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LEHIGH CO. Med boxes prove a success

The Lehigh County District Attorney's office recently announced collection boxes where members of the public can dispose of unwanted, unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications have netted more than 1,800 pounds of drugs in the first year.

The MedReturn boxes, which are similar in appearance to mail boxes, were installed in 12 police departments in Lehigh County in late 2013 and early 2014.

The police departments had applied for the boxes through a grant program made possible by a partnership between the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association, the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

The boxes were provided free to police departments that submitted successful grant applications. A MedReturn box was installed in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township, in October 2014.

Detectives with the Lehigh County Drug Task Force pick up the discarded medications quarterly.

As of Dec. 31, 2014, 1,871 pounds of medications had been collected.

The collected medications are incinerated in

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Parked in front of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, the horse-drawn caisson carrying the flag draped casket of City Controller David DiGiacinto prepares to join the funeral procession to Holy

Savior Cemetery. Several of DiGiacinto's long-time friends arranged this military honor for DiGiacinto, who was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE



DiGiacinto

'A wonderful gift'

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Controller David DiGiacinto, the fiscal watchdog who died unexpectedly on Jan. 26, was laid to rest Saturday. Funeral services were conducted by Father Abraham Ha at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church at a Mass attended by more than 300 people.

Despite the sudden nature of DiGiacinto's death, a reading from Ecclesiastes told mourners there is a time for everything, "a time to be born, and a time to die."

In his sermon, Father Ha praised DiGiacinto, not as a city official, but as a "husband, a father, a son and a friend. God's child." Recalling DiGiacinto's extensive collection of hats and T-shirts, Father Ha joked

that DiGiacinto could "wear one a day and never do laundry." On a more somber note, the priest called him a "wonderful gift that God shared with us for 61 years."

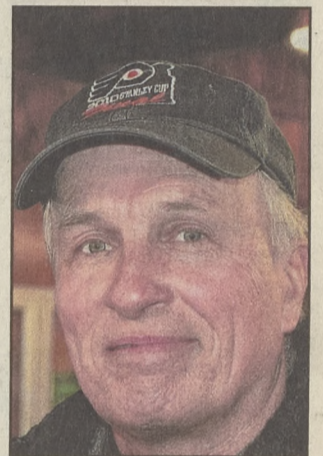
Bethlehem's former City Council President, J. Michael Schweder, delivered a brief eulogy. "He refused to go along just to get along," Schweder observed. "He didn't follow the course, but he stayed the course," he concluded.

DiGiacinto, a graduate of both Liberty HS and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, served with distinction as an Air Force pilot for six years. After resigning his commission in 1981, he spent 18 years at Pfizer, where he held various positions in sales and management. At the time of his death he was chairman and CEO of Axiom Power.

PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Researchers say that lower gas prices should result in an extra \$1,200 of disposable income per household. What would you do with that extra money?



"You wish you would be able to save it, but for the most part with more disposable income you'll spend it, and that helps the economy."
Jim Hahn
Bethlehem



"Save it!"
Justin Hayman
Allentown

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Full-day kindergarten a go district-wide

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
njastrzemi@ttonline.com

The school board made some big decisions Jan. 28, foremost being a long-anticipated expansion of early childhood education in the city.

Following a unanimous vote, President Mike Faccineto announced, "Thank you. With that, we have universal full-day kindergarten."

This affects all 16 of the district's elementary schools.

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Following applause from the audience, Faccineto said this is the biggest initiative the district has accomplished in a long time.

Greater Lehigh Valley United Way's David Lewis commended the action during public comment, saying full-day kindergarten is integral to youth literacy and is especially beneficial to at-risk and low-income students. "It's a visionary investment that will eventually save the district money from less intervention services later."

Not everybody was present for this piece of good news, however. Both the new teachers' contract and a contract to change sports medicine services from longtime part-

ner Coordinated Health to St. Luke's University Hospital had detractors.

Liberty HS special education teacher Richard Coppock objected to the new teacher contract "Fair Share" item that stipulates automatic payments toward teachers' unions even for non-union members. He said that during the new three-year contract, about \$1.5 million will be collected from teachers' next contract negotiations - a sum he found unfathomable.

Coppock also objected to union uses of that money to support political objectives with which he disagrees.

The district solicitor responded succinctly, saying if there is a reli-

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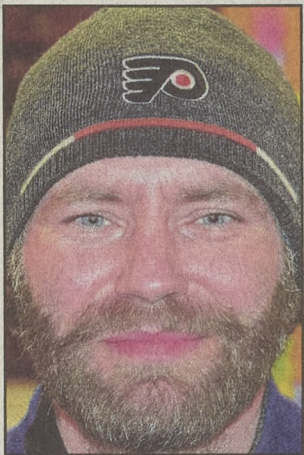
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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

Researchers say that lower gas prices should result in an extra \$1,200 of disposable income per household. What would you do with that extra money?



"We're trying to build a new house and develop a vegetable farm, so we'd put it to these projects."
John Good
Fogelsville



"Put it in the piggy bank until the prices go back up."
Marsha Hahn
Bethlehem



"Definitely spend it on a vacation."
Lisa Cook
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"We'd spend it on a gas-powered four wheeler."
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gious objection to something the union is doing, the employee can specify the money be donated to a charity instead.

But what took up most of the evening was a community reaction to the sports medicine contract, namely the loss of two Coordinated Health staff members.

Freedom HS football coach Jason Roeder, a local mother of three, a lawyer and tennis coach, and several Freedom students spoke on behalf of the staff members. With an air of resigned pride, they offered praise and gratitude for the men's dedication over many years and countless instances of going above and beyond for injured young athletes.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy said the St. Luke's contract is half the cost of the old one, new services will be available and the sports medicine staff will increase to eight full-time employees. He said the contract will cost the district \$25,000 a year for a three-year contract, with the option of extending for two more years.

Roy said the remaining cost of the employees will be borne by Coordinated Health.

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the cooperation with the Berks County District Attorney's Office through the Berks County Solid Waste Management contract with an incinerator in York County, which is an authorized facility designated to perform the destruction of controlled substances.

"It is clear that the permanent collection boxes have increased awareness of the serious problem of

prescription drug abuse and addiction and the need to properly dispose of over-the-counter and prescription medications," Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin said.

Martin noted residents occasionally dispose of items prohibited from the boxes, such as syringes, needles, Sharps or other sharp objects; intravenous solutions; lotions or liquids; aerosol cans; inhalers; hydrogen peroxide and thermometers.

The only items permitted to be deposited in the boxes are: prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, such as tablets and capsules; vitamins; samples; prescription patches; prescription ointments; nasal sprays; and pet medications.

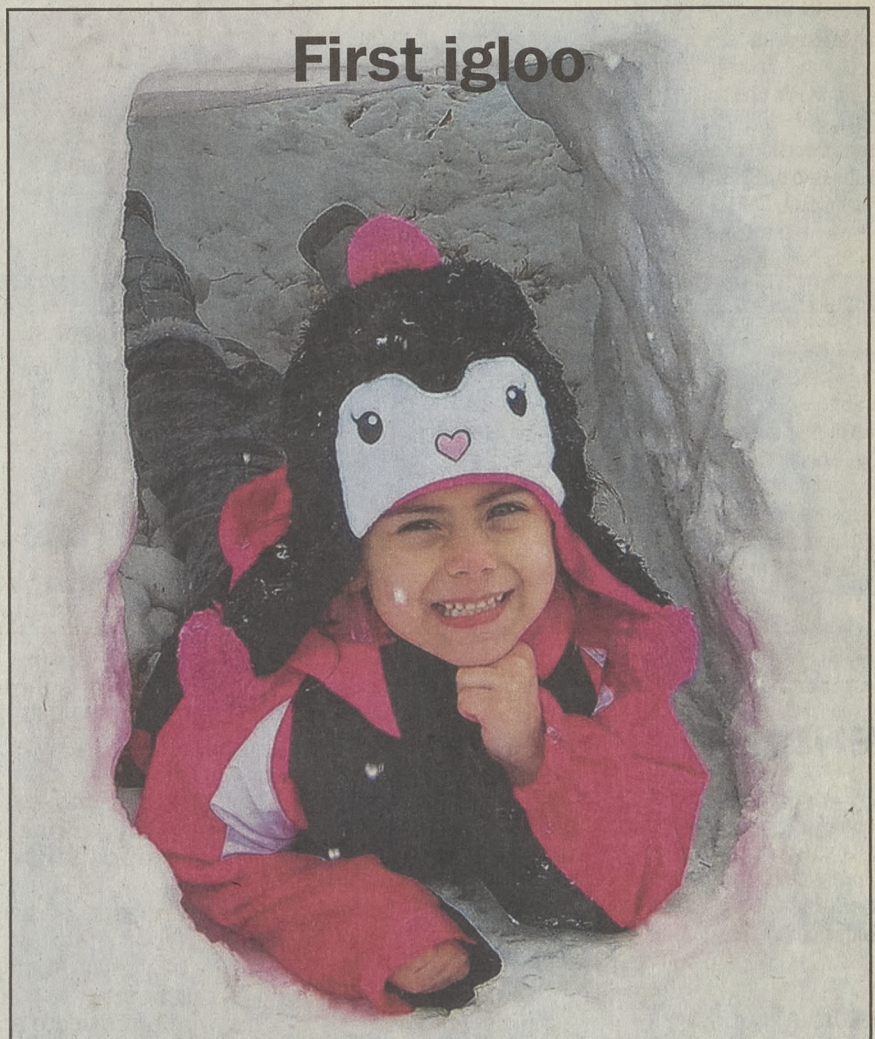
Boxes are available at the following locations:

* Emmaus Police Department, 400 Jubilee St., Emmaus. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays;

* Lehigh Valley Hospital, near the pharmacy, 1200 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Salisbury Township;

* Salisbury Township Police Department, 3000 S. Pike Ave., Salisbury Township. Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. After-hours visits, if necessary, can be scheduled by calling 610-797-1447 during business hours. There may be some Saturday hours in the future.

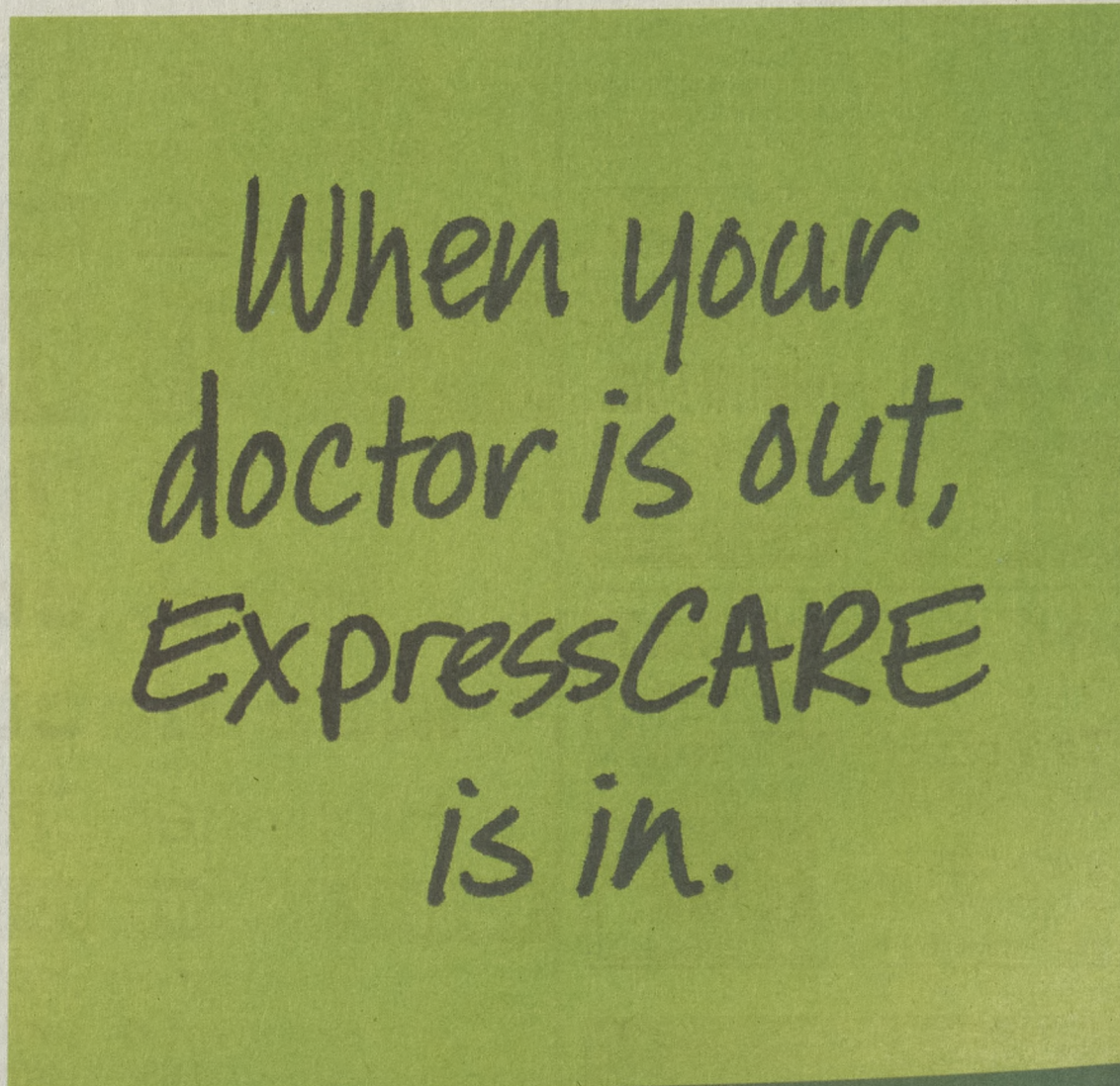
A statewide location finder is available at www.ddap.pa.gov.



First igloo

PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

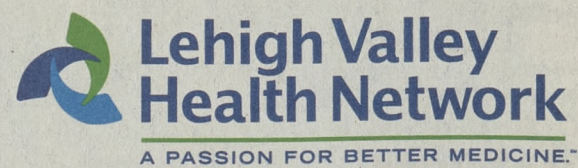
Nicole Malitsis looks out from her temporary hideout in the 500 block of East Washington Avenue in Bethlehem. Her father, Nicolas Malitsis, built the igloo-like snow pile for the kindergarten student at Lehigh Valley Academy. Nicolas Malitsis, who recently moved to Northeast Bethlehem, has lived in the Christmas City for some 20 years, after living in New York.



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Wednesday, February 4

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up), program: Project for Men's Shelter, 1 p.m.; 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Great Decisions Lecture Series, Russia and the Near Abroad with Prof. Luba Iskold, 10:30 a.m., second floor auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle; cost. Call 610-867-4669.

Seussical the Musical Jr., Broughal MS students, 7 p.m. 114 W. Morton St. Call 610-866-5041 or visit www-br.beth.k12.pa.us.

Thursday, February 5

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and over; program with Amy Angelo, "Gatekeepers", 10:45 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

EWI dinner meeting, board meets at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the general meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. Prime Steakhouse, Stoke Park Road. Information: email Jcaccitore@Florek.com.

Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, open to the public, 7:30 p.m. Program: "Library Science" with Easton library director Jennifer Stocker. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit www.dlarc.org or KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

Friday, February 6

First Friday, South Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

Holy Family Manor Sweetheart Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., main lobby, Holy Family Manor, 1200 Spring St. Call 610-865-5595, ext. 409 or 522 or email aruggiero@cshhcs.org or visit www.HFManor.org.

Penn State Extension Webinar, "Toss Your Hat in the Ring" how to run for gov't office, 7 to 9 pm. Cost. Visit http://extension.psu.edu/community/ecd/courses/toss-your-hat-in-the-ring or call 717-334-6271 or email chambers@psu.edu.

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Saturday, February 7

Seussical the Musical Jr., Broughal MS students, 7 p.m. 114 W. Morton St. Call 610-866-5041 or visit www-br.beth.k12.pa.us.

Tuesday, February 10

Salvation Army, calling all bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 9:30 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Bach at Noon, Bach Choir free concert, J.S. Bach: Italian Concerto BWV 971 with Greg Funfgeld, harpsichord; Cantata 203, Amore traditore (Treachorous love) and Cantata 209, Non sa che dolore (He does not know what sorrow is).

Chocolate Lovers Book Bingo free family fun night for all ages, 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. No registration needed. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761 x499.

Wednesday, February 11

Salvation Army, senior drop-in (age 50 and up) 9 to 11 a.m.; Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; women's ministries (age 16 and up): Valentine Party, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Great Decisions Lecture Series, Privacy in the Digital Age with Charles Russell, 10:30 a.m., second floor auditorium, 1 Kirkland Village Circle, cost. Call 610-867-4669.

Penn State Lecture Series, The Rise and Fall of Bethlehem Steel with John K. Smith, PhD. 1 p.m. Room 302, Center Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. Visit lv.psu.edu.

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Elias wins another round in the never-ending case

CITY ZONERS

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Like the recent snowstorm that never was, the Jan. 23 meeting of Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board bore all the signs of a very long night. Elias Market, located at 3131 Linden St., was on the agenda.

Though a Zoning Hearing Board decision allowing an expansion had been affirmed by three different courts, opponents sought and obtained an enforcement notice that would require the busy store to remove part of its asphalt parking lot.

Lead opponent Al Bernotas and his friends sat on one side of town hall. Earlier that day, he had provided a 48-page presentation to the board that would relitigate matters already decided against him. The Elias family sat on another side of town hall, armed with engineer drawings. They were ready to relitigate matters already decided in their favor.

But it was not to be. Instead of lasting hours, the hearing was over in minutes. It seemed to end in favor of Elias again, although this is the case that just won't go away.

The reason for this short hearing?

Two words. Joe Piperato.

Piperato is a lawyer,



PRESS PHOTO BY **BERNIE O'HARE**

Attorney Alex Karam is not just Joseph Kray's lawyer, but a customer. Kray's computer sales and service business will operate at 1022 Main St.

representing the Elias family. He said the enforcement notice issued to Elias wasn't worth the paper it was written on, except he didn't use those words. He said it was void because it never informed Elias of its appeal rights, something required by both state law and the zoning ordinance.

Solicitor Terry Faul told the board that Piperato was correct. Just like that, the enforcement notice was dismissed, five to zip.

As Elias foes and supporters filed out of town hall, Bernotas sat in stunned silence. He was still sitting there as three other cases were heard.

Whether this is finally the end remains to be seen. But Elias partner George Azar was relieved.

"The less I'm here, the better," he whispered on his way out.

With the main event out of the way, zoners tackled the undercard.

As her two daughters looked on with smiles, Virginia Fowler received the board's unanimous blessings for a dimensional variance that would allow a greenhouse at her property at 53 East Market St. Attorney Mike Deschler argued that the 2 percent variance was so slight as to be immaterial. But he didn't use those words. He instead

called it a classic de minimis variance.

Attorney Alex Karam, representing computer guru Joseph Kray, persuaded zoners to grant a special exception that would permit him to operate a computer sales and service shop in what had been a law office at 1022 Main St.

"I know he'll be an asset to the city of Bethlehem," Karam assured the board, adding that he is not just Kray's lawyer, but a customer.

"Are you employed by him?" joked Zoning Hearing Board Chair Gus Loupos.

Lucy Lennon, acting as the realtor for Darey Hamm, also sought a special exception that would substitute a dog-grooming business for what had been a doctor's office at 1809 Columbine Ave., right across the street from Notre Dame Church and elementary school. She called it a "low impact" business that would be operated by a mother-daughter team, a good fit for that neighborhood. Michael Santanasto and Linda Shay Gardner, both of whom are attorneys, agreed that Lennon makes a good case, but suggested she seek a use variance instead of a special exception. So her appeal was continued so she can re-post the property.

Township urged to repeal park gun ban

By **BERNIE O'HARE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

This spring, Bethlehem Township's municipal parks will be a place for the local athletic association, known as the Bulldogs, to host baseball, softball and soccer games. But it will also be a place to sport a 454 Raging Bull revolver.

Resident Glenn Krier, who is with the Second Amendment Committee of the Lehigh Valley Tea Party, warned Commis-

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ioners that "[y]ou'll probably see people walking through the parks, carrying firearms."

Krier, who came unarmed to the commissioners' meeting because he didn't want to "antag-

onize anybody," said a township ordinance banning guns in parks is preempted by state law. The state has the sole author-

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David "Dave" T. DiGiacinto
Bethlehem city official

David "Dave" T. DiGiacinto, 61, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 25, 2015, at home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Anne (Nehilla) DiGiacinto of Bethlehem and the late Dante P. DiGiacinto.



He was a 1971 graduate of Liberty HS and a 1975 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. At West Point, he played football for three years and, in his senior year, played baseball.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, and completed pilot training in 1975-1976. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1977 and captain in 1979. After becoming a pilot, he was a crew commander on a KC135 until leaving the Air Force in 1981.

He was a pilot for a commercial jet charter company for one year. He then held several commercial and general manager positions at Pfizer Inc. and worked with two operating divisions both internationally and domestically. He was senior managing director at Spencer Trask

Specialty Group; president and COO of Minrad International; executive vice-president and general manager at National Pretzel Company, later Con Agra, where he was a vice-president.

He was a member of the board of directors of Axion Power International Inc.; was on Bethlehem City Council and was the city controller; was a business advisor of Gussmer Enterprises Inc.; was a managing director of Colmen Group; was on the Vyteris board of directors; and was president and chief executive officer of Bethany Enterprise Inc. He was active with the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem and the Order of AHEPA.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Luke of Bethlehem; a sister Sally and her husband Brian Horan; a nephew, Brian Patrick; a niece, Caitlin Danielle all of Dallas, Texas; and his former wife, Kelly (Collins) DiGiacinto of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem, 1430 Fritz Drive Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

Perry T. Koch

Special Olympics medalist

Perry T. Koch, 54, of Easton, died Jan. 17, 2015, at Easton Hospital. He grew up in Northampton, and was the son of Ronald and Priscilla (Siekonic) Koch.

His vocational training was through Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit 20.

He attended Concepts. He worked in the Lehigh Valley through the Lehigh University Community Choices program. He was a charter member of the former Faith and Light Community, Allentown.

He was a Bethlehem Special Olympics participant and earned medals in track, cross country skiing, basketball and bowling. He was a member of the Monday afternoon bowling league at Town and Country Lanes, Bethlehem. In

1981, the Easton Express named him the top athlete of Special Olympics.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Ronald Jay and his wife Jill Koch, and a sister, Heidi A. and her husband Richard Karasiewicz, all of Northampton; uncles; aunts; cousins; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; companions; and extended family of Praxis caregivers.

Contributions may be made to the ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties or to the Bethlehem Special Olympics, both c/o the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067.

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Margaret I. Strohl

Orr's, CVS employee

Margaret I. Strohl, 93, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 17, 2015, in Alexandria Manor. Born in Bluefield, W.V., she was a daughter of the late Charles N. Vernon and Margaret W. (Brown) Vernon Connor. She was the wife of the late Charles P. Strohl.

She was employed by Orr's Department Store and the former Rea & Derrick/ CVS before retiring in 1986.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Charlene and husband Julius A. Horvath of

Bethlehem Township; two grandsons, Jonathan and David Horvath; and five grandchildren, Christian, Madison, Michael, Alexis and Maliyah.

She was predeceased by a granddaughter-in-law, Kimberlee; a great-great-granddaughter, Cora Joy; and two sisters, Ruth Maynard and Evelyn King.

Contributions may be made to the church or to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

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Jean M. Bohar

K-Mart retiree

Jean M. Bohar, 73, of Freemansburg, died Jan. 19, 2015, in her home. Born in Shenandoah, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Esther (Blew) Humes. She was the wife of Ernest "Ernie" C. Bohar for 42 years.



She was a 1960 graduate of the first graduation class of Mahanoy Area HS.

She worked in the electronics department and then retired from K-Mart.

She was a member of St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She was a member of the Heights Athletic Association and the Independent Citizen Club.

In addition to her hus-

band, she is survived by two daughters, Jody and her husband Jack Fliter of Bethlehem Township and Penny and her husband Timothy Weiss of Allentown; a stepson, Ernest C. Jr. and his wife Denise Bohar of Freemansburg; two sisters, Christine and her husband John Tinari of Sugarloaf and Elizabeth and her husband Robert Stefanov of Okeechobee, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Olga Wiktor of Bethlehem; and six grandchildren, Kayla, Lacey, Tiffany, Jenna, Christopher and Eric.

She was predeceased by a son, William Brinsko; and a brother Charles Humes.

Contributions may be made to St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church, 617 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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March of Dimes honors staff



The March of Dimes presented the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) at St. Luke's Hospital- Bethlehem and St. Luke's Allentown Campus with plaques of gratitude to honor the hospitals for care of local premature babies. St. Luke's is the only Lehigh Valley hospital with a March of Dimes NICU Family Support Program to help families of premature newborns through the unique challenges both infants and families face.

Above: Dad Tim Getz with Wendy Marraccini,

family team specialist with the March of Dimes; Barbara Raab, RN, NICU family support specialist at St. Luke's University Hospital/Bethlehem; Cindy Max, MSN, RN, VP operations, St. Luke's University Health Network; Patricia Gubich, RN, pediatrics and NICU patient care manager, St. Luke's University Hospital/Bethlehem; and Brady Getz with mom Julie Getz celebrate the many infants cared for successfully in the St. Luke's NICUs. Brady is a St. Luke's NICU "graduate."

New offices, new plan see daylight

WATER AUTHORITY

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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At its first meeting of the year, Bethlehem's Water Authority made its typically perfunctory reorganization, choosing to retain all its usual partners and employees for another year while swapping a few seats around the board table.

John Tallarico is back as president after Vaughn Gower served two terms. Gower moved to secretary as Laurie Hackett became vice president, and Mark Jobes is remaining as

treasurer.

They quickly moved to a presentation by Green Energy Partner's C. Gage Kellogg, who proposed construction of a solar farm at the Granger Road, Northampton water plant.

Kellogg explained the farm would take up about 2.8 acres very close to the plant - necessary for efficient energy transference - and would produce an estimated 895 megawatt hours per year, or about 90 percent of the plant's ener-

gy usage. Upon questioning, he said the company currently has no agreements to sell energy back to the state, so building to 100 percent energy use is illegal, though just how much is truly gleaned is simply a matter of how many sunny days there are in a year.

Kellogg said leasing the farm constructed by Green Energy could save the city an estimated \$587,000 over a 25-year contract, but there were

additional questions. Kellogg assured the authority the contract would be made with a guaranteed 85 percent minimum return if, as Jobes suggested, "the sun doesn't come out for a year."

Longtime and continuing Executive Director Stephen Repasch said the offer has plenty to consider for internal discussion in the months to come.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Feb. 12 at city hall.

Project to help Alzheimer's victims

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Lehigh County TRIAD has announced that "Project Lifesaver" has come to Lehigh County.

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Project Lifesaver is at work saving lives in more than 33 states, including Maryland, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

This program is available in Lehigh County through the sheriff's office.

For more information contact Lt. Karen Kovacs at 610-782-3175 or TRIAD at 610-967-5454.

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ity to regulate guns. Under a new law, groups like the NRA or even the Tea Party can sue municipalities with illegal gun bans.

They can also open carry at municipal meetings.

Thus far, nearly two dozen municipalities have repealed gun bans in

municipal parks. Locally, Bethlehem has repealed its gun ban, and Allentown is expected to do so soon.

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Wednesday, February 4
Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, February 5
Northampton Co. Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, February 9
Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. Monacacy Towers Community Room, Main St.
BASD Finance and Human Resources committees, special board meetings, 6 p.m., Edgeboro room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.
Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

Tuesday, February 10
Bethlehem Housing Authority 4:30 p.m. Monacacy Towers, Community Room, 645 Main St.
South Bethlehem Historical Society, 7 p.m. Victory Fire House, 205 Webster St.
S.V. School Board, 7 p.m. Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, February 11
Lehigh Co. Board of Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.
Hanover Twp. Board of Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road, 3630 Jacksonville Road.
City of Bethlehem finance committee meeting 7 p.m. 2014 Year End Adjustments; 10 E. Church St.

LU leads regional consortium

The Lehigh Valley is currently ranked number two in the nation for economic development for its size, according to industry magazine *Site Selection Online*. Now, a Lehigh University-led consortium of regional executives will see if they can take advantage of that designation and make the region an attractive location for a diverse and educated workforce.

At a Nov. 13 summit held in the Wood Dining Hall of Lehigh's Iacocca Hall, executives from Lehigh and 18 other regional companies came together for the first meeting of LINC, a new non-profit aimed at increasing retention and recruitment to the Lehigh Valley for all employers. The goal of the Lehigh summit was to introduce the concept of LINC to regional employers and

engage them through roundtable discussions about recruiting as a region, not solely as individuals.

LINC, Lehigh Valley Inter-Regional Networking & Connecting, is a collaborative effort of regional companies like Air Products, PPL Electric Utilities, BBraun and others who desire an educated and diverse workforce. LINC is designed to meet the needs of member organizations looking for ways to enhance their recruiting and retain their best employees. It represents a personal approach to working with potential candidates and new and relocated hires that are moving into the Lehigh Valley.

The challenges in recruiting and retaining professionals are well known to any HR profes-



Dr. Henry Odi, Lehigh University vice provost for academic diversity, announces the LINC program.

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I Saw This Miracle!

A lady who began to attend our church in 1972 went to be with the Lord last week. One of the things I vividly remember about Velma is how she was miraculously healed by the Lord as she was praying and singing to the Lord with others around the altar during a church service. Prior to the service, she told me that she could not wash her pots and pans because she could not close her hand. She showed me a lump on her arm just above her wrist measuring about one inch in diameter. During the service, I asked those who needed a touch of the Lord to come up around the altar for prayer. We sang the worship chorus, "I will bless Thee, O Lord. I will bless Thee, O Lord. With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord." Then as everyone lifted up their hands in worship to the Lord we sang, "With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise, With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord."

Although it occurred about 40 years ago, I distinctly remember what happened next. Velma suddenly began opening and closing her hand with a look of astonishment on her face! As we continued singing, I walked over to her and asked what was happening. She told me that the lump on her arm had just shrunk to half the size and that she was now able to close her hand! I explained to the congregation about Velma's hand and told what had just happened and that the growth on her arm had gone down half way. I asked everyone to join with us in prayer that the Lord would fully heal her and cause the lump to go down completely for His glory.

Jesus told us in Mark 11:24, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." I thought I was believing as I prayed; but, I must admit that when I opened my eyes, I was shocked and surprised at what I saw! The lump was totally gone! As Velma showed her arm to everyone and demonstrated that she could fully close her hand, the congregation joyfully lifted up praise to the Healer, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

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'Topping off' observed at Moravian Village

A beam painted white and signed by Moravian Village of Bethlehem residents, staff and construction workers was put in place Dec. 30 commemorating the official "Topping Off" of Moravian Village's construction project. An evergreen tree perched atop a construction site is an industry tradition associated with the raising of a building's highest beam or structural element. In the U.S., the tree is a sign that a construction project has reached its highest point and is a blessing for the building and its future inhabitants. On schedule to be completed in the spring, the \$4 million, 5,000-square-foot expansion will hold the new bistro dining room and commercial kitchen.



PRESS PHOTOS COURTESY OF MORAVIAN VILLAGE

Construction workers raise the beam signed by Moravian Village residents, adorned by a tree with a Moravian Star made by a resident, and the U.S. flag.

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sional, but the modern workforce presents additional difficulties. For example, dual career couples create "trailing spouses," who also seek employment in a new region. Families moving to a new region experience the stress of learning a new community, enrolling in new schools or simply meeting new people.

LINC will be the organization within the Lehigh

Valley that provides employers with the unique ability to offer assistance to new recruits or employees and their families. Services, which will be shared by the consortium, will include Pre-Hire Consults, Spouse/Partner Career Support, Employee/Family Assimilation Support and Cultural Transition.

Coupled with the high cost of turnover (the cost of losing a professional hire within the first two years is conservatively estimated at two to three

times the salary of the employee) it is clear why some regions are joining forces to tackle recruitment together.

The concept for LINC stems from a grant awarded to Lehigh by the National Science Foundation to develop regional capacity in dual-career hiring to encourage the hiring of women scientists. The model is based on proven working for-profit and nonprofit models such as Tech Valley Connect, New York; University of Maine; Impact

Global, Missouri; Cornerstone Relocation Group, New Jersey; and The Right Move Group, California.

The end result of a strong LINC consortium should raise the visibility of the Lehigh valley as an attractive career and life destination, reduce recruitment costs for member companies and increase the recruitment of a diverse workforce.

To learn more about LINC, visit www.LINC-LV.com.

Widener University award honorees

Widener University's HS Leadership Awards included three local students who demonstrated courage and leadership within their communities. Students were selected for their abilities to stand up for what is right, address a wrong and make a difference in their communities or schools.

The area recipients of the award are Bryce Orloski of Bethlehem, a junior at Bethlehem Catholic HS, who dedicates his time to academics, athletics and service. As an Eagle Scout, he refurbished the "Path of Life" area at Deer Lake.

Breanna Schneebeli of Bethlehem, a junior at Freedom HS, is involved in The Miracle League, an organization that helps children with physical and mental disabilities participate in baseball.

Leticia Patino-Flores of Fountain Hill, a junior at Liberty HS, is dedicated to service work and volunteerism, and has completed more than 236 hours of community service at multiple organizations.

The winners were invited to a breakfast March 25 at the National Constitution Center and to a fall 2015 leadership conference at Widener University. If they enroll at Widener for undergraduate studies, the winners will receive a scholarship of \$20,000 over four years.

For information, visit <http://bit.ly/1kAys0R>.

Riley has Feb. 25 recital

Jeannine Riley, of Bethlehem, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25. The recital will be held in Zimmerman at Lebanon Valley College. The Saucon Valley HS graduate is pursuing a bachelor of music in music recording technology.

Buttillo studies in Spain

Rich Buttillo, of Bethlehem, a junior finance major, spent the winter break in Spain through a Widener School of Business Administration honors course led by Dr. Mary Shoemaker, associate professor.

The students primarily stayed in Salamanca, spent two nights in Madrid and took day trips to Avila, Segovia, Valladolid and other villages.

The group got an in-depth look at some Spanish businesses, including the Renault factory, a ham factory, a food safety testing facility and El Cortes Ingles, a major Spanish retailer; and talked with Spanish youth specifically about the unemployment rate, which reportedly affects 40 percent of the country's young people.

NCC nursing graduates pinned

Seven graduates of Northampton Community College's registered nursing program received nursing pins at a ceremony on Jan. 24. The graduates include Nicole Davis, Nicole Donley, Carl Hartner, Kelly Lissenden, Evelyn Sirisani, Caitlin Wallbillich and Brittany Wunning.

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The IRS remains committed to our priority efforts to stop offshore tax evasion wherever it occurs. Even though the IRS has faced several years of budget reductions, the IRS continues to pursue cases in all parts of the world, regardless of whether the person hiding money overseas chooses a bank with no offices on U.S. soil.

Through the years, offshore accounts have been used to lure taxpayers into scams and schemes.

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Liberty cheerleaders take eighth at states

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School's cheerleading squad placed eighth in the state of Pennsylvania at the PIAA State Competitive Spirit Small Division Cheerleading Championships on Jan. 24 in Hershey.

"It was a great feeling. We were happy we made it this far, and it was our

first year competing. We owe a lot to our coaches [Erin Michael, Robi Hanley, and Meghan Maxwell]," said Liberty cheerleader, Payton Pinter.

The competition began on Jan. 23 with 42 squads competing in a preliminary round. The top ten were automatic qualifiers for the next day's finals, but the Hurricanes placed

11th, meaning they would compete in semifinals against ten other squads for one spot in finals.

"That was a lot of pressure because it determined who went to finals," said Hurricane cheerleader, McKenna Clearie.

Liberty's routine went off without a hitch.

"We hit everything.

Nothing fell, and nobody touched down in tumbling at all. Everyone was really excited. We ran to our coaches right after and asked how it was. They said it was the best we had ever done before," Pinter said.

After all squads competed in the semifinal round, it was announced that Liberty placed first

with a score of 217.7.

"We were all screaming and hugging each other. We had a feeling we would be first or second. We were just so happy," said Pinter.

Before states, the Hurricanes made some eye-catching changes to their routine.

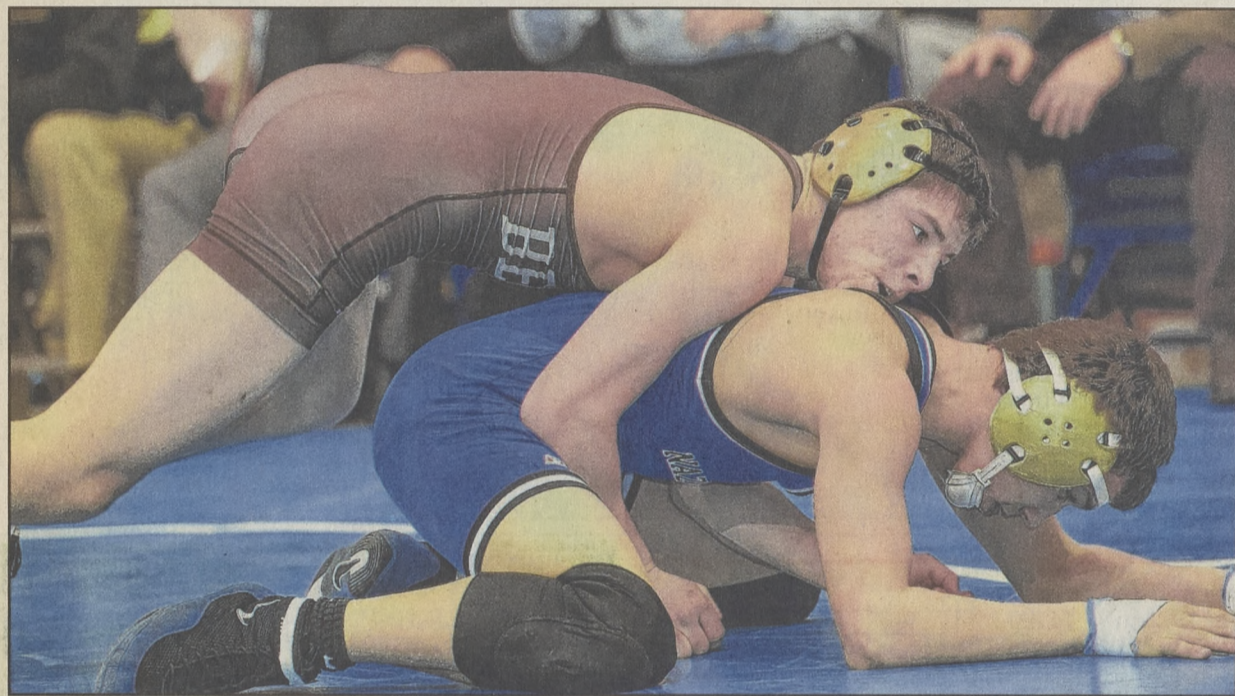
Clearie said, "We made our opening stunt a lot

harder. We added a ton of difficulty to the pyramid, and we added tumbling."

In finals, Liberty scored 208.5 points. First place was awarded to Pine Richland High School with a total of 250.9 points.

"Getting to states, even qualifying was a big deal for us. It was nothing any of us ever expected," said Clearie.

DISTRICT 11 DUALS



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Mike Labriola and the Hawks won the 3A district dual title after switching over from 2A last year. Now they advance to states and look to make history.

Hawks win 3A duals

Becahi now seeks state title history

By PETER CAR
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It turns out the move from 2A to 3A wasn't really that much different for Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling team this year.

The Golden Hawks kept that theme going Saturday evening at Freedom High School, stomping their way through the competition en route to a 48-13 victory over Easton in the District 11 3A team championship.

With wins over Nazareth, Parkland and Easton over the weekend, Becahi outscored three of the top programs in the Lehigh Valley by a 154-28 margin, losing eight matches out of 42 throughout the duration of the tournament.

That is a step up from the competition a year ago, when Becahi only gave up six points in three matches during their run to the 2A team title.

It marks the fifth straight District 11 team title for the Hawks,

with the previous four coming in the 2A classification.

For all the talk of what Becahi could do at the 3A level, Saturday's performance was hardly a surprise, but more of an affirmation.

"For four years, on the other side of the mat here, everybody would ask how would we do in 3A," said head coach Jeff Karam. "Well, now they know how we'll do in 3A. The cool thing about it is that we're so darn young. I really thought we were a year away when we decided to go up. We did it because we wanted to be challenged, but these guys are just so receptive to what we want to do. It would not surprise me one bit if we go out to Hershey and win four matches in a row."

Senior 220-pounder Andrew Dunn is one of two seniors in this year's lineup and has never been apart of a dual meet loss with his team.

Dunn recognized that there would be a transition moving to

3A, but also knew that he wanted to keep Becahi's 60-match winning streak intact.

"We knew there was going to be an adjustment, but the goal has always been the same," said Dunn. "Everyday we've been getting better and it's good for us to be wrestling like this heading into Hershey. People wanted to see us up here and it's good for us to come out and perform this way. With me and Brandon [Gallagher] being the only two seniors here, I'm just really proud of all the guys for how hard they've worked."

Saturday's result may be the tip of the iceberg for what Karam wants for his team in the future, beginning with this weekend's PIAA team tournament in Hershey, which gets underway Thursday when Becahi meets District 2 champion Scranton in the first round.

The Hawks will try and make PIAA history this weekend in See **Hawks** on Page A8

Pates alive for playoffs

By PETER CAR
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Freedom's District 11 hopes stayed alive following their 65-50 victory over Bethlehem Catholic last Friday night.

The Pates had little trouble pulling away from the Golden Hawks in the second half, as Demond Farley paced the Patriots with 18 points, while Jeff Toronto chipped in 14 points to keep Freedom (7-13, 6-8) on track heading into their final two regular season contests this week.

Freedom opened up a 32-26 halftime lead into a 14-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, as a Toronto three-pointer just before the third quarter expired to open up their biggest lead of the game.

Despite being paced by Andrew Posch's 18 points,

the Hawks (3-16, 2-12) had no answer to keep up with the Patriots, as they lost their ninth straight game of the season.

After dropping eight straight games midway through the year, Freedom has now won two in a row to put themselves back in the playoff hunt, as they sit two games below .500 in their league mark with games against Allen (14-6) and Liberty (13-6) this week.

Last night's contest against the Canaries was past Press deadlines, but Freedom head coach Joe Stellato and his players were festive about their chances in the Becahi locker room following last week's win.

Freedom's staff had preached to their players how Friday's contest with Becahi was a quarterfinal

See **FHS** on Page A8



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Najee Cash (24) and Demond Farley (2) of Freedom go up to block Becahi's Salih Salaam (30) during a recent game. The Pates are still battling to make the playoffs.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Liberty Hall of Fame

The Liberty High School 1975 PIAA State Championship soccer team was represented by 15 players who were present to be inducted into the school's hall of fame along with their absent teammates. The following varsity members of the high school soccer team who helped Bethlehem to win a Pennsylvania state championship were present: kneeling - Scott Rodenbach, Brian Petresky, Dan Belletti, Joe Kovacs, Dan Ferry and Dante Pasqualucci. standing - Lamar Dougherty, Dave Amidon, Keith Jones, John Guidon, Bob Belshaw, Matt Chase, Ray Seifert, Joe Tavares (assist coach) and Andy McIntyre.



LHS 1975 soccer coach Jim Kennedy, a Bethlehem native residing in Coopersburg, proudly points to the state trophy and the actual ball used by his team in the game.



The Liberty High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held Jan. 31, and the following inductees were present to receive their plaques for outstanding athletic achievements: front row: John Hartranft (volleyball), Glenn "Skip" Rodenbach (soccer), Douglas W. Koch (wrestling) and Becky Little Countway (swimming); back row: Kyle Wescoe (football), Matt McBride (baseball) and Jennifer Wescoe (basketball). Not pictured is Jim Kennedy (soccer and basketball). A total of 18 athletes were selected by the LHS Hall of Fame Committee for induction. The following former standouts were not present: Pete Ciecchine and Bill Unangst (both wrestling), Henry Mann (football), Libby Lyons (soccer and basketball), Trevor Van Ackeren (five sports) and Frank Banko (philanthropist). Some 150 guests attended the event. The 1934 football state championship team, which played 80 years ago, was also recognized.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Reyna DeJesus and the Liberty girls knocked of Dieruff in a recent contest.

Liberty girls get win over Dieruff

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Three failed attempts by Dieruff's girls basketball team in the final six seconds of its game against Liberty resulted in a 50-49 win for the Hurricanes last Friday night. Liberty guard, Taysia Snead, said, "I kept thinking to myself, how many seconds are on the clock? I was trying to get the rebound and not let them get the shot up." If broken down, the first half of the game at Memorial Gymnasium was all Hurricanes, but the second half belonged to the Huskies, final score notwithstanding. Liberty took an eleven point lead into the locker room at halftime, and Dieruff began to chip

away at it upon the start of the third quarter, pulling to within three points. "Definitely, they were more intense the whole second half, and we were not as intense as we should have been," said Snead. Dieruff's Lexii Anderson started the fourth quarter with a three pointer, and one foul shot later, the Hurricanes called a timeout, only to return to the court and another three pointer by Anderson. "I play AAU ball with her, so I knew everything she was going to do," Snead said. Snead made sure to fill in fellow guard, Reyna DeJesus. "[Lexii Anderson] gets your blood boiling to want

to come back. You have to play on her and not let her get the ball back," said DeJesus. After Dieruff's Vanessa Slater was fouled and made both shots, Liberty guard, Madison Capuano, hit a three pointer to tie the game. Soon after, DeJesus was fouled but missed both shots. "I felt so bad, and I was beating myself up about it, but I had to [stop doing that] for the team," DeJesus said. With 30 seconds left in the game, DeJesus rebounded a missed shot by Slater, passed to teammate, Kaylin West, whose two points put the Hurricanes ahead by one. Soon after, DeJesus had a second chance on foul shots and converted both.

"I just stayed calm, and I breathed and believed," she said. Dieruff's Katie Alvarez responded with two points, pulling the Huskies to within one. Dieruff regained possession with six seconds left and ample opportunities to win the game, but time ran out on the side of the Hurricanes. "It's so relieving. My heart is still racing," said DeJesus. "We felt so good about the first half. It takes a lot to get back in the game, but we ended up doing well." Liberty will have their hands full this week, taking on both city rivals, Bethlehem Catholic and Freedom, with a berth in district playoffs hanging in the balance.

SWIMMING

Hurricanes sweep PMW

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School's girls swim team defeated Pocono Mountain West, 127-35, and Liberty's boys swimmers also defeated Pocono Mountain West, 104-63, last Thursday. Sabrina Krotzer, Julia McCarthy, Kayla Drago, and Anita Kundu won the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:57.50 for the Hurricanes, and Chase Ledger, Nolan Vanatta, David Brown, and Robert Negron won the same event with a time of 1:46.79, also for the Hurricanes. Later in the meet, Kundu, Emily Buell, Chloe Kobus, and Theresa Cazarrubias won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:53.49, and Negron, John Buttillo, Devon Alvarez, and Omar Mohamed won the same event with a time of 1:38.11.

Individual event winners for Liberty were Maggie Walters (2:10.33) and Brandon Hlavaty (2:00.95) in the 200 free, Erin Wetmore (1:04.41) in the 100 fly, and Krotzer (5:55.50) and Mohamed (5:35.41) in the 500 free. Krotzer also won the 200 IM (2:30.05), and teammate, Jessica Becker, was a close second (2:30.13). Buell placed first in the 50 free (26.86) and Evan Smith also took first place in the same event (22.41). Buell said, "I've been training really hard because I want to get my 50 time down. I had been thinking about it all week and getting excited for it. That was my personal record for the season. I was really happy, but when I saw Kendra's [Smith] time, I screamed because she was working really hard." Kendra Smith placed

second with a time of 27.07, a district qualifying time. Buell went on to win the 100 free (1:00.02). "That was one of my main events last year, but this was the first time my coach put me in it this year. I wasn't sure what to expect, but it was a good starting point," said Buell. Julia McCarthy (1:02.90) and Brice Kessler (1:01.50) won the 100 backstroke, and Kundu (1:14.62) and Hlavaty (1:08.70) won the 100 breaststroke. The Hurricanes had ten 1-2-3 finishes in their meet against Pocono Mountain West, eight for the girls and two for the boys. This week, Liberty will take on Easton. Buell said, "[Their girls] beat us last year, so we're really excited to swim against them again."



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John Callahan and the Pates had a disappointing ending to the duals.

Hawks

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their hunt towards becoming the first school to win team titles in 3A and 2A with last year's team champion, Franklin Regional, likely to be a semifinal opponent for the Hawks. "That's one of the reasons we're in 3A now," Karam said. "We want to wrestle the best schools. If we could expand our schedule and wrestle teams like Blair Academy, Wyoming Seminary and Phillipsburg

and all the tough schools we can wrestle, it only makes you better. We prepare for this time of the year and we take a lot of pride on how we get better." Freedom's dream regular season took a turn for the worse in team duals, as the Pates goal of reaching their first state tournament came short, following a 32-25 defeat to Parkland in the second round of team consolation Saturday afternoon. The Pates came into the tournament at 24-0 as the

second-seed, but lost their opening bout duals in stunning fashion, falling victim to Easton in the quarterfinals 36-30. "After winning their first five bouts of that match by pins, Easton stormed back with nine straight wins to dump the Patriots into the consolation bracket. The Pates defeated Pottsville 51-18 in their first consolation bout, but then tangled with eventual "true second place" finisher Parkland to get eliminated from the tournament.

Freedom splits with Solehi

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School's swimmers split in their meet against Southern Lehigh last week when the Patriot girls defeated the Spartans, 102-84, and the Spartan boys defeated the Patriots, 97-88. Patriot senior, Sam Magnan, said, "We knew it was going to be close going into it. A couple of races, we definitely could have placed a little higher." Freedom's boys took first place in five out of 12 events. Magnan won the 200 free with a time of 1:42.68 and broke Freedom's pool record, previously set in 2010 with a time of 1:42.99. "I've had my eye on that for awhile, and I went for it the meet before and missed it by a tenth of a second, so I'm pretty relieved. I knew I could go that fast, it was just a matter of when I could, but my best time is a second or two better than the record," said Magnan. John McGinty won the diving event for the Patriot boys with a score of 213.60.

Shjon Watlington placed first in the 100 butterfly with a time of 55.32, and Magnan won the 100 free with a time of 48.72. Watlington, Brian Seitz, Tyler Higgins, and Magnan won the last event of the day, the 400 free, with a time of 3:35.77. Arguably the most heartbreaking event of the day for the Patriot boys was the 100 breaststroke. Southern Lehigh's Andrew Johnson out-touched Freedom's Trevor Watlington, 1:07.45-1:07.47. Magnan said, "Even if our A and B relays went 1-2, I don't think it would have been enough to win." Individual event winners for the Patriot girls were Shannon Howell in the 200 free in 2:02.61 and the 500 free in 5:21.05, Carly DelFranco in the 200 IM in 2:21.54 and the 100 butterfly in 1:04.36, and Helen Hsu in the 50 free in 24.56 and the 100 backstroke in 1:04.44. Madison Young took first place in the diving event with a score of 245.70. The Patriot girls won the first and last relays of the day. DelFranco, Hsu, Kelly Kopko, and

Howell combined to take first place in the 200 medley relay in 1:56.51, and Howell, Kopko, Rileigh Ellis, and Hsu teamed up to win the 400 free relay in 3:56.09. Freedom also won meets against East Stroudsburg North and East Stroudsburg South last week. The Patriot girls defeated East Stroudsburg North, 74-20, and East Stroudsburg South, 75-19. The Patriot boys defeated East Stroudsburg North, 67-27, and East Stroudsburg South, 78-16. DelFranco broke the pool record in the 500 free with a time of 5:34.33, and Magnan broke the pool record in the 100 fly with a time of 55.06 and the 100 backstroke with a time of 57.10. "It feels good. I swam there [at East Stroudsburg North] almost ten years ago for the Y," Magnan said. This week, Freedom will take on Parkland. "They're still a good team, and they're pretty deep in men's," said Magnan. "It will be a good meet for kids to get district cuts."

FHS

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how Friday's contest with Becahi was a quarterfinal and their road to the playoffs continued with a semifinal game against Allen. "We've been telling our guys that these have been playoff games," said Stellato. "We put ourselves in a hole with losses earlier in the season, including one to Becahi, and now we have to go out and win our last two games to get in. We played with a chip on our shoulder against them [Becahi] because we lost to them in the last second before. There's some games we would like to have back

that we lost, but all we can do is focus on getting the wins we need now." Freedom lost to Allen 70-53 on Jan. 16 and needed to close that gap further last night on the road in order to keep their hopes alive, before they head into a rivalry clash with Liberty this Friday at home. Becahi's season will end this week, as the Hawks took on Liberty last night, Pottsville on Thursday and close out their campaign against Easton Friday night. The Hurricanes hold a two-game lead over Allen in the Steel Division and would have clinched the division title with a win

over the Hawks yesterday. Having something to play for is all Stellato can ask for after his team hit hard times early in the year, which is why he hopes this last week of the season can end favorably for his group. "We played like a good basketball team tonight and that's what we need to do if we want to make districts," said Stellato. "We got to play consistent for four quarters. If we play consistent basketball for four quarters, we're going to have a shot to make this run. There's games that we played well enough to beat anybody, but it's up to our guys to show up all four quarters."

Tough road ahead for BC

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic has not lost in wrestling in a long time—60 matches to be accurate, but that streak will be on the line this week when the Hawks trek to Hershey to compete in the PIAA team wrestling championships. The move up to 3A didn't affect Becahi's dominance in district duals, but it will be put to the test once action starts on Thursday afternoon against District 2 champion Scranton in Hershey. The Hawks are heavy favorites in that match to move forward, but that's when head coach Jeff Karam pumps the brakes on words of caution moving forward. "Everyone keeps talking about us taking on Franklin Regional in the semifinals," Karam said, "but we're probably going to see Central Dauphin in the quarterfinals and they are tough. They have a strong tradition of wrestling and I don't want to overlook them. I don't want to overlook anyone. Last year, I think we knew we had a very strong team

heading to states last year and that the likelihood of us winning was favorable, but I think there's six teams that can win 3A this year." Karam may be giving respect to his opponents, but he isn't lying when he talks about the field this year being the toughest the Hawks have seen during their recent four-year reign as PIAA 2A state champions. Western PA is the current king of wrestling and District 7 champion Franklin Regional is the big bad wolf, right next to Becahi, that has everyone is talking about. The Panthers (19-1) defeated Belle Vernon 33-27 in Saturday's WPIAL championship, as 170-pounder Ryan Deloach won the bout for Regional with a pin to end the match. Belle Vernon (20-1) defeated Regional earlier in the season and are equally as difficult, as they are situated in the other half of the bracket, which also includes District 7 power North Allegheny, District 1 champion Boyertown and District 3 champion Cumberland Valley. Should Becahi move through to Saturday's 1

p.m. finals at the Giant Center, a date with any of those three would be likely, but getting through a potential stacked Franklin Regional squad would be a tall order. "Well, when you look at their lineup, they have a returning state champ at 113 and one of the best wrestlers in the country at 120 in Spencer Lee," Karam said of Franklin Regional. "I mean we have Jake Riegel at 120 and he would be an underdog against him and he's a state champ too. They have guys at 126, 145, 152 and 160 that have or are ranked number one in the state. They have six wrestlers in their lineup that are legitimate state title contenders. In matches like that, it really comes down to some of the unseasoned wrestlers in your lineup and how we would do at 170, 182, 195 and heavyweight." With all the presumptuous talk aside, Karam is looking forward to the competition. "It's going to be exciting and this is why we moved up, to have matches and opportunities like this," he said. "I'm anxious to see how our guys react."

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ARTSQUEST

Wine Wednesdays set to begin Feb. 11

The Wine Wednesdays series at SteelStacks, begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at the ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

The events include sampling sessions featuring wines from throughout Italy, as well as opportunities to work alongside professional artists.

For information and tickets, visit www.steelstacks.org or call 610-332-3378.

Oscar party set for Feb. 22

ArtsQuest will host the annual Oscars viewing party at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at the ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. The event is a fundraiser for the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas and ArtsQuest's film program at SteelStacks.

Tickets and information are available by visiting www.steelstacks.org, calling 610-332-3378 or visiting the ArtsQuest center's box office.

LEHIGH VALLEY

Hispanic Awards Fiesta March 27

Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley is accepting reservations for its 2015 awards Fiesta March 27.

Scheduled for 6 p.m. at DeSales University Center in Center Valley, the dinner event will honor several area Hispanics for outstanding work in the community. Pa. Secretary of State Pedro Cortés is the guest speaker.

For more information or ticket purchase, contact Kimberly Bush at 610-868-7800, ext. 245.

Bethlehem Twp. EMS gets 'The Boot'



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Members of the St. Luke's Heart and Vascular team recently presented paramedic Scott Nocek, and EMT Matthew Skibo, from Bethlehem Township Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with St. Luke's "Golden Sneaker Award" – a recognition for excellence in pre-hospital care for heart attack patients. St. Luke's "Golden Sneaker Award" emphasizes the concept that rapid, accurate diagnosis and treatment is essential to good heart attack outcomes. St. Luke's Heart and Vascular program has honored EMS teams for the

past two years with the Golden Sneaker award, said Dr. Gerald Pytlewski. However, because last year's inclement weather created additional challenges in the transport of patients and for Emergency Medical Services, this year's award has been renamed "The Golden Snow Boot!" Above: Bethlehem Township paramedic Matthew Skibo and EMT Scott Nocek accept the Golden Boot Award from Dr. Gerald Pytlewski, DO, Associate Chief of Cardiology and Medical Director of St. Luke's Chest Pain Program.

BRIEFLY

BAPL

Valentine bingo set for Feb. 10

There will be a Chocolate Lovers Book Bingo family fun night at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St.

There will be candy bars and books as the bingo prizes. No registration is needed for the free one-hour program for all ages.

Visit www.bapl.org or call 67-3761 x499.

L.V. BEEKEEPERS Sessions set for Feb., March

The Lehigh Valley Beekeepers Association will hold Introduction to Beekeeping classes at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 and 18 and March 4 and 18 at Lehigh Carbon Community College, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville.

The four consecutive sessions are open to the public. There is a fee. Attendees under age 16, when accompanied by an adult, are given a reduced rate.

Visit www.lehighvalleybeekeepers.org or call 610-767-0306 or email blaineholden@hotmail.com.

RADIO CLUB

Monthly meeting set for Feb. 5

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Members and interested general public are welcome.

For more information, visit dlarc.org or call 610-432-8286.

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Northampton Community College

Obesity film set for Feb. 11

Northampton Community College will sponsor a free, open to the public screening of "Fed Up" at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, 101 Founders Way. The film is a 2014 documentary that focuses on the causes of obesity in the U.S.

Following the movie, there will be a panel discussion with Eric J. Ruth and Meagan L. Grega, M.D., Kellyn Foundation; Jon Soden, Bethlehem Food Co-op; Lynn Trizna, Rodale Farm project manager, St. Luke's University Health Network; and Kelly Allen, associate professor of English at NCC.

The event is by reservation only; call 610-332-3378.

Heartsaver classes begin Feb. 12

Northampton Community College's Center for Business & Industry is offering American Heart Association Heartsaver classes at 8 a.m. to noon (CPR AED) and 1 to 5 p.m. (First Aid) Feb. 12 at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St.

There is a cost for either of the classes. To register, visit www.northampton.edu/lifelearn. For questions, or for on-site delivery (10 or more employees), call 610-332-6585.

Photography exhibit through Feb. 20

Northampton Community College is celebrating Black History Month and honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The "Selma-to-Montgomery" photography exhibit, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Selma and Montgomery, Ala., civil rights marches, runs through Feb. 20, in the Laub Lounge, second floor, College Center, main campus.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit www.northampton.edu.

Moravian College

Artist-in-residence awarded honor

Australian composer, conductor and master orchestrator Sean O'Boyle, artist-in-residence at Moravian College, has been awarded the Member of the Order of Australia, AM. The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians recognize the achievements and service of their fellow citizens.

O'Boyle, who has an interest in the music of indigenous Australians, has conducted in the Sydney Opera House, Avery Fischer Hall (New York City), Queens Hall (London) and Roy Thompson Hall (Toronto).

Moravian College is located at 1200 Main St. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Northampton Community College

Northampton Community College held commencement on Jan. 25 for several local residents who earned AA - Associate in Arts, AS - Associate in Science, AAS - Associate in Applied Science, CERT - Certificate, and SD - Specialized Diploma degrees.

The new graduates are, from Bethlehem: Shawky Abdelsayed, AAS; Michael Agengo, AA; Tamika Alford, AA; Nicholas Allen, AA; Michael Altgracia, AA; Carlos Aponte, AAS; Wayne Aravich, SD; Joseph Arthur, AA; Yolanda Aviles, CERT; Katrina Badger, AAS; Matthew Barnes, AAS; Andrew Beal, AA; Rachel Brader, SD; Sylvia Branco, AA; Stephanie Breon, AAS; Steven Brett, SD; Randy Brodhead, AAS; Ida Bromfield, AA; Jasmine Brown, AAS; Alex Bruening, AAS; Frank Bucsi, AAS; Sol Caraballo, AA; Matthew Carraghan, AAS; Zachary Clark, AAS; Zachary Clift, AAS; John Connell, AAS; William Cook, AA; Kristin Daly, SD; Nicole Davis, AAS; Milagros De Jesus, AAS; Kayla DeLeon, AA; Danielle DePietro, SD; Kyle Decker, AA; Christopher DiBella, AA; Nicole Donley, AAS; Tyler Dowling, AAS; Gilbert Dubois, SD; Sharif Eatman, AA; Wilson Echeverri, AA; Ceara Eichen, CERT; Nicholas Engle, AAS; Jessica Farrell, AAS; Jose Figueroa, AA; Stephanie Flaherty, AAS; Phyllis Freeman, AA; Gwynedd Gabrieli, CERT; Tessa Gattullo, SD; Charles Gill, CERT; Nathanael Gonzalez, AAS; Andrew Graffis, AA; Linda Greenzweig, SD; Carl Hartner, AAS; Andrew Harvilla, AS; Melissa Hein, CERT; Blake Hoerres, AAS; Norman Jones, AAS; Erin Jonigian, AA; Bnafsheh Khamneh, AA; Tiffany Kirby, AA; Sarah Kirk, AA; Kenny Kline, SD; Kristin Krasznavolgyi, AA; Shkana Laluz, CERT; Jordan Laubach, SD; Olivia Leh, AAS; Megan Lenner, SD; Kelly Lissenden, AAS; Min Liu, AAS; Paola Lora, SD; Paola Lora, SD; Jared Lugo, AA; Amy Lukow, AA; Emmanuel Lumbayi, AAS; Emily Lushis, AA; Alfredo Magalhaes, SD; Amanda Malone, AA; Jessica Marcantoni, AAS; James McCullian, AAS; Jennifer McMullen, SD; Robert McVicker, AA; Sean Meehan, SD; Marisa Meli, SD; Mavel Merejo, SD; Christen Meyner, AA; James Miller, AAS; Alissa Miller, AAS; Zackary Moll, SD; Daniel Mortagua, AAS; SD; Crystal Moyer, AA; Janelyn Munoz, AAS; Jarisa Nieves, CERT; Luz Nieves, AA; Carlyne Njoga, AA; Madeline Noriega, AAS; Anna Novak, AAS; Wilson Nunez, AAS; Eric O'Dell, AS; Alexa Ortiz, SD; Michael Ozoa, AAS; Yahaira Pagan, AAS; Nektaria Papadopoulos, AA; Jacquelyn Pomales, AA; Tahina Quezada, AA; Yesica Quintero, AA; Mariah Ramirez, AA; Erica Rau, CERT; Matthew Riccardi, AA; Theresita Rivera, AAS; Marshalena Rivera, AAS; Milagros Rivera, AA; Solimar Rivera, AAS; Alexandria Rivera, AA; Jessica Roberts, CERT; Miriam Rodriguez, SD; Kevin Rooney, AAS; Kathyria Saez, AAS; Melissa Salvaggi, AA; Mindy Sambrano, AA; Edwin Santana, AAS; Jarimar Santiago, SD; Cynthia Simmonds, AAS; Evelyn Sirisani, AAS; April Smith, CERT; Jessica Spaar, AA; Derrick Stanley, AAS; James Stellato, AS; Robert Stevens, AAS; Fariah Sultani, AA; Nahida Sultani, AA; Danielle Sylvester, AA; Grace Tallarico, AA; Maritza Torres, AAS; Suleyka Torres, SD; Heather Toth, SD; Marina Tyma, CERT;

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Brothers Fabian and Rodrigo Torres team up to clean off their mother's car and driveway after the Lehigh Valley's first major snowstorm Jan. 24, which left a reported 7.5 inches in Bethlehem. "They're very good helping mom," said Carmen Toro of her sons, who live nearby and always come to her home in the 1700 block of Linden Street when she needs them.



Bundled up for the cold, weather, Molly Boyer samples a large piece of icy snow as her mother Anne Boyer does post-storm cleanup in the 100 block of East Greenwich Street in Bethlehem. "This is the first winter for our 2-year-old daughter to walk about in the snow without any help," said Anne.

Coping with snow



Brinkley keeps an eye on the outdoor commotion caused by the recent snowfall in the neighborhood of the Tom Sarley home in Bethlehem.



Anthony Smolenyak rides a 40-year-old tractor with an attached snow blower to clean up the alley behind his northeast Bethlehem home. "They don't make them like this anymore," said Smolenyak, who helps out his neighbors before the city snow removal equipment arrives. "I know it's a snowstorm when I need to get the tractor out during the winter," he added.



Restaurant co-owner Carla Buezo takes a break from shoveling outside the newly opened Rudy's Diner at 1406 Center St. in Northeast Bethlehem. Her partner and husband Rudy of Guatemala opened the restaurant four days before the snowstorm. "It's an excellent location on Route 512 and located in a quiet neighborhood," said the Honduran native. The couple has been operating a similar family restaurant, Frank's Diner, for 16 years between Easton and Nazareth.

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Grade: 12

Family members: I am the son of Monica and brother of Emily, Joey and Erin.

Favorite subject: The subject I enjoy most is math because I enjoy working with numbers and working on problems that make you think outside the box.

Activities: Throughout the school year, I play tennis and I am very involved in the Bethlehem Catholic Mini-THON.

Next steps: I intend to study economics at Penn State University.

Career goals: I would eventually like to start my own business.

Heroes: My heroes are the men and women who serve our country, allowing us to live in a safe and free society.

Hobbies: My hobbies include skiing, basketball and running.

Current job(s): I work at Saucon Valley Country Club as a bag room assistant and I also caddied.

Volunteer/community work: I completed community service work on a service trip last summer in Germantown.

Likes: Some things I like are: Penn State football, skiing out west and spending time with friends.



Greatest accomplishment (so far): One of the greatest accomplishments I have had was being selected by my peers to be the chair of Beca's 2015 Mini-THON. It is truly an honor, and a very rewarding feeling knowing I am making a difference in others' lives.

Advice for peers: The best advice I could give to my peers is to work hard in anything you are involved in because your future success is determined by the work you put in every day, whether it be athletics, academics or other clubs.

Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.



Our Lady eighth grade student Ryan Irr enjoys coloring and conversation with his kindergarten buddy, Rocco Silvestri. "It's a cool experience

and a privilege to be paired with a little buddy," explains Irr. "I hope Rocco gets a lot out of our time together. I know I will."

PRESS PHOTOS BY DIANNE PELAGGI

'Buddy' program's 17th year

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School kindergarten and eighth grade students paired up again this year as part of the school's buddy program. The arrangement provides responsibility and leadership opportunities for the older students. Younger students get an eighth grade buddy to call their own for the whole school year. The program, in place for more than 17 years, often finds present-day mentors remembering their own kindergarten days. "The Lehigh Valley Zoo was fun," eighth grade student Ryan Irr says, recalling a field trip with his own buddy, Kimberly Edwards, of Bethlehem, now a college student. "She held my hand as we walked around, and I remember we both liked watching the wild birds."



Kaitlyn Hartman and kindergarten Karoline Kelly assemble an apple glyph, a great first project for our mentors and their buddies. "It's a hands-on task and requires good communication skills," says kindergarten teacher Maureen Kohler.

SCHOOLNOTES

Notre Dame: Speech and Debate

Notre Dame Speech and Debate Team member Abigail Marone won fourth place in Student Congress at the Barkley Forum held at Emory University, Atlanta, Jan. 23 to 25.

The team's assistant debate coach, Stuart Kramer, earned a degree of distinction from the National Speech and Debate Association.

Bethlehem Catholic: Essay finalists

Bethlehem Catholic has four finalists in the Diocese of Allentown's Stand Up for Life Pro-Life Essay Contest in the Northampton Deanery, senior division. The entrants are Ronan Fitzgerald, a senior; and Alex Kolesnikov, Maria Macaluso and Abigail Manning, sophomores.

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FREEDOMNEWS

Contract provisions please both sides

Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) teachers have been working nearly six months without a contract. BASD Board of School Directors finally reached a breakthrough at their Jan. 28 meeting, however, and approved a new three-year contract for the district's 1,033 teachers. The previous contract expired August 2014.

"Negotiations began in January 2014 and wrapped up this month," said Michael Faccinotto, BASD school board president, via email. "I think the time frame is about average for such a large complicated contract. Negotiations were very professional all throughout and both sides are very pleased with the deal."

Parties involved were pleased overall with the outcome of the agreements reached including the board's unanimous vote to expand full-day kindergarten in all 16 of its elementary schools, making BASD the largest Lehigh Valley school district to offer universal full-day kindergarten.

The new contract will also include the addition of 15 minutes of instructional time to each school day, the equivalent of six additional school days of instruction, over the course of the school year.



Caitlin McCadden
Freedom HS

"We began this process a little over a year ago and neither side chose to negotiate in public or the media," Faccinotto said during his closing statement on the negotiation at the school board meeting. "We focused on what matters: the needs of our teachers and students. We, as a board and administration, respect our teachers and thank them for the important work they do each and every day."

One highlight of the new contract will include a salary freeze in the 2014-15 school year, but a 3.1 percent total salary increase in the 2015-16 school year and a 2.9 percent total increase the final year of the contract for a 2 percent total average per year increase over the life of the agreement.

In establishing this salary freeze, the board hopes to avoid inevitably having to let teachers go before the end of the school year.

"This agreement provides for our teachers, but recognizes the external pressures from Harrisburg," Faccinotto said. "The reality is we would all like to do more, but have agreed to a fair contract for teachers, the district and taxpayers alike."

Bethlehem Education Association negotiators took into account every teacher's best interest while drawing up and negotiating the contract. Several Freedom HS teachers spoke either publicly at the board meeting or have expressed concern with some of the contract's major provisions, including the 2014-15 salary freeze and See **FREEDOM** on Page A12



Jenna Thomas of Bethlehem and kindergarten buddy Emily Lynch, also of Bethlehem, assemble a data project. Our Lady's buddy program gives the older students a chance at mentoring and helps the younger students ease into the school's full-day kindergarten program.



Eighth grade student Joe Kurtz gives some pointers to his kindergarten buddy Jermaine Smith as they work to complete a project. The two will be paired together often this year for recess games and seasonal crafts as part of the Our Lady's longtime buddy program.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Full-day kindergarten provides significant educational gains

By **ELLIE MCGUIRE**
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Area School District's Board of School Directors approved a universal full-day kindergarten plan Jan. 28. While 10 schools already offer a limited number of full-day kindergarten classes, the district plans to expand the program to all 16 elementary schools for the 2015-16 school year. The district also aims to expedite registration processes, improve full-day kindergarten curriculum with pre-K programs and PA Core Standards, and work with university and community partners to enhance resources and improve program outcomes.

Pennsylvania is one of only six states that do not require districts to provide any kindergarten programs at all. Unequal access to publicly funded full-day and high-quality kindergarten means too many young children lose a critical opportunity to develop and strength-

en foundational skills necessary for early success in school.

New studies in student achievement consistently illustrate the importance of a seamless early childhood learning continuum beginning at birth and continuing into third grade. Criteria for a successful early learning continuum include full-day kindergarten programs staffed with highly-qualified teachers and curriculum alignment throughout the continuum.

There is a significant increase in the amount of instructional time provided by full-day programs: children enrolled in full-day kindergarten receive approximately 1,080 hours of instruction, while students enrolled in half-day kindergarten only receive approximately 540 hours of instruction. Student achievement among children attending full-day kindergarten is proving to be greater than for those who attend half-day kinder-

garten.

Full-day kindergarten promotes the whole child focus of the BASD Roadmap to Educational Excellence and boosts students' cognitive learning, creative problem-solving, and social competence. An overwhelming body of educational research indicates that full-day kindergarteners are more prepared for school and deal better with the transition to first grade, show significant gains in school socialization, and are equipped with stronger learning skills.

Full-day kindergarten students have higher academic achievement in later grades, better attendance, and show faster gains on literacy and language measures when compared to half-day kindergarten students. Additionally, full-day kindergarten students show enhanced social, emotional, and behavioral development, and have reduced retention and remediation



Ellie McGuire is an administrative intern with Bethlehem Area School District. She is a Lehigh University graduate student.

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YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

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	36 / 17 3-7 mph S	25 / 0 3-5 mph S	21 / 7 6-9 mph W	30 / 17 10-15 mph NW	29 / 18 16-21 mph W	24 / 15 8-11 mph W	22 / 14 9-15 mph SW

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Implementing universal full-day kindergarten will have a significant organizational impact on the BASD. Based on current and anticipated enrollment, there will be a need to add 12 full-time equivalent staff at an approximate additional cost of \$500,000, as included in the preliminary 2015-16 district

budget proposal. Attritional and other staffing savings will reduce the net expense of instituting universal full-day kindergarten.

There will also be a need to dedicate additional facilities and classroom space for full-day kindergarten, thus the space, time, and program for child care and potentially Pre-K Counts classrooms will have to be repurposed. It is likely that BASD child care will

become a "Before School & After school Program" rather than a full-day program in 2015-16.

Although implementing a full-day kindergarten program necessitates considerable commitment, the BASD school board, administration and staff recognizes the critical importance of a robust kindergarten program to the future success of students.

GRADUATES

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Cassandra Tyree, AA; Kyle Vander Schauw, AA; Graham Vasquez, AS; Megan Vega Torres, AA; Christopher Voag, AA; Caitlin Wallbillich, AAS; Michele Walter, AAS; Heather Wear, AA; Katherine Weron, CERT; Mason Westwood, AAS; Rachel Wood, AAS; Brittany Wunning, AAS; Jaharah Yunus, AA and Julie Zumas, AA; from Fountain Hill: Dana Christensen, AAS and Charles Davie, AS; from Freemansburg: Anthony Colon, SD; Robert Demyan, AAS; Ann Demyan, AAS; Thao Nguyen, SD and Diem Njuguna, CERT; and from Hellertown: Jordan Adams, AA; Daniel Bauder, AA; Amanda Bech-

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FREEDOM

Continued from page A11 increased health care cost.

Union President Jolene Vitalos commented previously in The Morning Call that teachers agreed to the salary freeze and the health care increases because they

understand the financial difficulties facing school districts, such as rising pension costs.

"I am glad that an agreement was reached and it's nice to have a contract again," said Carol Lee, FHS guidance counselor. "I expected a higher deductible

for health care to be put in place, but I'm happy a decision was reached because I know they worked hard for a very long time."

Several FHS teachers declined comment on the contract.

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Once again, the circus comes to town

Cirque de la Symphonie with the Allentown Symphony



Classical Views

By Diane Wittry

I vividly remember my very first circus experience. It was the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus three-ring big-top circus.

Everything was so colorful and the acrobatic acts were so spectacular and engaging. I was entranced from the very first moment the show began.

A circus just wouldn't be as exciting if you didn't have some great music to go with it. Heart-warming melodies, toe-tapping rhythms, and fast, furious musical passages show off the skill of the orchestra as well as the circus performer.

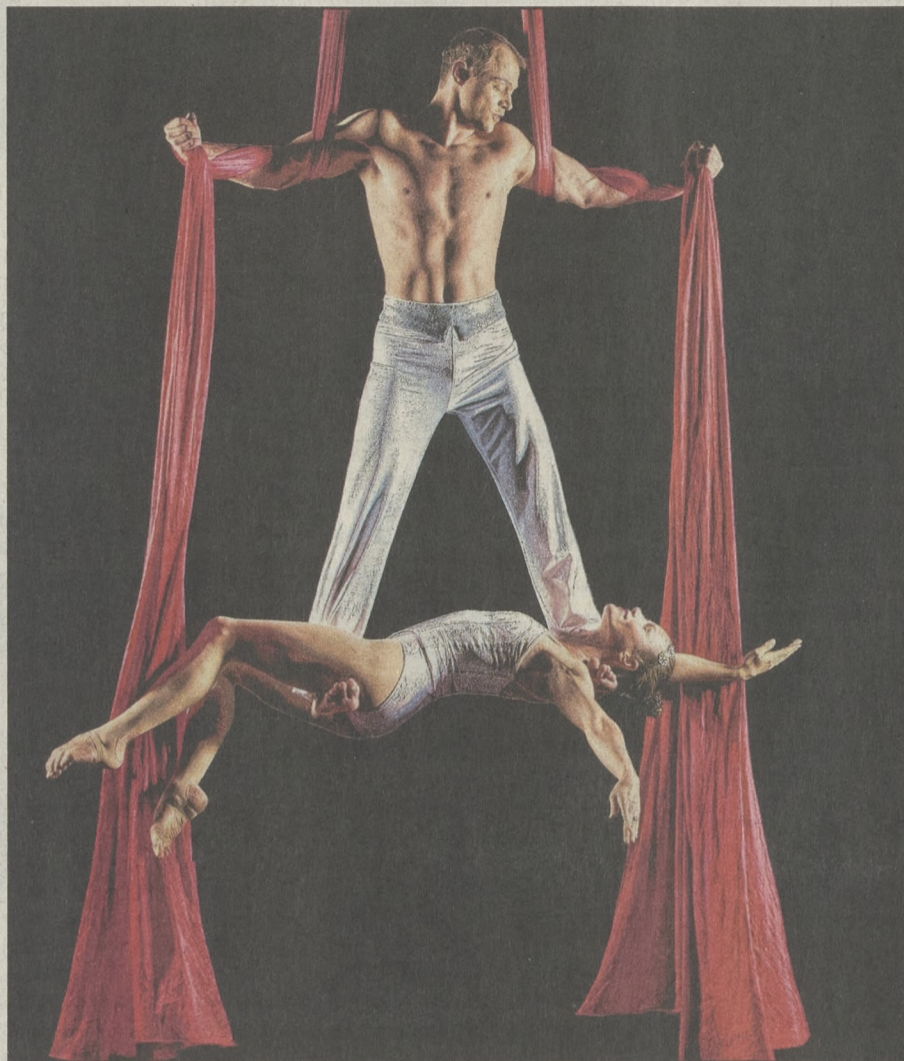
Enter into the scene "Cirque de la Symphonie," a wonderful circus show that is set to live classical music performed by a full symphony orchestra. At 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 3 p.m. Feb. 15, we will be bringing the circus to Miller Symphony Hall in downtown Allentown for a wonderful Valentine's Day weekend set of concerts with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra.

Enjoy some of your favorite classical pieces of music like the "Dance of the Comedians" from Smetana's "The Bartered Bride" or the "Danse of the Buffoons" by Rimsky-Korsakov. Throw in some selections from Bizet's "Carmen," Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake Ballet" and Dvorak's "The Carnival Overture" and you have a concert of upbeat, engaging music.

Cirque de la Symphonie is one of the premiere circus groups that tours with symphony orchestras all over the United States. They will bring performers that juggle and do all sorts of contortions. Some will even hang on colorful streams of cloth high above the orchestra as we play pieces like "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens and "Capriccio Espagnol" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

A circus is only as good as its performers and the ones we are bringing to you for this show are first-class. Aerial artist Alexander Streltsov won the gold medal in a competition among international cirque artists at the prestigious Festival Mondial Du Cirque De L'Avenir in Paris and worked with famed cirque choreographer Pavel Brun and producer Valentin Gneushev when he was only 12, performing on Broadway at the Gershwin Theater.

His aerial partner, Christine Van Loo, is a seven-time consecutive National Champion, Female Olympic Athlete of the Year and Athlete of the Decade in acrobatic gymnastics. She was inducted into the USSA (acro-gymnastics)



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Alexander Streltsov and Christine Van Loo, above, of "Cirque de la Symphonie," performing with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Feb. 14; 3 p.m. Feb. 15, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

Hall of Fame and the World Acrobatics Society Gallery of Honor.

Juggler Vladimir Tsarkov provides a spell-binding performance with combinations of mime and juggling feats. He is a veteran of Circus Circus, Cirque Ingenieux and Cirque de la Symphonie performances and won the gold medal at the Cirque de Demain International Festival in France.

He is joined by his wife, Elena Tsarkov, the "Lady in White," a ribbon dancer and contortionist, who was a first-place winner of the prestigious National Russian Circus Festival.

Rounding out the show we have gymnast, Vitalii Buza, who has starred in productions at Sea World, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World, excelling in multiple cirque acts, such as duo hand-balancing, straps, Cyr wheel, spinning cube, Chinese pole and the Russian bar.

There's also Aleksandr Deev, who performed in the Cirque Dreams productions at Bush Gardens and Six Flags

parcs, specializing in the spinning cube and the Cyr wheel.

I personally can't think of a more enjoyable way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to attend an Allentown Symphony Orchestra concert combined with the acrobatic acts of world-class circus performers in Cirque de la Symphonie. Just like I remember my very first circus performance that I attended when I was a child, I know that this will be a very unique experience and one that you will remember for a lifetime.

Diane Wittry is Music Director-Conductor of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Artistic Director (USA), International Cultural Exchange Program for Classical Musicians, Sarajevo Philharmonic, Bosnia; and author, "Beyond the Baton" and "Baton Basics" (both, Oxford University Press).

Concert tickets: Miller Symphony Hall Box Office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715

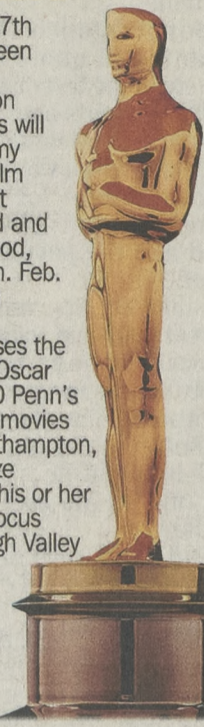
Readers Pick the Oscar Winners

Nominations for the 87th Academy awards have been announced.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will present the 87th Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2014 at Dolby Theatre, Hollywood and Highland Center, Hollywood, Calif., beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 on the ABC television network.

The person who chooses the most correct number of Oscar recipients receives a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card; tickets to movies at the Roxy Theatre, Northampton, a Lehigh Valley Press prize package, and may have his or her photo published in the Focus section of the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and online.

The Oscar Contest entry form is on Page B3 of this section and on the Focus page of the web site: thelehighvalleypress.com



8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



PHOTO BY MATTHEW WRIGHT

Masters of the dance: The Muhlenberg College dance program showcases world premiere works by eight accomplished choreographers in its annual "Master Choreographers" concert, 8 p.m. Feb. 5, 6 and 2 and 8 p.m. Feb. 7, Empe Theatre, Baker Center for the Arts, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. Karen Dearborn, concert artistic director, is one of the featured choreographers. The concert will feature "Prayers," choreographed by guest artist Jessica Lang. The concert showcases a diverse selection of styles and genres, ranging from classical ballet to contemporary jazz, modern dance, and tap accompanied by live jazz music. Above is Courtney Hunsberger. In addition to Lang and Dearborn, the concert features works by Danish choreographer Charlotte Boye-Christensen; Corie Franz Cowart, co-artistic director of Co-Art Dance; Heidi Cruz-Austin, alumna of the Pennsylvania Ballet; Dorrell Martin, founder of Leon Dance Arts NY; Shelley Oliver, director of Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers; and Jeffrey Peterson, former dancer with Danny Buraczkeski's Jazzdance. Tickets: muhlenberg.edu/dance, 484-664-3333

Bach through the seasons

By DAWN NIXON
Special to The Press

Here in the Lehigh Valley, we fully experience the four seasons in all their color, from the green of summer to the white of winter.

The turning of the seasons is explored this month in the Bach Choir of Bethlehem's Family Concert, "Dancing with Bach and Vivaldi - For everything there is a season."

"Dancing with Bach and Vivaldi" will be performed at 3 p.m. Feb. 8, Baker Hall, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

Music, dance, poetry and the visual arts are combined in an exploration of the four seasons.

Movements from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" are performed, along with choral pieces including Bach cantatas for Advent and Easter.

Solo violinist Elizabeth Field will play one of Vivaldi's movements for each season: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Before each movement, readers from Freemansburg Elementary School, directed by Jennie Gilrain, will recite the poem that Vivaldi wrote to accompany that movement. Freemansburg Elementary students, directed by art teacher



PHOTO BY CHUCK GLOMAN

DeSales University Dance Department students, above, in piece choreographed by Tim Cowart for Bach's Cantata 4, Bach Choir of Bethlehem Family Concert, 3 p.m. Feb. 8, Zoellner Arts Center.

Sue Facchiano, created artwork for the concert.

Dancers from the Lehigh Valley Charter High School, with Kim Maniscalco, director, and DeSales University, with Tim Cowart, chair, will perform choreographed dances to match the music and artwork. Two of the movements from Vivaldi's "Seasons" (Summer I and Fall III) have been choreographed by Charter Arts faculty member Amy Berry.

Greg Funfgeld, artistic director and conductor of the Bach Choir of Bethle-

hem, says of the annual family concert, "We like to think of this concert as for life-long learners. It is for kids, adults, grandparents. We work really hard to engage people of all ages, especially young people."

"The 'Four Seasons' is an iconic piece of music that everyone loves. It's just one of those pieces that has taken hold of people's imaginations."

Funfgeld is quick to highlight the many different styles of art that are working together in this concert.

"There are so many talented people involved in this project. It is truly an integrative art piece: poetry, dance, music, art."

"The school children from Freemansburg Elementary created about 200 pieces of art to match the music. People underestimate the capacity of children to understand artistic concepts. So many public schools have cut back on all their art programs. We are taking the responsibility to fill that void."

Tickets: Bach.org, 610-866-4382, ext. 10 or 15



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Stayin' The Bee Gees: "The Australian Bee Gees Show," above, is a retrospective of the 40-year history of the hit-making Brothers Gibb. The multi-media recreation of one of the most successful Las Vegas resident shows makes its Lehigh Valley debut, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. The hits are all expected to be here, from the 1960's "Massachusetts," "New York Mining Disaster 1941" and "To Love Somebody," to the 1970's when the group got back together for "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart," "Jive Talkin'," "Nights On Broadway," "You Should Be Dancing," "Love So Right" and "Boogie Child," to "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack's "How Deep Is Your Love," "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever," "If I Can't Have You" and "More Than A Woman." Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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We can improve our health at any age

My friend Lou Sportelli has a knack for meaningful quotes that stay with me.

For instance, one meaningful quote that has stood the test of time with me is this one.

"We are the same person today as we were yesterday except for two things — the books we read and the people we meet."

Since Dr. Sportelli is a great reader of self-help books, (and he so generously passes them along to others), I'm not sure if that quote originated with him or if he is quoting one of his favorite authors.

But I am sure of its truism. I've found I often meet someone who enhances my world, influences my thinking or compels me to try something new.

Last week I met a few people who have done all three. Let me tell you about them.

Harold has had three strokes that have further weakened his frail frame. He also has a host of other medical problems.

When he went to one of his doctors, he asked how he could help himself improve physically. Specifically, he wondered if trying yoga would help.

The doctor said he probably wouldn't gain back his former strength but exercise might help him keep the ability he has. Wrong.

When Howard went to a well-regarded yoga studio to ask if the husband/wife team could help him, they told him yoga would help him get stronger, if he had the patience to stay with it.

But Howard couldn't start even gentle yoga because he didn't have the ability to lift his leg a foot off the floor. So he started private sessions of chair yoga. After a few weeks, he was strong enough to try gentle yoga classes.

Fast forward three years. He now takes seven classes a week and can do all of the difficult moves.

Here's the one amazing thing I didn't tell you about Howard. He was 91 years old when he first came to the yoga studio. He is now 95 and is absolutely thriving. He's physically active and is enjoying life to the fullest. He's also an inspiration to everyone around him.

"Don't tell me you can't turn your life around and improve your physical condition," he says. "And don't tell me you're too old or that you have too many physical problems."

If a skinny twenty-something instructor tells me about the health benefits of yoga or other exercise, I might listen with half an ear.

But when a frail 91-year-old man becomes a healthy, happy 95-year-old because of his own persistence, I sit up and take notice. I also vow to be even more physically active.

Did you ever want to exercise because you think it might help you but you hurt too much

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik
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to start?

Earlene Campbell, another woman I met at the yoga studio, was in that position for years. She says she was spending much of her time lying on the sofa in intense pain.

"I had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 8 and also suffer from lupus, chronic heart problems and stage 4 kidney failure. My body was falling apart and the only thing I could do for the pain was to take more pills," she says.

When the pills weren't controlling her pain, she asked her doctor what she could do for some relief.

"He told me I should try exercise because it's been proven that exercise can help. But how in the world could I exercise when I hurt too much to move?"

"My back, knees and feet — everything hurt," she says.

"I couldn't even stand at the sink to wash dishes. I would wash two dishes then have to sit down because of the pain."

When she heard about chair yoga, she decided to try it because she wouldn't have to stand. After a few weeks, she was able to join the gentle yoga class, eventually working her way up to harder classes.

At the time, Earlene was 67. Now, she's 70 and is a walking testimony to the power of exercise.

"It has turned my life around," she attests. "I am off all pain medication and doctors are amazed at the change."

But she's also conscientious about working out every day even when she can't get to the yoga studio.

"When I go away for a few weeks to visit my family I take along exercise DVDs. If I skip my workouts, my body feels it and starts falling apart," she says.

I have to admit I wasn't at the yoga studio to work out. I was there doing a story on the incredible 95-year-old guy I had heard so much about. I wanted to touch him, hoping his pluck was contagious.

He showed me how long he can stand on his head and hold difficult poses without quivering.

Heck, when I try some of the very simple yoga poses, my body quivers.

There was an 88-year-old woman there who does six yoga classes a week. She also kayaks and does stand-up paddle boarding (it gives core muscles a workout).

I asked how long it takes to start to see remarkable results.

Most thought it took about four weeks of concentrated effort.

By sharing their stories with me, these "youngsters" inspired me. I hope they inspire you, too.

STUDENT POETRY PROJECT Call for entries

Submissions are now being accepted for the 10th annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories and published in the April 22 and 23 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web sites.

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

Also, the three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be inter-

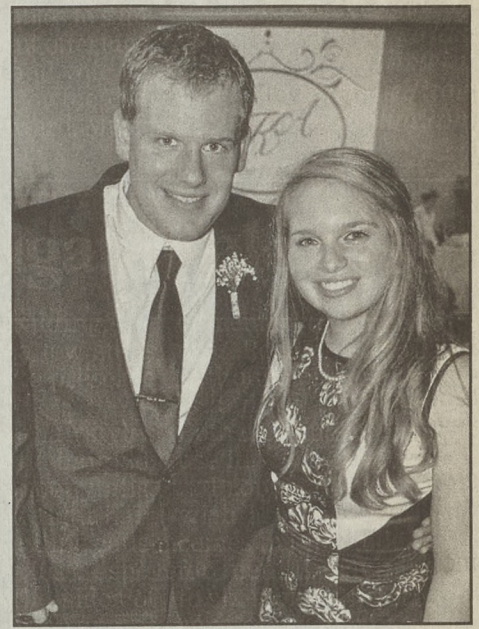
Reed-Smith Couple plans 2016 nuptials

Dale and Diane Reed of State College, Centre County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Marie Reed, to Evan Bradley Smith, son of Brad and Sandy Smith of Schnecksville, North Whitehall Township.

The bride-elect, a student at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, State College, is enrolled in the Disney College program.

Her fiancé, a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, also University Park, is a full-time graduate student at Lehigh University.

They are planning a summer or fall 2016 wedding.



Evan Bradley Smith and Rachel Marie Reed

viewed on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. April 20, WDIY.

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It's time for 65th annual Symphony Ball

GOOD CAUSE

"Cirque du Soirée" is the theme for the 65th annual Symphony Ball, beginning with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 6 p.m. Feb. 7, Lehigh Country Club, Allentown.

The theme for the black-tie gala references the "Cirque do la Symphonie" performances with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 3 p.m. Feb. 15, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

Guests may bid on two separate auctions and will enjoy dinner and dessert, followed by dancing to the music of Back2Life.

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Guests may visit the restaurants' tables to sample the different offerings, talk to chefs and vote for their favorite for the People's Choice Award. Music

entertainment will be provided by singer-songwriter Lizzanne Knott.

Attendees will receive one box of Thanks A-Lots, a Girl Scout cookie noting its 10th anniversary this year.

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Recommendations to mitigate baldness

Q. What can you do to keep the hair you have?

Alopecia is the medical term for hair loss. Androgenetic Alopecia, or pattern baldness, is the most common type of alopecia. It affects about one-third of us. I'm in that one-third.

Men start to get pattern baldness at the hairline and crown. This can lead to complete baldness. Women's hair loss is usually limited to thinning; they rarely go totally bald.

There are about 100,000 hairs in the average scalp. About 100 hairs are lost from your head every day. Each individual hair survives for an average of 4 1/2 years and grows about

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a half inch a month. In its fifth year, the hair usually falls out and is replaced within six months by a new one.

We lose hair as we age. Pattern baldness affects many more men than women. About 25 percent of men begin to bald by the time they are 30-years-old, and about two-thirds have at least a balding pattern by age 60.

Androgenetic alopecia is caused by heredity. A history of it on either side of your family increases

your risk of balding.

There are a few steps you can take to preserve your hair.

Avoid tight hairstyles that pull on the hair. So, forget braids, ponytails, cornrows and tight hair rollers. The pulling causes some hair loss, especially along the sides of the scalp. This type of hair loss is called traction alopecia. If the pulling scars the scalp, it can cause permanent hair loss.

Brushing or combing too much can break hair, so keep this to a minimum. Use combs with wide teeth and brushes with smooth tips. Wet hair is more fragile than dry hair, so show care when you do your hair after a shower.

Shampooing too often is bad for your hair. Use a cream rinse or conditioner after shampooing to make it easier to comb. And don't dry your hair by rubbing it with a towel.

Don't use hot-oil hair treatments or chemicals in permanents. These may cause inflammation of the hair follicles, which can lead to hair loss.

Medicines may help slow or prevent the devel-

opment of common baldness. Rogaine is available without a prescription. It is applied to the scalp. Both men and women can use it.

Propecia is available with a prescription. It comes in pills and is only for men. It may take up to six months before you can tell if one of these medicines is working.

Hair transplants and scalp reduction surgery are available to treat androgenetic alopecia when more conservative measures have failed. During transplantation a dermatologist or cosmetic surgeon takes tiny plugs of skin, each containing one to several hairs, from the back or side of your scalp. The plugs are then implanted into the bald sections.

Scalp reduction, as the name implies, means decreasing the area of bald skin on your head.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com

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Lehigh Valley house sales close strongly for the year 2014

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley finished the year 2014 strongly, rising 16 percent, from 520 in December 2013 to 603 in December 2014, according to The Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR).

The double-digit jump in closed sales for December was only the second time for a monthly year-to-year increase in 2014.

The previous month for an increase in closed sales in 2014 was October.

All the other months, including November, posted a decline in closed sales during 2014.

An even bigger percentage jump in pending sales closed the year 2014.

Pending sales were up 24.5 percent, from 347 in December 2013 to 432 in December 2014.

However, for the year 2014, closed sales were down 2 percent, from 6,695 in 2013 down to 6,558 in 2014.

For the year 2014, pending sales were up 1 percent, from 6,739 in 2013 to 6,804 in 2014.

The affordability index,

which measures whether or not a typical family can afford a home based on interest rates, increased 8.5 percent in December, meaning more families could buy a home in the Lehigh Valley, according to the GLVR.

For the year, the affordability index was up 0.5 percent.

The percentage of list price received increased 0.5 percent, so sellers attained 95.8 percent of the listed price on their home in December 2014, about the same as in December 2013 when they received 95.3 percent of the listed price.

"The month's supply of inventory, which is the number of homes for sale at the end of the month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the 12 months, was down 1.6 percent to 6.2 months [in December 2014]," according to Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors Chief Executive officer Ryan Conrad, compared 6.3 months in December 2013.

"Not only did this fall

within the four- to seven-month range constituting a balanced real estate market, but it really encouraged sellers," according to Conrad.

House prices in the Lehigh Valley were not as strong.

The median sales price declined 7.5 percent, from \$172,950 in December 2013 to \$160,000 in December 2014.

Median sales held even for the year at \$170,000 for the year 2013, compared to \$189,000 for the year 2014.

The average sales price declined 2.4 percent, from \$193,042 in December 2013 to \$189,205 in December 2014.

Although average sales prices were down in December 2014, they were up 2.1 percent, from \$193,042 for the year 2013 to \$197,170 for the year 2014.

"2014 has been another recovery year with price gains continuing their positive momentum. With a broad pattern of rising prices and improving inventory, the market has shifted from being under-

supplied to approaching equilibrium," said Chris Raad, GLVR president.

The number of homes for sale decreased 1.3 percent from 3,539 in December 2013 to 3,492 in December 2014.

New listings were up 5.9 percent, from 527 in December 2013 to 558 in December 2014, and for the year, were up 2.8 percent, from 12,078 in 2013 to 12,413 in 2014.

Days on the market was up 4.3 percent, from 70 days in December 2013 to 73 days in December 2014, and for the year, was down 1.4 percent, from 71 days in 2013 to 70 days in 2014.

During October 2014, closed sales increased 7.4 percent, to 635, compared to 591 in October 2013.

That marked a reversal of a nine-month negative trend in closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley during 2014.

According to housing market data released by the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors (LVAR), during November, closed sales decreased 7.5 percent, or 481, down from

520 in November 2013.

Here's an overview of closed sales in 2014:

December: 16 percent increase, 603, up from 520 in December 2013;

November: 7.5 percent decrease, 481, down from 520 in November 2013.

October: 7.4 percent increase, 635, up from 591 in October 2013.

September: 8.7 percent decrease, 555, down from 608 in September 2013.

August: 7.3 percent decrease, 652, down from 703 in August 2013;

July: 10.6 percent decrease, 656, down from 734 in July 2013;

June: 9.3 percent decrease, 627, down from 691 in June 2013;

May: 7.9 percent decrease, 2,145, down from 2,328 in May 2013;

April: 11.3 percent decrease, 1,524, down from 1,719 in April 2013;

March: 15.2 percent decrease 407, down from 480 in March 2013;

February: 10 percent decrease, compared to February 2013; and

January: 3.1 percent decrease, compared to Jan-

uary 2013.

Closed sales of houses for 2013 were 15.5 percent higher than 2012 and 32 percent higher than in 2011.

Closed sales of houses data includes that for single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums.

The monthly housing data is collected by the LVAR from its Multiple Listing Service (MLS), a comprehensive and non-biased database that includes housing market information from its more than 2,000 Realtor members.

LVAR is a not-for-profit trade association providing professional development and training resources, competitive market information, legislative advocacy, a peer review and mediation process for members, and a dispute resolution service for consumers.

LVAR owns and operates the Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service, the Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy and is publisher of Lehigh Valley Real Estate Weekly.

'Selma': History marches on

"Selma" is a good film. It needed to be a great film.

Nonetheless, "Selma," which purports to tell the behind-the-scenes public and personal politics of the 1965 Selma, Ala., to the capital of Montgomery, Ala., 54-mile march in the African-American Selma Voting Rights Campaign, is an important film and should be seen.

If only the entire film, "Selma," rose to the dynamic closing moments when black and white footage of the actual march, which led to President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, is shown accompanied by the inspiring song, "Glory," written and sung by John Legend and Common.

"Glory" and "Selma" received two Oscar nominations, for song and picture, respectively. Much has been made of the "Oscar snub" of "Selma" director Ava DuVernay ("Middle of Nowhere," 2012; "I Will Follow," 2010), who was not nominated for a director Oscar. I can see why she wasn't nominated. "Selma" wastes many moments and opportunities for greatness.

While David Oyelowo is extraordinary as Martin Luther King Jr., others in the film are equally, if not more, memorable: Carmen Ejogo as Coretta Scott King, Tom Wilkinson as President Johnson and Tim Roth as George Wallace. That their characters loom larger than King represents the film's out-of-kilter directing.

Oprah Winfrey, whose Harpo Productions helped make "Selma" a reality, has a supporting role as a civil rights activist. Martin Sheen plays a judge.

The film shows Martin Luther King Jr., winner of the 1964 Nobel Prize for Peace, as a calculating strategist who called Selma "an ideal staging ground" for gaining coverage on "the front pages of the nation's press every morning and the TV news every night," realizing "that requires drama" to achieve.

The "drama" included the "Bloody Sunday" during the first march (there were three marches) of cracked skulls (notably John Lewis, who would become a United States congressman) and broken bones on the Edmund Pettus Bridge at the batons of county officers and the tear gas of state police, with TV broad-

MOVIE REVIEW

By Paul Willistein



casts of the debacle seen by an estimated 70 million Americans.

"Selma" has reopened an important conversation. As Edmund Burke stated: "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it."

"Selma," MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parental Guidance Suggested. Some Material May Not Be Suitable For Children.) for disturbing thematic material including violence, a suggestive moment, and brief strong language; Genre: Biography, Drama, History; Run time: 2 hrs., 8 mins; Distributed by Paramount Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: "Selma" was filmed on location in Selma, Ala., and Georgia.

Box Office, Jan. 30: "American Sniper" continued at No. 1 for a third straight week, with \$31.8 million, a record Super Bowl weekend high, and \$248.9 million, six weeks, with "Paddington" way back at No. 2 with \$8.5 million, \$50.5 million, three weeks, and keeping new releases from the top spots, including the teen science fiction film, "Project Almanac," at No. 3, with only \$8.5 million, opening, and Kevin Costner's starrer, "Black Or White," at No. 4, with \$6.4 million, opening;

5. "The Boy Next Store," \$6 million, \$24.6

million, two weeks; 6. "The Wedding Ringer," \$5.7 million, \$48.1 million, three weeks; 7. "The Imitation Game," \$5.1 million, \$67.9 million, 10 weeks; 8. "Taken 3," \$3.6 million, \$81.3 million, four weeks; 9. "Strange Magic," \$3.4 million, \$9.8 million, two weeks; 10. "The Loft," \$2.8 million, opening

Unreel, Feb. 6:

"Jupiter Ascending," R: Andy and Lana Wachowski direct the science-fiction film about a destitute woman. Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum, Eddie Redmayne and James D'Arcy star.

"Seventh Son," PG-13. Jeff Bridges and Julianne Moore star in the fantasy film about fighting evil spirits.

"The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water," PG: The little yellow guy and his friends are back, this time on dry land. Did we say there's a pirate? There's a pirate. Antonio Banderas and Seth Green co-star.

Read Paul Willistein's movie reviews at the Lehigh Valley Press web site, thelehighvalleypress.com; the Times-News web site, tonline.com; and hear them on "Lehigh Valley Art Salon," 6 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, WDIY 88.1 FM, and wdiy.org, where they're archived. Email Paul Willistein: pwillistein@tonline.com. You can follow Paul Willistein on Twitter and friend Paul Willistein on facebook.

CATCH A MATINEE

the Readers Pick Oscars

Here is the entry form for the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick the Oscars" recipients contest for the 87th Academy Awards:



Actor, Male

- Steve Carell, "Foxcatcher"
- Bradley Cooper, "American Sniper"
- Benedict Cumberbatch, "The Imitation Game"
- Michael Keaton, "Birdman"
- Eddie Redmayne, "The Theory of Everything"

Actor, Female

- Marion Cotillard,
- "Two Days One Night"
- Felicity Jones, "The Theory of Everything"
- Julianne Moore, "Still Alice"
- Rosamund Pike, "Gone Girl"
- Reese Witherspoon, "Wild"

Supporting Actor, Male

- Robert Duvall, "The Judge"
- Ethan Hawke, "Boyhood"
- Edward Norton, "Birdman"
- Mark Ruffalo, "Foxcatcher"
- J.K. Simmons, "Whiplash"

Animated Feature

- "Big Hero 6"
- "The Boxtrolls"

Supporting Actor, Female

- Patricia Arquette, "Boyhood"
- Laura Dern, "Wild"
- Keira Knightley, "The Imitation Game"
- Emma Stone, "Birdman"
- Meryl Streep, "Into the Woods"

Director

- Alejandro G. Iñárritu, "Birdman"
- Richard Linklater, "Boyhood"
- Bennett Miller, "Foxcatcher"
- Wes Anderson,
- "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
- Morten Tyldum,
- "The Imitation Game"

Motion Picture

- "American Sniper"
- "Birdman"
- "Boyhood"
- "The Grand Budapest Hotel"
- "The Imitation Game"
- "Selma"
- "The Theory of Everything"
- "Whiplash"

- "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- "Song of the Sea"
- "The Tale of Princess Kaguya"

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N..26th St. (26th Street and Walbert Avenue), South Whitehall Township. Include name, address, telephone number and email. Your contact information will not be published. One entry per person. Entry deadline: 5 p.m. Feb. 20. In event of tie for most number of correct choices, earliest entry determines winner.

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Taking the 'chill' out of winter weather at Concordia Lutheran Church



PRESS PHOTOS BY MARY PATRICIA FLETCHER

Members and friends of Concordia Lutheran Church take advantage of a brief respite between snowstorms to gather for a chili cookoff and talent show Jan. 25. For the fourth year in a row, Mackenzie Dries walked away with first place for chili. Rounding out the top three were Roberto Hernandez in second place and Karen Schultz in third place. ABOVE: Taking a break from chili tasting are: left to right, Debbie Schultz, Carol Kemmerer, Scott Kemmerer, Jennifer Reese and Sam Reese.



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Thursday, Feb. 5: Herbed pork loin, mashed yams, braised red cabbage, applesauce cake, wheat roll.

Friday, Feb. 6: Tilapia with bread crumbs, roasted grains with vegetables, beets, fresh fruit, banana pudding.

Monday, Feb. 9: Meatball sub, spudsters, Capri blend vegetables, fresh fruit, club roll.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Chicken Alfredo, noodles, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Baked ham, whipped sweet potato, Brussels sprouts, angel food cake, dinner roll.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, sugar cookie.

Friday, Feb. 13: Fish Creole, Spanish rice, zucchini, fruited yogurt, pineapple juice, wheat roll.

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Wednesday, Feb. 4: Manhattan clam chowder, chicken tetrazzini, Brussel sprouts, wheat bread with margarine, chilled peaches.

Thursday, Feb. 5: Chicken noodle soup, cheese steak on a bun, potato chips, carrot raisin salad, fruit cocktail.

Friday, Feb. 6: Baked meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, red beets, wheat bread with margarine, dark sweet red cherries.

Monday, Feb. 9: Beef stew, fresh biscuit with margarine, country vegetable blend, tossed salad with ranch dressing, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Minestrone soup, roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, wheat bread with margarine, iced banana cake, vanilla ice cream.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Breaded pork chop, cabbage and bow ties, pickled beets, wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Beef vegetable soup, baked lasagna, Caesar salad, Italian bread with margarine, chilled pears.

Friday, Feb. 13: Valentine's meal: Chicken stuffed with broccoli and cheese, baked potato / sour cream, Waldorf salad, fresh baked roll with margarine, strawberry crême shortcake.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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See cryptogram answer on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals S

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

CREATING A MAIL SLOT

- ACROSS
- 1 Mails a dupe to
 - 4 Peak in the Cascades
 - 10 1975 shark thriller
 - 14 Lost intensity
 - 19 "You — here"
 - 20 — Davidson
 - 21 Saab of fashion
 - 22 Stare angrily
 - 23 What planes are in when they're taking off and landing?
 - 25 "Heck!"
 - 26 MetLife rival
 - 27 Nepal locale
 - 28 — Pérignon
 - 29 Climb a rope right after waking up?
 - 31 "Which of you is good at copying signatures?"
 - 35 Poker pro Ungar
 - 36 Beholds
 - 37 Houston hockey team until 2013
 - 38 Ancient Aegean land
 - 41 So-so
 - 43 Furlong divs.
 - 44 Spectral hue
 - 48 Big tree branch used to decorate a shop?
 - 53 Big computer of the 1940s
 - 54 Frustrates
 - 56 Delhi coin
 - 57 Tame some mean dogs?
 - 61 "— girl!"
 - 64 Uno + uno
 - 65 Anniversary unit
 - 66 AQI monitor
 - 67 Four of —
 - 68 Skill, to Cato
 - 69 Law degs. held by the Obamas
 - 70 Comment when a surface only allows for a glossy finish?
 - 75 — Friday's restaurant
 - 76 Dot in la Seine
 - 77 Off-limits acts
 - 78 Wad of gum, e.g.
 - 79 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
 - 80 Prefix with soul
 - 81 Beer head
 - 82 Fashionably stylish grain husk?
 - 87 Big boo-boo
 - 89 Tactics
 - 91 Writer Nin
 - 92 Spiced tea brewed in a business workplace?
 - 95 Multi-vehicle crash
 - 97 Church bench
 - 100 Fed. crash-probing agcy.
 - 101 Tear-eliciting vegetable
 - 103 "Nowhere Road" singer Steve
 - 105 Nailed
 - 108 Happy — lark
 - 110 Ensnared by a tree branch?
- DOWN
- 1 Bread seed
 - 2 With 47-Down, snow cone's base
 - 3 Promgoers
 - 4 "— La La" (1964 hit)
 - 5 Writer of 104 symphonies
 - 6 The long — the law
 - 7 Replay view, briefly
 - 8 Actor Lange
 - 9 Mate's "yes"
 - 10 Sci-fi knight
 - 11 "Sadly ..."
 - 12 Telegrams
 - 13 Hill bigwig
 - 14 "Holy moly!"
 - 15 Sneeze response
 - 16 Take a soak
 - 17 Bert's pal
 - 18 University bigwigs
 - 24 1993 Texas standoff site
 - 29 Toon pal of Stimpny
 - 30 Zap, in a way
 - 32 Black — (very dark)
 - 33 Oil field sight
 - 34 Boo-boos
 - 39 Nile goddess
 - 40 P.R.'s ocean
 - 42 Wear down
 - 45 Small peeve
 - 46 Lah-di —
 - 47 See 2-Down
 - 49 Honshu port
 - 50 Software reviser, e.g.
 - 51 Peach State
 - 52 Wiesbaden native, e.g.
 - 53 Vase handle
 - 55 Like some citrus tastes
 - 57 "Goodness me!"
 - 58 Kind of lettuce
 - 59 De-intensify
 - 60 "Eh" marks
 - 62 Little birdie
 - 63 Big bang producer
 - 67 Prefix with valent
 - 70 Contaminate
 - 71 Furthermore
 - 72 Cell stuff
 - 73 Energy
 - 74 Boozer
 - 79 Many oz.
 - 82 Slay
 - 83 Rodeo miss
 - 84 MS-to-MI dir.
 - 85 Lac liquid
 - 86 Grow mature
 - 88 Investigation discoveries
 - 90 Philosopher — tzu
 - 93 Morales of film
 - 94 Scott Pelley's milieu
 - 96 Shiba — (dog breed)
 - 97 Preceding
 - 98 Bow-making material
 - 99 Software running in browsers
 - 102 Tenet
 - 104 Keep — on (don't reveal)
 - 105 Turn to try for a homer
 - 106 Small oil container
 - 107 Have home cooking
 - 109 Side (with)
 - 111 Actress Rigby
 - 112 Eagles' kin
 - 113 Actress Rich
 - 115 Zilch
 - 116 Work group
 - 117 Pleads, e.g.
 - 122 Track unit
 - 123 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 124 "Gnarly!"

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See crossword answer on page B8

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF CATAWAUGA ZONING HEARING HEARING #1-15 FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Catawuga Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following appeals on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 18 Bridge Street, Catawuga, PA 18032.

APPEAL #1-15 Appeal of Keith Esmael and David Coombs of 304 W. Union Street, Whitehall, PA for a special exception permit from Section 280-25 and Attachment 1-the Table of Permitted Uses by District, Primarily Residential Districts. The Appellants are requesting to convert the property at 464 Race Street, Catawuga, PA into a 5 unit residential structure. The property was formerly a grocery store, then an antique store with a residential unit and most recently, in 2002, was de-converted to a single-family residence. The property is located in an R2-Medium Density Residential Zoning District in which special exception conversions are permitted only in buildings that existed with a minimum indoor heated living area of 3,000 sq. ft.

APPEAL #2-15 Appeal of Robert P. Hoenscheid of 3405 Cherryville Road, Northampton, PA for a use variance from Section 280-25 and Attachment 1-the Table of Permitted Uses by District, Primarily Residential Districts. The Appellant is requesting to re-convert the property at 218 Pine Street from a single-unit residential property into a 2-unit residential property. The Appellant is also requesting a variance from the off-street parking requirements of Section 280-38A. The property was formerly a 2-unit structure, which was de-converted by the former owner in 1995. The property is located in an R2-Medium Density Residential Zoning District in which conversions are permitted only in buildings that existed with a minimum indoor heated living area of 3,000 sq. ft.

Any other business that comes before the Board.
Applicants must be present for their hearing. Parties interested in a scheduled hearing may review the application and supporting documents at the municipal building during regular business hours.

Jan. 28, Feb. 4
Eugene L. Goldfeder, Zoning Officer

60 SPECIAL NOTICES

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Machine Operators
FT pos. avail. in Fogelsville. Hrs 7p-7a & 14.80/hr. inc. Apply online at HTSS: www.htss-inc.com or call 610-432-4161 x33.

SUMMER 2015 PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION PERSONNEL

Public Works must be 18 years of age or older. Must have valid driver's license, be able to operate commercial mowers, power equipment and have knowledge of basic equipment maintenance. Interviews to begin in March 2015. 40 hour work week. Recreation Playground Counselors must be 16 years or older. Interviews to begin in April 2015. Part time. Applications available at Lower Macungie Township Municipal Offices, 3400 Brookside Rd., Macungie, PA 18062. 8A-4:30P, 610.966.4343 or www.lowermac.com

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Apply in person: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am -11 am (Feb. 10th through March 17th) Berkheimer OneSource 1530 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200 Bethlehem, PA 18017

MED TECH
CNA preferred. Must have high school diploma, criminal history check & enjoy working with seniors. Days/ Middle shifts. Part time. Apply Weston Senior Living Center, 1001 Washington Avenue, Northampton, PA. (610) 262-1010

Upper Macungie Township Police Officer

Qualified persons are invited to apply to Upper Macungie Township to take a competitive examination leading to eligibility for appointment as a police patrol officer in Upper Macungie Township. An application form and details of the selection process may be obtained online at www.uppermac.org or in person at the Upper Macungie Township Police Department (UMTPD) located at 37 Grim Road, Breinigsville, PA. A non-refundable application fee of \$75.00 will be charged upon returning the application. Completed applications must be filed with the UMTPD by noon on Monday, February 23, 2015. The written examination and physical agility testing will be conducted on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Applicants must: Be at least 21 years of age Possess a high school diploma or equivalent Have completed Act 120 training Starting probationary salary is \$52,600. Equal Opportunity Employer Upper Macungie Township 8330 Schantz Rd Breinigsville, PA 18031

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390 HELP WANTED

MAIL PROCESSORS
Temp Poole, Inc. is currently seeking Mail Processors to fill Seasonal positions working with Berkheimer OneSource to process large volumes of mail in our Danielsville Office. Job includes opening, sorting, and prepping mail to be scanned. Strong attention to detail required. Must have the ability to lift up to 20 pounds, sit for long periods of time, and be able to work with numbers. Must be fast and accurate. Position subject to criminal background check and clean drug screen. Jobs start in February and March. 1st shift. \$9.00/hr. + potential to earn incentives based on production and quality. Equal Opportunity Employer. **Apply in person:** Every Wednesday, 9 am - 11 am (Feb. 11th through March 11th) 4000 Mountain View Drive Danielsville, PA 18038 (parking and entrance in back of building)

Part-time Community Center Attendant
This position is for 10-20 hrs a week 2 evenings a week 2:45pm-9:00pm or 2:45pm-11pm, Saturdays & Sundays 4 to 8 hours between the hours of 7:45am & 11:15pm (two individuals will be splitting the weekend hours). Position will be to monitor gym & room rentals & assist with room set up for rentals. No experience necessary, should have good communication skills & be well groomed to work in the public eye. Position pays \$10.00 per hour. Please apply at Lower Macungie Community Center, 3450 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, Monday - Friday between 8am - 4:30pm

420 BABYSITTING & CHILD CARE

DAY CARE done in my home, nr Air Prod. FT, PT, 25 yrs. exp., any age. AM & PM kindergarten avail. E. Penn School Dist. Exc. refs. Also, drop-in dr's appts., shopping, etc. 610-395-1791

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ESTATE NOTICE
LYNN SCOTT OLDT, a/k/a LYNN S. OLDT, a/k/a LYNN OLDT**

ESTATE OF LYNN SCOTT OLDT, a/k/a LYNN S. OLDT, a/k/a LYNN OLDT, deceased, late of Macungie, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Lance Oldt, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay to: Lance Oldt c/o CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188.
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

**PUBLIC NOTICE
In The Court of Common Pleas
of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Civil Action-Law
No. 2014-C-3992
Notice of Action in Mortgage Foreclosure**

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff vs. Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns, and All Persons, Firms, or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or under Carrie Naso, deceased, Defendant(s) To the Defendant(s), Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns, and All Persons, Firms, or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or under Carrie Naso, deceased: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Plaintiff, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, has filed an action Mortgage Foreclosure, as captioned above.

NOTICE

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND, YOU MUST ENTER A WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY OR BY ATTORNEY AND FILE YOUR DEFENSES OR OBJECTIONS WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO THE CASE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE PLAINTIFF. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR PROPERTY OR OTHER RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS NOTICE TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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CHRISTOPHER A. DeNARDI, BRADLEY J. OSBORNE & CHANDRA M. ARKEMA, LEEANE O. HUGGINS & SARAH K. McCAFFERY, Attys. for Plaintiff
Shapiro & DeNardo, LLC
3600 Horizon Dr., Ste. 150
King of Prussia, PA 19406
610-278-6800
Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that it is their intention to consider and act upon proposed Ordinance No. 139 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGHS OF ALBURTIS, EMMAUS AND MACUNGIE, AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF LOWER MACUNGIE AND LOWER MILFORD TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE SOUTHWESTERN LEHIGH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COORDINATE NEW PARTNER-SPECIFIC PLANS FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION, TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR A STEERING COMMITTEE, THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES, PAYMENTS BY EACH MUNICIPALITY TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, THE APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT FUNDS AND BILLINGS OF MUNICIPALITIES, DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLANS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT" at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building located at 5671 Chestnut Street, Old Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Briefly summarized, the proposed Ordinance authorizes Upper Milford Township to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Boroughs of Macungie, Alburts and Emmaus, and the Townships of Lower Macungie and Lower Milford to update and revise the existing Southwestern Lehigh County Regional Comprehensive Plan and coordinate new partner-specific plans for parks, recreation and open space, agricultural conservation, transportation, infrastructure and economic development to procure a shared and coordinated approach to planning including procedures for a steering committee, the engagement of the Lehigh County Planning Commission to provide consulting services, payments by each municipality towards the costs of the project, the application for state grant funds and administration of grant funds and billings, development of the plans, public hearings and amendments of the agreement.

A certified copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Upper Milford Township Secretary and may be inspected by the public during normal business hours. In addition, a true and correct copy of this Ordinance has been supplied to this newspaper.

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire
Solicitor for Upper Milford Township

Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, February 9th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

BILL NO. 3-2015 (Second Reading)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A PERMANENT DEED OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT WITH THE NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY PARALLEL TO SR0022 EASTBOUND RUNNING BETWEEN FIRST STREET AND A POINT ON THE EAST SIDE OF CATASAUQUA AVENUE OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED AS SECTION 400 - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 5-2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, RFP NO. 14-21, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 6-2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM FACILITIES AT THE HOKENDAUQA PARK AND PLAYGROUND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 7-2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 41 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL "HANDICAPPED PARKING ZONES" AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS ALONG PUBLIC STREETS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 8-2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, CONDUCT, ARTICLE I, FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS, BY ELIMINATING SECTION 6.1 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND REPLACING IT WITH DISCHARGE OF ROCKETS, FIREWORKS OF EVERY NATURE WHATSOEVER, POWDER OR ANY OTHER DANGEROUS COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND REPEALING

RESOLUTION NO. 2877

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED PENNDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPLICATION FOR INSTALLING A FLASHING WARNING DEVICE AT 575 GRAPE STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK FOR APPROVAL TO PENNDOT AND SIGN THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (BOC)

RESOLUTION NO. 2878

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING CAMP WHITEHALL RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (BOC)

RESOLUTION NO. 2879

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING POOL PASS RATES FOR THE YEAR 2015. (BOC)

RESOLUTION NO. 2880

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIC TOWNSHIP RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S RECORD RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULE (TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR)

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

/s/Dennis C. Hower
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Feb. 4

**PUBLIC NOTICE
EMMAUS/UPPER MILFORD
JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Emmaus/Upper Milford Township Joint Environmental Council (EAC) at 7:00 P.M. on February 9, 2015 at the Upper Milford Township Municipal Center, 5671 Chestnut Street, Old Zionsville, PA 18068. This is a rescheduling of the cancelled January 26, 2015 regular meeting.

Shane Pepe, Borough Manager
Daniel DeLong, Township Manager
Feb. 4

**PUBLIC NOTICE
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Northwestern Lehigh School District from the auditors for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014, was filed on January 7, 2015, in the office of the Prothonotary, Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court, Civil Department, 455 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101-1614, and will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the business office of the School District during normal business hours.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED**

Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., February 12, 2015 for the following:

Science Supplies

All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the eSchoolMall easyBid application process at www.eSchoolMall.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Andrew Barnett at 610-769-4111, ext. 1682 or barnetta@cliu.org Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on February 12, 2015.
Patricia T. Bader LCSJPB Board Chairperson
Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of **HOMER D. GEHMAN**, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Karen L. Rushatz, Sharon D. Fritch & Kathy A. Sabo, Co-Executors
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

or to their attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of **ROBERT R. SCHMELTZLE**, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Dennis Holland, a/k/a
Dennis R. Holland, Executor
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of **BETTY M. SNYDER**, a/k/a **BETTY MAE SNYDER**, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known all the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Connie J. Kramer, a/k/a Connie Jane Kramer and Kevin R. Smith, a/k/a Kevin Russell Smith, Co-Executors
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

or to their attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire
537 Chestnut Street
Emmaus, PA 18049

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF DIANE G. WEBER late of Center Valley, Upper Saucon Township, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Stephen B. Lance
c/o Judith A. Harris, Esquire
Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
Allentown, PA 18104-2258

or to his attorney:
Judith A. Harris, Esquire
Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
Allentown, PA 18104-2258

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of **Carol Ann Wilson, a/k/a, Carol A. Wilson**, late of Easton, Forks Township, County of Northampton, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Robert James Wilson, Jr., a/k/a, Robert J. Wilson, Jr., c/o Judith A. Harris, Esquire
Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.
1611 Pond Road, Suite 300
Allentown, PA 18104-2258

or to his attorney:
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED**

Sealed bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., February 19, 2015 for the following:

**Coarse Paper
Custodial & Maintenance Supplies
Floor Supplies
General Office Supplies**

Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., November 7, 2014.

All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the eSchoolMall easyBid application process at www.eSchoolMall.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Ms. Kay Paul at 610-799-1337 or paulk@lcti.org. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2015.

Patricia T. Bader, LCSJPB Board Chairperson
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Intent**

Dinbokowitz Marine Inc., 2946 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall, PA 18052, 610-434-7400 notified PA Fish & Boat Commission/Penn DOT with intent to terminate all rights, titles and interest of Steven Kenneth Maier, 62 W 2nd St., Red Hill, PA 18076 to the following: 1998 Sunbird Sizzler boat - serial: SFPA0138E798, PA5688CB; 1998 Shoreland'r trailer serial: 1MDDWYM14WA 950160 and related equipment. Amount to be rendered \$1,022.90 plus miscellaneous cost within 30 days of this notice.
Feb. 4, 11

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Intent**

Dinbokowitz Marine Inc., 2946 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall, PA 18052, 610-434-7400 notified PA Fish & Boat Commission/Penn DOT with intent to terminate all rights, titles and interest of Fred Lorch, 333 Ralph Samuel Blvd., Kunkietown, PA 18058 to the following: 1996 SeaDoo GSX serial: ZZNLO688E696, 1996 SeaDooGTX serial: ZZNJ3527D696 and Load Rite III rider PWC trailer and related equipment; amount to be rendered \$1,632.40 plus miscellaneous costs within 30 days of this notice.
Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of WEN J. FUH aka WEN JEN FUH, deceased, late of 5061 Covenant Court, Allentown, PA.

All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Administrator or his attorney named below:

Administrator: CHUNG CHUN FUH
c/o Feldman Law Offices P.C.
221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104

Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, ESQUIRE
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Alburts Borough Council will soon be considering the conditional use application submitted by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T concerning the property at 334 Walnut Street. The applicant requests conditional use approval to permit a wireless communications facility pursuant to Ordinance §21-404(g), §21-404(h) and §21-1335(d).

Borough Council will conduct a public hearing on the conditional use application at its meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Alburts Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, PA 18011.

The Alburts Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. If you need any reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call 610-966-4777 to make arrangements.
Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of JAMES L. KUHNS, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Tammy L. Harris, Co-Executor
Theresa M. Harris, Co-Executor**
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
19 E. Main Street
Feb. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of SALLY A. BUTZ, a/k/a SALLY BUTZ, deceased, late of East Texas, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Karen Shollenberger, Co-Executor
Daniel G. Butz, Co-Executor**
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062

Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4

**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BIDDERS**

Sealed Proposals will be received by North Whitehall Township, at the Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA 18037, until 10:00 AM, prevailing time, February 26, 2015, at which time bids for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project Phase II will be publicly opened and read aloud. Online sealed bids shall be submitted by way of the PennBid Program. Paper bids will not be accepted for this Project. All documents and solicitation details are available online at no cost at PennBid - www.PennBid.net

The Work to be performed for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project Phase II consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and appurtenances for the construction of approximately 6,525 L.F. of a stone surface hiking and biking trail with the following amenities: fencing, gates, signage, pavement markings, gabion retaining walls, wooden pedestrian boardwalk, wooden pedestrian bridge and other related items.

The Bid for the Ironton Rail-Trail Project shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the Bid. All Bids shall be effective for 60 calendar days from the date of the Bid opening, and the Project must be completed within 150 calendar days after the contract time commences. If the award is delayed by a required approval of another Government agency, the sale of bonds or the award of a grant or grants, the Owner shall reject all bids or award the Contract to the lowest responsible bidder within 120 days of the date of opening. The successful bidder will be required to provide Construction Performance and Payment Bonds equal to 100% of the contract amount as specified in the contract documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that employees and applicants for employment shall not be discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, or handicap.

A non-mandatory prebid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2015, at the Municipal Building. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference. ENGINEER will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as ENGINEER considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference.

The North Whitehall Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the Contract in the best interest of the Township.

Jeff Bartlett, Township Manager

Feb. 4, 11

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for sealed bids for Architect.**

Community Fire Company of New Tripoli is accepting sealed bids until 5pm March 9, 2015 for Architectural Services to include Structure, M/E/P, and Geotechnical Engineers. For more information and schedule a walk through contact Scott 484-294-5044. Sealed bids should be mailed to Community Fire Company of New Tripoli at 7242 Decatur Street, New Tripoli PA 18066, Attention Building Chairman.
Feb. 4, 11

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2015, Certificate of Organization was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for **MACNCHEESE GP, LLC**, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Act of 1994.
James L. Broughal, Esquire
BROUGHAL & DEVITO, L.L.P.
38 West Market Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Macungie Borough Council will hold a public hearing and consider and possibly adopt Ordinance 2015-02 at its meeting on February 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, Pennsylvania. The ordinance, of which this Notice is a summary, authorizes the Borough to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Boroughs of Macungie and Alburts and the Townships of Lower Macungie, Lower Milford and Upper Milford to update and revise the Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan and coordinate a new partner-specific plan for parks, recreation and open space, agricultural conservation, transportation, infrastructure and economic development, including procedures for a steering committee, the engagement of the Lehigh County Planning Commission to provide consulting services, payments by each municipality towards the costs of the project, the application for state grant funds and administration of grant funds and billings of municipalities, development of the plans, public hearings, and amendments to the agreement. Copies of the full text of the ordinance and the proposed Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement are available at the Borough office, the Lehigh County Solicitor's Office, and the office of this newspaper during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing and meeting.
Chris L. Boehm, Borough Manager

Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Sewage Facilities Planning Modules for Grandview (the Project) have been submitted to Lower Macungie Township. The Project is a proposed combination of uses. Lot 1 will be commercial (existing Allen Organ Company headquarters and showroom). Lot 2 will be multi-residential (proposed 204 apartment units). Lot 3 will be commercial (proposed store, fuel station and two restaurants). The Project is located on the Southeast corner of the Pa Route 100/Gehman Road intersection in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, PA.

The total area of the Project is 52.4 acres. Lot 1 is 14.6 acres. Lot 2 is 25.1 acres. Lot 3 is 12.7 acres. The additional daily wastewater flow for Lots 2 and 3 is forecasted to be 64,442 gpd or 161.1 EDUs based on 400 gpd/EDU. The proposed sewage disposal method for the Project is by treatment at a municipal wastewater treatment facility owned by the City of Allentown.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's rules and regulations require this notice because the Project changes the flow at an existing sewage treatment facility by more than 50,000 gpd and the Project will involve disturbance of prime agricultural lands. The proposed disturbance of prime agricultural lands is consistent with established municipal policies and procedures for protection of prime agricultural lands.

A 30-day comment period is established from the date of this publication to allow the public to comment on this planning module. All comments must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period.

The public may review the Sewage Facilities Planning Module during normal business hours at and/or provide written comments to the following address:

Attn: Township Secretary
Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building
3400 Brookside Rd.
Macungie, PA 18062
Feb. 4(610) 332-1772

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

Appeal No. 01-2015 of Grace and Stephen Cichocki, 3186 Overlook Drive Emmaus, PA.18049. Property located in an S-Suburban Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 548450406501. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 27-707 regarding the rear yard building setback for the proposed addition and any other relief as may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

Appeal No. 02-2015 of Mark and Andrea Stora. 8038 Spring Creek Road, Alburts, PA. 18011. Property located in an SR-Semi Rural Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546433979730. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Chapter 27, Part 6, Section 27-605 regarding the setback requirement for an accessory structure (garage) and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

Appeal No. 03-2015 of Mack Trucks Inc. 7000 Alburts Road, Macungie, Pa. 18062. Property located in an I-Industrial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 54734955618. The Applicant is requesting a Variance to Chapter 27, Part 23, Section 27-2303 (7) (B

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RUTH E. GLOBOSITS, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF ROBERT J. TURNER, deceased late of Easton, Northampton County, Pa. Letter of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claim or demand against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to BRANDON LEE-TURNER, 5 Birchwood Cove, Savannah, GA 31419.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF ANDREW A. MCGEEHIN, JR., deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: MICHAEL MCGEEHIN 1721 Evangate Drive, Allentown, PA 18104

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Township of Whitehall is soliciting sealed bids until February 18, 2015 (Wednesday) at 3:00 p.m.; bids will be opened February 19, 2015 (Thursday) at 3:15 p.m. for: Contract No. 15-03 "RENTAL OF ASPHALT COLD MILLING MACHINE"

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Legal & Legislative Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 11th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE
UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY, PA
Upper Macungie Township as required by the Management of On-lot Subsurface Sewage Disposal Facilities (O & M) Ordinance 2010-8, is requesting that any party interested in performing septic system pumping/hauling and inspection services within the Township, register with the Township by March 15, 2015.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF LILLIAN M. HUSSER, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of DOROTHY M. BARON, deceased, late of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Barbara A. Lotte or Gregory S. Baron, Co-Executors, c/o Samuel R. Kasick, Esquire, 523 West Linden Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18101.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JANE B. FITZPATRICK, late of Center Valley, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: James T. Fitzpatrick, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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All materials must meet PennDOT Pub. 408 Specifications and Standards. All Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified and must supply proof of prequalification.

Proposals must be on forms provided by the Township. Proposal forms, specifications and bid information can be obtained at the East Allen Township Municipal Building at the above address or by calling 610-262-7961, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A non-mandatory prebid meeting will be held at the Township Building at 1 PM on Feb. 19.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid made payable to East Allen Township.

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price within 20 days of the award of the contract.

The successful seal coat bidder will also be required to provide an additional maintenance bond in the amounts specified in the bid document which will be due upon completion of the work.

All bids will be opened publicly and read at approximately 12:05 p.m. on February 23, 2015 at the East Allen Municipal Building. The bids will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular scheduled meeting on February 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows. The East Allen Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or portions thereof, and to delete projects and or portions of the project depending on budgetary constraints and also to waive any technicalities deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

East Allen Township
Rose Wedde, Secretary
5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard
Northampton, PA 18067

Feb. 4, 11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act 295 of 1982, as amended, of intention to file, or the filing of, in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a Certificate for the conduct of a business in Pennsylvania, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of:

Fictitious Name:
McLaurin Entertainment Software Co.
Principal place of business: 4744 Spruce Street Schnecksville, PA 18078
The names and addresses of all persons or entities owning or interested in said business are: John Marco Panettiere 4744 Spruce Street Schnecksville, PA 18078
The certificate will be filed on or after 1/28/2015 Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
ZONING HEARING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on February 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

DOCKET # 1814 - Wilbur E. Hill, III, Member / WRW Builders, LLC - 928 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 5520 Hillside Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 558080297896, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-114 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding steep slopes requiring larger lot area to permit the proposed 2 lot subdivision of a vacant parcel.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Melissa A. Wehr, Zoning Officer, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

MELISSA A. WEHR, Zoning Officer

Jan. 28, Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburts, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburts Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, Pennsylvania 18011, will consider, and may enact, an ordinance entitled and summarized as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AND MACUNGIE AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF LOWER MACUNGIE, LOWER MILFORD, AND UPPER MILFORD TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE SOUTHWESTERN LEHIGH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COORDINATE NEW PARTNER-SPECIFIC PLANS FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION, TRANSPORTATION, INFRA-STRUCTURE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR A STEERING COMMITTEE, THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES, PAYMENTS BY EACH MUNICIPALITY TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, THE APPLICATION FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT FUNDS AND BILLINGS OF MUNICIPALITIES, DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT.

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

David G. Knerr, Esquire
Solicitor

Feb. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RICHARD H. BACHMAN, deceased, late of Slatington, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: JEAN M. BACHMAN 4835 Harter Road Slatington, PA 18080

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Alfred R. Ott a/k/a Reverend Monsignor Alfred R. Ott, Deceased. Late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/31/14. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Reverend Monsignor Thomas Hoban, Executor, c/o Richard I. Torpey, Esq., 2444 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Or to his Atty.: Richard I. Torpey, Howland, Hess, Guinan, Torpey, Cassidy & O'Connell, LLP, 2444 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:

THE HILLS AT WINCHESTER
MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2011-103
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW
An application to develop the three tracts located at 3951 Walbert Avenue, 4131 Walbert Avenue and 1995 Brickyard Road containing a total of 111,7256 acres. The plan proposes to subdivide the tract into 257 lots. The western portion of the tract is proposed to be developed as an active adult community consisting of approximately 55.28 acres containing an existing farmhouse, 118 single-unit and 88 two-unit age-qualified dwelling units, a club house and commercial pad site, and 4 stormwater management facilities. The eastern portion of the tract is to be developed as a conventional residential community consisting of approximately 47,5528 acres containing 2 existing farmhouses, 42 single dwelling units and 3 stormwater management facilities. Two lots fronting Brickyard Road totaling 8,8928 acres, of which 8,6458 acres are to be dedicated to South Whitehall Township as open space. Public water and sanitary sewer, and 12,342 linear feet of new road (both public and private) are proposed. The subject property is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and RR Rural Residential, with the AAND-O Active Adult Neighborhood Development Overlay district located in the western portion of the tract. Jandl Land Company is the owner and applicant.

ZONING ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1
Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 12.39(h)(5) to correct a reference error; Amending Section 12.31(r) and Section 12.47 so as to reference the latest FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map; Amending Section 12.39(h)(2) to correct a reference error; and Amending Section 12.28(c)(14) to correct a reference error.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1
Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 11.7 through 11.21 Plan Review Submission Requirements; and Amending Section 11.6 Definitions as appropriate to the aforementioned amendments.

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department

Feb. 4, 11

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The February 2015 meeting of the Lower Macungie Township Planning and Zoning Committee will be held on February 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, instead of the previously scheduled meeting of February 25, 2015. The public is invited to attend. Feb. 4

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