY

The number and visibility of police, as well as crime rates, were analyzed to determine the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton safety ranking. Bethlehem's mounted patrol works downtown and in parks and other areas where quick and easy access is needed. On horseback, police officers can see and be seen at greater distances. They also serve as city ambassadors, interacting with children who may never have had contact with police before.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

According to the release from Chief Mark DiLuzio, the Bethlehem Police Department's new child pornography investigative unit is in response to a growing need to combat crimes against children and the public's concern for their safety.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Fire department and search and rescue teams continue their search activities for 78-year-old Audrey Penn, a missing Woodlands Terrace dementia patient late into the night of Aug. 23. Penn's body was found Sept. 17 in Lower Macungie Township.

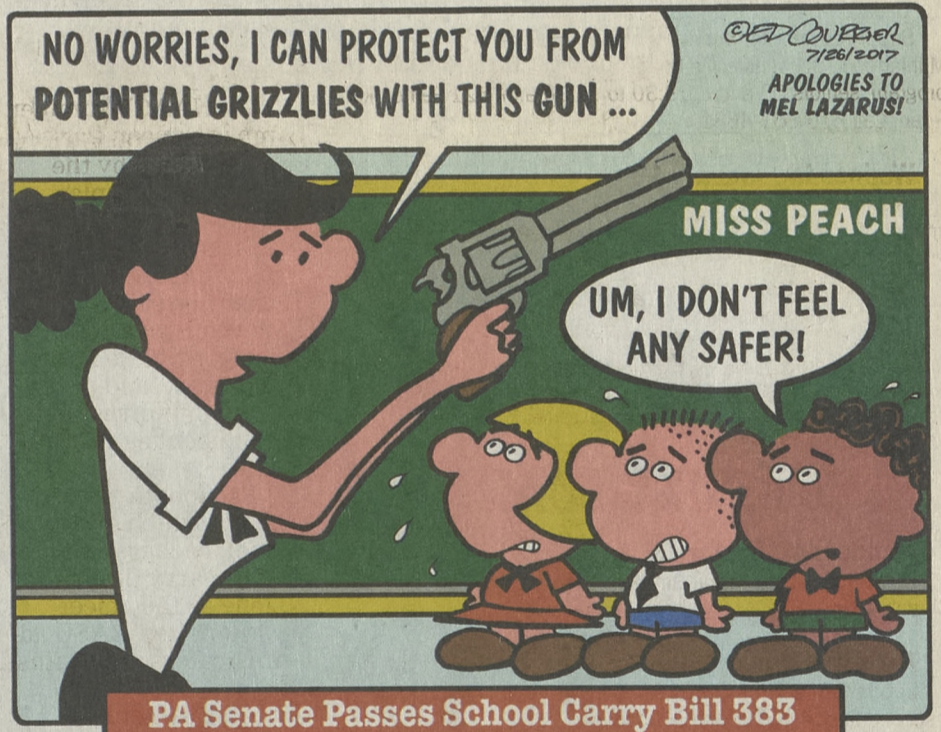
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retirement community on the protected land.
• Local physician and philanthropist Russell K. Laros Jr. dies at age 81
• Ten people, including three employed at local hospitals, are charged in a prescription drug sales ring by the state attorney general's office

APRIL

• Fountain Hill ES students are given a behind-the-scenes tour of historic Hotel Bethlehem and shown how it operates
• The Becahi girls basketball team is lauded with fanfare in an assembly after a March 23 state championship win
• Congressman Charlie Dent addresses large town hall meeting in Hanover Township, during which citizens shouted about plans and actions of the presidential administration, with calm and calls for bipartisan action. He announces in September that he will not seek re-election



PRESS FILE IMAGE BY ED COURRIER

• Police Chief Mark DiLuzio offers a lengthy interview on his concerns for the community, including the ever-increasing opioid crisis, and what direction he's taking the department
• Southside-raised Dr. Virginia Gonzalez retires after 43 years as a teacher and career councilor at Northamp-

ton Community College
MAY
• A Northampton County grand jury recommends criminal charges in the death of an infant at a Lehigh Township daycare
• Historic commissions review mural and art projects planned for the Southside as part of neighborhood improvement projects, such as Southside Vision 2020. This includes a partnership with ArtsQuest to design a number of artistic bike racks
• A consumer research company, ValuePenguin, names the A-B-E area the 17th safest city for children in the U.S.
• Five local Rotary Clubs had recently joined forces to pack thousands of pre-packed meals for the hungry
• Developer Lew Ronca agrees to pay for a third of the Broadhead Road reconstruction in Bethlehem Township to aid the 513,000 square-foot warehouse he plans to build

has become successful enough to consider expansions of its facility and engaging in more children's programs in the community
• Café the Lodge, which employs many adults with mental illness, thrives after five years and receives a Wells Fargo grant to help expand
• Throughout the month, the Press covers eight different high school graduations

JULY

• City council members argue the proposed ethics ordinance has too many working parts to function well and sends it back to the drawing board
• City police introduce new unit to engage child pornography peddlers
• The Reverend Monsignor Alfred A. Schlert of St. Theresa Church in Hellertown is named Bishop of Allentown Diocese
• City Mounted Patrol opens new \$500,000 stable built entirely from private funds and community donations
• City announces 2017
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JUNE

• The National Museum of Industrial History

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Your Best Year Ever!
It seems that everything peaks in life, and then it is downhill from there! As we age, our strength and capabilities disintegrate and often so do our hopes for the future. Just ask a sports hero who now lives on the memories of the past. Youth tend to be hopeful of the future—optimistic and visionary. But as life passes by and disappointments come, as dreams fail to materialize and unforeseen things happen in life, optimism turns to negativism. The quest for a happy life often succumbs to the reality of frustrations, disillusionment, and unfulfilled dreams. As you face this new year, maybe you are on the downside of life, and you feel as if there is nothing to look forward to—nothing worth living for. The hopelessness of it all leaves you discouraged with life and discontented. It may seem to you that this has been your worst year ever, and next year looks to be even worse!
But, I have good news for you—things can be different! This could be your best year ever! During my 49 years of serving as pastor here, I have seen many lives turned around. It happened when they put their faith in Jesus and sincerely repented of their sin in humble prayer. The Bible declares, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Dale Oldham says it this way in the Gaither song, "Life was shattered and hope was gone—Crushing the load that I bore; Then out of the depths I cried, 'Oh God, Give me something worth living for.'" Reflecting on the life change that Jesus brings, one verse says, "O the joy of sins forgiven—Nothing's the same as before; My life overflows since Jesus came And gave me something worth living for." I urge you to earnestly cry out to Jesus now in humble prayer and let Him make this your best year ever!

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- Bethlehem City Hall Rotunda:** Visit <http://bfac-lv.org/>.
- Bethlehem Area Public Library:** Call 610-867-3761(main) or 610-867-7852 (south side); Visit www.bapl.org (main) or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side).
- The Cancer Support Community of the Greater L.V.:** Call 610-861-7555 or visit www.cancersupportglv.org for schedules.
- Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room:** Call 610-861-5526 or visit www.copsnkidslv.org.
- Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites:** Call 1-800-360-TOUR; visit <http://historicbethlehem.org>.
- Moravian Book Shop:** Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com.
- National Museum of Industrial History:** Visit <http://nmih.org>; or call 610-694-6644
- Penn State Lehigh Valley:** Visit <http://lehighvalley.psu.edu/gallery> or call 610-285-5261.
- Salvation Army:** Call 610-867-4681 for schedule.
- Steelworkers' Archives:** Trestle tours, 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays.www.steelworkersarchives.com.

Thursday, January 4

Beginning Windows computer classes, 10 a.m. to noon. bridge, knitting. 1 p.m. Lower Saucon Township Senior Center, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike. Information: call 610-625-8744.
Wescor Pulmonary Foundation Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group, 2 p.m. St. Luke's University Health Network, Hurd Education Center, Fountain Hill.
Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, open to the public. "Why the Climate Debate" by KC3JHV; Hams and others interested are welcome. 7:30 p.m. 2900 Farmersville Road. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Information: www.dlarc.org; KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.
ROchestra, 7 p.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Circle.

Friday, January 5

HGSK Law Firm, Allentown, free legal clinics - first Friday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m. at SoBeCoWorks, 1349 Lynn Ave. First come-first-served, no registration is needed. Call 484-223-4743 for information.
First Friday, South Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.
Student art, 6 to 9 p.m., gallery; poetry reading, 7 p.m., Commons Café; Charter Arts, 321 E. Third St.

Saturday, January 6

Railroad Days, Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 1 p.m. 902 E. Macada Road. Call 610-867-2591 or visit www.bdsmo.org. Also Sunday, Jan. 6.
Model train Christmas open house, 5 p.m. Lehigh and Keystone Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St. Call 610-868-7101. Also Sunday, Jan. 6.
Robbie Burns night, 6 p.m. Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. Fourth St. Visit www.godfreydaniels.org; call 610-867-2390.

Monday, January 8

Good Grief, 6:30 p.m. Wesley UM Church, 2540 Center St. Call 610-865-5715.

Tuesday, January 9

Bach at Noon, 12:10 p.m. Central Moravian Church, Main and Church streets.
Pinocle, 1 p.m. Lower Saucon Township Senior Center, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.
Cancer, caregiver sessions. Wesley U.M. Church, 2540 Center St. Call 610-865-5715.
Support group for survivors of suicide loss. 7 p.m. LVH-Muhlenberg, Schoenersville Road. Salvation Army bridge players program, seniors 50 and up, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, January 10

Beginning Windows computer classes, 10 a.m.: bridge, knitting. 1 p.m. Lower Saucon Township Senior Center, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.
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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Illick's Mill - second floor, 100 Illick's Mill Road.
Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m. 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, January 8

BASD Facilities & Board Curriculum committees, 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.

Wednesday, January 10

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

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Bethlehem residents and volunteers George Kondash and Dan Bossert slice tomatoes and carrots for salads as Chef Jim Bologna oversees food preparation in the Trinity Soup Kitchen. "Replacing the stove would mean everything," said Bologna, who cited inaccurate settings and uneven heating as huge problems when preparing 150 hot lunches each weekday.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Nitschmann MS hosted an open house Oct. 4 for the public to showcase the new \$53.1 million, 180,000-square-foot building. The new school offers bright, spacious rooms with a modern touch throughout.

2017

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 will feature the last city Christmas seal, as program is no longer beneficial or sustainable
 • A DeSales University/city police survey reveals overall positive responses, though most on residents' minds is lack of communication between the department and community

AUGUST

• An NAACP summer camp at Saucon Park is interrupted by the appearance of a plastic dark-skinned baby doll head impaled on a stick. Chapter President Esther Lee said she believed it was deliberately left to be found by children, and police proceeded to investigate the incident as a hate crime
 • Pa. Senate passes Bill 383, which allows school teachers and staff to carry firearms so long as they meet prerequisites. BASD administrators are against the measure
 • Audrey Penn, a 78-year-old woman from the Salisbury Township Woodland Terrace living facility, goes missing. A door is revealed to have been left unlocked, and a massive search of the valley is undertaken. Penn is found dead near a bus stop almost a month later
 • The great solar eclipse of 2017 is enjoyed in the city and throughout much of the country as the first such since 1979. The next will

be April 8, 2024

SEPTEMBER

• Bethlehem's Gertrude Kuhnsman celebrated her 106th birthday with friends and family at the Moravian King's Daughters Home on West Market Street
 • St. Luke's University Hospital opens new specialty pavilion on Anderson Campus
 • State Rep. Daniel McNeill (D-133rd) dies Sept. 8. He was 70 years old
 • An in-depth report details the challenges faced by child welfare workers, and why a damaged system leads to high employee turnover

OCTOBER

• Molly Troxell, a local teacher and author, credits her success and faith in humanity to her 40-year friendship with John Garrity, a Northern Lehigh ES teacher who showed her the ropes when she was a student teacher
 • Freedom HS celebrates 50th anniversary
 • We take a tour of the new and improved Nitschmann MS
 • Hotel Bethlehem announces it hopes to participate in the revitalization CRIZ designation to construct a new addition on the back of the property, which would include a new car park, additional guest



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

People's Choice winner Michael Dontas of Bethlehem holds up the Souper Bowl Champion Spoon alongside chef Phuong Nguyen who made the winning "Vietnamese Pho" beef soup. Dontas is the co-owner of the Copperhead Grille in Allentown. The People's Choice award is selected by the Souper Bowl attendees.



PRESS FILE PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Dr. Martin Luther King Civil Rights Movement March proceeds along Broadway Street in South Bethlehem, led by event founder John Baker, Jasius Allen of Clearview ES, Samad Thorne and march coordinator Frankie West.

rooms and an elevated walkway to the original hotel

• An audit uncovers nearly \$4,000 was spent by Northampton County Human Resources employees on unaccounted-for gift cards
 • Jeanne McNeill accepts the nomination to take over the 133rd district for her late husband, Dan

NOVEMBER

• The closing of New Bethany Ministries' Restoration House Program propels a story series about the loss of funding and unaffordable nature of housing in the Lehigh Valley
 • City council hopes technology will make transparency easy for all
 • The Mayor's South Side Task Force works throughout the community to help displaced residents from still-ruined Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria nearly two months earlier; are joined by many other organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley

DECEMBER

• City police announce new programs to help those suffering dependence in the ongoing fight against rampant opioid addiction as overdose deaths locally continue to climb
 • Christkindlmarkt

enjoys 25 years with great popularity and growth

• Northampton County awards \$10 million to the DaVinci Science Center for a new aquarium, though there are still hurdles to jump
 • Longtime Borough Council member Carolee Gifford will be the next mayor of the Fountain Hill
 • Nearly a year and a half after an internal schism began within Bethlehem's large First Presbyterian Church membership, President Judge Stephen Baretta released his 42-page decision that the national denomination retains ownership of the huge Center Street facility. A majority of the local membership wished to follow a more conservative branch of the church which opposes gay marriage, gay ordination, and other ideas recently made acceptable by national church administrators.

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Frank J. Csrnko Jr.

public accountant, CFO

Frank "Skip" J. Csrnko Jr., 64, of Bethlehem Township, died Dec. 17, 2017, in his home. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late Frank and Jeanne (DeAngelis) Csrnko. He was the husband of Janice M. (Hoffert) Csrnko for 38 years.

He was a 1971 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS and a graduate of Lehigh University.

He was a public accountant and was a CFO in health care and assisted living facilities.

He was a former member of St. Ursula's Church, Fountain Hill.

He was a member of and a golfer at Silver Creek Country Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a brother, Christopher "C.J." and his wife Janet Csrnko and a nephew, Frank Csrnko, all of Hingham, Mass.; mother-in-law, Janet R. Hoffert and a brother-in-law, Glenn and his wife Kathy Hoffert, all of Hellertown; a nephew, Christopher and his wife Carmen Hoffert, and a grand-niece, Wren Hoffert, all of Lancaster.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Suite 170, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Jane E. Fisher

BASD school teacher

Jane E. Fisher, 91, formerly of Bethlehem, died recently at Whitehall Manor. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Lemuel L. "Bud" and Catherine E. (DeRemer) Edgar. She was the wife of the late Jack Guinther and the late Kenneth Fisher.

She was a Moravian College graduate.

She was a teacher at the Governor Wolf school, Bethlehem Area School District, for 30 years until she retired.

She was a member of the Church of the Manger U.C.C., Bethlehem, where she sang in the choir.

She is survived by a son, Jeff and his wife Elaine Guinther of Allentown; a daughter, Kelly Fisher-Andrews of Budd Lake, N.J.; and a brother, Buddy Edgar of Hummelstown.

She was predeceased by a son, John "Jay" W. Guinther.

Contributions may be made to Animals in Distress, 5075 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA 18036.

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

Bernard M. Burda

worked in HVAC

Bernard "Foggy" M. Burda, 88, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 22, 2017. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Mary (Smith) Burda. He was the husband of Patricia A. (Spudeck) Burda for 39 years.

He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He worked in HVAC in the combustion department of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

He was a parishioner of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church.

He was known for his model trains and had, earlier in life, been a bowler.

He is survived by his stepson, Gary and his wife Debbie-Kline of Nazareth; a stepdaughter, Pati and her husband Ron Reed of Bethlehem, with whom he resided; three grandchildren, Lindsay and her husband Keith Johnson of Nazareth, Jennifer and her husband Patrick Busser of Lititz and Michelle Kline of Orlando, Fla.; two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Greyson Johnson; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by a stepson, Joseph Kline; a sister, Frances Omick; and three brothers, Eddie, John and Joe Burda.

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

Carole A. (Asher) Sachse

IRS manager

Carole A. (Asher) Sachse, 77, formerly of York, died Dec. 17, 2017, at Fellowship Manor, Whitehall. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Theodore T. and Helen (Linkus) Asher. She was the wife of the late Matthew J. Sachse.

She was a manager for the IRS in Washington, D.C., for 25 years before she retired in 2001.

She is survived by two sons, Matthew J. of Bethlehem and David B. and his wife Diane of Hagerstown, Md.; and two siblings, Theodore T. and his wife Karen Asher of Liburn, Ga. and Alice and her husband Barry Lichtenstein of Brentwood, N.Y.

Contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, c/o the funeral home, P.O. Box # 196, Schnecksville, PA 18078-0196.

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



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Mayor Bob Donchez says while the city is dedicated to advancing technology and training, what makes great officers is character and willingness to take risks for others' safety. The five officers promoted are: Sgt. Rodney Bronson (to lieutenant), and officers Nicholas Lechman, James Smith, Michael Leaser and Jon Buskirk, all to sergeant in patrol units.

'I'm happy to see this new blood'

City officials promoted five police officers and swore in four new ones in a ceremony Dec. 7. As always, the Rotunda was al- most packed with friends, family, city employees, retired officers and media, all eager to see these dedicated civil servants reward- ed for their efforts. Officer James Joniec, who performed the invocation, said he's happy to see the new blood in the department.



Officer Randall McBride gets a congratulatory kiss from his girlfriend, Camille Claessens.



Officer Kevin Ervey receives his badge from his mother Donna.



Officer Richard Loscalzo receives his badge from family friend Pat Elliot.



Officer Cory McFadden receives his badge from his girlfriend, Jenna Werner.

Council braces tax zones amid fed changes

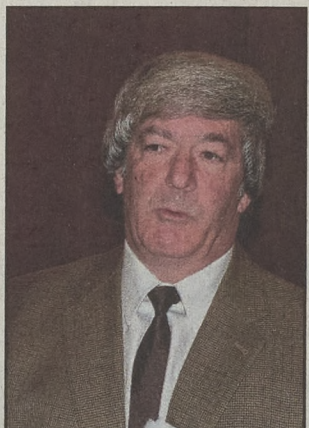
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BETHLEHEM

Bethlehem authorities scrambled Dec. 19 to get a resolution on the agenda in response to possible tax issues anticipated as a result of the then-pending federal tax code revision that was signed into law three days later by President Donald Trump. The new tax code could possibly affect the CRIZ (City Revitalization and Improvement Zone) and the TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) district.

The emergency resolution "affixes, effective December 19, 2017, the areas identified in the CRIZ and TIF plans and improvements to those and future properties identified as deteriorated industrial, commercial and other business property and/or deteriorated residential property in said plans as part of the Master Development Plan as defined and interpreted under the Internal Revenue Plan."

Bethlehem City Solicitor William Leeson said the action would keep



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LEFT: Bethlehem resident Jack Toy who objected to the high cost of paying city employees to cut grass and to decisions by the manager. RIGHT: Bethlehem City Solicitor William Leeson said a resolution in advance of the expected Federal tax overhaul would keep Bethlehem's TIF and CRIZ developer friendly.

Bethlehem's TIF and CRIZ developer-friendly. Leeson said he expects "things to change with the new law. We are trying to keep things like they are."

The problem came to the fore because the federal tax law is ambigu-

ous about how a master plan might be defined; it will be up to the IRS secretary to write the rules which will more clearly define what exactly it will mean.

some credit for bringing the matter to the attention of city authorities. The resolution passed 7-0. In other business, council adopted 10 budget ordinances comprising the 2018 city budget. All passed without comment, except the golf course Enterprise Fund Budget which drew the attention of Bethlehem resident Jack Toy, who objected to the high cost of paying city employees to cut grass and to decisions by the manager, whom he called an excellent greenskeeper, to charge a "trail fee" for golfers who choose to walk instead of riding a golf cart. Toy said this decision had cost the business of some previously regular golfers at the city's municipal golf course. The total 2018 budget approved for the golf course: \$1,495,000.

President J. Willie Reynolds spoke in favor of granting Zoning Hearing Board members a raise from \$25 per meeting to \$35. It passed 7-0

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DA announces charges against child-killing driver

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Twelve-year-old Emma Raymondo was a seventh-grader at Easton MS, a member of the Junior National Honor Society and a high yellow belt at the Lehigh Valley Martial Arts School. On Sept. 22, while she and her siblings were walking home from an ice cream trip to the Sheetz Convenience Store along Route 248 in Palmer Township, she was struck and killed by a person whom Palmer Police believe was distracted by his cellphone.



Emma Raymondo

Emma was off the roadway, Dylan T. Groff, age 21, was off the roadway, too. But he was driving, not walking. He had just left Wal-Mart at 8:04 p.m., and video surveillance showed he was looking at his telephone screen. According to investigators, he had been using the Google Chrome Internet browser from 7:57 p.m., when he was still at Wal Mart, until 8:06 p.m., after he was already on the road. After that, Groff and two others began exchanging Facebook messages at 8:08:22 p.m., with the last message being sent by Groff at 8:10:06 p.m. They were discussing dinner options. Then, at 8:11:08 p.m., he used his cell phone to call 911 after striking Emma. Groff admitted he had been using his cellphone, but said he thought he was off sooner than forensic evidence reveals. He was cooperative with police and upset by what had happened. There is no evidence of alcohol or drug abuse, or that he was speeding. The evidence is that he wandered off the roadway and onto the shoulder because he had been distracted by his cellphone.

On Nov. 29, DA John Morganelli announced the following charges against Groff: homicide by vehicle (Felony 3); aggravated assault by vehicle (Felony 3); involuntary manslaughter (Misdemeanor 1); reckless endangerment (Misdemeanor 2); reckless driving (summary); careless driving (summary); and driving on roadways laned for traffic (summary). He faces a maximum sentence of 22 years behind bars and \$46,200 in fines. Because he was texting and his conduct resulted in death, an additional seven years could be added to the penalty.

Morganelli said texting while driving is just as dangerous as drunk driving. He cited statistics that in Pennsylvania, over 14,800 crashes in 2015 were the result of distracted driving. Nationwide, 10 percent of fatal crashes, 15 percent of injury crashes and 14 percent of all police-reported motor vehicle traffic crashes are the result of distracted driving. This could be cell phone use or more innocent distractions.

Groff has been arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Jacqueline Taschner, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 13.

"You never get used to looking into the eyes of a Mom and Dad and siblings who have just lost a young child," said Morganelli, who had prosecuted these kinds of crimes for the past 25 years. "These are always difficult meetings and are emotional for me and family members." But Emma's family agreed that Morganelli could use what happened to Emma as an example to warn the public and possibly save lives.

He admitted that even he has been distracted at times by his cellphone. But on behalf of Emma and her family, he said we should all examine our own behavior and put down those cellphones.

"New drivers must be given simple, clear instructions not to use their wireless devices while driving. Before our young people get their licenses, we should discuss the fact that taking their eyes off the road - even for a few seconds - could cause someone injury or death.

"We all have to lead by example. As I indicated, none of us can say we never did this. But the truth is no-one should text and drive. We can be an example for others. If we need to text, we can pull over to a safe place, making sure our vehicle is not in motion.

"We can become informed and active. We should all tell family, friends and anyone who is willing to listen of the importance of driving without distractions. Schools can play a role in this."

A new feature on iPhone's software might make it easier to keep your eyes on the road. A "Do Not Disturb While Driving" message silences incoming notifications until you reach your destination.

A "GoFundMe" page to help pay for Emma's funeral expenses has raised over \$10,000.

ANALYSIS Conduct Court mostly clears former magistrate

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Until he resigned in July 2016, David Tidd was Magisterial District Judge in Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township. It was a position he had held since 2009. He should be there now. But he stepped down because of an ethics inquiry that resulted in 13 separate charges against him. Following five days of testimony, Tidd was cleared by Pennsylvania's Court of Judicial Discipline recently of all violations, except for one instance in which he angrily confronted his staff.



David Tidd

Tidd was represented by West Chester Attorney Samuel C. Stretton. The judges on this panel were Allegheny County Magisterial District Judges David Barton, Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey Minehart and Lackawanna County President Judge Michael Basse.

This ordeal took its toll on Tidd. In addition to resigning as a Magisterial District Judge, he also moved his law practice to Berks County. He explained that he was embarrassed by the situation.

He still faces a potential parallel complaint with the state Disciplinary Board, but Friday's ruling makes that far less likely.

Though exonerated by the Court of Judicial Discipline, Tidd was convicted by the daily newspapers long ago. Here are some of the headlines. "Bully judge dropped F-bombs, slept on floor in robes, panel finds." "Misconduct trial starts for ex-judge who ran 'fast food' court." "Bully judge ignored warnings about misconduct, clerk testifies." "Work was 'intolerable' with judge's cursing, abuse, clerk testifies." "Judge held clerks 'against our will' in confrontation, witness says." "Disgraced judge admits regrets, suicidal thoughts, but not misconduct."

As if this were not bad enough, he was also accused of playing favorites with a local defense lawyer.

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BY MARK KIRLIN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In November, Saucon Valley High School Principal Beth Guarriello presented a plan to update policies in the HS Student Handbook. At that time, a proposal was presented to ban five words that were considered "hate speech." Those words were "Bitch", the N-Word, "Terrorist", "Retarded" and "Gay."

In the most recent meeting, the board approved updated changes that do not include the five words or "hate speech" as previously suggested. Instead the handbook has been written in a more broad-based manner under a new category titled "Anti-Discrimination and Harassment." The policy notes the district will not tolerate behavior involving actions, language or symbols used to discriminate or harass based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability etc. Students who disobey the code of conduct



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Newly elected board members Shamim Pakzad, Tracy Magnotta and Cedric Dettmar are sworn in.

could face consequences including suspension.

Council members Bryan Eichfeld and Susan Baxter voiced their support for the updated language.

Eichfeld said, "I like the re-write overall, I think it makes a lot more sense than what we were doing before."

Baxter noted, "I appreciate the modifications, I think the new language is much better and I think it enables us to have more flexibility for each individual situation which is critical as well, instead of trying to

define everything exactly how it must be when each situation is very different and you have to take a look at each situation as it comes about."

The changes did not come without dissatisfaction. Council member Sandra Miller, said, "I'm disappointed that we softened the language, as a member of the equity committee, we felt pretty strongly about how this should be worded and how it should be followed back and if anything, this was actually a step back

from recommendations from that." She went on to say, "I will obviously continue to support the work of the administration and I'll pass this because that's what they would like us to do."

Also, worthy of note, the Saucon Valley School Board swore in three newly elected board members. They are Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta and Shamim Pakzad. Board member Michael Karabin was also unanimously voted in as president of the board.

No decision on Armory apartments

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Mary Toulouse teaches French at Lafayette College. But on Nov. 30, as president of Bethlehem's Mount Airy Neighborhood Association (MANA), she gave a history lesson to the

BETHLEHEM ZONERS



Artist's rendition of 70-unit apartment complex at the Armory.

city's Zoning Hearing Board. It concerned the Armory, a National Historic Landmark located at 345 Second Ave. Peron Development is seeking a special exception and 11 dimensional variances for a four-story, 70 unit apartment complex at the 2.57 acre site. There will be 50 one-bedroom and 20 two-bedroom units. But the on-site parking (99 spots) is below the 123 spots required under the city's recently enacted zoning ordinance. Moreover, no plan is in place for the Armory itself.

Unable to reach a decision that day, a three-member panel of the city's Zoning Hearing Board planned to try again Dec. 12. These members are Bill Fitzpatrick, Jim Schantz and Attorney Michael Santanasto. Though deliberations are private, the decision itself must be announced and voted on publicly. Erich Schock is the board's solicitor, and has been ruling on the numerous objections made over two nights of testimony.

At its Aug. 16 meeting, city council voted 6-0, with one abstention, to authorize the Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority to sell the property to Peron Development. At that time, Executive Director Tony Hanna said it was the best of 10 proposals considered because it included more green space and on-site parking than the other proposals. He called it a "good project for Bethlehem and the neighborhood." Council President Willie Reynolds said he liked the idea of building more housing close to the downtown business corridor. But several members of council made clear that, while they were endorsing the concept, they were leaving the actual plan to the regulatory bodies entrusted with ensuring that the city's land development laws are followed.

As always, the devil is in the details. See **ZONERS** on Page A6

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VOLUNTEERS

The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, Easton, is seeking volunteers to walk dogs, assist with a.m. cleanings, attend off site events to promote the shelter, cat and dog enrichment and general shelter help. If interested in helping, please contact Walt Hoffman at 610-252-7722, ext. 4 or email cahwvolunteercoordinator@rcn.com.

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Independent Senior Transportation Network LV, Bethlehem is seeking a new driver to provide seniors with rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, or to visit loved ones in a nursing home. Call Karen Schiavone, 610-419-1645, info@itnlhighvalley.org.

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Bryan Callahan recused himself from voting on this sale because his brother is employed by Peron and has actively lobbied for this project.

As Callahan's recusal makes clear, this proposal is backed by some city heavyweights. Peron's principal is Michael Perrucci, an attorney with prominent law firm Florio Perrucci. In addition to Perrucci himself, members of this firm include a former New Jersey governor, former President Judge of Northampton County and the son of Bethlehem's current mayor. It also employs the city's former mayor, John Callahan, as a public relations chair. Firm lawyer Seth Tipton is representing Peron.

In addition to the imprimatur of Bethlehem's Redevelopment Authority as the best of 10 proposals, a specific plan has also received a thumbs up from the city's Planning Commission.

Just in case all this clout fell short, Planning Director Darlene Heller testified in support of this apartment complex, summarily dismissing complaints by neighbors.

"I underestimated the forces arrayed against my client and the community," said Bethlehem Attorney Michael Shay, representing MANA. His firm includes no former governors, judges or mayors. Only lawyers.

As a lawyer, Shay seemed particularly irked that the city's planning director would essentially act as a witness for the zoning applicant. "I believe it is improper," he said, as she supervises the zoning officer who denied the application from which an appeal was filed. She has testified in the past on behalf of developers, most notably Peron.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE
Darlene Heller prepares presentation. Behind her are Bethlehem City Council members Eric Evans and Michael Colon

"You are the gatekeepers," Shay reminded Zoning Hearing Board members.

Against all this clout were about 35 people who live in West Bethlehem. MANA's Toulouse was the sole witness called by Bethlehem Attorney Michael Shay. Of 13 people who testified, 11 opposed the Armory plans. Tamara Nisic said, "No one who is not getting paid by the developer has been here to say, 'This is a great idea.'"

Engineer Laura Eberly testified on behalf of Peron in support of the project. She said only 99 parking spots could be placed on site instead of the required 123 because physical constraints caused by a steep slope as well as the adaptive reuse. She insisted several times that Peron is only seeking the minimum amount of relief needed for this project.

But neighbor Jefferson Pooley and attorney Shay disputed this. By simply reducing the number of apartments to 54 instead of 70, there would be no need at all for a parking variance, they said. Eberly was never asked to come up with a plan that minimized the variances, she admitted.

Another point made by Shay is that adaptive reuse is permitted for a primary residential building, but not other structures. "How can you have an adaptive reuse of a building when you ignore the building that necessitates the reuse?" he asked. The Peron plan makes no adaptive reuse of the Armory itself, which will continue to sit vacant. Westside resident Bill Scheirer would later complain that this is "demolition by neglect."

Attorney Tipton and Heller countered Shay by arguing that the Armory is connected to two other buildings and this can be considered one building.

An attempt to create additional parking spots with 90-degree parking in Second Avenue was criticized by several residents as unsafe.

A proposal to stripe the ramp leading to the Hill-to-Hill bridge to provide even more parking was slammed because no one is sure the ramp will even be there once PennDOT starts work on that bridge.

Rauch Street resident Scott Arnold was concerned about a parking lot that ends four feet from his house: He has children. John San Filippo said he will open his front door to a loading dock. Darlene Heller would later testify that there should be tighter density in the urban core, but she authored a zoning ordinance that would make this illegal without a variance.

In an atmosphere that smacked of classism, Professor Toulouse testified to the very real classism that existed in 1930. That's when Bethlehem Steel President Eugene Grace built the Armory. "It served as a protection for the homes of the top executives from the angry workers," she said, adding the Armory is in front of the home of West Bethlehem's burger, and along the same route upon which a wagon carried the Liberty Bell to hide it from the British. She called the Armory an "integral part of the Westside's path through history" that links the burial grounds of the Revolutionary soldiers, one street east on First Avenue, to the Mount Airy Historic District and steel executive mansions that extend from Eighth to 16th avenues.

Toulouse testified that she sent several emails and written requests to meet with Peron to develop the Armory in a historically sensitive way, but received no response. Subsequent investiga-

tion revealed there was one meeting between the developer and concerned residents, but Callahan vetoed a second meeting.

Toulouse castigated developers for renaming this complex the Peron Armory.

"This is the Floyd Simmons Armory, named for Floyd Simmons by comrades who survived him. Floyd Simmons was the first Bethlehem soldier to be killed in World War I. ... It would be a tremendous dishonor for the City of Bethlehem, a city that prides itself on its history, if this board, in the year 2017, 100 years after the entrance of the U.S. into World War I, votes to allow this proposal to pass and put this national historic landmark in danger of the wrecking ball."

Residents opposed to this plan all agreed they would like to see it developed and have no problem with residential use, but on a smaller scale in conformity with the community. MANA member Christine Roysdon did a survey of the perimeter around the Armory and said that at 6 am, both blocks had 29 cars parked overnight. She complained that unleashing an additional 24 cars into the neighborhood would have negative consequences.

An angry Amy Zanelli, recently elected to Lehigh County's Board of Commissioners, complained that West Bethlehem has been "overlooked and ignored." She said seeking 11 zoning variances shows a "blatant disregard of our community." She inveighed against the lack of a plan for the Armory as "preposterous."

Contacted after the hearing, Hanna said the Armory's name will always be the Floyd Simmons Armory. Peron Armory is just the partnership's name. He added that it is subject to a Historic Preservation covenant and easement that will stay on the historic armory property. It can't be demolished and any future work on the Armory will require it to be done subject to the covenants and easement and deed restrictions. All work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's standards that are the same as if the property is in a historic district.

Toulouse, however, was quite skeptical whether that covenant would continue as time marched forward.

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Headlines are one thing, but facts are another. As the court's 32-page opinion makes clear, Tidd was victimized by office staffer Brenda Anthony. Her motivations are unknown. Tidd testified he lent his staff money and even agreed to hire Anthony's daughter, Amber Glass, to work for him. Behind Tidd's back, Brenda Anthony was talking to Tidd's election opponent, feeding him confidential information. This violates a ban on partisan political activity by court-appointed employees. She and Amber kept notes about Tidd, and would save video clips from within the office if they were juicy, while deleting everything else. They even scheduled hearings for him on election day, forcing him to leave the campaign trail.

They accused him of sleeping on his robe without bothering to point out that he used his robe as a pillow to take a nap for just one day because he was ill.

He was slammed for running a "fast food" court, dispensing justice from his office counter. But as witnesses explained, Tidd never conducted trials from a counter. He did sometimes ask a police officer or a defendant if there was going to be a plea arrangement. His function there was mostly administrative and had more to do with being in confined quarters than any desire for a judicial McDonald's.

He was also accused of playing favorites by notifying a local defense lawyer he knew of outstanding parking tickets so he could come in and pay the fine before an arrest warrant was issued. Testimony showed that Tidd offered this same courtesy to others.

He was charged with using his position as a judge to pick up work as a lawyer or to represent people who had matters before him as a jurist. Testimony showed that Tidd sought and followed ethical guidance concerning anyone who approached him for representation when there was a matter before him as a judge. When there was a conflict, he'd have the judicial matter reassigned. One of the people who testified against him was Leslie Ziegler, the wife of one of Tidd's judicial opponents in 2015. "We find troubling the apparent motivation behind Ziegler's April, 2015 complaint concerning acts that occurred in 2010 and 2011," the court observed.

As of November, Brenda Anthony was still listed as a Magisterial District Judge Tech. Her daughter, Amber Glass, is a 911 operator.

State: \$300K for vets to teach program

Secretary of Education Pedro A. Rivera has announced that Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and West Chester University of Pennsylvania will receive more than \$272,000 in funding under the federal Troops to Teachers grant program. The universities will partner with Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Delaware County Intermediate Unit, Pittsburgh Public Schools, and Chester Upland School District to prepare military veterans to be teachers.

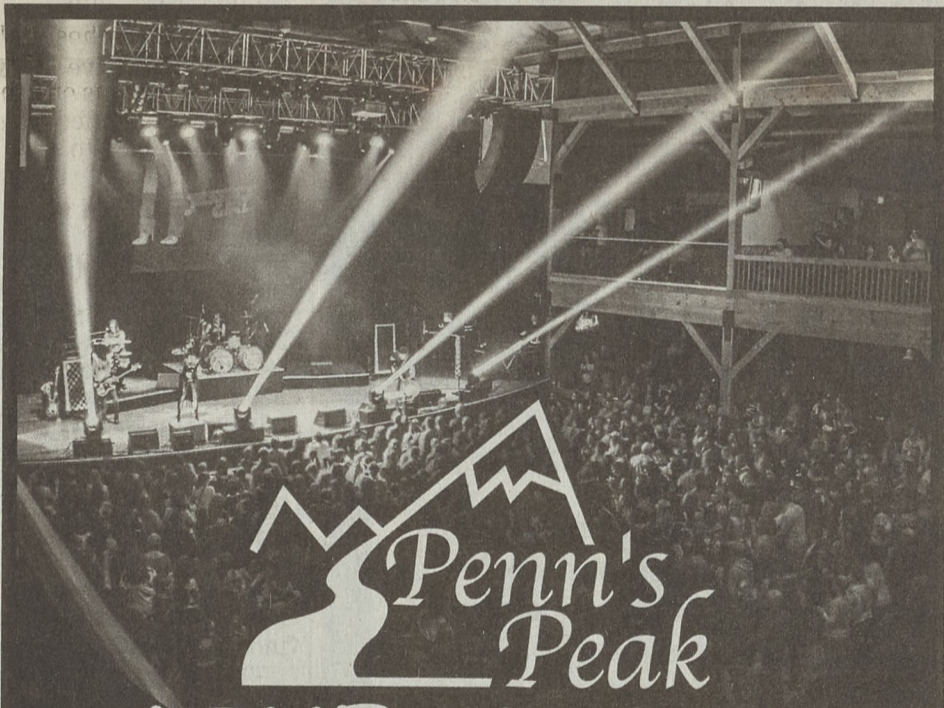
"This funding provides a unique opportunity to Pennsylvanians: the ability to address the growing teacher shortage while leveraging partnerships and mentorships to place qualified educators in schools across

the commonwealth," said Secretary Rivera.

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The event will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Catawauqua High School, Rm. C219, located at 2500 Bullshead Rd., Northampton.

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



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Jared Papcsy was one of several gold winners for the Hawks during last week's tournament.

Hawks take top spot

BY MIKE HAINES
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Jared Papcsy was wrestling in his fourth and final Tony Iasiello Christmas City Wrestling Tournament, while Nate Lackman was in the event for the first time.

Both picked up gold medals as host Bethlehem Catholic crowned six champs and had six runners-up in the 50th annual edition of the tournament to cruise to first place with 301 points. East Stroudsburg South placed second at 166.

"It's something special," said Papcsy. "We're working really

hard in the room. Last year we didn't make it all the way to our goal. This year we're working on getting better each day and it's really showing now."

Lackman (106), Matt Mayer (113), Matt Lackman (120), Papcsy (138), Joe Kurtz (195) and Robert Spezza all earned tournament titles for the Hawks, while Keny Hermann (126), Cole Handlovic (145), Luca Frinzi (152), Matt Arciuolo (160), Tavion Banks (182) and Jase Crouse finished second at the event. Joe Bozzi (220) grabbed third place.

Papcsy, a senior, finished as a runner-up last

year and in third place a year before that. He continued his progression with an 11-1 major decision win over Upper Perkiomen's Zach Rozanski in the title bout.

"It's a really good feeling," said Papcsy. "I kind of had some ups and downs coming into my senior year. I've been waiting a long time for this. It's really awesome that I finally got a title here."

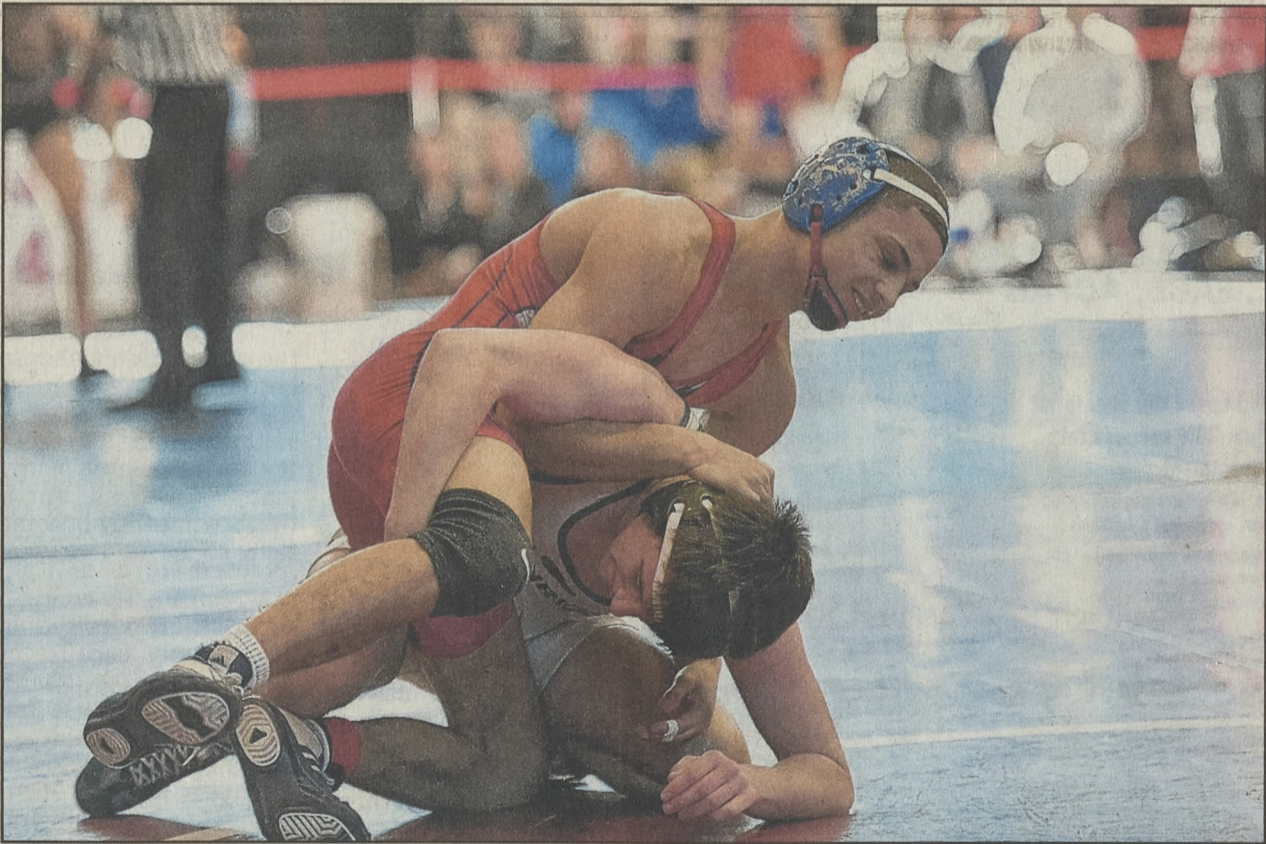
The Hawks have already competed in the Beast of the East and Ironman tournaments. Papcsy had some close matches in both of those events, but used a pin

and two major decisions to go 3-0 and win the Christmas City title.

"I was happy all weekend," he said. "The past couple matches and tournaments I've done really well but I haven't really been opening up. Here I was able to work on my shots and my other moves to get to the next level."

Nate Lackman picked up four losses this season, all coming at the two big tournaments. He gained confidence in both and rolled to the tournament title with three pins last Thursday and Friday in his team's home gym.

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PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Liberty Michael Torres and the Hurricanes won the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic.

Liberty takes BHWC crown

BY PETER CAR
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When Damen Moyer claps his hands at the center of the mat, it usually means good things. And those good things could have been heard across Bethlehem when Moyer put an exclamation point on a hallmark two days of wrestling for the Hurricanes at their own Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic.

Moyer's fall over Blue Mountain's Nate Stine in 4:32 of last Friday's 195-pound finals gave all the Liberty faithful something to clap about, as the Hurricanes came away with three champions and their first ever team title in the 24-year history of the event.

It was a perfect post-Christmas gift for the home side and Moyer's bellowing clap after

pinning Stine was the exclamation point.

"I started clapping like that after winning my first bout freshman year and it's kind of stuck ever since," said Moyer, now a junior. "This was the best way to end the tournament. I actually wanted to end that match faster, but a win's a win."

Liberty medaled eight wrestlers on the night and led the way in the team standings with 185 points, outpacing Nazareth (169.5 points) for second place.

While Moyer was one of the last wrestlers on the mat Friday evening, junior 106-pounder Tal-Reese Flemming actually kick started the Hurricanes victorious run to the team title with an 11-8 decision over Kyle Waterman of Council Rock South.

Flemming used a five-point move early in the first period to build a quick lead and was able to hold off Waterman's scoring barrage throughout the rest of the match to earn the first gold medal of the night for Liberty.

"He [Waterman] shot a single and I was able to get around him and put him on his back," said Flemming. "It's something that I work on in the room a lot and this just gives me confidence heading into the rest of the year."

Liberty junior Matt Maloney won the 113-pound title over Nazareth's Andrew Smith by a 5-3 decision to give the Hurricanes a trio of junior gold medalists, as they sent four wrestlers into the finals with junior Travis Brown coming up short in his

126-pound title bout with Saucon Valley's Josh Jones by a 10-1 major decision.

Other local champions included Northampton's Devon Britton (138), Parkland's Zach Ortman (145), Pen Argyl's Chase Anklam (160), and Northwestern's Caleb Clymer (170). Britton fought off Council Rock North's long-legged Cameron Robinson 6-4 after being put on his back in the first period.

Robinson's decisive height advantage made things tricky throughout the bout, but the sophomore couldn't match Britton's experience, as he trailed 4-2 heading into the third before Britton essentially sealed things with a takedown to build a

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Liberty divers look to get better

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Liberty's top male divers, Kellen Rogers and Sergio Alvarez, placed second and third in the Hurricanes' swim meet against Southern Lehigh, and third and fourth in their meet against Easton before the Christmas break.

Rogers's scores were in the 173 to 175 range.

"Everyone said they saw improvement from last year, so I'm just trying to not be afraid to do higher dds," Rogers said. "I think I figured out where I was. I got to my feet more. I think my tucks and pikes were tighter. Even though, some of them I wasn't prepared for, I still did it anyway."

Rogers was caught a little off-guard in the meet against Easton, when Liberty diving coach Jeff Zettlemoyer accidentally scheduled two higher degree of difficulty dives than usual for Rogers.

"I think we did fantastic. Our scores have not been reflective of our diving. I gave Kellen two dives that I don't normally put in ... so he actually performed way above expectations," said Zettlemoyer.

Alvarez's scores were in the 116 to 125 range.

"I'm kind of starting with a rough patch," Alvarez said. "I don't have enough time since I'm working at the hospital, so I have to leave early and have to focus on other things, but I feel like after I get used to it, I'll be able to make it better."

Alvarez was most pleased with his reverse one during the Easton meet.

"I really don't do that one. I don't like it, but it's one that looks better with me. I spin it good, I jump high enough. I could probably improve it to a double. It's scary. You're going against the board," he said.

For Rogers, it was his back double that he was most happy with.

"Probably the back double is probably the one I feel like I've done best so far because even though they scored it really low, I wasn't over. I got it right in. I went right to the bottom, which is a good sign," said Rogers.

Zettlemoyer also sees the advances his divers are making.

"I feel good for the year because we have been progressing. We're not getting rewarded, and I know it has a lot to do with form. That's only half of diving. I told the ref. And they always do, at the end of diving, they have a sit-down and they talk about scoring, so I think that will be corrected," he said.

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Becahi girls defeat Easton

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For Bethlehem Catholic's girls' basketball team, December is becoming that time of year when there's not only Christmas to look forward to, but the Becahi-Easton game, this year on Dec. 22 at Easton.

With the intensity of a Freedom-Liberty rivalry, the Hawks held on in the fourth quarter to defeat the Red Rovers 49-43.

"It's great competition every time we play them. They always bring their best, and we always bring our best, and we all play hard," said Becahi guard Natalie Rhine, who scored the first points of the

game and totaled 11.

"As soon as I knew I was open I went for it, and same with Abby [Brown]. We just played our hearts out, and we played with confidence."

Brown, a new starter for the Hawks this year, had 12 points in the game.

"Last game I was kind of hesitant to shoot even though the girl was playing off me, so I was determined to make it up in this game, so when I saw she was off me, I saw my opportunity, and I took it," Brown said.

"Some of our girls came from Easton, so there's a kind of a love hate thing going on. This is one of the more exciting games, when you come to it."

Easton's Jahnel Oliver brought the excitement for the Red Rovers in the second half, seemingly coming out of nowhere to score four three-pointers and 16 points in total. In fact, Becahi was leading 37-25 after three quarters.

"She put the team on her back, especially in the second half. She came out making shots, and that's what they needed for their team," said Rhine.

With 3:30 left in the game, the Hawks began to stall, but Oliver went for the steal and made a layup, pulling the Red Rovers within five.

"I have to give her credit. She did a really good job," said Brown. "Defense, mainly de-

fense. We needed to pick it up because we let their shooters get too many, so Coach [Jose Medina] wanted to shut that down."

In a chaotic final two minutes, Taliyah Medina grabbed a rebound on a missed Becahi foul shot to score, and Briana Barnard rebounded a missed foul shot that resulted in two foul shots for Jaleesa Lanier.

The Hawks and the Red Rovers exchanged fouls for the rest of the game, and in grand style, Oliver hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, although it would not be enough for Easton.

"It feels awesome," said Rhine. "This is the game on the calendar we always look forward to."



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ
Abigail Brown and the Hawks, shown here against Parkland, defeated Easton recently.

Liberty girls swim team knocks off Easton

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Liberty's girls' swim team went into the Christmas break with a 99-85 victory over Easton on Dec. 21 at Liberty.

"I know we're expected to beat Easton, but

we really need to get our heads in the game because, as you saw in the medley, they won, so we were like, OK, this isn't an easy swim. We really need to give it our all," said Kay Wetmore halfway through the swim meet.

Wetmore went on

to win the 200 free in 2:04.97, and Abby Mack won both the 50 free in 26.22, and the 100 free in 56.85.

"I was really tired after the medley but because the boys are right after, I have a little time to refuel so it wasn't too bad," Wetmore said.

"Right when I dove in, the 200 is like a sprint, so I knew I had to go out fast. I just went out my hardest, and then I saw I pulled away from a few girls, and then I really just wanted to end so I kept going faster and faster."

The Hurricanes had a

1-2-3 finish in the 500 free led by Wetmore with a time of 5:31.69, followed by Madison Drager and Theresa Cazarrubias.

Kendra Smith, Greta Stuckey, Natalie Richardson, and Mack teamed up to win the 200 free relay with a time of 1:46.74.

In the last two individual events, Anna Lehr took first place in the 100 backstroke in 1:05.38, and Richardson came in first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.60.

Shorthanded Hurricanes fall to Red Rovers

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It was another scramble for Liberty's boys' swim team when Coach Reik Foust had to make lineup changes because two of the Hurricanes' top swimmers were sick for Liberty's meet against Easton on Dec. 21.

Halfway through the meet, the score was tied

at 31, but without Robert Negrón and Jake Evert, things had the potential to get tough, and they did. The Red Rovers ultimately defeated the Hurricanes, 97-88.

"It impacts us every time we don't have swimmers, like today," said Liberty senior Chris Chambers. "It's points we could have had that we don't, but

that just means everyone else has to make up for it, which I think we're starting to get accustomed to. It's always part of being part of a team."

Easton opened the meet with a victory in the 200 medley relay, but Chambers placed first in the 200 free in 1:56.47, and Trevor Lenig came in first in the 200 IM in

2:19.37, both for Liberty.

"We have a lot of potential on the team, a lot of talent, just kind of lack some motivation. It's kind of wearing on us," Chambers said. "It's almost Christmas, we're not focused ... so that's my job as a captain, to keep them focused, and I don't know how I'm doing because right now, we're tied. So I have to

go out there now and say we're tied, and see how proportional their effort is to their output in the pool."

In the remaining individual events, the Hurricanes had second, third, or fourth place finishes, but the combination of points scored was not enough to defeat the Red Rovers.

In the final two re-

lays, however, Omar Mohamed, Lenig, Sam Capwell, and Chambers teamed up to win the 200 free relay in 1:38.09, and Mohamed, Chambers, Jase Smith, and Yousef Ismail won the 400 free relay in 3:32.62 to end the meet.

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6-3 advantage to close things out.

"That kid was strong and tall," said Britton of Robinson. "I got in danger in the first period and I got lucky. I feel like wrestling at the Beast [of the East] really helped a lot coming into this tournament. I fell behind early in this one but I didn't panic. I think that's something I took away from the Beast."

Parkland's Zach Ortman has been through all types of wins and doesn't care how they

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"I feel like I'm wrestling pretty good," he said. "I'm just working on getting after it, letting it all hang out there. Just letting it fly."

A junior, Lackman is in his first year of varsity

look on paper, as long as he gets the victory.

He grinded his way to a 1-0 decision over Jason Jones of Saucon Valley, scoring a second period escape to tally the only point of the match. Jones chose neutral to start the third period, fearing he wouldn't be able to get out from bottom.

Ortman made the result hold up from there.

"The kid I wrestled in the semis didn't choose the bottom either, so I guess it's a form of respect," said Ortman. "I don't try to make any of my matches a grind, but if that's what they become then so be it. I've won

all types of matches in my career and the only thing that matters to me is winning."

Nazareth's Sammy Sasso took home with Outstanding Wrestler award for the third straight season, as he pinned two of his four opponents, including Phillipsburg's Brian Meyer in 3:00 during the finals, and tech falling his other two foes.

Penridge's Josh Stillings (182) had the most pins in the least amount of time with three in 2:24. He edged out Nazareth's Cade Wilson 2-1 in the championship bout.

OFF MY WAVE.

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

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ty wrestling. He competed in junior varsity last year mostly because of his weight.

"Last year I was under 106," he said. "I struggled to gain weight. This year I finally started putting on weight and I'm a true 106-pounder."

Despite wrestling JV last year, he kept training and improving.

"Last year was preparing for this year," Nate Lackman said. "I didn't make the lineup but I can't just shut down there."

As a freshman he said he was about 92 pounds wrestling at the junior high level at Wilson

West Lawn. Him and his brother, Matt, came to Bethlehem Catholic last season and put in a year on the junior varsity. Now both are in the lineup. Matt is a sophomore and earned the tournament title at 120.

They're happy to be on a team as deep and successful as Golden Hawks are this year.

"This is the first year we were both able to get in the lineup," said Nate Lackman. "We have some kids that could do well in these tournaments but they can't wrestle today because they're behind a tough kid."

BASEBALL

Notre Dame High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting January 7.

Notre Dame High School head coach Michael Bedics will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to seven players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and base running.

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John Limpar of the Bethlehem Police participates in the tree toss, along with several other police officers for the second time during the same weekend.

Tree toss for charity

BY KATYA HRICHAK
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The parking lot at More Miles Automotive on Stefko Boulevard in Bethlehem was alive with Christmas spirit Dec. 16 during the annual Christmas Tree Toss for Charity. Holiday music played in the background as participants competed to see who could throw the tree the furthest, all while raising money for Turning Point, a place that offers safety and services to victims of domestic abuse.

Although the tree toss has been an annual occurrence, it was recently renamed the Peter Kearns Memorial Christmas Tree Toss in memory of Kearns, one of the men responsible for starting the tradition, who passed away in 2016.

"Many years ago, I was the manager of Strauss Auto and Pete Kearns, who owned the Meineke at the time, challenged us to an event to see whose team of mechanics could throw a tree the furthest, and we decided that we would each donate some money to Turning Point. I believe that was around 2000, the first year we did that," said More Miles Automotive manag-



PRESS PHOTOS BY KATYA HRICHAK

The Grinch from Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" walked along the sidewalk on Stefko Boulevard, attempting to draw in more competitors.

er Michael DeCrosta. "A lot of people showed up, we had a lot of fun and it felt really good and so it's something we continued to do throughout the years."

At this year's event, held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., people of all sorts came out to participate. Competitors included adults and children, police officers, members of Kearns' family and the executive director of Turn-

ing Point, among others. The gathered crowd even managed to convince the postal worker stopping to deliver the shop's mail to join in the festivities and toss the tree.

"It's for a good cause, all of the money goes to charity," said Bethlehem police officer Josh Hobson. "It's a good thing, [it] brings everybody together and it's a good time."

Turning Point Executive

Director Lori Sywensky shared similar sentiments.

"This is my second year coming to this, and I had to come back after I came last year. It's such a great event, this is awesome," she said. "[Turning Point] serve[s] over 2,600 people a year, so it's great but it's expensive, so we really depend on community support. When we find creative ways for people to come out and help raise some money and do something fun and get to know about us a little bit, we love it."

At the conclusion of the event, Bill Aldelo was named the male winner with a distance of 31'1" and Lily McFadden was named the female winner with a distance of 17'11". The amount of money raised for Turning Point totaled \$1,110.

"[The event] has actually been more successful in the recent years, every year a little more successful than in the past years ... We're trying to grow it every year in the same manner that Pete did," DeCrosta said. "We continue this event in remembrance of Pete and in our continued support to Turning Point."



At the annual Christmas Tree Toss for Charity, participants came out to compete to see who could throw the Christmas tree the furthest, all while raising money for Turning Point.



Rich Johnston throws the Christmas tree 15'3" on his first toss. The furthest men's throw of the day was recorded as 31'1".

Turning Point

Executive Director Lori Sywensky prepare to take a turn throwing the tree. After attending last year's event, she looked forward to participating this year.



Both of the Bethlehem mounted police took turns tossing the smaller of the two trees while remaining on horseback.



Before officially opening the 2017 Peter Kearns Memorial Christmas Tree Toss, More Miles Automotive manager Michael DeCrosta says a few words about how the annual event began 17 years ago.

LIBERTY HS NOTES

By SOPHIA CARPENTER

G.R.A.S.S. is growing

"I heard about the audit from the coordinator of the Lehigh Valley Food Policy when I was volunteering at the Rodale Institute Farm this past summer," said Dane Sinks, a current junior at Liberty. "I decided that this was something I wanted to tackle because the audit seeks to make a big difference on a local level... and it could benefit a large school like Liberty."



Carpenter

The audit that Sinks refers to is the "Student Food Waste Audit." It was created through the combined efforts of the USDA, the EPA, and the University of Arkansas. The amount of trash most Americans throw away every month equals their body weight. In order to help reduce this excessive waste, the program strives to educate schools and students about the amount of food unnecessarily wasted in cafeterias.

The mission of the Student Food Waste Audit and the mission of Liberty's "Greater Responsibility Among Students for Sustainability" Club (GRASS for short), are so similar that Sinks decided to pursue the audit, with the support of the club and faculty advisors Greg Zahm and Robert Andreucci. "The audit seeks to make a big difference through students on a local level," says Sinks.

In order to maximize results and minimize cost, a small force of volunteers will perform the audit using common materials such as tables, buckets, bags, clipboards, etc. The audit will establish what exactly needs to be addressed at Liberty and will allow the club and school to implement clear paths of action to make the necessary changes in order to become more green and sustainable.

Science teacher and current coadvisor of GRASS, Greg Zahm, started the initiative with the "Recycling and Sustainability (R&S) Project" which exposed students to the idea of an environmentally-oriented club. Last school year (2016-2017) the GRASS Club was established as the umbrella organization. Since the official conception of the GRASS Club, it has succeeded in organizing and carrying out several fundraisers and projects. GRASS has received two \$1,000 grants, one from a previous senior class and another from the BASD Foundation.

An example of the GRASS Club's impact, the R&S Project has diverted enough recyclable material to fill 150 thirty-gallon containers, that "most likely would have been thrown away," says Zahm. This is largely due to the extensive effort that Zahm and over 75 student volunteers have made to spread awareness among the Liberty faculty and student body. Teachers were asked to clearly remind students of the importance of recycling and have been given signs to post above disposal containers that clearly state what can and cannot be recycled.

As the success of the R&S Project grows, the GRASS Club has gained momentum and has succeeded in putting a recycle bin in every classroom and in most hallways. One of the next steps in the process is acquiring enough trash cans to strategically place one next to each recycle bin in order to promote easy separation: trash in the trash and recycling in the recycling. Overall, the GRASS Club is doing great things for all of us in the name of our planet. They look forward to tackling new projects such as replacing the current styrofoam lunch trays with reusable ones and making Liberty a greener, more sustainable place.



Skaters perform "In the Bleak Midwinter" number (left to right): freshman Kobe Wisner, freshman Haleigh Moyer, sophomore Jayden Haller, junior Kaylee Levernier, senior Andrew Hampl, freshman Cheryl Zupko, sophomore Jacob Schlagnehaft

Charter Arts skaters practice for the big show

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES Special to the Bethlehem Press

About 20 graceful ice skaters from The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts participated in the annual winter ice show for the community at Steel Ice Center Dec. 16. The Press was present for practice the day before.

Thom Mullins, the high school's Artistic Director of Figure Skating, coached the skaters through their routines on one of the two ice rinks at the Steel Ice Center. Mullins was appropriately bundled up in the cold arena; the skaters, on the other hand, wore costumes that suggested warmer temperature as many had bare arms and heads, wore tights and big smiles.

The two-act program had a distinctly multicultural theme as reflected by the titles of some of the numbers: "The Christmas Waltz" (Christian), "The Chanukah Song" (Jewish), "Heri Za Kwanza" (American-African and Pan-African), "Muhammad" (Islam) and the "Loy Loy Krathong Song" (Thai Buddhist).

According to Mullins, the show "celebrates winter as celebrated the world over." He said "Students researched and choreographed authentic movements from those traditions to incorporate into their skating."

Each piece in the show, Mullins said, centered around a different gift; gifts of love, peace, family, to nature - all demonstrating that, while our traditions may differ, we all seek the same gifts in our lives.

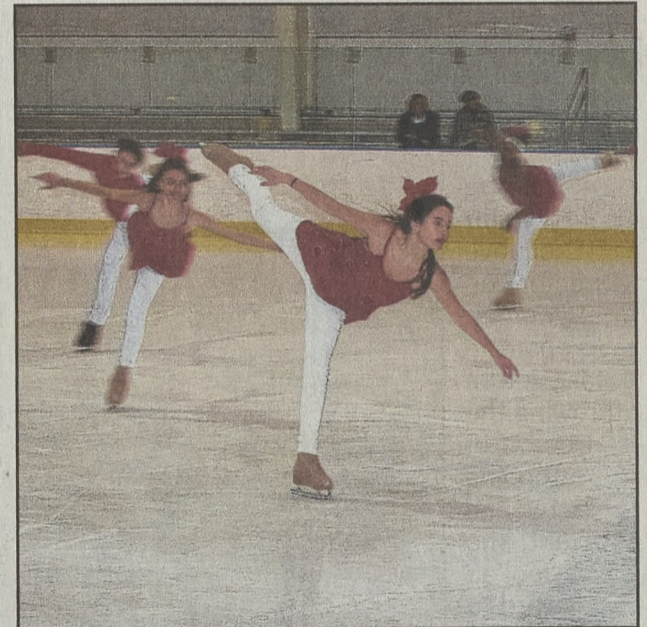
The show culminates with the gift of compassion, according to Mullins. The skaters show how a simple gift of a warm coat can change the life of a person. In connection with the show, students are conducting a coat drive to take their art to reality.



Freshman Niarah Hemingway, Junior Kaylee Levernier, and sophomore Giselle Bracero smile during a lull in their routine.



Sophomores Jiselle Bracero, Emily Hamscher, and senior Eva Greene complete a turn in a dance featuring flags.



Sophomore Jiselle Bracero leads a line of figure skaters across the rink.



Freshmen Kobe Wisner, Haleigh Moyer, sophomore Jayden Haller, junior Kaylee Levernier and senior Andrew Hampl practice their routine.



Two theater students assist with production elements for the ice show. Aaron Finkle and Dylan Gombos set up the spotlight for the next day's performance.



Senior Eva Greene, Artistic Director Thom Mullins, junior Kaylee Levernier, and senior Andrew Hampl pose during a break in the practice.

COLLEGE NOTES

Cedar Crest College College designated as 'military friendly'

Cedar Crest College, a Yellow Ribbon approved school, has earned the 2018 Military Friendly School Designation from Victory Media.

The list is compiled annually based on public data and surveys of schools and veterans across the country. Schools are assessed on their ability to meet minimum thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment and loan default rates.

The college, which is a member of the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council and A's for Vets Alliance, was recently named one of the Best Regional Colleges, Best Value Colleges, and Best College for Veterans by U.S. News and World Report.

For information, visit www.cedarcrest.edu/veteran, or call 610-740-3770.

Penn State Lehigh Valley Writing Proyect workshop Jan 27

The Lehigh Valley Writing Project will hold the annual Best Practices in Teaching Writing Conference: Access for All from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 27, at the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. The conference features interactive workshops and presentations.

The keynote speaker is Cris Tovani, an internationally known consultant focusing on issues of reading, content comprehension and assessment in secondary classrooms. Recently named ILA's 2017 Adolescent Literacy Thought Leader, she has been an adjunct professor and is the author of four books.

Prepaid registration, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is required. To register or for more information, visit http://www2.lv.psu.edu/ce/lvwp/BestPractices/, call 610-285-5066 or email or dul11@psu.edu.

Laurel Level designation for alumni group

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Penn State University Alumni Association was promoted to the Laurel Level Group of Distinction. The award is based on the association's level of excellence and efforts toward the university and community, such as career networking, social interaction and fellowship, student support and leading THON-related activities.

As part of the Alumni Challenge, the group participated in the sixth annual Alumni Food Drive Challenge at Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania. The Penn State team was announced the winner with a collection of 11,988 pounds.

The chapter pledged a challenge gift of \$2,500 for Penn State Lehigh Valley's Giving Tuesday campaign on Nov. 28. The resulting contributions increased the amount raised to \$5,000. These donations will benefit the PSU-LV Scholarship fund.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 24°, humidity of 39%. South southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1997. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 15°. West wind 1 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 8°. The record low for tonight is -3° set in 2014. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of isolated snow, high temperature of 22°, humidity of 48%. Northwest wind 6 to 17 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 4°. West northwest wind 14 to 17 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 11°, humidity of 40%. West northwest wind 16 mph. Friday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 6°.

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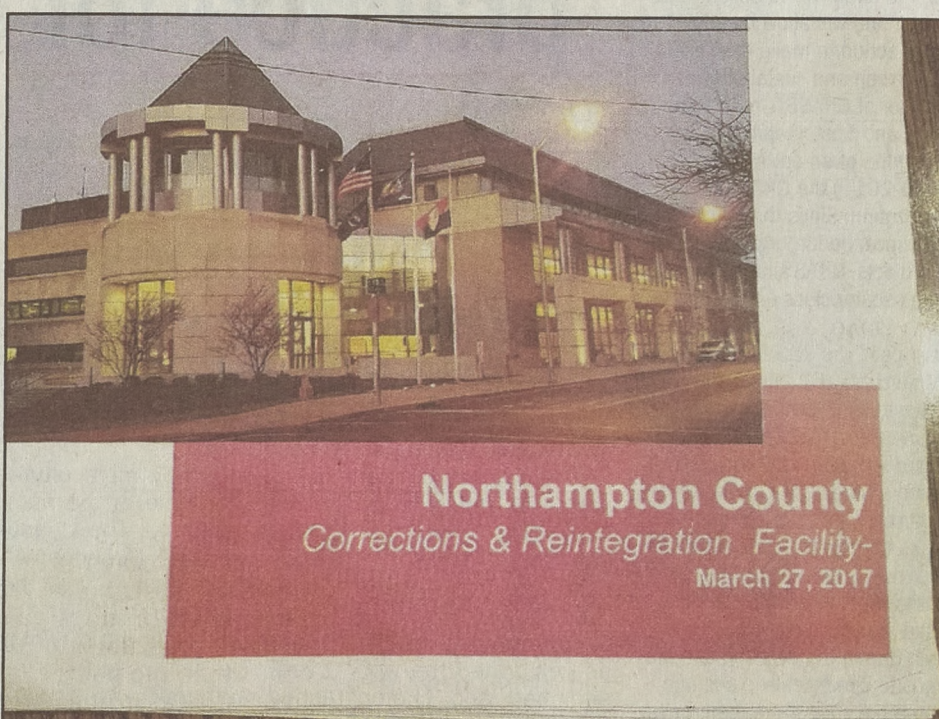
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BETHLEHEM ZONERS Armory Apartments gets board approval

BY BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

After two nights of testimony, Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board Dec. 12 cleared the way for a 70-unit apartment complex at what used to be called the Floyd Simons Armory on Second Avenue. The board voted 3-0 to grant numerous dimensional variances. The biggest of these allows the project to move forward with 99 on-site parking spots instead of the required 123. Voting in support were Bill Fitzpatrick, Jim Schantz and Attorney Mike Santanasto. Two other members of the board, Gus Loupos and Attorney Linda Shay Gardener, were unable to participate. Attorney Micahel Shay filed, representing the Mount Airy Neighborhood Association, asked the board to strike the testimony of Planning Director Darlene Heller on the basis that she was essentially acting as a witness for developer Michael Perrucci. That motion was also denied, 3-0.

According to the Pa Municipalities Planning Code, a Planning Director may testify in any matter. She testified that she was there to relay the recommendation of the Planning Commission. There are no plans for the Armory itself.



This is the cover page of a 30-page power point that John Brown provided Upper Nazareth supervisors on March 27, proposing a new county jail on the Gracedale campus. He later called these reports "fake news."

Boscola announces Safe Schools grants

State Sen. Lisa M. Boscola announced Nov. 17 the Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded grants totaling \$106,927 for Safe Schools to five local school districts and Intermediate Units.

- East Penn School District has been awarded the Year 2 allocation of their 2016-17 Safe Schools School Police/Resource Officer Grant by the Department of Education in the amount of \$30,000
- Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit has been awarded the Year 2 allocation of their 2016-17 Safe Schools School Police/Resource Officer Grant by the Department of Education in the amount of \$20,000
- Colonial Intermediate Unit, which serves Monroe, Northampton and a portion of Pike counties, has been awarded a Safe Schools Equipment Grant by the Department of Education in the amount of \$19,827

"Ensuring that our children are safe while in our schools is critical to the educational process," Boscola said.

The Safe Schools School Police/Resource Officer Grant are for two years and are intended to be used for the training and compensation of school resource officers and school police officers.

The goal of the Safe Schools Equipment Grant is to assist schools in reducing unnecessary student disciplinary actions and promote a climate of greater productivity, safety and learning; and to assist schools in procuring the resources and training necessary to create a physical environment that fosters the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Brown pushed Gracedale jail site at secret upper Nazareth meeting

BY BERNIE O'HARE Special to the Bethlehem Press

One of the biggest issues in November's election was Executive John Brown's plans for a new jail at Gracedale. Did he want to build there or not? Brown had told council last spring that he had visited a dozen different locations and had ruled out a new jail in Easton. He would build on a greenfield. In July, prison advisory board chair Dan Christenson called Gracedale

a great location. When a large group of Upper Nazareth residents invaded council to complain, Brown refused to rule it out. He finally did so from his Facebook page in mid-October. Brown claimed that his opponent, Lamont McClure was trying to scare people. He also called these stories "fake news." Brown went on to lose the election, and McClure has said there's no need for a new jail, to say nothing of one at

Gracedale. But it has recently been learned that Brown very much wanted to build a new jail at Gracedale. So much so that he had a secret meeting with Upper Nazareth supervisors about precisely that possibility March 27. During this closed-door meeting, Brown provided a 30-page power point presentation in which he presented sketch plans showing how a facility would look at Gracedale. He said it would be barely visible from the road. He included aerial photographs showing the site superimposed on the Gracedale campus.

Brown met with supervisors for over two hours. Attending this secret meeting with him

were Corrections Director Dan Keen, Administrator Cathy Allen, Public Works Director Stan Rugis and General Purpose Authority Solicitor John Lushis. Lushis' presence is an indication that Brown was considering a P3 financing mechanism for a \$180 million jail.

Under Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act, officials can meet privately for informational gathering.

Supervisors have acknowledged this secret meeting, and have done so at open meetings. Three of them - Mike Rinker, Donna Hirst and Scott Sylvainus - said they oppose the idea. Sylvainus was opposed to a meeting that failed to include the public.

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Upper Saucon girl plays Annie at Philly's Walnut Street Theatre

SPOTLIGHT ON

BY MAKENNA MASENHEIMER
Special to The Press

"Annie" was the first stage show that Upper Saucon Township actress Jenna Seasholtz saw and her babysitter was playing the title role.

Seasholtz has been starring in the title role in "Annie," through Jan. 7, Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia. Seasholtz plays Annie weekends and for select matinees. "Annie" opened Nov. 7 at the Walnut.

"I saw 'Annie' before. It was my first show ever and Annie was played by my babysitter. I loved her and seeing her up on stage I knew that's what I wanted to do," says Seasholtz, a triple threat singer-dancer-actor.

The 1977 Tony Award-winning musical, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin and book by Thomas Meehan, tells the story of an optimistic orphan who searches for her family during the Great Depression. The musical, which features the popular songs, "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard Knock Life," is based on Harold Gray's popular comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," which debuted in the 1920s.

Seasholtz's stage credits include a Munchkin in Walnut Street Theatre's production of "The Wizard of Oz," Baby June in "Gypsy" at Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre, Mary Hildebrand in "Street Scene: An American Opera" at Muhlenberg College, and Susan Waverly in "White Christmas" at The Pennsylvania Playhouse.

It took two auditions for Seasholtz to land the coveted role of Annie.

"I had to submit my



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jenna Seasholtz stars as Annie in the musical, "Annie," through Jan. 7, Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia.

head-shot and resume to Brian [Kurtas, the casting director] and then he gave me a time to audition. I had to go into the room to sing 'Tomorrow' and then I got a callback for later that day to dance," says Seasholtz, 10, a cyber-schooled fifth-grader and daughter of Kristine and John Seasholtz.

"After the dance callback they asked me to come back on a different day. I got to come back and say lines and meet Sunny [Sandy the dog] and sing again for a lot of people. I was the only one in the room. And then a couple of days later, I got the call to ask if I wanted to be Annie."

Seasholtz's mother kept the exciting news from her daughter.

"I was at my Mom-Mom's and Grandpa's house. My mom gave

me an 'Annie' shirt and asked if I could wear that if I wasn't Annie. I said, 'Sure!' But then she said, 'Well, will you wear it if you are Annie?' I jumped up and said, 'Am I Annie?' And she said, 'Yes you are,' and I screamed. I was so happy," Seasholtz says.

The young actress rehearsed long hours to prepare for the lead role in "Annie."

"I worked from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for six days until tech week which was from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. I really enjoy being with everyone and singing, so it was fun. We learned Act One in the first week and then Act Two in the second week. It was a lot of learning new things, so I didn't get bored," Seasholtz says.

The high-caliber cast includes Sunny, the dog who plays Sandy.

"She is a William Ber-

loni dog and the Broadway and National Tour Sandy, so she is amazing. I get to have dog-time and Rochelle Smith, the dog handler, is the best so she lets me hang out with Sunny all the time," says Seasholtz.

"I love my fellow castmates. The orphans are the best. The adults are so nice and make me laugh. Paul Schoeffler, Daddy Warbucks, is the best and we have so much fun together. That is why I love singing 'Together At Last' with him at the end. We have a lot of jokes together."

Seasholtz says that the message of "Annie" is one of hope.

"She [Annie] always looks on the bright side. She is spunky and tough but really has a great heart and has so much love to give. My favorite part of 'Annie' is getting to be Annie."

"Annie" is directed by Glenn Casale, choreographed by Michelle Gaudette, with music director John Daniels, set design by Robert Andrew Kovach, costume design by Mary Folino, lighting design by Paul Black, sound design by Ed Chapman, and animal training by William Berloni.

Seasholtz stresses the team effort that went into producing the show.

"The costumes are amazing and I love my red dress. The sets are amazing and the audience always loves the Christmas tree at the end. I would like to thank everyone: the cast; Glenn Casale, the director; Brian Kurtas, the casting director, and Bernard Havard, artistic director, for the opportunity. I am the luckiest kid to be able to play Annie at the Walnut."

Tickets: Walnut Street Theatre box office, 825 Walnut St., Philadelphia; walnutstreettheatre.org; 215-574-3550

8 DAYS A WEEK Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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A new year's perk: Jim Weider & PROJ-ECT PERCoLATO presents its annual post New Year's Eve party concert, 8 p.m. Jan. 5, Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem. The band includes Weider, electric guitar; Jesse Gress, guitar (Todd Rundgren Band); Adam Minkoff, bass, and Rodney Holmes, drums. The group blends rock, blues, funk, and jazz with drum loops and samples. Weider's credits include: a 1990 performance with The Band and Ronnie Hawkins at the Berlin Wall concert produced by Roger Waters of Pink Floyd, and television specials, including "The Bob Dylan Tribute" at Madison Square Garden; "The Road," a 1994 pay-per-view concert telecast from the Woodstock '94 Festival, and a 1995 appearance in the A&E Biography documentary, "The Authorized Video Biography The Band." Tickets: Godfrey Daniels box office, 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem; godfreydaniels.org; 610-867-2390



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Burns, baby, Burns: "Robert Burns: A Scottish Music Celebration," 8 p.m. Jan. 6, Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem, brings together Lehigh Valley musicians and guests to celebrate the songs, poetry and humor of Scotland's favorite poet. Expected to perform are Blackwater, Piper's Request, Banna Lach; Alison and Tom Gillespie, Pam Kalapay, Terry Hartzel, Rick Weaver, and Fred Gilmartin. Attendees are encouraged to wear period dress or kilts. Tickets: Godfrey Daniels box office, 7 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem; godfreydaniels.org; 610-867-2390



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Cali reggae: Rebellion performs at 8 p.m. Jan. 14, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe. The California reggae band has released its fifth album, "Falling Into Place." Rebellion was founded in 2004 in Isla Vista, Calif. The group's debut album, "Courage to Grow," was iTunes Editors' Choice for Best Reggae Album of 2007. "Bright Side of Life" hit No. 1 on the iTunes Reggae chart, reached No. 1 on Billboard's Top Reggae Albums chart and No. 34 on Billboard's Top 200, all in 2009. "Count Me In" debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Reggae Albums chart in 2014. Opening the concert: Raging Fyah. Tickets: Penn's Peak box office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe; pennspeack.com; ticketmaster.com; 800-745-3000

The mighty Quinn brings latest show to Bethlehem

BY DEB BOYLAN
Special to The Press

Colin Quinn is a quintessential New York comedian.

But he's become much more than that.

Quinn's latest one-man show, "One in Every Crowd," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6, Musikfest Cafe, SteelStacks, Bethlehem, is part of the cerebral comic's first full-scale stand-up tour in more than seven years. Previously, Quinn's shows had a central theme.

You may have discovered the Brooklyn-born Quinn on stage in dark and smoky stand-up rooms such as the infamous Pips in Sheepshead

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Colin Quinn, "One in Every Crowd," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6, Musikfest Cafe, SteelStacks, Bethlehem.



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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of EDWARD ERNST, Deceased, late of the Township of Washington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of CLEMENT ZERN REED, A/K/A CLEMENT Z. REED, CLEMENT REED, CLEM REED, Deceased, late of Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE The Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) Authority will hold their annual meeting on Wed. Jan. 10, 2018 at 8:00pm at Nitschmann Middle School.

PUBLIC NOTICE Catasauqua Area School District is seeking a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Telecommunications Services - Lit Fiber.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Emmaus will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. ENGLE, deceased, of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF JOANNE C. KOSTECKY PETITO, Late of the Township of Lower Saucon, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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PUBLIC NOTICE YEARLY MEETING NOTICE The Northampton County Housing Authority Board Meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of every other month beginning with January 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE Estate of Barbara A. Zinkler, Late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE Estate of GLORIA F. HAMM, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF BRENDA A. STHEN, deceased, late of Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF RICHARD A. EDDINGER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF HELENE M. MARUSCHAK, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF MICHAEL E. MARUSCHAK c/o James R. Wishchuk, JD 2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103 Allentown, PA 18104-1360

Co-Executors: Lois M. Yeakel and Janis Carter c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on January 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Rd. Macungie PA 18062. The public is invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF JOANNE F. HARTRANFT, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF NORWOOD B. STEIGERWALT, late of Orefield, 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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