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**BASD**



Faccinnetto

## Faccinnetto elected president of PSBA

BY LIZ KEMMERER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**B**oard President Michael Faccinnetto won the seat of president elect of the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA). The election took place at PSBA's annual leadership conference in Hershey, Oct. 13-15.

PSBA is a statewide nonprofit association of public school boards dedicated to promoting high quality public education by providing members with effective tools, training and advocacy. BASD joined the association roughly nine years ago.

PSBA officers meet six times per year to discuss and oversee statewide initiatives and programs. Primarily, though, Faccinnetto says, president-elect is an advocacy position.

"We are the sixth largest district in Pa. and we have such broad diversity. It doesn't serve us to not be a part of PSBA," explained Faccinnetto. "This position is a way of getting our ideas out there and getting us on the map."

As president-elect, Faccinnetto plans to forge new partnerships to help drive down membership dues while increasing

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**Luminaria decorate** the Moravian Village retirement facility main entrance on Wood Street in Bethlehem Dec. 10. The one-night holiday season display benefits New Bethany Ministries.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

## Light the night

**T**he 19th annual Luminaria Night which decorates

Bethlehem area homes and businesses with white paper bags lighted by mini-candles and anchored with sand was held Dec 10. Often set up to line sidewalks and buildings, the luminaria kits are sold by New Bethany ministries as a Christmas fundraiser. This year's estimated luminaria sales should reflect a \$7,000 increase over 2015 sales of \$83,330. The fundraising efforts are accomplished mostly by some 300 volunteers. The South Bethlehem facility and programs provide opportunities for the homeless, hungry, poor and mentally ill of the Lehigh Valley. Our coverage of Bethlehem's Luminaria Night continues on page A2.



**Christine Davies** helps decorate the Market Street Townhouses complex where she lives in the Bethlehem Historic District.



**Bruce Lawrence** sets up luminaria bags along his home's Christmas decorated fence at Center and Church streets in the Bethlehem Historic District. Lawrence said he's been participating in the fundraiser for "at least 10 years."

**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB

How do you like to ring in the new year?



"Quietly and together."  
**Rich Kilgore**  
Allentown



"With a drink."  
**Norm Lohman**  
Nazareth

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**BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL**

## Budget finalized with \$1M to spend on streets

BY MICHELLE MEEH  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**C**ity Council members passed the 2017 budget Dec. 20 with only a few amendments.

The \$74 million budget was separated into several parts: general fund, water fund, sewer fund, gold course enterprise fund, liquid fuels, community development, 911 operations, and capital funds for non utilities, water and sewer.

At a final budget meeting Dec. 12, council member Bryan Callahan had proposed amendments to the budget. Some of

his proposed amendments were approved by council, including minor amendments to the general fund, community development and the tax rate. As approved by council, the tax rate will not increase in 2017. However, the sewer rate for 2017 will increase by 10 percent.

Callahan thanked Mayor Bob Donchez and Business Administrator David Brong for their work on the budget. "It is a good budget," he said. "I just have an issue with a few line items."

Callahan voted against the general fund portion of the budget, which passed by a 6-1

vote as amended. He also voted against the community development portion, which passed 5-1 with council member Olga Negron-Dipini abstaining.

Council member Eric Evans said he was proud of the budget and the "good healthy debate" that went into the amendments. "This budget is something I support," he said, and though the process was not easy, city administration "really answered the call this year" with some "creative and efficient" ideas.

He was pleased that the budget for roads has increased from \$600,000 to \$1 million for 2017. "I'm satisfied with this bud-

get," said council member Shawn Martel. He added that he was pleased the budget included funds to help downtown businesses.

In other business, council members approved a contract for \$21,404 to Benchmark Civil Engineering to provide traffic signal upgrades at Broad and Center streets and Broad and Linden streets. They also approved a contract for Carroll Engineering for a pedestrian bridge in Johnston Park. The \$79,167 contract will be paid from the DCNR Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund.

How do you like to ring in the new year?



"Sober."  
**Donald Byington**  
Bethlehem



"Asleep."  
**Brian Klimko**  
Forks Township



"We stay home and eat seafood and drink wine."  
**Danette Gower**  
Palmerton



"On the couch at home with a few beers."  
**Hilary Taylor**  
Rockville, MD

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member services. He also hopes to strengthen PSBA by getting members more involved and maintaining PSBA's strong presence in Harrisburg going forward.

"PSBA has become one of the most respected voices on education issues in Harrisburg," said Faccinnetto. "Our government affairs team has formed relationships with both parties and continues to advocate for districts. If a member of the General Assembly wants information on education, I want them to call PSBA."

Faccinnetto first joined the school board in 2009. After a rigorous application and interview process, Faccinnetto was one of several slated candidates up for this election in which all 500 Pennsylvania public school districts, intermediate

units and career and technical schools have a vote. Faccinnetto was elected by PSBA to be an at-large representative in 2015 and was then elected vice president in 2016. He will hold the office of president elect for 2017 before assuming the role of PSBA President in 2018. He will then serve as immediate past president in 2019.

"I think it's important because there are 500 school districts in the state, but not many of them have the size and makeup of our district, and there are not many districts with interests similar to ours," said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy. "To have our district not only represented at PSBA, but also at the executive council level is very important and I think that plays largely into our vision for getting proposals passed. So, I want to thank Mike for the extra time he puts into that."

**LIGHT THE NIGHT**



**Luminaria line** the steps and sidewalks of the Market Street Townhouses complex in Bethlehem's Historic District.



**Luminaria** line the sidewalk in front of Scott Roman's home on Wood Street in northeast Bethlehem. The Christmas City native said he has been supporting the New Bethany Ministries fundraiser for about 10 years.

**Edgeboro marks Luminaria Night**



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

**The neighborhood** of old Edgeboro joined the rest of Bethlehem in lighting luminaria on the night of Dec. 10. Luminaria night is a fundraiser for New Bethany Ministries, which serves the homeless and disabled in Bethlehem.

**LEFT:** Chatting on a corner are Pam and Jeff Opp (right), Pat Eckert (rear) and Kim Hemminger (left), with her two greyhounds. Later there was a neighborhood party.



**At sunset,** as the luminaria light the walks, neighbors gather to enjoy the scene and catch up on one another's holiday plans.



**Dozens of luminaria** give Maple Streety a warm glow on a cold evening.

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**Dr. Joseph Roy,** superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District, recruited several assistants to help him place luminaria – his daughters Maddie, Charlotte and Alison. Maddie brought along her favorite stuffed animal, while Charlotte's jeweled crown sparkled in the light.



**Along Sycamore Street,** the luminaria are joined by a glowing Christmas tree.

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**Feeling Let Down?**

Christmas is past. Some may feel let down or dejected when Christmas is over. Maybe Christmas didn't meet their expectations, or maybe they are sad that the good feelings they experienced during the festivities didn't last.

Why is it that we can't get lasting satisfaction from the things we possess or the things we experience? **Why do we keep longing for more?** Why is it that the nicest presents don't keep us happy or satisfied? It's not long until we are looking for something else to fulfill us.

Some have expressed this as a "hole" in our lives that only God can fill. Jesus said this, **"If any man thirst (that's talking about longing), let him come unto me, and drink."** (John 7:37) Jesus went on to explain the satisfaction that would be found by those who would come to Him and believe on Him.

What should we do when we feel let down, when there's a longing that nothing satisfies?

We should use those times to turn to Jesus, to look for Him. The greatest present is His presence. That gift will last.

One song, written by Joel Hemphill, says it this way: "I searched for Him and knew not what I searched for. I longed for Him and knew not what I longed for. When I found Jesus, I knew that I would search no more. He filled a longing down in my soul!"

This Baby-Jesus, God the Son—is not just a Gift to be celebrated at Christmas and then packed away until next Christmas. **NO!** He is, as the Scripture says, **"Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."** (Matthew 1:23) That's not just for Christmas, but for always.

As we enter the new year, we can seek and find the satisfaction for which we long. **His Name is Jesus!** God's Word says this, **"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."** (Jeremiah 29:13)

--Submitted by Melody Lundmark

A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website, but due to space constraints, for ongoing events, email, visit or call the following:

Holiday special events are listed in the Holiday Happenings column in this paper on page A6.

**Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room:** 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 610-861-5526 or email [lvcops-n-kids@att.net](mailto:lvcops-n-kids@att.net) or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).

**Bethlehem Area Public Library:** daily. Call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610-867-7852 (south side) or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) (main) or <http://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm> (south side); for the newsletter, visit <http://bit.ly/2bTICeZ>.

**Moravian Book Shop:** 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit [www.moravianbookshop.com](http://www.moravianbookshop.com).

**Monday, December 26**

**Third annual BASD mini-THON** Phantoms night to benefit the Four Diamonds fund for conquering childhood cancer. 7:05 p.m. PPL Center, Allentown. Email [jwllaesa@badschools.org](mailto:jwllaesa@badschools.org) or [sbeer@badschools.org](mailto:sbeer@badschools.org).

**Tuesday, December 27 - Friday, December 30**

**Maker Space Days.** Drop in any time to create and build. 3D printer demonstrations on Friday. All ages. No registration needed. 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**Friday, December 30**

**Library mascot Spike's** free children and parents dance party; popular songs, children's favorites, family activities and snacks. Open to the public. No registration needed. 11 a.m. - noon. Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

**Saturday, December 31**

**Celtic Spirituality Night;** live Celtic music, reflection, meditation, healing and peace. 5 to 6 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Call 610-865-0727 or visit [www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/](http://www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/).

**Monday, January 2**

**Bethlehem Area Public Library** materials that were checked out and have a due date of Jan. 2 are now due on Jan. 3. Library is closed on Jan. 2. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761.

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, December 28**

**Bethlehem Parking Authority,** 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.  
**Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board** meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

**Monday, January 2**

**No meeting:** BASD Board Facilities and Curriculum Committee (will be held Jan. 9)  
Bethlehem Township Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave., closed. No meetings.

Unconfirmed:

**Fountain Hill Borough Council,** 7 p.m. 941 Long St.  
**Hellertown Borough Council,** 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Hanover Twp. Supervisors** reorganizational meeting, 6:30 p.m. Hanover Twp. Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.  
**Bethlehem Council,** 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St.  
**Freemansburg Council,** 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St., Freemansburg.

**Wednesday, January 4**

**Historical Architectural Review Board,** 4 p.m. Town Hall, 10 E. Church St.  
**Northampton County Council** reorganizational meeting, 4:30 p.m. (note time change) 669 Washington St., Easton.

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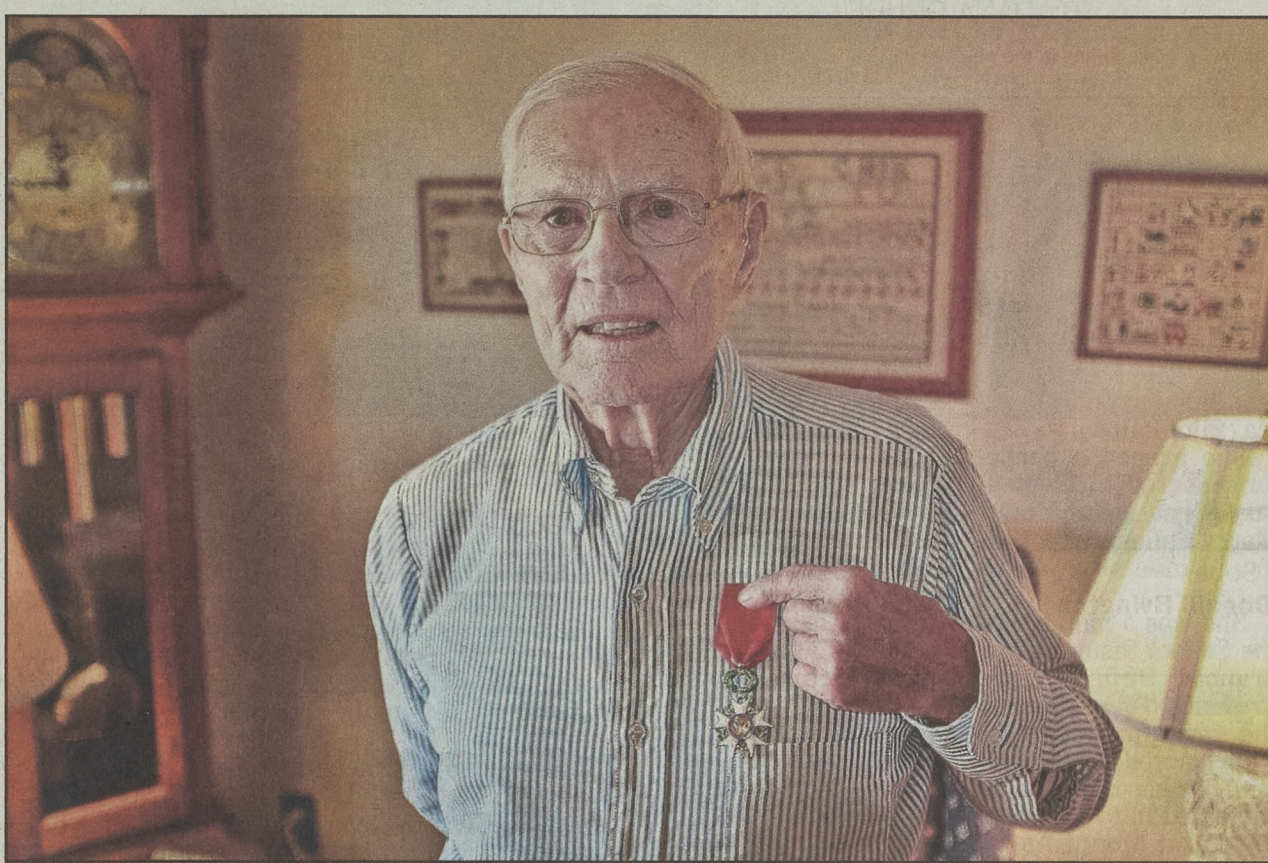
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This past October, Bethlehem resident Forrest Taylor was surprised to receive a letter from the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., informing him that as a veteran of the liberation of France, he had been named a "Chevalier," or Knight, of the Legion of Honor, the highest honor – civilian or military – that the Republic of France awards for service to the nation. Forrest received the award during a special ceremony at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., Nov. 10. Forrest was told that recipients of the Legion d'Honneur only wear the medal on national occasions. From respect for that tradition Forrest declined to pin the medal to his chest, instead holding it for a photograph.

A different Christmas story

The Western Front 1944

BY DOROTHY GLEW  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Looking from the window of his Moravian House apartment on a cold December morning, Bethlehem native Forrest Taylor commented to a guest that the rapidly falling temperature reminded him of the Christmas of 1944, which he spent in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium.

He had been an army platoon sergeant then, the link between the officer who commanded the 40 men of the unit and the three squads and assorted specialty troops into which it was divided. Forrest joked that he never understood how a guy who was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 120 pounds ever got the responsibility of leading dozens of men in one of the decisive and most costly battles of the Second World War, the Battle of the Bulge. But his guest, an army brat, had already figured that out. Modest in demeanor and a true gentleman, Forrest reminded him of many of the World War II veterans he grew up among.

The Battle of the Bulge was the U.S. Ar-

**Forrest Taylor was among eleven Pennsylvania**

Veterans, on Thursday, November 10, 2016, who were awarded the French Legion of Honor medal for their service in France during World War II.

Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey spent time with them at the French Embassy in Washington DC. He said, "It was a privilege and an honor to spend some time with these brave patriots."

Ask Forrest to show you his medal! It gleams in a bright red box.



A clipping from the Wesley Methodist Church newsletter featuring a photo from the Nov. 10 ceremony at the French Embassy. Forrest is shown with other Pennsylvania veterans who were awarded the Legion d'Honneur at the French Embassy. Senator Bob Casey also joined the group.

my's largest land battle of World War II and also its costliest in terms of men killed in action, more than 8,000. Beginning in mid-December with a German assault numbering several hundred thousand, the battle continued until late January 1945, when Allied air power and the stubborn refusal of the Americans to surrender forced a German surrender. The brutal cold, a record for western Europe during December at that point in the 20th century, took a high toll on American troops. Because they had advanced so rapidly from

Normandy, they had left their supplies behind. Many men died of exposure, including three in Forrest's platoon.

During basic training in Missouri, Forrest had the good luck to be in a unit directed by a highly decorated sergeant from the Tenth Mountain Division, Joseph T. Dye, who had led a seven-man team in a daring assault on a German position on a mountain above American positions in Northern Italy. Sgt. Dye was a role model for the young man who would soon be promoted to sergeant himself.

Forrest's unit sailed from New York to Wales and from there to southern France. From the French port, they traveled three days by train – using boxcars to maximize the number of men who could be accommodated – to a site near Liege, Belgium. Just minutes after leaving the train they heard an aircraft pass overhead, its engine sputtering and then falling silent. Seven seconds later, there was a huge explosion nearby. They had almost been hit by a German V-1 rocket, better known as a "Buzz

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**Sister M. Damian**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius student tutor

Sister M. Damian, 92, died Dec. 12, 2016, in Lehigh Valley Muhlenberg Hospital, Bethlehem. She was a daughter of the late Stephen and Veronica (Filo) Baloga.



She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Mount Mercy College, now Carlow University, Pittsburgh. She was a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis, United States Province. She entered the community in 1945 from Sacred Heart Parish, Wilkes-Barre. She professed her first vows in 1947 at Mount Assisi Convent Chapel, Pittsburgh, and attained 69 years of religious profession.

She taught elementary grades in Pennsylvania,

Massachusetts and New Jersey. She tutored students in New Jersey and at Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Bethlehem.

After she retired, she tutored and worked with after care programs. Her last years were spent at Villa Clare, Monocacy Manor, where she was a participant in the prayer ministry.

She is survived by her religious community; a niece, Rita McCall; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by eight siblings: Cyril, Joseph, John, Stephen, Father Damian, Thomas, Cecelia and Anna.

Contributions may be made to the School Sisters of St. Francis retirement fund, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

**Lorraine Clare Melanson**

Episcopal church organist

Lorraine Clare Melanson, 82, formerly of Passaic County, N.J., died Dec. 2, 2016, in Gracedale Nursing Home, Nazareth, where she has been residing with her husband, Frank J. Melanson Jr.

Born in Lincoln Park, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Harry and Audrey Schroeder.

She was an editor and writer of operation manuals for many years until she retired in the mid-1990s.

She was a former member of All Saints Episcopal Church and was later a member of United Methodist

Church, Wyckoff, N.J. She was an organist at both All Saints and St. Clement's Episcopal Churches.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, John and his wife Connie Fuchs of Bethlehem; two daughters, Carol and her husband Frank Chapin of Hawthorne, N.J. and Karen Clark of Wyoming; a brother, William Schroeder of Mississippi; and three grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a half sister, Evelyn Soller.

Contributions may be made to Gracedale, residents activity fund, 2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth PA 18064.

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

**Ronald A. Zito**

OLMC R.C. Church member

Ronald A. Zito, a resident of Gracedale Nursing Home and formerly of Roseto, Easton, Bethlehem and Nazareth, died Dec. 12, 2016, in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township.

Born in Roseto, he was a son of the late Phillip and Carmela (Maggese) Zito. He was the former husband of Cheryl Zito of Hamburg.

He was a heavy equipment operator for various construction companies in the Lehigh Valley for many years.

He was a member of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel R.C. Church.

He is survived by two sons, Preston and Stefan, both of Hamburg; four siblings, Prospero and his wife Jacqueline Zito of Roseto, Mary Jo Zito of Tennessee, Phillip Jr. and his wife Patricia Zito of East Stroudsburg and Carmela and her husband Thomas Heard of Kunkletown; and a granddaughter, Aurelia Zito.

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

**Beatrice Mae Strohl**

of Fountain Hill

Beatrice Mae (Hafler) Strohl, of Fountain Hill, died Dec. 12, 2016. She was the wife of the late Melvin Robert Strohl.

She is survived by seven children, Virginia Brader of Bethlehem, Ruthann Decker of Sellersville, Kay Mertus and Linda Kemmerer, both of Bethlehem, Karen Andrade of Quakertown, Melvin Strohl Jr. of Allentown and Mary

Emma Strohl of Bethlehem; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Gerald Milton Strohl; a granddaughter, and a great-great-grandson.

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

**Manuel A. Maldonado**

formerly of Bethlehem

Manuel A. Maldonado, 59, of Allentown and formerly of Bethlehem, died Dec. 2, 2016, in Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg. Born in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, he was a son of the late Manuel A. and Carmen Antonia (Martinez) Maldonado. He was the former husband of Mariseli (Santiago) Maldonado.

In addition to his former wife, he is survived

by three sons, Eletise, Manuel and Jaciel Maldonado; two daughters, Mariseli and Adneris Maldonado; seven grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters including Juan Colon and Amalia Maldonado, locally.

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

**Thomasina D'Amico**

OLPH R.C. Church member

Thomasina Grace D'Amico, 77, of Bethlehem and was a resident at Gracedale, Upper Nazareth Township, died Nov. 29, 2016, in Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Salvatore and Laura (Shelbo) D'Amico.

She was a member of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help R. C. Church.

She is survived by nieces, including Donna Green, her caregiver; nephews; and a brother, Daniel D'Amico.

She was predeceased by three siblings.

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

**Harold Robinson Jr.**

engineer

Harold Robinson Jr., 74, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 10, 2016, at Moravian Village. Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Harold and Emily (Zahn) Robinson. He was the husband of Susan (Foyle) Robinson for 48 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Drexel University.

He was an engineer for S.K.F.

He attended Calvary Wesleyan Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Karen and her husband Daniel Maier of Lititz and Emily and her husband Chad Reed of Dillsburg; a brother, Alan and his wife Donna Robinson of Philadelphia; and seven grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Calvary Wesleyan Church, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

**Ramona R. Ruiz**

Holy Infancy Church member

Ramona R. Ruiz, 82, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 8, 2016. She was the wife of the late Antonio Ruiz. She was a daughter of the late Juana Cosme and Benito Reyes.

She was a member of Holy Infancy Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Carmen Weaver and her husband Rex of Bethlehem, Miriam Ruggiero of Easton and Nellie and her husband John Perez of Bethlehem Township; two sons, Jose and Rob,

both of Bethlehem; a sister, Leonides Rivera; close friends, Mercedes and Mariano Cordero; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Orlando Ruiz.

Contributions may be made to Holy Infancy Catholic Church, 312 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

**Joann Groller**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church member

Joann Groller, 74, of Catasauqua and formerly of Northampton, died Dec. 7, 2016, at the Lehigh Valley Hospice inpatient unit, Allentown. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Vida) Santos. She was the wife of the late Robert Groller.

She was a home health aide with St. Luke's V.N.A. and the former Maximum Care for 14 years until she retired in 2001.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Catasauqua.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann L. and her husband Kevin Hoffman of Germansville and Renee L. and her husband Timothy Heim-

bach of Northampton; a brother, Charles and his wife Ramona Santos of Bethlehem; two sisters, Margie and her husband Robert Stangl of Nazareth and Mary Haney of Bath; four grandchildren, Craig, Krystal, Brandon and Rachel; three great-granddaughters, Adryanna, Isabella and Gabryella; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to L.V. Hospice or to the Last Chance Ranch animal rescue, both c/o the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067.

Arrangements were made by Schisler Funeral Home Inc., Northampton.

**Another connection**

Bethlehem has another connection with the Battle of the Bulge. The Pa. 33 bridge over the Lehigh River is named in honor of Brig. General Anthony C. McAuliffe of the 101st Airborne Division. On Dec. 22, 1944, the Germans presented a formal written request that McAuliffe surrender or face the annihilation of his troops by German armor and artillery that had surrounded their position at Bastogne, Belgium. McAuliffe sent a legendary response: "December 22, 1944. To the German Commander, NUTS! The American Commander."

forgotten. As Forrest and a small band of his brothers learned at the French embassy, their sacrifice is remembered and honored by the people who most benefited from it.

**STORY**

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Bomb."

Forrest's platoon was engaged chiefly in firefights with German squads, not full-scale battles. The Germans' objective for these operations, he believes, was to slow up the Americans and disrupt their movements. At one point, Forrest's regiment moved forward to relieve the 509th Airborne. On the way, Forrest spotted a paratrooper, armed with a Thompson submachine gun, whom he immediately recognized: it was Jimmy Johnston, the brother of a classmate of Forrest at Bethlehem HS.

In Forrest's opinion (and the opinion of other veterans of service in Europe in World War II), German weapons were often superior to American weapons. Forrest's platoon had three Browning Automatic Rifles (BARs), weapons introduced in World War I. They fired at a rate of 450 rounds/min. The German "buzz-

saw," as the GIs dubbed it, had a firing rate of 1,300 rounds/min. It got its nickname because, according to the GIs, it could cut a man in half.

When the war ended in 1945, Forrest returned to Bethlehem and his wife, Pat. He joined the Bethlehem Steel Co. and rose to the position of assistant division manager of the Billing and Accounts Receivable Department, a remarkable achievement for a man who hadn't attended college or participated in Steel's "Loop" program for executives.

The army had been right about his leadership ability, it appears.

When he retired in 1980, Forrest took a position with the Bethlehem Police Department, where he was given the title of "Special Investigative Assistant." He laughs when he adds, with characteristic modesty, that he was really just a clerk. When the chief warned him that he would probably hear some strong language occasionally in his new job, Forrest

described his service as a platoon sergeant, and assured the chief that he could help the cops expand their vocabulary.

Forrest and Pat moved to Florida in 2001, but not many years later Pat died, and Forrest decided to return to Bethlehem to be nearer to one of his daughters. He went back to work for the Bethlehem Police Department, where he still volunteers three days a week. He is also active at Wesley Methodist Church.

By 2016 Forrest's service in Europe lay decades in the past, and he thought about it chiefly when he was invited to speak to school or community groups or on very cold days in December. Then in October, 2016, he was surprised to receive a letter from the French Embassy in Washington, D.C., informing him that as a veteran of the liberation of France, Forrest had been named a "Chevalier," or Knight, of the Legion of Honor, the highest honor -- civil-

ian or military -- that the Republic of France awards for service to the nation.

The citation was instituted by Napoleon, and has been awarded to generals Eisenhower and MacArthur, among other Americans. The letter concluded: "I would like to take this opportunity to express the French Government's deepest gratitude for your courage. We are forever grateful to the men and women who fought for our freedom and to whom we owe it today." Forrest was invited to receive the award in a ceremony at the French Embassy Nov. 10.

Thanks to the assistance of a friend from Wesley Methodist Church, a retired Army colonel, Forrest was able to attend the ceremony. He was one of 11 Pennsylvania recipients of the award who could be present. Afterward, his friend drove him around important sites in the city and its environs, including the Pentagon.

Forrest has also re-



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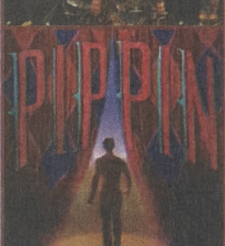
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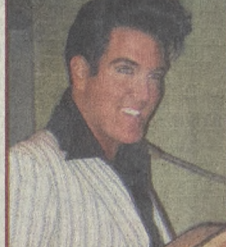
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Sat., April 1 - 7:30 PM  
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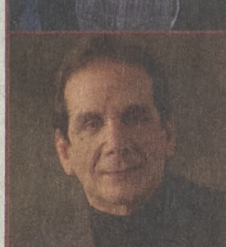
**Olivia Newton-John**  
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New formula could offer windfall

BETHLEHEM AREA SD

BY LIZ KEMMERER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It is estimated that BASD would receive an additional \$400 million in new dollars this year on top of the guaranteed \$350 million, thanks to Pennsylvania's new Fair Funding Formula, adopted officially in June, 2016. Sandra Miller, circuit rider for PA schools, presented the outcomes of the new formula to the board of directors at their November monthly curriculum meeting at East Hills MS.

The Fair Funding Formula was born out of Pennsylvania's Campaign for Fair Education Funding, launched in 2014 after Gov. Tom Corbett signed Act 51. The act established a new Basic Education Funding Commission tasked with putting together a new formula for calculating the distribution of education funds that more accurately reflects the needs of a given district.

For decades, Pa. education funds were distributed purely based on the number of students enrolled. The goal of the new formula is to not only address enrollment, but also certain demographics of a given district affecting the availability of resources and a district's capability of raising funds on their own by the taxes and community support. The act was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf this past June. The campaign is running the numbers of districts through the new formula to show the potential outcomes for each district and create an even more powerful case for this formula becoming adopted permanently.

Miller explained that



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Sandra Miller explains new state funding formula to Bethlehem School Board members.

each year the old formula provided districts with a certain dollar amount per student enrolled, which could fluctuate with each given year. To address the drop in resources that this normally could leave with school districts, Pennsylvania has a "Hold Harmless" standard.

"Hold Harmless states that regardless of what happens with their enrollment, districts will never get less funding than the year before," said Miller. "So, funding would always either stay the same or increase."

The Fair Funding Campaign makes the case that the standard dollar amount assigned per student enrolled based on the old formula does not adequately account for obstacles some students face that others don't, such as poverty, or learning English as a second language. These students typically require more resources to help ensure their success in school.

Each year, the new formula would be ap-

plied to the increase in funding for a district based on enrollment, Miller explained. The last two years, BASD received increases of \$200 million and \$150 million, resulting in \$350 million in new funding that would be run through the new formula to calculate any additional new funding districts would be given on the basis of their demographics.

"The commission always had intended that this formula would be for new dollars," Miller explained. "Bethlehem would do well, but wealthier schools are also doing well with the formula because their demographics are being reflected for the first time."

Miller says schools with much larger populations of students living in poverty are especially benefitting from this and this is who the new formula is intended to help.

"The major benefit of this formula is the poverty component," said Miller. I cover Wilkes Barre and Scranton

school districts and over 30 percent of their population is in acute poverty status. This formula reflects the impact that poverty status has on that student, as well as the benefit of the extra dollars."

This resulting \$350 million is run through the new formula, which takes three key demographics into consideration: the number of students living in poverty, the number of English language learners and the number of students attending charter schools. These numbers are based on the latest census data, which, Miller says, makes this formula a "living formula," in that the baseline demographic numbers will be the most current from year to year.

"It's much like taking the dollars based on enrollment and giving extra credit for these three demographic areas," Miller explained. "Instead of a dollar amount, the formula adds this credit in the form of more students, which then transfers to funding."

The formula begins with a district's Average Daily Membership (ADM), or the average number of students attending school over a three-year period, which comes to 15,253 students for BASD. From there, the ADMS of students living in poverty, students who are English language learners and students attending charter schools are considered for the baseline year of 2014-15.

The poverty ADM is figured from census data measuring the population of the district. This data indicates that 18.93 percent of BASD

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HEALTH NEWS

St. Luke's University Health Network Good Shepherd to lease SLUHN space

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is leasing nearly 13,000 square feet at St. Luke's University Health Network's Monroe Campus to open a 12-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit. The new hospital opened in October, and the Good Shepherd unit is expected to open in January 2017.

OB-GYN Department names Zigelboim

St. Luke's University Health Network's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has named Israel Zigelboim, MD, FACOG, FACS, as the chairman of the department. He is experienced in minimally invasive surgery and managing cancerous and noncancerous diseases of the female reproductive system.

He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and gynecologic oncology and is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Surgeons.

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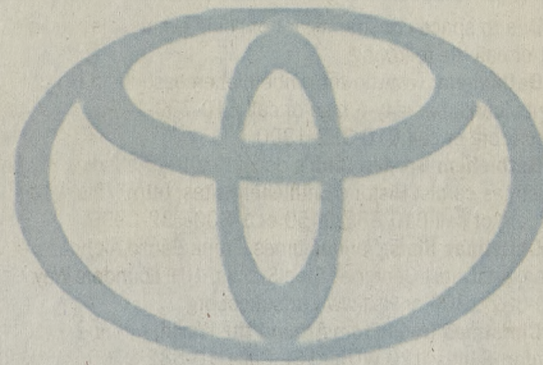
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## Holiday carriage ride



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A new **Cinderella carriage** is attracting downtown riders to the Bethlehem Carriage Co. The fairy tale horse-drawn ride passes along Main and Church streets and Payrow Plaza, during a 20-minute route through Christmas City USA. For options and info, call 610-730-4973 or [bethlehemcarriage.com](http://bethlehemcarriage.com). Holiday season rides start at Main and Church Streets in historic downtown Bethlehem. Reservations are requested. Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites has traditionally offered similar 20-minute rides from 3-9 p.m. using a "historically appropriate" horse-drawn carriage. More info: 800-360-8687 or [historicbethlehem.org](http://historicbethlehem.org).

## We saw you at 'First Frost'

North Penn S-Gauge club member Mike Pragheimer discusses the group's train display with fellow Bethlehem resident Ray Viohl, a member of the Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers. The North Penn S-Gauge layout was part of the ATMA "First Frost Train Meet" Nov. 12-13 at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agri-Plex.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

## Breaktime



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

**Camels take** a break after the 38th annual Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant Dec. 10 at Rose Garden Park in the Christmas City USA. Abby Ogden, a Bethlehem native who lives near the northwest Bethlehem park, took her two children, Felix and Georgia, to the pageant for their second time and stopped to see the camels on their way out of the park while walking home. The camels are from the Natural Bridge Zoo in Virginia and spent the weekend in Bethlehem for the Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances of the outdoor pageant.

## YWCA Santa Party



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

**Santa Claus visits** with Adele DeLeon at the Bethlehem YWCA Adult Day Services Center annual Holiday party Dec. 21. The Bethlehem resident is an active participant in the daycare center which opened in 1984 as Northampton County's first adult day program for seniors with disabilities. The affordable and subsidized program offers excellent care and support by providing social activities, physical exercise, nutritious meals and health monitoring. There are presently 29 clients in the specialized non-resident program.

## CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

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



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**MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Bethlehem, is seeking volunteer help to index historic church registers in an online database. Contact William Christman, 610-759-5070, [volunteer@moravianhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:volunteer@moravianhistoricalsociety.org).

**TEACH RWANDA**, Easton, is looking for a volunteer treasurer who knows QuickBooks to help manage finances, plan a small budget and track donations. Contact Janet Brown, 484-542-7442, [jbrown@teachrwanda.org](mailto:jbrown@teachrwanda.org).

**DAVINCI SCIENCE CENTER**, Allentown, is looking for enthusiastic volunteers (15+ years) to help bring science to life on their exhibit floor and assist with public programs. Contact Joan Amayo, 484-664-1002, [joan@davincisciencecenter.org](mailto:joan@davincisciencecenter.org).

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**MEALS ON WHEELS OF LEHIGH COUNTY**, Allentown, is looking for volunteers (18+ years) to distribute meals to homebound individuals as a substitute volunteer. Contact Dawn Stillwagen, 610-398-2563, [dstillwagen@mealsonwheelslc.org](mailto:dstillwagen@mealsonwheelslc.org).

**SACRED HEART HOSPITAL**, Allentown, is seeking volunteers. Contact Beth Fogel, 610-776-5413, [bfogel@shh.org](mailto:bfogel@shh.org).

Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: [vc@volunteerlv.org](mailto:vc@volunteerlv.org). Visit our website [www.volunteerlv.org](http://www.volunteerlv.org) for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

## NEW

Continued from page A6 residents are living in acute poverty. In a percent-to-person conversion, this 18.93 percent comes to roughly 1,723 students. That is the assumed number of BASD students living in acute poverty and this number is added to the three-year ADM. Data indicates that 19.35 percent of BASD is living in moderate poverty, which comes to about 881 students. English language learners come to 545 students and 1674 students attend charter schools. When these demographical numbers are added to BASD's three-year ADM, the new basis for funding is

18,738 students.

From there the funding considers the district's median household income, which comes to \$54,630. This is just above the Pa. average of \$53,115. The number reflects BASD's diverse range of incomes and lifestyles, from rural, to suburban, to urban.

The final number considered in the formula reflects the local effort a district puts forth to raise taxes and community support based on total population, average income and the revenue the school is able to generate.

"You are considered a very robust district," Miller stated of BASD. "On the local effort, you have made a strong commitment to using your tax dollars towards education and you're considered above average compared to schools across the state. That's a very positive thing to be."

When all four demographical ADMS, median household income and local effort are brought together, BASD gains an additional 9,525 students.

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## Second Harvest launches diaper drive

Contributed article

State Rep. Steve Samuelson, D-Northampton, is joining the Second Harvest Food Bank to launch a Lehigh Valley diaper drive to help area families afford disposable diapers.

"Many families and seniors on fixed incomes are simply unable to afford disposable diapers and undergarments," Samuelson said. "I'm excited to work with the food bank to improve access to a reliable supply of diapers, which is a necessity for the health and well-being of families young and old."

Samuelson and the Second Harvest Food Bank outlined the dona-

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tion drive to collect unopened diapers, wipes and other products, including incontinence products and disposable adult undergarments, at a November news conference at the Salvation Army in Bethlehem.

"Infants and toddlers living in households with little or no access to diapers face significant potential health risks," Samuelson said. "A lack of diapers also has serious economic and educational effects because a supply of diapers is usually required for infant and toddlers to attend and participate in child-

care programs." Samuelson said seniors and incontinent adults face health risks with the lack of clean, disposable undergarments.

"The diaper drive will improve the area's safety net and provide overlooked but needed items to those in desperate need of just a small measure of assistance," Samuelson said. "We can do this."

Samuelson cited these statistics from the National Diaper Bank Network, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the diaper

gap in the United States: •One in every three mothers finds it difficult to provide diapers for her children;

•Nearly 5.3 million children under 3 suffer from diaper need; and

•For incontinent seniors on fixed incomes, purchasing what they often view as their most important item of clothing can cost as much as \$1,000 a year.

Diaper donations will be collected at the Salvation Army and at Samuelson's district office at 104 E. Broad St. Donations made by check payable to the Second Harvest Food Bank will be used to purchase diapers in bulk.

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Glenn Klein

Cedar Beach  
tournament director

▼ **BRIEFLY**

**TROUT UNLIMITED**

**Fly-tying class**

An eight-week fly-tying class will be conducted by the Hokendauqua chapter of Trout Unlimited on consecutive Saturdays from Jan. 7, 2017, ending Feb. 25, 2017. The class takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Northampton Middle School.

Classes include a manual, all materials, and in-class use of fly-tying tools. The cost is \$30 for the 8-sessions for those over 18, but is free for those under 18 and for active or disabled veterans. There is no greater feeling than catching fish on a fly that you tied yourself or that your son or daughter will tie for you.

For more information, search the internet for Hokendauqua Trout Unlimited or contact Dale Ott at 610-262-7598.

**TROUT UNLIMITED**

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, the Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited will have a program featuring Dave Kinney of National Trout Unlimited, who will speak on "Advocating on Behalf of Wild Trout Streams."

The program will be held at 6:30 at Catasauqua High School Room C219, located at 2500 Bullshead Rd., Northampton.

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



FILE PHOTO

Jaohne Duggan of Liberty was named to the all-state team.

## 2016 PIAA All-State football players named

BY PETER CAR  
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The 2016 Pennsylvania Football Writers' All-State football teams were announced last week and 11 players from the area were honored by their respective classes.

Liberty senior defensive end Jaohne Duggan was the only Bethlehem player named to the class 6A team, as he was joined by Parkland senior defensive lineman DJ Hohman and junior linebacker Jahan Worth. Emmaus kicker Carson Landis also made the team.

Duggan was arguably the most disruptive player in the East Penn Conference this season, as the Rutgers commit, registered 14 sacks and 76 tackles, 20 of which for loss, making it back-to-back seasons that he was named all-state.

Hohman accounted for 13.5 sacks and 109 to-

tal tackles, while Worth added all-state honors to his EPC South defensive MVP nomination from this fall.

Worth had a team-high 169 tackles and 4.5 sacks. He also rushed for 925 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Landis, a Lafayette commit, had one of the best legs in the state, as he recorded 37 touchdowns this season. He connected on 9-of-12 field goals and broke a school-record with a 48-yard field goal. Landis hit on four field goals from 40 yards or more.

In 5A, Whitehall junior wide receiver Dez Boykin and senior defensive back Jackson Buskirk made the list.

Boykin was the best wideout in the EPC, catching 76 balls for 1,332 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also ran for 329 yards and four scores. Boykin was also a special teams threat,



Isaiah Onuschak was among two Hawks named all-state.

as he returned two kickoffs for scores.

Buskirk, a safety, recorded 138 tackles, two interceptions, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He also caught

30 passes for 311 yards and four touchdowns as a wide receiver.

Bethlehem Catholic senior lineman Niko Camacho and senior

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## Cedar Beach to have new summer tourney

BY PETER CAR  
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There's a new summer basketball tournament in town and it hopes to fill some of the holes that high school coaches have talked about for years with the July tournament dates.

Glenn Klein, the veteran basketball tournament director for the Stellar Construction Catch A Rising Star showcase, is going solo and forming the Cedar Beach Basketball Showcase from June 22-25.

Klein has directed and organized summer tournaments over the past 37 years and feels the time is right now to branch off to put together a different tournament.

"What high school coaches have been telling us is the June date is ideal for high school teams to participate as a team since the AAU season is not in high gear," said Klein. "Additionally, more college coaches can come to the games in June. I am confident players, coaches and fans will like this format and it will become a regular for basketball fans year after year."

Klein is looking to put together a double-elimination 54-team boys varsity bracket, along with a 32-team girls varsity bracket. He'll also look to fill a 32-team boys junior varsity bracket and a 32-team youth bracket.

"It's the same tournament as Stellar, just with a new identity," he said. "The June date should max out the girls bracket and it won't interfere with the AAU stuff that a lot of the boys compete in. The boys will be able to keep their stars."

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### CHRISTMAS CITY WRESTLING

## Holiday Classic to include Easton

BY PETER CAR  
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The Christmas City becomes wrestling city the week in between the holidays and that continues this year as the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic will take place December 28 and 29 at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

This year's tournament will have 32 teams and should get a boost in attendance and fanfare with Easton participating in the tournament this year.

The Rovers join the ranks of Pennsylvania powers Nazareth, Phillipsburg, Northampton, Central Dauphin, Council Rock South and Pennridge to go along with the host Hurricanes.

Wrestling will begin on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. with pigtales, preliminary round and

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first and second round of consolations taking place in the first session. Wednesday's second session gets going at 6:30 p.m. with quarterfinals, and third and fourth place consolations.

Thursday's schedule kicks off at 10 a.m. with the semifinals, followed by fifth and sixth round consolations.

Consolation finals will take place in the evening with championship finals to follow on two mats.

This year's field of teams are: Blue Mountain, Central Dauphin, Cocalico, Council Rock South, Delaware Valley, Easton, Freedom, Hazle-



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Luke Werner and the rest of the Hurricanes will host several teams at this year's Holiday Classic

ton, Harry S. Truman, Northwestern, Pen Argyl, Pennridge, Phillipsburg, Pleasant Valley, Pottsville, Quakertown, North Penn, Northampton, Northern Lebanon, Northern Lehigh,

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# Becahi to host 49th annual Tony Iasiello tourney

BY PETER CAR  
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The 49th annual Tony Iasiello Memorial Christmas City Wrestling Tournament will take place on December 29 and 30.

The Hawks won the

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SportsFest will continue for another year in its normal July time frame, while an announcement on Stellar's future should come

## STATE

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linebacker Isaiah Onuschak were named to the class 4A team. Camacho was Becahi's best lineman, playing offensive tackle and nose guard on defense. He had four sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss this season in nine games. Camacho got hurt in the third quarter of Becahi's 42-21 victory over Freedom in week nine and was unable to play in the final six games of the Hawks

team title with 314 points last year and crowned eight champions with Luke Carty (132), Mikey Labriola (170) and Niko Camacho (HWT) as the only returning champions back for the Hawks this year.

soon.

"We just want everyone to have fun and help kids get into college," Klein said.

Service Electric has agreed to become a broadcast partner in the event. Entry fee for each

Can the Hawks top last year's number of eight champs? That remains to be seen, as action kicks off at 10 a.m. Thursday at Bethlehem Catholic.

Wrestling will start off at 10 a.m. on Friday

team is \$225 and anyone that is interested in more information, can visit [www.cedarbeachbash.com](http://www.cedarbeachbash.com). For teams interested in registering, they can contact Klein at 610-533-2168

state semifinal run, finishing their year at 11-4. Onuschak was a menace at linebacker, racking up 86 tackles, 7.5 sacks and a team-high 22.5 tackles for loss. He scored two defensive touchdowns on fumble recoveries as well.

Central Catholic's Darnell Ferrell also made the 4A team at running back, scoring 42 total touchdowns and rushing for 1,792 yards. He also caught 13 receptions for 345 yards.

In 3A, Pen Argyl's

Austin Heisler and Notre Dame's Jalen Simpson received honors.

Heisler, a senior defensive end, had 16 sacks, 72 tackles and five fumble recoveries to lead a Pen Argyl resurgence this year on the defensive side of the ball.

Simpson had 67 receptions for 866 yards and six touchdowns, scoring 10 total TD's on the year. He was named to the squad as an athlete.

morning with semifinals and follow through the rest of the day.

Participating teams in this year's tournament include Allentown Central Catholic, Anneville Cleona, Archbishop John Carroll, Athens,

Bethlehem Catholic, Blair Academy (Second Varsity Team), Cranford NJ., East Stroudsburg South, Elmer L. Meyers, Faith Christian Academy, First Colonial VA., The Hill School, Lehighop John Carroll, Athens,

Mariana Bracetti Academy, Notre Dame GP, Port Jervis NY., Roman Catholic, Schuylkill Valley, Scranton, Susquehanna Township and Wallenpaupack.

## SWIMMING

### LHS girls top Eastburg S

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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In its second swim meet of the season, Liberty's girls defeated East Stroudsburg South, 90-58, on Dec. 15 at Liberty.

Paige McCloskey, Natalie Richardson, Sabrina Krotzer, and Kendra Smith won the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:41.08.

Kay Wetmore won the 200 free with a time of 2:06.22 and placed second in the 100 fly with a time of 1:03.11. Team-

mate, Julia McCarthy took first in the fly in 1:02.29.

Krotzer won the 200 IM in 2:28.24, and McCloskey was second in 2:28.51.

Hurricane freshman, Abby Mack, won the 50 free with a time of 25.99, and Anna Lehr won the 100 free with a time of 1:00.06.

In the 500 free, Theresa Cazarrubias took first place with a time of 6:22.02, and teammate, Greta Stuckey, was right

behind in second place with a time of 6:25.21.

In the remaining events, including the 200 free relay, the 100 backstroke, the 100 breaststroke, and the 400 free relay, the Hurricane girls swam for time only, not points.

Also, girls' team swim captains have been chosen for the Hurricanes for the 2016-2017 season, and they are Paige McCloskey, Jessica Becker, and Sarah Cecchini.

### 'Cane boys also beat ESS

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty's boys' swim team won its second meet of the season against East Stroudsburg South, 91-68, on Dec. 15 at Liberty.

"I'm incredibly excited [about the boys' team this year]," said Liberty captain, Chase Ledger. "We all have extreme potential now and across the board, sprints, distance, and we're starting undefeated."

Jake Evert, Chris Chambers, Ledger, and Robert Negron started the boys' events with a victory in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:41.08.

Ben Stuckey won the 200 free in 2:00.70,

Negron won the 200 IM in 2:05.41, Jase Smith took first place in the 50 free in 23.38, and Evert placed first in the 100 fly in 55.23.

A fight to the finish in the 100 free ended with Chambers winning in 51.51 and teammate, Omar Mohammed, finishing in second place in 51.99.

Ledger won the 500 free in 5:15.40, an event which is highly competitive among Ledger, Chambers, and Stuckey.

"I see it as completely constructive," Ledger said. "I can only build myself from it and also use it as friends because we can push each other and joke around a little."

Mohamed, Dylan Zulkawaki, Yousef Ismail,

and Ledger took first place in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:38.06.

Captains for the boys' team this year are Anthony Delcorso, Ledger, Stuckey, and Kellen Rogers for diving.

"It was fantastic [to be elected] and an accumulation of a lot of work the last few years," said Ledger. "I wanted to exercise my leadership by making friends and building relationships since freshman year, giving a pep talk halfway through the meet, and building the team up."

The Hurricanes will ring in the new year with a home meet against Southern Lehigh on Jan. 3.

## BEEF AND BEER

Lehigh Township Athletic Association will host a Beef and Beer Benefit featuring food, drinks and a DJ.

It will be held at the Lehigh Township Fire

Company, located at 4188 Lehigh Dr., in Cherryville and takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 7 p.m.-midnight.

Cost is \$25 per ticket and is for adults only.

For tickets, please

contact Dalia VanFleet at 215-850-3721 or [ltaa-softball@gmail.com](mailto:ltaa-softball@gmail.com) or Jason Brabec at 610-533-5470 or [jasonbrabec@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbrabec@gmail.com).

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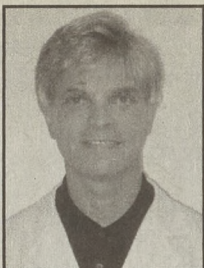
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## Plenty of holiday hoops for local teams

BY PETER CAR  
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Christmas time always means time off from school and it also means holiday basketball tournaments.

That rings true for all three of Bethlehem's schools, as Liberty, Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic will get their share of holiday tournament action this week.

Liberty will stay close to home, as the Hurricanes played Parkland in the Trojans holiday tournament on Tuesday.

The six-team tournament featured Abington Heights against Berk Catholic in yesterday's opener, followed by Lower Merion taking on Harrisburg.

The winner of the Liberty-Parkland game will meet the winner of the Lower Merion-Harrisburg contest tonight

at a time TBA, with the losers of Tuesday's game facing each other as well.

Freedom will host Southern Lehigh and Dallas in a round-robin event Thursday and Friday.

The Pates play a double-header on Friday, taking on Dallas at 4pm and Southern Lehigh at 7pm later that night.

Bethlehem Catholic will look to continue their undefeated start to the season when they make the trip to York for the Robert H. Griffith tournament Wednesday and Thursday.

The Hawks open with Danville and hope to advance to tomorrow's final against York or York Catholic.

Becahi is looking for its fourth tournament title at the event in five years.

# Fountain Hill hosts first Wreaths ceremony

The first Wreaths Across America memorial event honoring American veterans was held Dec. 17 at the Fountain Hill Cemetery. Some 300 wreaths were placed on most of the veterans' graves in the large cemetery overlooking the borough of Fountain Hill. Despite freshly fallen snow on a cold morning, more than 150 participants showed up for the ceremony at the pavilion in the 1882 cemetery. Similar events are held at 1,100 nationwide locations each year at Christmastime. The Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Allentown held its annual veterans' remembrance ceremony and wreath-laying the same day. Ron Frankenfield, the coordinator of the local memorial event, said at the end of the ceremony, "Help us lay these beautiful wreaths at the graves of veterans buried within Fountain Hill Cemetery and pause to say a prayer of thanks for the life they shared with us." Frankenfield, a Bethlehem resident and Army veteran, said the plan is to hold the event every year on the Saturday a week before Christmas.



**Paul Prashillo, Cub Scout** leader of Pack 306 in Nazareth and a Navy veteran, salutes a wreath of honor during the Wreaths Across America ceremony. After the ceremony, Cub Scouts helped place some of the 300 wreaths on the graves of service men and women in the armed forces.



**Susan Reppert** of Fountain Hill with her golden retriever, Scout, places a wreath on a grave. She said her father and grandfather were veterans in successive world wars.



**Tyler Reich**, of Boy Scout Troop 319, lays a memorial wreath on a veterans grave. The Bethlehem resident said, "My mom Jennifer served."



**Bethlehem American Legion Post 379** honor guard stands at attention during the playing of "Taps."



**Brittany Keyser** of Northampton with her two children. Keyser, a Northampton Area Community College "sponsorship class" student who helped put the event together, was one of the speakers at the event.



**Lt. Comm. Tyler Hall** of the U.S. Navy, of Allentown, speaks during the ceremony. He said similar events honoring veterans are held annually around Christmastime at some 1,100 locations in the United States.

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# MAGAZINE PICKS CITY AS #1 place in the Northeast to retire

BY CAROLE GORNEY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**W**e've always known it, but now it is official. Bethlehem is one of the best retirement destinations in the country. In fact, it is #1 in the Northeast, according to Money magazine.

Bethlehem was named among Money magazine's six "Best Places to Retire" in various regions of the United States. The other cities are Hollywood, Fla. (Southeast), Sugar Land, Texas (South); Iowa City, Iowa (Midwest); Reno, Nev. (Mountains); and Spokane, Wash. (West).

In publishing its list, the magazine said one critical factor in its selection this year was the amount of local taxes retirees have to pay. "We went in search of the tax friendliest small cities in the country - places big enough to have the amenities that retirees prize, such as access to great health care and recreation, but still affordable and compact enough to be manageable."

Bethlehem was recognized for having no state tax on Social Security benefits or retirement accounts of any kind, and for having one of the lowest sales taxes in the nation. At the same time, Money praised Bethlehem's "superior health care services and educational institutions," as well as cultural and entertainment amenities.

Taking note of the city's history, the magazine commented, "There was a time when you couldn't talk about Bethlehem without mention of Bethlehem Steel. Once the nation's second largest steel producer, it shuttered its hometown mill in 1995, marking the end of an industrial era. More than 20 years later the city has man-

BETHLEHEM	
Population	75,393
Population over 55	31%
Median home price	\$153,000
Average property tax	\$4,052
Top income tax rate	3.07%

aged to reinvent itself while holding on to its history."

Part of that reinvention, the magazine noted, has included ArtsQuest's conversion of part of the 10-acre steel mill site into SteelStacks, an arts venue for concerts, film screening and festivals, including the 10-day Musikfest, one of the country's largest free music events.

ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert says one of the primary demographics the organization looked at when developing much of its programming at SteelStacks were the Baby Boomers, knowing many of them would be retiring and would be looking for opportunities to enjoy art, films, concerts and other experiences in their free time.

"We continue to look at ways to add new programs that might appeal to retirees, with a focus on 'creative aging' programming, providing diverse opportunities for ages 55 and older to enjoy and experience the arts."

Hilgert emphasized that the recognition in Money magazine is an honor that is shared with the entire community.

"When you think about it, this is a city that really could have gone in a different direction when it lost its main industry and employer, but thanks to the hard work and invest-

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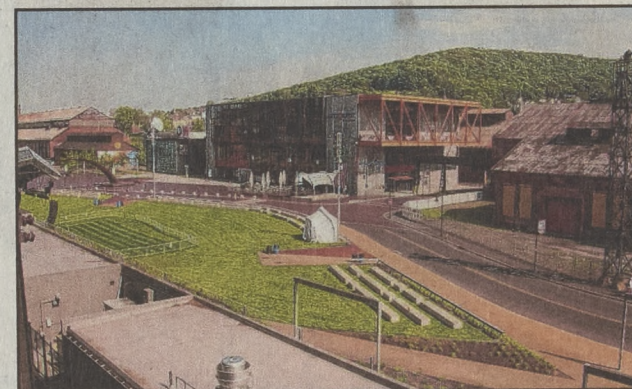


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**Historic Bethlehem** is celebrating its 275th anniversary this year. Originally founded by Moravians as a mission community, many of the Colonial-era stone structures still stand. The early Moravian District that encompasses the downtown area at Church, Market and Main streets, is listed on the National Register of Historic places. The city also maintains 20 other historic sites.



**Bethlehem has 20 walking trails**, including the South Bethlehem Greenway, a rail-to-trail linear park through the city's southern neighborhoods. Much of the trail parallels the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation site, a large portion of which is home to the Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem. The company paid for much of the trail's development adjacent to its property.



**The 10-acre SteelStacks Campus** on the site of the former Bethlehem Steel plant is comprised of both indoor and outdoor venues for festivals, concerts and community events. The SteelStacks building, shown in the background, houses two cinemas, a large-event café and other performance spaces. The outdoor Levitt Pavilion, in the foreground, stages 50 free concerts every summer, with ample lawn space for spectators to bring chairs and blankets to sit on while enjoying the music.



**Lehigh University's Zoellner Arts Center** is home to three theaters, including the 1,000-seat Baker Hall, and a two-story art gallery. Its Guest Artist Series has presented a wide array of multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural performers, including Tony Bennett, Yo-Yo Ma, the New York Philharmonic, Itzhak Perlman and Garrison Keillor, to name just a few.



**The St. Luke's Center for Positive Aging** opened two years ago under the direction of Chief of Geriatrics Dr. Alaa-Eldin Mira, shown here checking out a balancing machine with physical therapist Jeffrey Hetrick. Positive Aging is a comprehensive assessment program to help seniors navigate through the health care system, and keep them as healthy and independent for as long as possible.

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Now through Dec. 31, the museum will host a large display of 1/2" scale model railroad stations featuring Phillipsburg, West Portal, Easton, Freemansburg and Bethlehem. There will be G-Scale models which include the Lehigh Valley's historic Black Diamond train.

For a schedule of events and more information, visit <http://nmih.org> or call 610-694-6644.

**BAPL**

Returns due date changed

Books and other library materials that were checked out and have a due date of Jan. 2 are now due on Jan. 3, as the library is closed Jan. 2 to celebrate the new year.

For information, visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761.

**BETHLEHEM**

Traditions named award winner

Traditions of Hanover Independent Living, Bethlehem, has, for the fourth consecutive year, been selected as one of the 2017 Best of Senior Living Award Winners on SeniorAdvisor.com.

The facility was recognized for being in the top one percent of in-home care and assisted living senior care providers.

To qualify, they maintained an average overall rating of at least 4.5 stars while receiving three or more new reviews in 2016. For details and a list of award winners, visit [www.SeniorAdvisor.com](http://www.SeniorAdvisor.com).



**Pageant spectators** Jennifer Moyer, Ezekial Parry, Danae Parry and Elias Cabrera. "We come every year no matter what the weather," said Bethlehem native Danae Parry, holding seven-year-old Ezekial on her lap.

PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

**Colder weather** affected the turnout to see the live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant earlier in December. In fact, snow began falling near the end of one of the two performances. A cast of 100 costumed participants and live animals, including camels, performed the 38th annual presentation, a highlight of the Christmas City's holiday season schedule of events. Pageant president David Landis of Bethlehem announced a special fundraiser for the self-supported performance - a steak and fish dinner to be hosted by St. John's Brotherhood of Farmersville on William Penn Highway, near Easton Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Dennis Koehler, 484-357-2629, or Dave Landis, 610-865-0274, for more information.

**On a cold winter's day**



**Robin Laudenslager** with his granddaughter, Lauren. The Hanover Township resident said he was a "goat herder for 10 years" in past pageant performances.



**Daniel Curtin** and his daughter Fiona are bundled up for the cold weather. The Bethlehem Township father said it was their first time at the birth of Christ re-enactment.



**Grandparents Phillip and Sandra June** of Bethlehem join their daughter, Stacey Morrow as Mary, and her 6-month-old son, Lucas as Baby Jesus, at the manger scene after the performance. A popular pageant tradition is meeting the Holy Family after the conclusion of the pageant. Phillip June, a Bethlehem native who lives near the Rose Garden, proudly said Lucas is their great-grandson.



"I'm trying to keep warm," says Bethlehem native Cindy Brady.



**Brothers Aaron and Evan Klein** get a close look at the Baby Jesus.



**Cousins Thea Easterbrook, Rowen Easterbrook and Katrina Cherewaty** are well-protected from the cold weather. Attending for the first time, the young girls were with Rachel Cherewaty of Allentown.

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# Ending the year on an 'Ugly' note

It is the most wonderful time of the year and it is a very enjoyable time for our students, who are preparing to relax for winter break. Also, so much has happened at Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School.

The seniors have been busy applying for college right now, but many have been hearing back from many of their schools. Many are making their final decisions of where they want to go. Our seniors also just recently, as tradition, went to New York City for a performance of "The Color Purple" on Broadway. Many of them met and took pictures with Danielle Brooks, Cynthia Erivo, and Jennifer Hudson. They also visited the World Trade Center and experienced the One World observatory. It was a great experience for all of them and one they will not forget.



Lehigh Valley Academy also hosted the Monster Dash 5K, where people run and sometimes dress up as monsters. The Monster Dash 5K is done every year to raise money for our STEM program. Many of our staff participate and our students volunteer to guide the runners. This Monster Dash 5K is very important to the LVA family and is planned to continue yearly.

On Nov. 3, LVA held the Spanish and French honor society induction for 11th and 12th grade students. French Honor Society induction has been a tradition at LVA for many years, but the Spanish Honor Society is new this year. It is very special to many students to be able to be recognized in both language classes.

Elementary students recently presented "Annie." It was very successful with several showings. The elementary students perform a play every year which is extremely exciting for them and our school. The students have been practicing for months and were glad it all came out fantastic.

To finish the last day before break, the senior high had an Ugly Holiday Outfit contest. A lot of our students and staff participated. It was a great way to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Many outfits were humorous and others were creative. The winner received a gift card and all those who participated took a group picture to go in our yearbook.

The event took weeks of planning and was all made possible because of our student council and our student council advisor, Miss Klein.

Students are preparing for our second pep rally. It will have a Hunger Games theme and our senior high is looking forward to it. Our LVA step team, The Soul Steppers, is planning its first performance of the year for the pep rally. The Soul Steppers are also preparing for a Northeast performance in February. The winter has so much going on and Lehigh Valley Academy is super ready for it all.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DAMIAN GONZALEZ

Jorge Grullon, Julio Hernandez, Xavier Lopez, and Tavon Bennett wearing their "Harambe Loved Christmas" sweaters.



Mrs. Whitely, math teacher, in her Ugly Holiday Outfit.



Mr. Lindsey, criminal justice teacher, with his Ugly Holiday Sweater.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Lehigh student's thoughts on Standing Rock issue

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of "Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Fossil fuels have got to go!" On November 15, Lehigh students gathered with residents of the Lehigh Valley to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline. Less than a month later, the US Army Corps of Engineers has denied approval of the pipeline that would have crossed under Lake Oahe in North Dakota, cutting through sacred burial grounds and establishing a potential contamination hazard. This is a major victory for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all those who have stood in solidarity with them during the protest.

This is one battle won in an ongoing war against the fossil fuel industry. Unfortunately, the pipeline was not halted permanently - it has been rerouted to

avoid the sacred lands of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and to ensure the tribe's continued access to clean drinking water. The pipeline will be built, and its immediate negative effects will be felt by another community.

The burning of fossil fuels has an immense impact on our world, which can be seen today. Your article mentions those in the Marshall Islands who are losing their land as a direct result of global warming, but we need not look further than our own borders if that will help us realize the severity of the problem.

The impacts of rising sea levels are present in the United States as well, specifically in Florida. Miami is currently pouring millions of dollars into public

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## ED'S WORLD BY ED COURRIER



GRAPHIC COMMENTARY BY ED COURRIER

## BETHLEHEM



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

LuAnne Rossi and Joseph Bonita of Rossi Signs & Crane, Inc. present proposed changes to the McDonalds pylon road sign at 442 Wyandotte St. to historic officer Christine Ussler and BHCC chair Philip Roeder.

## HCC approves sign for coffee shop

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Matthew Hengeveld, representing 26 E. Third St., was granted a certificate of appropriateness by the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission Nov. 21. He and his business partner, Dan Taylor (represented by his mother, Maire), owners of the Lit Coffee Roaster and Bake Shop, were given approval for window signage and a small plaque with the board's unanimous decision. The building is owned by John Saraceno.

A 36 inch x 18 inch hanging sign for Empire Styles Boutique at 337 Vine St. was quickly approved by the commission with the stipulation that a "warmer white" be part of the black and white color scheme. The women's clothing and accessories shop is owned by Arlenis Diaz in a building owned by Gregory Heitman.

Having returned a month after he last appeared before BHCC, Mustafa Okumus, owner of NYC Village Pizza, was granted a certificate of appropriateness for extensive work on the facade of 129 W. Fourth St., a building owned by Joe Hanna. Okumus came to the meeting well-prepared with blueprints of the extensive changes proposed for the former home of Play It Again Records. His marble and tile samples were examined by the board, which gave its approval unanimously, with amendments saying Okumus would use metal grills and he would repair a leaded glass window. A six-panel steel door for apartment access at the front of his business and one for an exit toward



Matthew Hengeveld and Maire Taylor, mother of Hengeveld's business partner Dan Taylor, after their proposed signage for the Lit Coffee Roaster and Bake Shop at 26 E. Third St. was approved by the BHCC.

the back were also approved.

Michelle Conrad's proposal for replacing existing content in an internally-lit box sign at 306 Brodhead Ave. was also approved unanimously with the stipulation that it be required to illuminate the sign from the exterior. Conrad is the owner of Shabby Chimelle's, a business that sells handmade gifts and vintage home décor in a building owned by Angelina M, LLC.

McDonalds at 442 Wyandotte St., owned by Albert and Carol Mueller, was represented by LuAnne Rossi and Joseph Bonita of Rossi Signs & Crane, Inc. Their proposed signage changes were tabled by the board. Rossi and Bonita provided plans for converting the pylon road sign from neon tubing to internally lit LED including the retro neon "Speedy" hamburger icon at the top. Rossi informed the BHCC that, "Speedy" has an

internal problem. There are parts that 'Speedy' needs that are no longer available. 'Speedy' will never fully light. I know that's heartbreaking, but 'Speedy' will never light like he should." Joseph Bonita explained how the exposed neon lighting was vulnerable to damage from weather and vandalism.

Christine Ussler recommended enlarging the lettering for "McDonalds" and reducing the font for "Hamburgers" in a compromise with the sign company, which had wanted to eliminate "Hamburgers" and "Over 100 Million Sold." Beth Starbuck suggested that "Speedy" be painted on the sign, then illuminated by gooseneck-type spotlights, since BHCC would reject an internally lit sign.

Rossi & Bonita informed the board they are limited by what the franchise allows for materials and suppliers, so the project was tabled until more research

could be done on possibly using LED rope lighting or raised lettering that would mimic neon lighting.

A proposal to relocate an original letter and blade sign at Martin Furniture at 119-123 E. Third St. from a previous showroom to the present showroom was tabled because no one showed up to represent store owner Keith Martin or building owner East Allen Ventures, LLC.

Walk-in Miki Weaver approached the board with a proposal to fence in a residential generator near the Holy Family Manor community room and kitchen area. Craig Evans suggested landscaping instead of a fence. Weaver, representing Catholic Senior Housing at 1200 Spring St., agreed with Evans, who then made a motion to approve the measure. All members of BHCC voted to grant Weaver a certificate of appropriateness for shrubbery to mask the generator.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts. Although October's hearing had been canceled, hearings are regularly scheduled on the third Monday of the month.

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

# Bridget Broskey

LV Charter HS for the Arts

Grade: 12

**Family members:** My parents are Lorelei Broskey and Robert Broskey. My older brother, Victor Broskey, is in his final year at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

**Favorite subject:** Coming from an art school, I love everything theater: Theater history, playwright, directing and acting, to name a few. But when it comes to 'normal' academics, I have always enjoyed mathematics.

**Activities:** Theater has been part of my life since seventh grade. I have worked over 20 shows. Before drama took over my life, I was a band geek. I played percussion in the Nitschmann MS band, orchestra and jazz band. I cherish the memories and good times I had.

**Next steps:** I would like to go to college for technical theater and stage management.

**Career goals:** I would like to someday teach technical theater. I was inspired to do so by my teachers at Charter Arts and the kids I taught through Touchstone Theatre.

**Heroes:** Emmas Chong of Touchstone Theatre has been my stage management role model for the past three years. I have learned so much from her and all the Touchstone ensemble.

**Hobbies:** Besides theater, I dip my foot into fine arts; I mean arts and crafts. Sometimes I will hide away in a room and come out two hours later with a handmade cactus pin cushion.

**Current job(s):** I currently work at Jenny's Kuali, a Malaysian restaurant in Bethlehem. I am a hostess, busser and take the take-out orders.

**Volunteer/community work:** I have been volunteering at Touchstone Theatre for four years. I have worked on many shows as assistant stage manager and run crew. I have also been an assistant teacher. I love working there, whether I am backstage or teaching



summer camp. I am so lucky to be working with a professional theater company. I still wonder why they thought it was a good idea to have a freshman work with professionals, but I am forever grateful.

**Likes:** my favorite play is Arcadia by Tom Stoppard. I have read it about five times; the pages are full of notes and annotations. I hope one day to put it on. I also indulge in binge-watching Netflix.

**Dislikes:** I dislike when people believe Romeo and Juliet is a good love story. Everyone dies. That's not a love story, it's a cautionary tale. I also dislike when I order lasagna in a restaurant and it's all blended together and not in a perfect square. That's not lasagna, it's soup.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest accomplishment was passing my driver's test. On my first try I failed parallel parking. For the next two months I went and parallel parked for 30 minutes every night. When I took the test again my parallel parking was so good the examiner complimented me.

**Advice for peers:** Watch out how you act around people you don't know. You never know how they might affect you later in life. That person you annoyed on a bus might interview you for a job some day.

*Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press. Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.*



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

East Hills MS students set up a production line for coloring homemade cards, signing cards, sealing them in envelopes and counting them into packets of 50 for distribution to Bethlehem area nursing and assisted living facilities such as Country Meadows, Westminster Village and Holy Family Manor.

## Christmas acts of kindness

BY DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

For the fourth year, East Hill MS students are sending holiday greetings to area seniors in nursing and assisted living facilities in the Bethlehem area. The initiative is coordinated by the school's student council and 8,000 cards were delivered in 2016.

Individual homerooms collected cards donated by family and friends throughout the year. The incentive

is two-fold: to support others, according to student council member Madison, a seventh grade student; and to earn a hot chocolate and cookie homeroom party. One party is given to each grade's homerooms through a raffle. One raffle ticket is given for every 50 cards collected, according to student council adviser Carolyn Roman.

The cards are processed anonymously, with students signing only their first names,

and are addressed 'to my friend' with traditional 'Merry Christmas' or 'Happy Holidays' greetings. Teachers delivered the cards to area assisted living and nursing homes such as Holy Family Manor, Country Meadows and Westminster Village.

Members of the student council also created handmade greeting cards to supplement the donated cards and colored them individually.

In addition, the

homeroom of teacher Karen Micolochick purchased small gifts from homeroom activity funds that were given to residents at one of the facilities.

Student council advisers Carolyn Roman and Eva Howells said the student council undertakes service projects monthly and stressed that they hope the students learn to help others through these kinds of experiences.

## CHARTER ARTS NOTES

By Jordynn Gemberling

### January schedule full

Rehearsing and preparing continued right up to the holiday break at the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts. Students and faculty in each department worked diligently toward their holiday showcases, as well as what is to come in the new year.

The Charter Arts Figuring Skating Department presented its new holiday ice show, "Charles Brown- Home for the Holidays." The showcase featured figure skating students from each grade collaborating to exhibit their hard work thus far in the school year. Stay tuned to the Charter Arts website to see what they will present in the upcoming year.

Vocal music students from Charter Arts performed at Hotel Bethlehem Dec. 21 as part of the monthly Charter Arts at Hotel Bethlehem series of performances.

The final open house of the 2016-17 school year will take place Jan. 5, at Charter Arts. Tours will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:20. Prospective students and their families are encouraged to attend an information session with school administrators, and visit various artistic departments. Please see the Charter Arts website, [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org), for more information.

On Jan. 5, the Literary Arts Department will present a poetry reading at Godfrey Daniels in Bethlehem. The reading will begin at 7 p.m. and feature beautiful poetry written by Literary Arts students.

The Instrumental Music Department will hold a piano recital Jan. 12. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Charter Arts theater.

The Theatre Department will present "Pride and Prejudice." This event will take place on Jan. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. in the Charter Arts theatre, as well as Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended and can be done on the Charter Arts website.

The Charter Arts Dance Department will present its "Dance Soup" concert beginning Jan. 27. This performance showcases student-choreographed pieces and is representative of their work thus far in the school year. Concerts will be held in the Charter Arts theater Jan. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., as well as Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.

Auditions for the 2017-18 school year begin Feb. 10. Further auditions will take place Feb. 24, as well as Feb. 25. Auditions are by appointment only and requirements are posted on the school's website. Prospective students are encouraged to schedule a day of 'shadowing' a current student prior to auditions. Shadowing provides an insightful "day in the life of a Charter Arts student" experience. All students possessing an artistic talent and passion for the arts are strongly encouraged to shadow and audition.

Show dates and times are subject to change. For show information and tickets, check [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org).

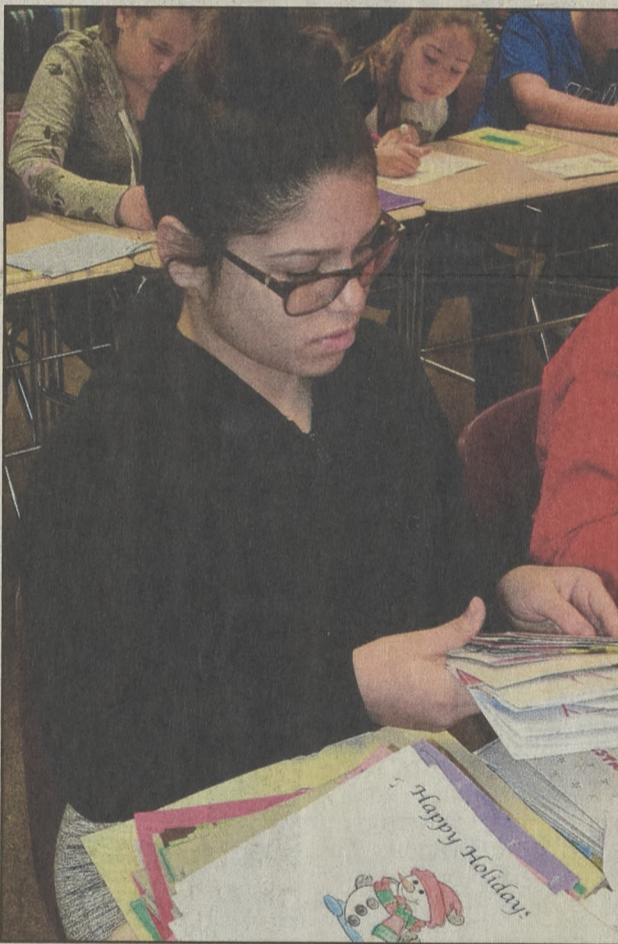
## COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College  
Spring semester enrollment opens Jan. 17

The Bethlehem campus of Northampton Community College will be closed for winter break from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3. The spring semester will begin Jan. 17.

The enrollment office will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 28 for the spring classes registration.

For information, call 610-861-5500.



Emma, a member of the East Hills student council, counts 50 finished cards out for a packet that will be delivered to area seniors.



Although students collected many commercially manufactured cards for use, they also created hand-made cards. Alexis, a student council member, painstakingly colors the front of a hand-made Christmas card.



Stacks of cards addressed to "friends" in the various senior living facilities stacked on a table awaiting transport.

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**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 65%. West wind 7 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1982. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 28°. The record low for tonight is -8° set in 1950. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 70%. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with an overnight low of 28°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high temperature of 36°. Skies will become mostly sunny Saturday with a high temperature of 36°. Sunday, skies will be cloudy with a 30% chance of rain, high temperature of 42°.

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### Weather Trivia

Is there a difference between a frost and a hard freeze?

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### LETTER

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works projects to try to minimize the effects of rising sea levels on the city, but the solution is only temporary. Meanwhile, officials have been banned from using the terms "climate change" and "global warming" in the part of the United States that

is most susceptible to the repercussions of a changing climate.

It is time to realize that climate change is a crisis that needs to be addressed. We cannot wait until Miami is underwater to realize that something must change. We cannot wait until it is too late.

Sincerely,  
Emily Ryan

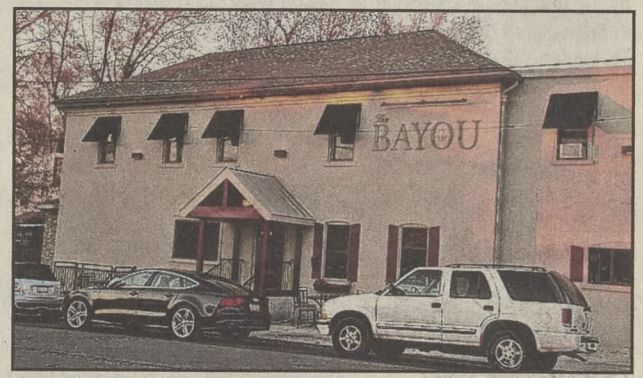
### RETIRE

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ment of so many, Bethlehem is thriving, with a very bright and creative future ahead of it."

Other positives mentioned in the Money article included St. Luke's University Hospital, described as "a level 1 trauma center, [that] has been recognized as one of the nation's top cardiovascular hospitals."

Based on objective criteria such as patient outcomes, satisfaction and costs, the 100 Top Hospital award is St. Luke's third, and its first award in the "Major Teaching Hospitals" category. Among the 15 hospitals in the teaching category, St. Luke's was listed with Emory, Duke and Stanford universities, along with other major teaching hospitals.



Bethlehem is fortunate to have a vast array of diverse eating establishments, including many fine dining options. Main Street in Historic Downtown Bethlehem is becoming restaurant row with nearly a dozen places featuring menus from Italian to Thai, and several providing outdoor dining. The Bayou, offering Southern-inspired fare, is just a few blocks off Main, as are a number of other popular restaurants.

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Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, St. Luke's Health Network's chief of medical affairs, says the hospital is proud to have been mentioned in the article because it is recognition of the quality of its health care, which he says is "second to none." Jahre adds that the health network recognizes the growing senior population among its patients, and offers a number of programs specially designed for them.

Southside Bethlehem was noted in the Money listing for having Lehigh University and an eclectic mix of restaurants. "On the north side is the historic district, with cobblestone streets and buildings dating back to the mid-1700s."



St. Luke's University Hospital's 24-hour Adult Level I Trauma Center is accredited by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF), it is able to respond at a moment's notice to any and all types of life-threatening injuries. Its Emergency and Transport Services (ETS) provides 911 emergency transport and is one of the largest hospital-based ambulance services in Pennsylvania.

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For example, two years ago, St. Luke's North opened its Center for Positive Aging as an outpatient center to focus on the emotional, social and physical needs of aging adults, as well as the coordination of their care.

The article went on to say that Bethlehem has benefited from an influx of artists and professionals, as well as retirees, and then it quoted Don Cunningham, mayor of the city when the steel mill closed and now CEO of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp: "The city has grown because of a resurgence of people who want to live in walkable and safe downtowns."



Moravian College's Music Department is housed in this 18th-Century building at the end of Main Street in downtown Bethlehem. Music has always been an integral part of Moravian life, with many of the leaders, artisans and workers also being musicians. Today, the department sponsors summer music camps, and offers non-credit vocal and instrumental classes through its music institute.

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# Sing for America

Family theater troupe brings 'Disney's Beauty and the Beast' to Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown

## SPOTLIGHT ON

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

For its 10th anniversary season, Sing for America is presenting "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," opening Dec. 28 and continuing through Jan. 8, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

Sing for America was founded by Taryn Gilbert and her four siblings in 2005. The choral and theater troupe provides an artistic outlet for under-served communities. The Gilbert Family, which hails from the Easton area, raise money for families of active-serving military.

"One thing we've noticed in our many years doing live theater was the amount of 'traditional' casting that occurred among theater companies, particularly in this area," says Taryn Gilbert.

"Being a biracial family, there were many roles that we were never considered for due to this way of thinking. We wanted to change that here in the Valley and give equal opportunity to minorities and people of all ages in our community.

"Our tag-line is 'The Arts Are Colorblind' and we have become the most diverse theater company in the Lehigh Valley."

A portion of proceeds from Sing for America productions goes to military families in the Lehigh Valley. The Gilbert Family works with the local chapter of Blue Star Mothers, which helps them to identify families in need.

Since 2005, Sing for America has performed more than 1,200 concerts, produced 14 musicals and donated \$45,000 to charity.

Musicals staged by Sing for America include:



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From left: Tristan J. Shuler (Beast) and Tasia Gilbert (Belle), "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," Dec. 28 - Jan. 6, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

"Seussical," 2015; "Hair-spray," 2015; "Tarzan: The Broadway Musical," 2014; "Shrek The Musical," 2013; "Babes in Toyland," 2013; "The Wiz," 2012; "All-Night Strut," 2012; "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," 2011, and "Irving Berlin's White Christmas The Musical," 2011.

"We actually began strictly as a concert group, performing at various venues up and down the East Coast," says Taryn Gilbert. "We put on a variety show and still do that to this day. But in 2011 we expanded our mission to include community members of all ages and backgrounds and talents."

Sing for America's production of "Beauty and

the Beast" is based on the hit Disney musical, which opened in 1994 on Broadway with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and book by Linda Woolverton. The show was adapted from Walt Disney Pictures' Academy Award-winning 1991 animated feature film based on the classic French fairy tale by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont.

"Beauty and the Beast" tells the story of a prince who has been transformed into a beast as punishment for his selfishness. To return to his human form, the Beast must earn the love of a bright, beautiful young woman whom he has imprisoned in his en-

chanted castle.

"Our Beast is a gentleman named Tristan J. Shuler who is on break right now from a national tour of 'Odd Squad Live,'" says Taryn Gilbert.

The show is expected to run about two hours with a 15-minute intermission.

The show's popular songs include: "Belle," "No Matter What," "Home," "Gaston," "Be Our Guest," "How Long Must This Go On?," "If I Can't Love Her," "Something There," "Human Again," "Beauty and the Beast" and "A Change In Me."

"We design and create the set and costumes ourselves. I will be co-directing with my sister, Tera, for this production.

"You'll see all of five of the Gilbert siblings in the production in various roles as well as our father, Bruce Gilbert. This is truly a family affair. My mother, Gina, is production manager.

"We work with local people, people from the Poconos, and working professionals in New York and New Jersey. Most of our actors donate their time," Taryn Gilbert says.

Sing for America is also presenting its annual production of "The Little Princess," 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29, 30; 7:30 p.m. Jan. 1, 2, 3 and 2 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River Road, Bethlehem, and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. Tickets: 610-417-2189, singforamerica.com

**Sing for America, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 30; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29; 1 p.m. Dec. 31; 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4, 5; 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6; 2 p.m. Jan. 8, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office; millersymphony-hall.org; 610-432-6715**

## 8 DAYS A WEEK Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Something "Wicked":** Dee Roscioli, above, who played Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Emily Rozek, who played the role of Glinda, in the hit Broadway musical, "Wicked," headline the concert, "Wicked Divas!" 2 p.m. Jan. 2, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. Roscioli, a Wilson Area High School and DeSales University graduate, and Rozek perform songs from "Wicked," including "Defying Gravity," "Popular" and "For Good," plus favorites from "The Wizard of Oz," pop music tunes and selections from "Carmen," "My Fair Lady," "Chicago," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Spamalot," accompanied by the Pennsylvania Philharmonic. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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**Peeps drop-in:** "PeepsFest" is, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dec. 30; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Dec. 31, SteelStacks, Bethlehem. Family-friendly activities culminate in the descent of a 4.5-foot tall, 85-pound lit Peeps Chick, 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31, and fireworks to welcome a sweet new year. Events include music by We Kids Rock; Lehigh Valley Phantoms "hockey shootout" with Phantoms' mascot, melVin; appearances by Bethlehem Mounted Police horses Pharoah and Raven; Dutch Springs' "Rub a Dub Dub-Scuba in a Tub," dog sled and "spaghetti build"; Lehigh Valley Zoo animals; 5K "Kids Fun Run" and "Mascot Dash"; Peeps s'mores, crafts, diorama contest by area school children, ice sculpture, scavenger hunt, films and a "Guess how many Peeps in the Peepmobile contest." Information: peepsfest.org



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Ronald K. De Long with "Paradise Garden No. 1" (oil on canvas), Civic 514 Gallery, Allentown.

## 'Gardens' grow at Civic514

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to The Press

"My art is intended to inspire, and are not to be defined. They place us, as does music, in the ambiguous realm of the undetermined," says Ronald K. De Long in his artist's statement.

De Long's newest series of oils on canvas, "Les Jardins des Paradis" ("Paradise Gardens"), is on view through Jan. 2, Civic 514 Gallery, 514 N. 19th St., Allentown.

De Long decided to create "gardens that didn't exist in reality.

"I didn't want to recreate real gardens because I can't do anything better than the 'Big Guy Upstairs,'" says De Long, a Bethlehem native.

De Long decided to experiment in creating gardens from his own dream world and "my own particular vision of a garden that I might like to go into. That's why I

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call it my 'Paradise Gardens' because I look at it as a sanctuary place."

De Long's fantasy flora and fauna provide a psychological and philosophical refuge for him and he hopes to bring others with him to enjoy the journey. Since teaching art is his passion, De Long wants the works to inspire his students at Penn State Lehigh Valley, Center Valley, where he's on the fine arts faculty.

"Paradise Garden No 1" (oil on canvas) provides a colorfully pleasant environment with a hummingbird in flight that is joined by a but-

terfly and other birds among the lush vegetation.

De Long used compressed air to make the sky appear to rain down color. He also built up the layers of paint using unconventional brushes.

De Long also explored stenciling, stamping and collage in creating these works. Working patterns into the paintings is important to him because, he says, "Everything going on around the world has a pattern to it ..."

He prefers to work in oils as he is not sure how long acrylic paint would last over time. De Long also enjoys the aroma of oil paint, saying, "It's almost like an aphrodisiac."

The series "is an extension of what I was doing for my former partner, too," who suffered from health issues a long time before he died. Ac-

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Chandelier "Fountain Light" at State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, to be refurbished with LED lights.

## State Theatre campaign sets \$40,000 lighting upgrade goal

The non-profit State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, is holding a 2016 Year End Giving Campaign for donations to support a "green" project that includes an LED conversion for the main theater hall and stage area, including the chandelier, and exterior security lights.

The goal for the 2016 Bright Future Campaign is \$40,000.

The project will potentially save up to 80 percent annually in energy costs, thanks to highly efficient LED bulbs that last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs that

are in use. At the same time, the new lighting is expected to enhance the quality of the performances in the theater.

"Lighting is important in every aspect of show business, and the amount of light bulbs we use in our facility is huge," said State Theatre President and CEO Shelley Brown.

"We are always looking for ways to lower operating costs and be environmentally friendly. We have found LED lights and a dimmer system that will help us maintain our luster and

accomplish those goals. "Our community has helped us keep our historic building in great shape. This is one more very special way to help," Brown said.

Tax Deductible Contributions can be made to: State Theatre Bright Future Campaign, 453 Northampton St., Easton, Pa. 18042, or online at [statetheatre.org](http://statetheatre.org)

Past successful campaigns have resulted in improvements to the historic theatre's curtain, roof and interior plaster.

### KIDSPeACE

Berkshire Hathaway donates supplies

For the second year in a row, the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Fox & Roach, Realtors Allentown Office has

donated to KidsPeace, a private charity dedicated to serving the behavioral and mental health needs of children, families and communities.

Sales associates and employees in the Allentown office donated enough supplies to fill 30 emergency overnight

bags, which are used when a child must be removed from an unhealthy environment and put into foster care.

Fox & Roach Charities has contributed more than \$5.2 million to more than 250 local organizations since its inception in 1995.

## Dee Roscioli brings it all back home to State Theatre

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

Dee Roscioli, who played Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, and Emily Rozek, who played the role of Glinda, in "Wicked" on Broadway, reunite for "Wicked Divas," accompanied by the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, 2 p.m. Jan. 2, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

"Wicked Divas" is a cabaret music show presented in a concert format that is a compilation of iconic diva and music theater songs. Roscioli and Rozek toured in "Wicked" throughout the United States. Roscioli played the role of Elphaba on Broadway in 2009 and 2010.

"It's a fun afternoon with the two of us singing our faces off," says Roscioli in a phone interview. "We both had roles in the Broadway show, 'Wicked.' I played the role of Elphaba and Emily played the role of Glinda. I was in the show for a long time, in 2009 and 2010 and toured throughout the U.S."

The Broadway and national touring credits for Roscioli, a Wilson Area High School and DeSales University graduate, include: the national touring production of "Pokémon Live" (2000 - 2001), Delia Ketchum, and the show's soundtrack; Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats" (2002 - 2003), Grizabella, and George Gershwin's "Primrose" (2005), off-Broadway premiere.

Roscioli performed in a sold-out cabaret show, "Decidedly Dee," at the jazz club Birdland in New York City, in 2010. She also performed in the musical, "Therapy



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Dee Roscioli, "Wicked Divas," 2 p.m. Jan. 2, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton

Rocks," at Urban Stages in New York in September and October 2010.

Roscioli returned to the campus of her alma mater, DeSales University, for The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival's 21st season where she played Mrs. Lovett in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" in 2012.

Roscioli was Fruma Sarah in "Fiddler on the Roof," which closed Dec. 31 at the Broadway Theatre, New York City.

Of the State Theatre concert, Roscioli says, "My mom lives around the corner from the theater. I can literally walk there."

"My family was often in the newspaper as a kid and, since my father was one of 16 children, we were always close in ties with the community."

"My pop-pop is very excited that I will be performing at the State Theatre. He said that he can't miss this show. It's going to be a very special day for me."

At Wilson Area High School, Roscioli participated in drama classes. Her first acting teacher at Wilson was Danny Kaye, an English teacher who also taught dra-

ma and now is in charge of the drama club. Nancy Moser Collins is her voice teacher, also of Easton. Her first performance was at Northampton Community College.

"My entire foundation is from Easton," Roscioli says. "I remember a time when I auditioned for a talent show in the late '80s at the State Theatre and didn't get chosen. I was devastated."

In "Wicked Divas," Roscioli and Rozek will share some of their best musical moments from the stage. They will sing "Defying Gravity" and "For Good" from "Wicked," as well as songs from "The Wizard of Oz," "Phantom of the Opera," "Gypsy," "All That Jazz," "Spamalot" and "Carmen."

"It is not a formal show, but rather informal. We wear pretty dresses and tell funny stories. It's not a musical or a play. It's an afternoon with Emily and I," Roscioli says.

**Tickets:** State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; [statetheatre.org](http://statetheatre.org), 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

### VIEW

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cording to his wishes, some of his ashes were placed in a garden on their property, as well as on his parents' graves in Ohio. Some of his ashes were incorporated into a ceramic piece. De Long was moved to note that a butterfly appeared to attend the memorial service, saying, "That's why I incorporate butterflies into some of these works."

De Long made a contribution to create the Ronald K. De Long Gallery at Penn State Lehigh Valley, Center Valley, where he also

established the Charles R. McAnall III Scholarship.

The second painting in the series, "Paradise Garden No. 2" (oil on canvas) is a tribute to his former partner. De Long added a chrysanthemum, his own birth flower, to represent himself in the painting's vibrant, dream-like landscape, inhabited by birds.

The series of paintings grew out of the only sculpture in the exhibit, "Paradise Garden No. 9," an alien-looking small bronze blossom, green with oxidation, planted in a vintage coffee can. The piece is

displayed inside a large antique glass dome on a wooden base.

The series was also inspired by "Paradise," a song performed in a Coldplay concert video De Long watched on a flight home from Portugal. And so, each of his framed "sanctuaries" is intended to provide a place to take the viewer away from today's harsh realities to a place of visual "paradise."

**Theatre514 Gallery is open 30 minutes before film screenings. Information: [civictheatre.com](http://civictheatre.com); 610-432-8943**

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## Singing about a Christmas Wonderland

My daughter Maria sent me a poem that's making its rounds on the Internet. It's supposed to be sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland" and is especially appropriate to those of us who live in Florida.

Ready? Let's sing:  
Palm trees wave, are you listenin'  
In the pool, water's glistenin'  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight  
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland.

Gone away is the blizzard,  
Here to stay is the lizard,

A warm sunny day, we like it that way,  
Livin' in a Florida Wonderland.

My girlfriend Jeanne says after you sing it the melody stays in your mind all day. That's true, but I may have to sing the original words because I'm headed to the cold northeast for Christmas.

To me, home for the holidays means being where my family is. That means we all head to New Jersey for the warm hospitality of my daughter Andrea and her husband, Greg.

While I will mind the cold, I know I will be warmed by the chance to spend time with my daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Nothing beats being with family.

I do have to admit celebrating Christmas in so much sunshine seemed weird when I first moved to Florida.

Christmas trees in Florida seemed strange, too.

In Pennsylvania, buying our family Christmas tree was a "happening," a yearly tradition the entire family cherished.

It meant going to Biesel's Christmas farm and walking through a mountain of trees to find the perfect one that would reach the ceiling. Of course, we had to chop down the tree and drag it back. That was part of the fun and we always photographed that big event.

My daughters still rate that tradition as a favorite childhood memory.

When Andy passed away, sweet Dana Biesel did one of his characteristic good deeds by cutting down the exact kind of tree he knew I would like and delivering it to me, even though he was running on fumes from a long day working in the cold.

That, too, is a warm Christmas memory for me. Dana's good deed certainly embodied the spirit of Christmas and it gave me the boost I needed after Andy was gone.

When you are used to big, beautiful, fresh Christmas trees that still smell like a pine forest, it's an adjustment to be here in Florida where most people don't have a real tree.

When I first moved here, my neighbors threatened they would "vote me off the block" if they had to listen one more time to my lament that "it doesn't feel like Christmas here."

After a few years I adjusted and established my own Florida Christmas tree tradition. For a few years I decorated an artificial tree shaped like a palm tree with birds.

### WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik  
newsgrl@comcast.net



The only other ornament allowed on the tree was the beautiful fairy godmother given to me years ago by my dear friend Linda Koehler.

Christmas epitomizes warm, loving thoughts, and that's exactly what I have every time I look at that ornament.

Eventually, as I settled into becoming a Floridian, I switched to a sea-shell tree. Our shell club members make creative decorations from shells. I'm not crafty, but my friends shared their clever originals.

Remember when red and green were mostly the only colors on a Christmas tree? Not any more. Now we have teal, chartreuse, mauve and purple themed trees.

For the past two years I've used aquamarine decorations.

I'm going whole hog with aquamarine this year. I just finished painting my house that color, trying for the color of the sea.

We do have some strange twists to Christmas traditions here in Florida. Santa seldom wears his heavy velvet suit. He wears shorts.

Beach Santa is ever so popular. With his authentic long white beard, he rides up and down the beach in a sand buggy, dispensing gifts to the kiddies.

I know Santa rather well and I can tell you he lives on a small pension and doesn't have much. But he saves all year to buy goodies for the kids.

For a few years a local church tried to build a snow slide for the kids by freezing water and adding chemicals. The sun made short work of the artificial snow, but the kids seemed excited for its short stay.

To tell the truth, though, I don't miss snow. There are a lot of things I miss about Pennsylvania, but snow is not one of them.

I'm glad to get away from sleet, slippery roads and freezing cold. When you move to Florida your blood must get thinner. Why else would we claim "we're freezing" when the temperature drops to 40?

I actually get chills when the temperature dips as I watch TV at night. So you can imagine how much I mind the cold in New Jersey.

But once I'm sitting around the dining room table with my family, there is no such thing as being too cold.

When we are all together there is only the warmth of a family that cherishes every time we can all be together.

Long plane rides, crowded terminals, mistakes and miscues along the way all fade away when we can celebrate Christmas with each other.

Merry Christmas to you and yours. Whether you're enjoying palm trees or real pine Christmas trees, may you experience the joy of the season.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgrl@comcast.net.

### CORRECTION

An actress and her role were incorrectly identified in a Dec. 14 Focus Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web sites Theater Review of Civic Theatre of Allentown's production of "A Christmas Carol."

Susan Schlegel played the role of Mrs. Colby, Scrooge's maid.

### Silvius-Dunston

Couple has December wedding

Jenna Dunston and Ryan Silvius were married Dec. 18 in the Hanover Grande Ballroom, Bethlehem.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Stacey Dunston of Allentown.

The groom is the son of Russell and Angela Best of Bangor, and Mark Silvius of Wind Gap.

The bride is pursuing a college degree to become a physician's assistant.

The groom is on active duty in the United States Army.

### WEDDING



Jenna and Ryan Silvius

## Hawk Mountain Bald Eagle sightings set record; nine counts below average

In autumn 2016, Hawk Mountain tallied 17,548 hawks in 1,106 hours of effort. The overall total was 6 percent below the 10-year average.

A new record was set for the Bald Eagle, 489, well above the prior record of 406 set in 2010. The best day for Bald Eagles occurred late in the season, Dec. 3, when 22 Bald Eagles flew past, representing half the migrants observed that day.

Nine of the 16 regularly recorded species showed below-average counts in 2016, including the American Kestrel, which was 50 percent be-

low the 10-year average and Osprey 343, which was 33 percent below average.

On Dec. 1, the 407th bald eagle soared over North Lookout, breaking the record previously set in 2010. At the end of the fall migration count Dec. 15, the count stood at 489.

The bald eagle has increased steadily since the ban of DDT in 1972, leading to it being down-listed from Endangered to Threatened, and then finally removed from the Endangered Species List entirely in 2007.

A record 406 migrating bald eagles were

counted during the duration of the 2010 Autumn Migration season. Hawk Mountain has seen improved numbers in recent years as nesting populations continue to increase throughout Pennsylvania, New England and eastern Canada.

Favorable winds in September boosted counts of Broad-winged Hawks in 2016, with 9,361 counted, 22 percent above the 10-year average of 7,683. The largest one-day count in 2016 coincided with the peak Broad-winged Hawk flight, with 3,066 hawks for the day, including

3,018 broadwings.

The 2,500-acre Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in the Kempton area in Berks and Schuylkill counties, is the world's first refuge for birds of prey and is open to the public year-round by trail-fee or membership, which in turn supports the non-profit organization's raptor conservation mission and local-to-global research, training, and education programs.

Information: hawkmountain.org, 610-756-6961. For information on bald eagles, go to the Raptorpedia Bald Eagle page.

## St. John's Wort unproven antidepressant

**Q. I've been depressed lately and a friend told me to take St. John's Wort. What is it? Does it work?**

St. John's Wort, also known as hypericum herb, klamath weed or goat weed, is a plant with yellow flowers that are used to make teas and tablets. For centuries, the plant has been considered a remedy for mental problems, including depression and anxiety.

Does it work? St. John's Wort is not a proven therapy for depression. There is some scientific evidence that St. John's Wort helps in the treatment of mild to moderate depression. However, there have been major studies that showed St. John's Wort is no better than a placebo for treating moderate depression.

Before you go to a store to buy some of this herb, consult your physician. There are negative side effects from taking St. John's Wort. These include: sensitivity to sunlight, anxiety, dry mouth, dizziness, gastrointestinal symptoms, fatigue, headache, or sexual dysfunction. This plant can also interact with drugs you're taking.

If you believe you are depressed and want treatment, there are ap-

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proved antidepressant medications that work. Most people with depression get better with treatment that includes these medicines. You've probably heard some of their brand names such as Prozac, Zoloft and Wellbutrin.

Antidepressants are used most often for serious depressions, but they can also be helpful for some milder depressions.

There are many antidepressants that work in different ways to alter brain chemistry. The changes can improve your emotional state. The antidepressants affect the chemicals that carry information about emotions and many other functions. These chemical messengers in the brain are known as neurotransmitters.

Two significant neurotransmitters are serotonin and norepinephrine. Low levels of serotonin and norepinephrine have been linked to depression.

Antidepressants are categorized by the chemicals they affect. These categories include:

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) such as Celexa, Lexapro, Prozac, Paxil, Pexeva and Zoloft;

Tricyclics such as Elavil, Norpramin, Tofranil, Aventyl and Pamelor;

Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) such as Effexor and Cymbalta;

Norepinephrine and Dopamine Reuptake Inhibitors (NDRIs) such as Wellbutrin;

Combined Reuptake Inhibitors and Receptor Blockers (no acronym) such as Desyrel, Serzone, and Remeron, and

Monamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOIs) such as Marplan, Nardil, and Parnate.

Many doctors start by prescribing the SSRIs, because they work well and have more tolerable side effects than other antidepressants.

All antidepressants have side effects. These include dry mouth, nausea, nervousness, insomnia, sexual problems, appetite loss, headache, fatigue and weight loss.

Some who take antidepressants notice improvement in two weeks. But most who take these drugs have to take them at least six weeks to relieve depression.

Contrary to what some

believe, depression is not a "normal" part of aging.

There are a lot of problems to face as you get older. There are losses of all kinds that can get you down. And feeling blue for a while is a normal part of living at any age.

But, unrelenting depression is not normal. If you feel this way, you should seek medical attention. Most people get better if they treat their depression.

The following are common signs of depression. If you have several of these, and they last for more than two weeks, get treatment: anxiety, fatigue, loss of interest or pleasure, sleep problems, eating too much or too little, abnormal crying, aches that can't be treated successfully, diminished concentration or memory, irritability, thoughts of death or suicide, and feelings of despair, guilt and being worthless.

Depression is a serious illness. It can lead to suicide. Don't waste time; find help.

Have a question? Email: fred@healthygeezer.com. Order "How To Be A Healthy Geezer," 218-page compilation of columns: healthygeezer.com

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"Kids Open Mic" Larry Scurman, Feb. 19: "Love, Fun and Friendship"

MaryAnn Paterniti, March 5: "Stories in Action - Art, Origami"

Robin Reichert, March 19: "Tales of Crit-

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The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania's (BFTPNP) Board of Directors has approved the investment of \$180,000 in support of regional economic development.

BFTPNP owns and manages Ben Franklin TechVentures, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, and the Bloomsburg Regional Technology Center, Bloomsburg. BFTPNP leads a 14-member northeastern Pennsylvania business incubator network.

Ben Franklin has announced the following early-stage company investment provided in the form of a loan with warrants.

Snowvation, Inc., Easton. Ben Franklin Investment: \$75,000. Complete development and commercialization of additional software

modules for this producer of cloud-based software tools for the ski and snowboard industry. Snowvation's platform manages all aspects of ski resort operations, including scheduling, e-commerce, reservations, inventory management, and more to allow resorts to better engage with their guests.

Ben Franklin announces the following established manufacturer company investments. Ben Franklin provides 1:1 matching funding for work with a college or university partner on technology-based manufacturing innovation in established manufacturers:

Bosch Rexroth Corp., Bethlehem; University Partner: Lehigh University's Enterprise Systems Center. Ben Franklin Investment: \$25,000.

Develop and implement a process to automate data collection that will drive process improvements and enable predictive maintenance for machining centers throughout the company. Bosch Rexroth manufactures products and systems associated with the control and motion of industrial and mobile equipment.

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., Breinigsville, Lehigh County; University Partner: Lehigh University's Enterprise Systems Center. Ben Franklin Investment: \$10,000. Conduct a plant-wide analysis of this agricultural cooperative's beverage facility to identify areas for increased efficiency. Productivity, production flow, maintenance, and other areas will be analyzed to maintain premium quality while

managing costs.

Since beginning operation, BFTPNP/NEP has helped to create 16,986 new jobs for Pennsylvania workers and to retain 23,761 existing jobs, to start 482 new companies, and to develop 1,433 new products and processes. BFTPNP/NEP clients have generated \$1.424 billion in follow-on funding since 2007. The Pennsylvania Ben Franklin Technology Partners network has returned \$3.60 to the state treasury for every \$1.00 invested in the program. Ben Franklin Technology Partners is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and is funded by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority.

## 'Rogue' wars

It is, after all, named "Star Wars."

"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," if not all "Wars," has enough martial-arts, battles and aerial dogfights to please the ardent "Mortal Kombat" or "Call of Duty" gamer.

"Rogue One," billed as the first stand-alone in the "Star Wars Anthology," won't disappoint "Star Wars" aficionados, should entertain the casual "Star Wars" fan and impress movie-goers.

Movie-maven Michael Gontkosky of Whitehall assured me that "Rogue One" segues quite well into the very first "Star Wars" film written and directed by George Lucas and released nearly 40 years ago, "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope" (1977), and fits in right after "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" (2005), as did a knowledgeable fan with whom we spoke outside the Imax 3D theater where we saw the film, which, by the way, I don't think merits the premium ticket.

"Rogue One" has terrific spaceship battle scenes, enough so that I was ready to buy an action figure at the nearby Barnes & Noble (I opted for books, instead). The scenes are so realistic the ticket-taker cautioned me, asking if I have vertigo. I don't. Having seen the film (no spoiler here), I get what she's referring to.

The story line in "Rogue One," for me, is thin and simple: the Rebel Alliance attempts to steal plans for the Death Star. This, as noted in the opening title crawl in "Episode IV," sets up the epic "Star Wars" saga. "Rogue One" has plenty of "Easter Eggs" (tidbits, clues and references) to warrant repeat views for "Star Wars" buffs.

Gareth Edwards ("Godzilla," 2014; "Monsters," 2010) is noted for visual effects and he doesn't disappoint with "Rogue One."

The writers' pedigree is heavy on the special effects and video game side, and not so much on the character development side. It's all based on characters developed by George Lucas, who has something like 121 writing credits, many of which are for various "Star Wars" projects, even though he's only directed six feature films, including four "Star Wars" films.

The "Rogue One" screenplay by Chris Weitz ("Cinderella," 2015; "The Golden Compass," 2007; Oscar nominee, screenplay, "About A Boy," 2002; "Nutmeg Professor II: The Klumps," 2000; "Antz," 1998) and Tony Gilroy ("State of Play," 2009; "Oscar nominee, director and screenplay, "Michael Clayton," 2007; "Bourne" series, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2012) is based on a story by John Knoll (Oscar recipient, visual effects, "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," and noted visual effects supervisor, including "Avatar," 2009; "Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi," 1983; "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope," 1977) and Gary Whitta ("After Earth," 2013; "The Book of Eli," 2010; "The Walking Dead" video games).

The casting is solid in "Rogue One." I just wish there would've been more interaction, dialogue, banter and character development. This is a constant criticism of mine regarding action films. I guess I should just accept the fact that that's why they're called action films.

Felicity Jones ("Inferno," 2016; "The Theory of Everything," 2014) is amazing as Jyn Erso, the heroine in "Rogue One," and really carries the film. The camera, as

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it's said, loves her. After "Rogue One," she can pretty much write her own ticket.

As Cassian Andor, Diego Luna ("Elysium," 2012) holds his own opposite Jones. He is stunning in what is a breakout star-making role.

Others in the excellent cast include Riz Ahmed, Genevieve O'Reilly, Forest Whitaker, Mads Mikkelsen, Jimmy Smits, Ben Mendelsohn, Donnie Yen (amazing as a blind martial-arts warrior), Wen Jiang, K-2SO (a droid voiced by Alan Tudyk) and Peter Cushing (1913-1994), courtesy of Computer Generated Imagery.

The detail in "Rogue One" is amazing. The spaceships and fighting machinery are especially cool. If you're a "Star Wars" fan, it's a must-see and, probably, a must-see more than once.

"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13.) for extended sequences of sci-fi violence and action; Genre: Action, Adventure, Science Fiction; Run time: 2 hrs. 33 mins.; Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "Rogue One" was filmed in Jordan, Maldives, Iceland and Pinewood Studios, England.

**Box Office, Dec. 23:** Because of the Dec. 23 holiday, Dec. 23 weekend box office results were unavailable at deadline.

**Unreel, Dec. 30:** "Live by Night," R: Ben Affleck directs Zoe Saldana, Chris Sullivan and Scott Eastwood and himself in the crime drama about organized crime during Prohibition in the United States.

**"Hidden Figures,"** PG: Theodore Melfi directs Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe and Kevin Costner in the drama based on the true story about a group of African-American women who were math whizzes working for NASA and contributed to the United States' first successful space missions.

**"Fences,"** PG-13: Denzel Washington directs himself, Viola Davis, Mykelti Williamson and Theresa Cook in the drama based on the August Wilson Pulitzer Prize-winning play about an African-American father raising his family during the 1950s in the United States.

**"Gold,"** R: Stephen Gaghan directs Bryce Dallas Howard, Matthew McConaughey, Toby Kebbell and Edgar Ramirez in the adventure thriller about a search for gold in the Indonesian jungle.

**"20th Century Women,"** R: Mike Mills directs Annette Bening, Elle Fanning, Greta Gerwig and Billy Crudup in the comedy about three women living in Southern California during the late 1970s.

**"Paterson,"** R: Jim Jarmusch directs Adam Driver, Golshifteh Farahani, Nellie and Rizwan Manji in the comedy-drama about a bus driver and his wife living in Paterson, N.J.

**"Toni Erdmann,"** R: Maren Ade directs Peter Simonischek, Sandra Hüller, Michael Wittenborn and Thomas Loibl in the comedy-drama about a father trying to make amends with his adult daughter.

## New Tripoli bank CEO on state bankers group

David R. Hunsicker, Chairman, President and CEO of New Tripoli Bank, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association's (PA Bankers) Government Relations Policy committee. The Committee is responsible for the state legislative program of the association and determines policy positions and priorities on pending or proposed state legislation.

Hunsicker will serve a two-year term starting Dec. 1, 2016, coinciding with the legislative session.

Hunsicker has 43 years of service at New Tripoli Bank and served as President and CEO since Jan. 1, 1996. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Fed-



David R. Hunsicker

eral Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

PA Bankers, based in Harrisburg, is the state's leading banking trade association representing an expansive and diverse membership

## Sacred Heart names Diabetes Coordinator

Sacred Heart Hospital has named Michele Brinker, RN, BSN, as the new Diabetes Program Coordinator for the Hospital and Health-Care System.

Adding a Diabetes Program Coordinator allows persons with diabetes increased access to diabetes education services.

Brinker received a BSN from Cedar Crest College and is pursuing an MSN and diabetes educator certification.

For the past nine years she has been a diabetes educator, designing and implementing a diabetes program for the underserved Hispanic population. Her 29 years of nursing experience includes critical care, OB-GYN, and family



Michele Brinker

health.

She is also experienced in care coordination and received a critical Care RN certificate, a lactation consultant certificate and was a certified Lamaze coach.

## U.S. News & World Report names Fellowship Manor top nursing home

U.S. News & World Report, a leading expert in the evaluation and rating of health care providers across the country, has named Fellowship Manor, Whitehall, as one of the Best Nursing Homes for 2016-17. Fellowship Manor received a 5 out of 5-star rating.

Fellowship Manor is one of the few nursing homes to be named a Best Nursing Homes 2016-17. Only 9 percent of nursing homes in Pennsylvania and 13 percent in the nation were awarded the designation.

"The dedication of

our staff to ensuring excellence in resident-centered care has been the catalyst to our receipt of this prestigious designation," said Donna Conley, Chief Operating Officer of Fellowship Community.

U.S. News evaluated more than 15,000 homes nationwide, across each state and in 100 major metropolitan areas. Comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing and more of nearly every nursing home in the nation was examined to determine the ratings.

Fellowship Community is a continuing care retirement community that provides Christ-centered caring for seniors. It offers independent living townhomes and apartments, personal care, a nursing care center, post-acute care and memory care.

The nursing care center, Fellowship Manor, is continually accredited with a Gold Seal of Approval and Post-Acute Care Certification by The Joint Commission for quality care and outstanding patient safety. It has received recognition as a 5-star

rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid and the American College of Health Care Administrators Leadership Award for top performing long term care organizations.

Fellowship Community has received national and local recognition for excellence in care. Fellowship Manor has been recognized by US News Best Nursing Homes based on health inspections, level of nurse staffing and quality of care and the Women's Choice Award as one of America's Best for Extended Care.

## Christkindmarkt has record attendance

An expanded Christkindmarkt Bethlehem, highlighted by a record number of artisans, drew 69,439 people, an all-time high, to the Christmas City this Christmas season.

The 2016 Christkindmarkt attendance topped the previous record of 64,612, set in 2015, by 7.5 percent.

The 2016 version of Christkindmarkt featured the first major changes at the holiday marketplace since it moved to SteelStacks in 2011. Among the enhancements this year were the addition of two

new shopping tents, one of which featured an all-new home for the event's popular St. Nicholas; major enhancements to the event's holiday decor, and the addition of new children's attractions such as the holiday craft activities presented by Banana Factory artists and the opportunity to meet the Just Born Peeps Chick on select Saturdays.

From Dec. 8-11, more than 19,000 people strolled Christkindmarkt's aisles while looking for gifts for family and friends, the most ever for a single weekend in the event's 24-year history.

Christkindmarkt, started in 1993, grew steadily during its first two decades. From 2010 to 2014, attendance at the market averaged 59,000 annually.

"As a community-based arts and cul-

tural organization, ArtsQuest has long been committed to using our programming and events as tools for urban revitalization, as well as supporting tourism and economic development in our city and region," said ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert. "Over the past two years, we have made Christkindmarkt one of our top priorities, dedicating additional resources to expanding and promoting the event with the goal of attracting even more people to Bethlehem at Christmastime.

"We're thrilled that so many Lehigh Valley residents and out-of-town guests visited Bethlehem this year, not only to experience Christkindmarkt, but also to enjoy many of the other events and attractions the city has to offer."

Dennis Costello, general manager of Hotel Bethlehem, said that the hotel has seen an increase in visitors this year.

"This has been the best Christmas season in our 94-year history," Costello said. "Our occupancy is up over five percent and our room revenue is up 20 percent. Foot traffic into the hotel is also up and the trolley between the North and South sides is a real hit with guests. They love how easy it is to go from one side of the city to the other."

This year, Christkindmarkt featured 190 different artisans and vendors during its five-week run, with 60 percent of them coming from the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas of Eastern Pennsylvania.

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# Here's why we're wild about turkey in Penn's Woods

## BUD'S VIEW

By Bud Cole



pend much less energy flying parallel from the top of the hill to the tree tops. Dim-witted birds? I don't think so.

Local wild turkeys are similar to the domestic ones, but are more slender birds. North American turkeys belong to a single but highly variable species, *Meleagris gallopavo*. Most taxonomists recognize at least five sub-species. The Pennsylvania turkey is simply referred to as the eastern wild turkey. All domestic turkey breeds were developed from the wild turkey. The Aztec Indians of Mexico were the first group to tame and raise turkeys. Wild turkeys are native to North America.

This is a great time of the year for talking turkey since the holiday season's main food staple on most family dinner tables is turkey. In today's fast-paced world, unlike the early settlers, very few of these gatherings will be dining on wild turkey.

We've had wild turkey as our main menu entrée several times and there has been nothing to indicate a wild turkey tastes different than one purchased at the local supermarket. We knew it was wild turkey because I shot them, field-dressed them and prepared them for the chef. Bev is a great cook. She added the finishing touches for a delicious meal.

There seems to be plenty of misinformation about wild turkeys and their natural history. They are often stereotyped as dim-witted, slow-moving clumsy birds that cannot fly. The wild turkey actually has sharp hearing and eyesight, an instinctive gift to cleverly hide from predators, the ability to reach flying speeds of 40 to 50 mph during flights often covering more than one mile and they swim. Despite being swift flyers, they usually flee from danger on foot reaching speeds of up to 18 mph.

Wild turkeys roost in trees. I've seen flocks near dusk slowly feeding and working their way toward the top of a steep hill where I archery hunt. When they reach the hilltop, they fly to their treetop roosts of trees that grow at the base of the hillside. In this way they ex-

The average male turkey, called a tom or gobbler, stands about three feet tall, stretching about three to four feet from beak to tail. Females, called hens, are about one-third shorter and weigh about half as much as the males. Toms average about 16 to 18 pounds while the hens weigh about 10 pounds. Toms may occasionally reach a weight of 25 pounds or more. Unlike its farm-bred cousins, it is not being raised and fattened for market. Can you say organic? The wild turkey prefers open woodlands and mature forests.

They do not migrate, but travel in search of available food. In the summer, turkeys feed on snails, insects and have a strong preference for grasshoppers. Turkeys eat a variety of new spring vegetation including green plant shoots. In the fall and winter they rely on dry berries, fruits, acorns and other nuts.

Wild turkeys tend to travel in flocks. In spring, the males perform courtship displays. They puff out their body feathers and chests, fan



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A mature wild turkey gobbler and two hens forage for food near a steep embankment in Northampton County.

their tails and slowly strut around voicing the familiar turkey gobbling sounds, all with the anticipation of attracting as many hens as possible. If you've watched the dancers performing their fancy feathered routines during the Mummers Parade on New Year's Day in Philadelphia, you've witnessed the strutting techniques of male turkeys.

Mating takes place in spring. Nests are simple leaf-lined depressions on the ground. The hen usually lays one egg each day until she has laid an average of nine to 15 creamy colored eggs speckled with reddish-brown and black spots. She does not begin incubating until all the eggs are laid. In this way, the eggs will hatch at about the same time.

The egg colors, similar to most ground nesting birds, help to camouflage the eggs and nest.

We had a nesting hen in a weedy area between the neighbor's and our properties. There were 11 eggs. We kept watch and one day momma hen was gone. Eight eggs had hatched. A hen with eight smaller turkeys following was recently seen near the back of our yards. We assume (hope) it was the spring nester and her brood.

Turkeys spend their nights roosting on sturdy branches near the tops of tall trees. We've had roosting turkeys in our trees.

Nesting hens, however, stay on their nests at night during the nesting season. Incubation lasts about 28 days. The hatchlings, called poults, are precocial

(they are born covered with fine feathers, their eyes are open eyes and they can move about shortly after hatching). The poults are able to walk and feed on their own within 24 hours.

Wild turkey populations have made great comebacks across Penn's Woods. Turkey populations were very low because of market hunting and loss of forest habitat as the country was settled and expanded westward.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission began experimenting with raising and releasing turkeys in the wild. The results of this method were poor. The pen-raised birds were too tame, didn't roost in trees and did not adapt to the natural environment. They provided predators like large rap-

tors, foxes and coyotes with an easy meal.

Trapping and transferring wild birds proved to be very successful, thus increasing wild turkey numbers. Today, the wild turkey is a self-sustaining game bird species found in all 67 counties of the Keystone State.

I hope you enjoy a few slices of a delicious *Meleagris gallopavo* and all the fixings with your loved ones this holiday season.

That's the way I see it. Note: I'm still accepting pet stories for a future column.

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### Studio open house

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Sandra Corpora puts the finishing touches on her still life, "Yellow roses in silver" (2016, oil on linen, 8 in. x 8 in.). The Bethlehem-based artist held her annual open house and oil painting demonstration at her Wall Street studio Dec. 11. Corpora welcomes visitors to her studio by appointment throughout the year. Call: 610-867-0915. Information: sandracorpora.com.

## Concert, lecture added to State Theatre season

The State Theatre Center for the Arts announced that the Acopian Ballroom. The two shows have been added to its 90th season lineup with both shows benefiting the theater and taking place in the Acopian Ballroom.

Forlorn Strangers and Blue Jean perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Acopian Ballroom. "90 Years of State Theatre History," presented by historian Ken Klabunde, will be

presented at 6:30 p.m. March 19 in the Acopian Ballroom. The Easton Middle School Jazz Band will perform.

Forlorn Strangers is a Nashville-based Americana quintet of five songwriters, including former Lehigh Valley resident Jesse Thompson. Since 2013, Forlorn Strangers has released two EPs, "While the Grass Grows" and "American Magic Tricks,"

and has toured across the United States.

Blue Jean was formed in 2009 by singer-guitarist Chris Hallett and bassist Dustin Schoof. The band's debut album, "Goodnight Tonight," was released in 2011, and "Alchemy," was released in October 2014.

Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

## CMSOB Signum Quartet

The next concert in Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem series is by the Signum Quartet, 7:30 p.m. Feb 10, Foy Hall, Moravian College, Main and Church streets, Bethlehem.

The program includes: Mozart, Adagio and Fugue E Major K. 405-3 after J.S. Bach, BWV 878; Mozart, String Quartet No. 17 in B-flat Major, K. 458 "The Hunt"; Jörg Widmann, String Quartet No. 3 "Jagdquartett (Hunt Quartet)," and Beethoven, String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59 No. 3.

Ticket information: cmsob.org

# A garden of New Year's resolutions

Even though it is not quite Jan. 1, it's not too early to make your gardening resolutions for the New Year.

Gardening is supposed to be a fun and leisure activity, yet many times there are a lot of frustrated gardeners out there. While it's great to be challenged, there are a number of things you can do to make your gardening life easier.

Here are some resolutions for you to make:

1. Keep a gardener's journal. It can be a spiral-bound notebook where you keep records of what you planted and when, what did well, and what didn't. Record when you found an infestation of some kind of insect or disease. It was probably too late to treat for it by the time you discovered it, but it will remind you of what to be on the lookout for and when to look next year.

2. Only plant as many vegetables as you can handle. Every spring gardeners say they will only have at most three tomato plants and a few peppers. Then you see some unusual variety at a garden center or in a



seed catalog. That leaves gardeners overwhelmed in August and September, canning like crazy, vowing to never grow vegetables again! But, if you do plant too many vegetables, give your excess to the local food bank.

3. Rotate your vegetable crops. If space allows, don't plant your tomatoes in the same spot year after year. That allows for insects or disease problems to build up. This year, put your tomatoes where you usually plant your green beans or plant lettuce where you usually put your cucumbers, and so forth.

4. Don't move firewood. The most important vector for many tree pests is movement of infested wood. You should only buy and burn locally cut firewood. If you have already brought firewood from another area, burn it. Do not leave it. Do not take it with you. Insects and

diseases moved with firewood include the spotted lanternfly, the Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer and thousand canker disease.

5. Do your research and select plants that are disease resistant and appropriate for your landscape's growing conditions. It saves so much time, energy and aggravation, and cuts down on pesticide use. At least read the tag before you buy.

6. Take a Penn State soil test before creating a new lawn or garden area. For \$9 you get a good idea of the soil's pH and nutrient levels. It saves money on unnecessary fertilize use and allows you to work with your soil's natural chemistry.

7. Start composting. It's amazing how much we throw in our landfills that could be turned into great soil enhancements for very low cost and effort. Kitchen scraps, coffee grounds and grass clippings are just a few of the things that could go into a small compost pile.

8. Use our natural

resources wisely. If we have another dry year, water early in the day or in the evening to save water.

9. When using salt to melt ice on walks and driveways, spread it carefully to avoid damage to nearby shrubs. Damage to needle-type evergreens will be evidenced next spring by copper and yellow tones. Damaged deciduous plants will have bronze or reddish leaves. Consider using sand or sawdust instead.

10. Avoid walking on grass or ground-covers while they are frozen. The frozen leaves are brittle and easily damaged.

11. Don't top trees. Topping trees results in large areas of decay and fast-growing, weak and unattractive water sprouts. In the most severe cases, topping can lead to the death of a tree.

12. Plant the right tree in the right place. Plant tree species that fit and will thrive in places where they are planted. Don't plant large trees under power lines, in small tree lawns, in side-



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Preventing firewood movement is one important step in stopping the spread of invasive species, where, for example, a spotted lanternfly egg mass could be hiding.

walk cutouts or close to building and signs. "Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-746-1970.

**LCCC**  
'King's Dream'  
multi-media show  
"King's Dream" will be presented at 6 p.m. Jan. 16 in the Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman Community Services Center, Lehigh Carbon Community College, main campus, Schnecks-

ville, North Whitehall Township. King's life will be documented by Key Arts Productions, Philadelphia. The show includes film footage, commentary and live music, intended to convey the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement. King received the Nobel Peace Prize and led African

Americans in the struggle for social change and racial equality for all people in the 1950s and 1960s. The program, which celebrates unity, diversity and peace, is free and open to the public. Information: LCCC's Student Life Office, geden@lccc.edu; 610-799-1146

**LCCC**  
Alumni Association appoints officers  
Lehigh Carbon Community College's (LCCC) Alumni Association has appointed the following new officers: Linda Krisiko, Nationwide Insurance, Allentown; president; Michael Mauro,

Allentown Rescue Mission, vice president, and Michele Mullikin, Diocese of Allentown, secretary-treasurer. Their terms, effective Dec. 21, run through June 30, 2019. The LCCC Alumni Association mission is to promote the general welfare and success of LCCC and its alumni. It

is committed to furthering the development of LCCC by cultivating support and involvement from alumni, students, faculty, staff and the community. Information about the LCCC Alumni Association: Jane Wilchak, jwilchak@lccc.edu; 610-799-1929

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Nursery care provided  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
www.faithchurchemmaus.org  
office@faithchurchemmaus.org
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CATASAUQUA**  
2nd & Pine Sts.  
610-264-2595  
Rev. P. Douglas Cronce, Pastor  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Nursery available  
All Are Welcome!  
cattypresbyterian.com
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA**  
3005 S. Front Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
610-264-9693  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Email: hokeypres@gmail.com  
Web: www.hokeypres.org
- QUAKERS**
- LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING**  
4116 Bath Pike., Bethlehem, PA  
1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512  
610-691-3411  
Meeting for Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Everyone welcome  
Child care provided  
Web: LehighValleyQuakers.org
- SHARED MINISTRY**
- JERUSALEM WESTERN SALISBURY CHURCH**  
3441 Devonshire Road  
Allentown, PA 18103  
610-797-4242 or 610-791-4979  
Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr., Sr. Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Holy Comm. Service - altar
- UNITED CH. OF CHRIST**
- CEDAR U.C.C.**  
3419 Broadway  
(2 bks. W. Cedar Crest Blvd.)  
610-395-6332  
Pastor Lee Schleicher  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
All Are Welcome!
- CHRIST CHURCH UCC**  
75 E. Market St., Bethlehem  
610-865-6565  
www.christucc.org  
9:15 a.m. Faith Formation  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Nursery Avail./Handicap Acces.
- CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.**  
135 Quarry Rd., Alburtis  
610-966-2991  
Rev. Scott M. Sanders  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
New Year's Communion Celebration  
Tuesdays - Wine 'N Jesus 6:30-7 p.m.
- EBENEZER U.C.C.**  
Route 143, New Tripoli  
610-298-8000  
Rev. Kevin Fruchtl, Pastor  
9 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 3-103)  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery Available  
Handicapped Accessible
- GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
902 Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton, PA 18067  
The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz  
610-262-7186 gracuchurch.com  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible
- HEIDELBERG U.C.C.**  
Irvin & Church Roads  
Slatington near Saegersville  
Pastor Karen Yonney 610-767-4740  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 Faith Formation, all ages  
Handicapped Accessible/AC  
www.uccheidelberg.org
- HOPE U.C.C.**  
1031 Flexer Ave., Allentown  
610-439-8118  
Pastor Mia G. White  
9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Child Care Available  
www.hopeucallentownpa.org
- JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1837 Church Road, Allentown  
(Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.)  
jordanucc.org  
610-395-2218  
Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor  
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC**  
5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville  
(at the Y of Fountain Rd & King's Hwy)  
The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601  
Home of the Village School Preschool,  
openings for ages 2-4  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship 9 & 10:15 a.m.  
www.oldzionsucc.org
- ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON**  
575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052  
Rev. Dr. Becky J. Beckwith, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. George R. Eckstein, Assoc. Pastor  
Michelle Funk, Asst. Pastor  
8:15 & 10:45 Worship 610-264-8421  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Accessible & Elevator  
Everyone is Welcome!  
stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com
- ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
139 North Fourth St.  
Emmaus 610-965-9158  
Sr Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger  
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship
- ST. MARK'S U.C.C.**  
52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown  
610-797-0181  
Rev. Gerald Smith  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
(Children's time with puppets)  
Handicap Accessible
- ST. PAUL'S UCC OF INDIANLAND**  
767 Almond Road  
Walnutport (Cherryville)  
610-767-5751  
Rev. Martin E. Nuscher  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship  
8 a.m. Contemporary Worship,  
2nd & 4th Sunday  
Nursery Avail. Handicapped Accessible
- ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
19th St. & Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton 610-261-2910  
Rev. Todd Fennell  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
Nursery & Child Care provided  
Sally Jane Payson, Child Care Teacher  
Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible
- ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC**  
5129 Schochary Road  
New Tripoli, PA  
610-298-8064  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
All Welcome!  
Pastor Rebekah Thomas
- SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
615 Third Street  
Catasauqua, PA 18032  
610-264-4091  
Rev. Mike Smith, Pastor  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
Handicapped Accessible  
Nursery Available
- UNION U.C.C.**  
5550 Route 873  
Neffs, PA 18065-0066  
610-767-6961  
www.unionucc.org  
8 a.m. Heritage Worship  
9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship
- ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
Rev. Jeffrey Kistler, Interim Pastor  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
Worship, 8:30 a.m.  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
Handicapped Accessible
- UNITED METHODIST**
- BETHANY CHURCH**  
Church Office 610-395-3613  
**Macungie Campus**  
3801 Brookside Rd., Macungie  
Sat. Contemporary 5 p.m.  
Sun. Blended Worship 8 a.m.  
Sun. Contemporary 9:15 & 11 a.m.  
**Wescosville Campus**  
1208 Brookside Rd., Wescosville  
Wed. Contemporary 6:30 p.m.  
**Catasauqua Campus**  
429 Walnut St., Catasauqua  
Sun. Contemporary 9:30 a.m.

To have your religious services listed in The Press contact Joie Jackson Wenner at 610-740-0944 Ext. 3703

## Caroling 'n' presents at St. John's Lutheran



Raymond Jackovitz helps sons Tony and Isaac, all of Slatington, follow the words in a song book during the caroling session at the annual Christmas party at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fogelsville.



Matthew Rosko of Alburtis is all smiles after receiving a gift from Santa at the annual Christmas party at the church.

PRESS PHOTOS BY SUSAN BRYANT





PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinances at its January 16, 2017 Council Meeting:

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ADDING PART 6 CHAPTER 10 TO THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY REGISTRATION ORDINANCE".

ORDINANCE NO. 1153

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING EMMAUS ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1993, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES.

The Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP 2017 SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that in 2017, the Regular Meetings of the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Regular monthly meetings of other Salisbury Boards and Commissions are held at the Municipal Building as follows:

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except July meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and November meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2017)

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL Third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Third Monday of every other month, starting with Jan., at 7:30 PM Cathy Bonaskiewich Assistant Township Manager/Asst. Secretary

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the Wednesday, December 7, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, the Board of Commissioners voted to adopt the following Ordinance, which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners on October 19, 2016, and which was noticed in the Parkland Press during the week of November 9, 2016:

ORD. NO. 1012

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT A CODIFICATION OF A COMPLETE BODY OF ORDINANCES FOR SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVENESS OF ORDINANCES REENACTED AND REAFFIRMED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; TO SAVE FROM REPEAL CERTAIN OTHER LEGISLATION NOT INCLUDED THEREIN AND OTHER MATTERS NOT AFFECTED BY THE REPEAL; TO ADDRESS INCLUSION OF NEW LEGISLATION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE CODE; TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES, AND TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND CERTAIN EXISTING LEGISLATION; TO PROVIDE FOR INTERPRETATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE HEADINGS AND EDITOR'S NOTES; TO REQUIRE FILING OF A COPY OF THE CODE, KEEPING THE CODE UP TO DATE AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES; TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OR CHAPTERS THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A copy of the Ordinance in full-text is available for public inspection at the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104 during normal business hours where it may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

JOSEPH A. ZATOR II, ESQUIRE SOLICITOR

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 27 (ZONING) OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." that proposes to amend the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance to create a limited township and municipal authority exemption whereby existing or proposed uses and structures owned by the Township or by municipal authorities created solely by the Township shall be exempted from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, so long as such uses and structures are intended for legitimate public use, governmental, or public health and safety purposes. The ordinance will also provide for the severability of parts deemed invalid, a general repealer and an effective date.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, for purpose of taking public comment and input concerning adoption of the ordinance described above. The Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the ordinance at a public meeting commencing immediately after the aforementioned public hearing. Copies of the full text of the ordinance are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18104, and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and meeting.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Renea Flexer, Township Secretary

Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, announces the 2017 public meeting schedule. All meetings are held at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, unless noted otherwise.

All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of business conducted at any meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. All meetings will include any and all matters that may properly and duly come before the Boards.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm; except there will be no meeting on July 6, 2017. Executive Sessions will be held as needed, generally before or after a regularly scheduled meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm Workshops on 3rd Tuesday of month at 7 pm, as needed

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm; except there is no meeting in December.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm

ZONING HEARING BOARD

4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, as needed; except the December meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday, if needed. Agendas advertised, as needed

AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Held at the Public Works Annex, 5536 Indian Creek Road, Macungie, PA Last Monday of each month at 7 pm

Dec. 28

Renea Flexer, Township Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, January 9th, 2017 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. 22-2016

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE DEFERRING THE REQUIRED INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG THE MACARTHUR ROAD FRONTAGE OF 2845 MACARTHUR ROAD, AS REQUIRED IN CHAPTER 21, SECTION 407 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

BILL NO. 1-2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING COLLECTION PROCEDURES AND ADOPTING INTEREST AND SCHEDULE OF ATTORNEY FEES AND CHARGES TO BE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT COLLECTED AS PART OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CLAIMS FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

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

/s/Thomas Slonaker FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

Dec. 28

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 January 17, 2017, 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 # 1864 - PVC Third Street, L.P. and Quarry Street Whitehall Development, L.P. - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Applicants are challenging the validity of Whitehall Township Ordinance 3061, and are requesting that the Zoning Hearing Board issue a written Decision (1) holding that Ordinance No. 3061 is substantively invalid; (2) enumerating the defects in the Ordinance that render it substantively defective; and (3) make recommendations for amendments to the Ordinance to cure the defects found as required by Section 916 (c) (5) of the Municipalities Planning Code and Sec. 27-50 C (5) of the Zoning Ordinance of Whitehall Township. A copy of the Substantive Validity Challenge of Applicants as filed on November 18, 2016, including all attachments thereto, are available for public examination at the Township Municipal Building. DOCKET # 1865 - Eberhart Properties, LLC - 770 State Road, Parryville, PA 18244. Location: 2800 Eberhart Road (Eberhart Road and Seventh Street), Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549847458266, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-161 A (1) and Sec. 27-156 A of the Zoning Ordinance regarding number of permitted wall signs and exceeding 3 SF area of a directional sign.

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

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status and disability status of the Applicant.

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 Administrator 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 Administrator

Dec. 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HAS ADOPTED THEIR 2017 GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL RESERVE, STATE FUND AND RECREATION BUDGETS. THEY ARE ON DISPLAY FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD, BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, 18017.

ALSO, THE TOWNSHIP HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2017.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Resolution 16 - 23

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property transfers and occupation tax within said municipality subject to taxation for the Fiscal Year 2017 as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Type and Rate. Includes REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX (1%), EARNED INCOME TAX (1%), LOCAL SERVICES TAX (\$52.00), and MERCANTILE TAX (PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES 1 1/2 MILLS, WHOLESALE SALES OF MERCHANDISE 1 MILL, RETAIL SALE OF MERCHANDISE 1 1/2 MILLS).

The latter three taxes to be shared with the Bethlehem Area School District in such proportions as prescribed by law.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY Resolution 16 - 24

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION OF THE Township of HANOVER, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rates for the year 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property and within the said Municipality subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2017 as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 3.40 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of 34.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Tax rate for fire tax purposes, the sum of 0.05 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or the sum of 5.0 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Tax Rate, Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation, Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation. Includes Tax Rate for General Purposes (3.40 Mills, 34.0 Cents), Tax Rate for Fire Tax Purposes (0.50 Mills, 5.0 Cents), and TOTAL (3.90 Mills, 39.0 Cents).

PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, North Catasauqua Borough Council will hold their regular meetings for the year 2017 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Meetings will be held at the Municipal Building, 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua at 7:00 P.M.

Following are dates of the meetings: January 10th and January 24th, February 14th and 28th, March 14th and 28th, April 11th and 25th, May 9th and 23rd, June 13th and 27th, July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th, October 10th and 24th, November 14th and 28th and December 12th and 26th, 2017.

The North Catasauqua Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at these meetings because of visual, hearing or other impairment is requested to contact the Borough Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the meeting to arrange for necessary assistance.

Nancy Knecht, Borough Secretary

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S MEETING

Auditor's Meeting - Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings unless otherwise noted will be held in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Old Zionsville, PA. Upper Milford Township Daniel DeLong, Manager

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE The following 2017 January meetings will be held at the North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, (Ironton) Coplay, PA: Township Supervisors Organizational Meeting Monday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Township Board of Auditors Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2017, at 6 PM. Brenda Nordner, Secretary North Whitehall Township

Dec. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Action in Mortgage Foreclosure In the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Civil Action - Law No. 2015-C-4049

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for IndyMac INDX Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-AR27, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR27, Plaintiff v. Adriana Ocasio, Known Heir of Ronaldo Aleman, Edda Aleman, Individually, and as Known Heir of Ronaldo Aleman, Lydia Gomez, Known Heir of Ronaldo Aleman, Martha Barzana, Known Heir of Ronaldo Aleman and Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms, or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest From or Under Ronaldo Aleman, Defendants

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY To: Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms, or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest From or Under Ronaldo Aleman, Defendant(s), whose last known address is 2419 South Law Street, Allentown, PA 18103.

Your house (real estate) at 2419 South Law Street, Allentown, PA 18103, is scheduled to be sold at the Sheriff's Sale on January 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lehigh County Courthouse, Rm. 131, Allentown, PA 18101, to enforce the court judgment of \$150,335.63, obtained by Plaintiff above (the mortgagee) against you. If the sale is postponed, the property will be re-listed for the Next Available Sale. Property Description: ALL THAT CERTAIN tract or piece land situated in the City of Allentown in the County of Lehigh in the State of PA. BEING KNOWN AS: 2419 South Law Street, Allentown, PA 18103. PROPERTY ID NO.: 02-640650624480-0000001. TITLE TO SAID PREMISES IS VESTED IN Ronaldo Aleman, his heirs(s) and assign(s) BY DEED FROM Ronaldo Aleman and Edda Aleman, joint tenants with the Rights of Survivorship DATED 09/29/2014, RECORDED 09/30/2014, IN DEED BOOK Instrument Number: 2014026109. IMPROVEMENTS THEREON CONSIST OF: RESIDENTIAL DWELLING HOUSE. UDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED UNDER THE NOTE OR YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY OR YOU RECEIVED A DISCHARGE OF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY UNDER THE NOTE IN BANKRUPTCY, THIS COMMUNICATION IS NOT SENT TO COLLECT THE DEBT; RATHER, IT IS SENT ONLY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE LENDER'S RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE LIEN OF MORTGAGE. Udren Law Offices, P.C., Attys. for Plaintiff, 111 Woodcrest Rd., Ste. 200, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, 856.669.5400.

Dec. 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE - WHEREAS, on December 09, 2005, a certain mortgage was executed by Isabel Roque and Virgilio Roque, as mortgagor in favor of Seattle Mortgage Company as mortgagee and was recorded in Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County in Mortgage Document Number 7313627 ("Mortgage"); and WHEREAS, the Mortgage encumbers property located at 812 South Armour Street Allentown, PA 18103, parcel number 640668303996-1 ("Property"); and WHEREAS, the Property was owned by Isabel Roque and Virgilio Roque, husband and wife, by virtue of deed dated September 6, 1996 and recorded September 6, 1996 in Book 1571; Page 698; and WHEREAS, Virgilio Roque Sr. died on February 17, 2016. By operation of law title vests solely in Isabel Roque. Isabel Roque died on June 3, 2016 intestate and is survived by her heirs-at-law, Rosselyn Schultz, Virgil Roque, Linda Sneddon and Stephn Roque; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("Secretary"), pursuant to an assignment recorded on July 29, 2013 in Instrument Number 2013028599, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage (paragraph 9 a(i)), as Isabel Roque died on June 3, 2016, and that upon her death the entire principal balance becomes due and owing, and that no payment was made, and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this Notice; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 19, 2016 is \$131,135.40 plus interest, costs and other charges through the sale date; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 29, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 24, 2016 in Misc. Instrument Number 2016030492, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given that on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Entrance of the Lehigh County Courthouse located at 455 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the Property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: All That Certain messuage, tenement and lot of land located along the westerly side of South Armour Street; between Ivy Street and Chester Street, in the Sixteenth Ward of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; being known and designated as 812 South Armour Street and bounded and described as follows, to wit Beginning at a corner, said corner being located North 0 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East, 114.58 feet from the intersection of the northerly property line of Chester Street (extended) with westerly property line of South Armour Street (extended); thence, along the northerly property line of 814 South Armour Street, North 89 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds West, 90.00 feet to a corner, thence, along the easterly property line of Ivy Street North 0 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East 26.00 feet to a corner, thence along the southerly property line of 810 South Armour Street and passing partly in and through a party wall, South 89 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East, 90.00 feet to a corner located on the westerly property line of South Armour Street thence, along the same, South 0 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West 26.00 feet to the place of BEGINNING. Containing 2,340 square feet. Being known as property address 812 South Armour Street, Allentown, PA 18103. Being parcel number 640668303996-1. The sale will be held on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Entrance of the Lehigh County Courthouse located at 455 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$131,135.40 plus interest, costs and other charges through the sale date. Ten percent (10%) of the highest bid is the deposit required at the sale. The amount that must be paid to HUD by the mortgagors or someone acting on their behalf so that the sale may be stayed is the total delinquent amount of \$131,135.40 as of September 19, 2016, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bid, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling ten percent 10% of the Secretary's bid as set forth above in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of ten (10%) percent must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) days, and a fee will be charged in the amount of \$150.00 for each fifteen (15) day extension requested. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or Cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder's deposit will be forfeited, and the Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD Field Office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Organization for a Domestic Limited Liability Company has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 7, 1994 (P.L. 703, No. 106), by the following company:

**THE GOOD FARM, LLC**

The Certificate of Organization was filed on December 14, 2016.

YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COND #2016-17B**

The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 to consider the following application:

The appellant, Griffin Industrial Realty Inc., requests a conditional use approval to allow for warehousing to be constructed on the subject property.

The property is located at 7230 Beth-Bath Pike, Bath, PA 18014, in East Allen Township, Tax Parcel # L6-8-17A, located in the General Industrial (GI) and Conservation (C) Zoning Districts.

Any interested party is welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard.

Shawn Leidy  
East Allen Township  
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Dec. 21, 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **ANNA R. MAURER a/k/a ANN R. MAURER**, Deceased, late of 3133 Linda Lane, Apt. B, 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:

**Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna R. Maurer a/k/a Ann R. Maurer, Deceased:**

Jeffrey I. Maurer  
c/o James A. Ritter, Esquire  
Gross McGinley, LLP  
111 E. Harrison St., Suite 2  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2916

or to his Attorney:

James A. Ritter, Esquire  
Gross McGinley, LLP  
111 E. Harrison Street, Suite 2  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2916

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Committee meetings of the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will be held on an as needed basis at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062 as follows:

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**, 1st Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**, 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**, 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 PM

**PUBLIC WORKS-ROADS & SEWERS COMMITTEE**, 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM; except, the January meeting will be January 30, 2017.

**PUBLIC WORKS- PARKS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE**, 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

All meetings are open to the public.

Renea Flexer, Township Secretary

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, to hear the Conditional Use Application of SDR Development, Inc., which is seeking approval of a Conditional Use for the Signature Personal Care & Memory Care Facility project, pursuant to Section §27-803(G) of the Codified Ordinances, to permit a personal care/nursing home at the property located at 6043 Lower Macungie Road, Allentown, PA; PIN 547540412139. Said property is located in the U-Urban Residential District. All interested parties are invited to attend this hearing. A public hearing is required pursuant to Section §27-2403 of the Codified Ordinances.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.

Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners

Dec. 21, 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **ROSE J. ERVIN**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

**Kevin S. Ervin, Executor**

c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062

Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG

Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Upper Macungie Township Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 7:00 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville PA 18031

Immediately following the Reorganization Meeting, the Board of Supervisors will hold their regular monthly meeting for January, 2017.

Ashley A. Godshall, Secretary  
Upper Macungie Township

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Upper Macungie Township Board of Auditors will hold their annual reorganizational meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 2:00 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Ashley A. Godshall, Secretary  
Upper Macungie Township

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township shall hold a special meeting on Friday, December 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the granting of a Utility Easement to PPL Electric Utilities Corporation to allow for future construction of electric transmission and distribution lines and towers and related infrastructure in and along Township property located in the Breinigsville vicinity and consideration for granting said Easement, if appropriate, authorize the signing of the Easement, as well as any and all other business which may come before the Board of Supervisors. All persons interested may attend and be heard.

**ASHLEY A. GODSHALL, SECRETARY  
UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **MELVIN T. DEISENROTH**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the person(s) named below, who request(s) 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:

**Executors: TED W. DEISENROTH**

c/o James R. Wishchuk, JD  
2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

or to his Attorney: James R. Wishchuk, JD

2310 Walbert Ave., Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **REVEREND JOSEPH J. CAMPION AKA JOSEPH J. CAMPION**, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to the person(s) named below, who request(s) 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:

**Executor: THOMAS J. CAMPION**

c/o James R. Wishchuk, JD  
2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

or to his Attorney: James R. Wishchuk, JD

2310 Walbert Ave., Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Trust of **MELVIN T. DEISENROTH**, Deceased, Settlor, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Trustee, **TED W. DEISENROTH**, requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Trust of the Settlor to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make payments without delay to:

**TED W. DEISENROTH, Trustee**

c/o James R. Wishchuk, JD  
2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

or to his Attorney: James R. Wishchuk, JD

2310 Walbert Ave., Suite 103  
Allentown, PA 18104-1360

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CHARLES LAKO**, deceased, late of 9 Nottingham Lane, Palmer Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Charles A. Lako**, 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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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **ELEANOR L. FREDERICK**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to Harold Fatzinger, 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 **David M. Roth**, Esquire, c/o 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **FLORENCE D. SNYDER**, 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 **Nancy Myers**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **PELLEGRINO P. CALLISTO**, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Francesca Ohl, 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 **David M. Roth**, Esquire c/o, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of **ZOUHAIRA Y. AZAR**, 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 **Nazih Y. Azar**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the **AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC.**, 7249 Airport Road, Bath, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.

- Adam Frisch - Space 257
- Christopher Gray - Space 305
- Dean Stavropoulos - Space 1280
- Gerald Graham - Space 310
- Suzanne Strohl - Space 422
- Randall Williams - Space 123

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **Grace R. Zeky**, Deceased. Late of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Branch Banking & Trust Co., Executor, c/o Jay R. Wagner, Esq., 111 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601. Or to its Atty.: Jay R. Wagner, Stevens & Lee, 111 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **MARC S. SABLOW**, Decedent, late of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Executrix: Agnes Y. Sablow**

c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
**Attorney: Jon A. Swartz, Esquire**  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Emmaus Shade Tree Commission will hold its January 10, 2017 Meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA. Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager

Dec. 28

**MEETING NOTICE**

Macungie Borough Council will relocate the workshop and regular meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017, starting at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Macungie Institute, 510 E Main Street, Macungie, PA.

Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **ANNA M. DREISBACH**, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**FRANK M. DREISBACH**

c/o CHARLES W. STOPP, ESQUIRE  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

Dec. 14, 21, 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **CHARLES E. BRADER**, deceased, late of Laurys Station, 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:

**EDWIN C. BRADER AND NANCY J. ECK**

c/o CHARLES W. STOPP, ESQUIRE  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **FRANK J. KLUCSARITS**, deceased, late of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Daniel J. Klucsarits**

c/o Steckel and Stopp, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

Executrix, or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Stephen A. Strack, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **LYDA M. BYERS**, deceased, late of Zionsville, 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:

**JOYCE B. DOYLE**

c/o CHARLES A. WATERS  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON, PA 18080

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **RICHARD D. SEMMEL**, deceased, late of Whitehall, formerly of Slatetale, 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:

**KERRI L. SEMMEL**

c/o STECKEL AND STOPP  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

Executrix, or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **RICHARD D. SEMMEL**, deceased, Whitehall, formerly of Slatetale, Lehigh County, PA, Settlor of the Revocable Trust created by Richard D. Semmel and Lois K. Semmel for the Benefit of Members of the Richard D. Semmel and Lois K. Semmel Family has died. All persons having claims or demands against said decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to the trustee or the trustee's attorney as stated below...

**Trustee: KERRIE L. SEMMEL**

17 S. Madison St.  
Allentown, PA 18012

or her attorney, Steckel and Stopp: Charles W. Stopp, Esquire, 125 South Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF CATASAUQUA ZONING HEARING  
HEARING #1-17  
JANUARY 18, 2017**

The Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board will hear the following appeals on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Complex, 18 Bridge Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032. Approval of the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting.

**APPEAL #1-17:** The appeal of Hartzell's Pharmacy, 300 American Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032, for a variance from Section 280-54b(1) of the Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance relating to number of principal uses per lot. Specifically the Appellants are requesting a variance to establish a second principal use, a specimen collection facility for Health Networks Laboratories, to be located within an approximately 160 square foot room in the existing pharmacy. The property is located in an R2-Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

**APPEAL #2-17** The appeal of William O. Rittler, IV, 1740 Chester Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017, for a special exception permit, and variance, to convert the property at 38 Second Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032, from a commercial use on the first floor with an apartment on the second floor, to a two (2) unit residential structure. The property is located in an R3-High Density Residential Zoning District in which conversions are only permitted as a special exception if limited to buildings with a minimum indoor heated living floor area of 3,000 square feet. The applicant is also requesting a variance of up to four (4) vehicles, from the parking requirements of Section 280-38a.

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. Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Meeting Notice**

The Macungie Borough Planning Commission is joining the Lower Macungie Township Planning Commission at their workshop on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Lower Macungie Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA for the purpose of discussing infrastructure crossing municipal boundaries in the Stone Hill Meadows development, 150 Spring Street, Macungie.

Chris L. Boehm, Borough Manager  
Dec. 28

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice is hereby given that on November 14, 2016, Certificate of Organization was filed in the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 2016 for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988 [P.L. 1444 No. 177], on behalf of the following corporate entity:

**Dorneyville Dental, PC**  
The purpose of the corporation's business is to provide general dentistry services.  
**ELIZABETH R. GRAVER, ESQ.**  
2030 Tighman St., Ste. 202  
Allentown, PA 18104  
Phone: 610-432-1590  
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**ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

**Upper Milford Township** (population 7,292), Lehigh County, PA seeks a dynamic, experienced, and skilled person to serve as Assistant Township Manager. This person may be assigned to fulfill any of the duties of the Manager. The Manager has authority to direct and supervise all day-to-day operations of the government, and serves as the central point of contact for the three-member Board of Supervisors, staff, and the community. The Manager administers an annual budget of \$2.6 million (including a GF budget of \$2.3 million and State Liquid Fuels budget of \$300,000). Current staff consists of: 1) Township Manager; 2) Zoning Officer/Building Code Official and Code Official; 3) Planning Coordinator and Sewage Enforcement Officer; 4) Secretary/Treasurer; 5) Administrative Assistant. Other employees include: six fulltime public works employees and 4-5 part time or seasonal employees. Assets currently include eight properties equaling approximately 137 acres with three active Parks and Facilities, two active Administrative and Maintenance Facilities and 55 miles of roadways and related infrastructure within an 18.5 square mile area. Police service is through The Pennsylvania State Police. Candidates should have and must demonstrate: (1) municipal management experience in a municipality of similar size and complexity; (2) knowledge of modern local government management principles, practices, programs, and innovation; (3) Degree in related field; and (4) dynamic leadership ability and strong organizational skills. Salary range \$56,000 or more D.O.Q. with benefits; actual salary to be based on experience and qualifications. Candidates should send cover letter, resume, salary history & expectation limited to 6 pages and contained in a single attachment to info@uppermilford.net. Deadline is noon on Thursday January 12, 2017. Upper Milford Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. www.uppermilford.net

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**Borough of Emmaus Full-Time Paramedic**

The Borough of Emmaus has an immediate opening for a full-time Paramedic position. Position pays \$23.15 per hour with excellent benefits. Successful candidate shall be a Pennsylvania-licensed Paramedic or PHRN and shall have all updated certifications at the time of hire. Candidate shall have a valid PA driver license, HAZMAT Awareness Operations course, EVOC, at least two years' active, documented experience as an EMT, one year as a Paramedic, or an equivalent combination. Job description and application can be found at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/employment or at Emmaus Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Application deadline is 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Include copies of all certifications and background checks with application. EOE.

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**Machine Operators**

Fogelsville bottling company is hiring full time associates. 7a-7p.: (\$13.59/hr) or 7p-7a: (\$14.58/hr.) with increases up to \$19/hr. No exp. necessary. Company will train. Call Aryce at HTSS: 610-432-4161, ext. 33. www.htss-inc.com

**Production Associates**  
Bethlehem bottling company is hiring FT, PT, weekend and flexible scheduling. 7am-7pm & 7pm-7am. No exp. needed. \$11/hr. Call Desiree: 610-432-4161 or Text: 888-711-4877. No es necesario hablar ingles.

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**SEXTON POSITION NEEDED**  
Redeemer Church of North 19th St. in Allentown has an immediate opening for a Sexton. This position is part time and requires approximately 20 hours per week. Weekend hours are not required unless special church functions such as weddings or funerals are scheduled. Previous experience is helpful but not required. A complete job description is available through the church office at 610-434-1291 or can be sent by email contacting Craig Long at chief41@enter.net

**Sit-Down Forklift**  
FT positions avail in Fogelsville. 7pm-7am. \$15.58/hr. Candidates must have recent sit-down forklift exp. Call Aryce at HTSS: 610-432-4161 ext. 33. www.htss-inc.com.

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**High Reach Forklift**

South Bethlehem company is seeking 2nd shift Forklift Operator. High Reach/Cherry Picker exp. required. Sun-Thurs 1:30pm-10pm. \$12-\$14/hour, temp to perm. Call Chelsea if interested 610-432-4161 ext. 24.

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