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NORCO 'Human error' caused issues

Corrective steps have been taken by voting system supplier

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County's \$2.9 million Express Vote XL voting system has drawn quite a bit of attention in recent days. During the Nov. 5 general election, multiple voters complained they had difficulty voting in the retention races. This sparked the attention of judges, who issued orders throughout the day.

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A far more serious problem surfaced when the polls closed. Democrat Abe Kassiss, who was running for judge, received only about 100 votes, and those were absentee ballots. Printouts from individual machines all reported none. County officials sought and obtained permission from the state to scan the backup paper ballots. Those revealed that Kassiss had actually won.

Bethlehem Attorney Vic Scomillio, who saw defeat snatched from the jaws of victory, considered but ultimately decided against formally challenging the results.

Paper ballot advocates have sued anyway, both in federal and state courts, seeking a ban on the further use of this system.

In the meantime, Electronic Systems and Software, manufacturer of the controversial system, has identified the cause of the problems on Election Day: Human error.

Electronic Systems & Software (ES&S), a wholly owned subsidiary of The McCarthy Group, is the largest manufacturer of voting systems in the United States, including paper ballot systems like the one used in Lehigh County.

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A total of 225 people attended this year's 54th annual Advent breakfast, sponsored by the Citizens Christmas City Committee of the Bethlehem branch of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

PRESS PHOTOS BY CAROLE GORNEY

Advent breakfast message 'Vanish your fears, Bethlehem; vanish your fears. God is coming.'

BY CAROLE GORNEY
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Advent's origins date back to the Middle Ages, when it was a pre-Christmas season devoted to prayer and fasting before the coming of Jesus. Here in Bethlehem, Advent is commemorated with the lighting of giant outdoor candles – one for each of the four weeks before Dec. 25.

For the past 54 years, the Christmas City has also held an annual non-denominational Adventbreakfast to bring the community together to celebrate the beginning of the sacred season.

This year, 225 people attended the breakfast sponsored by the Citizens Christmas City Committee of the Bethlehem Chamber at



After giving this year's Advent message, Bethlehem Episcopal Bishop Kevin Nichols joins in lighting the Advent candles – one for each of the four weeks before Christmas. As the candles are lit, participants sing "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem."

Moravian Village. The morning program was highlighted by the playing and singing of seasonal music by the Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir and the Broughal Southside Carolers. Breakfast attendees joined in lighting Advent candles and singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Jesus, Call Thou Me," whose appropriate lyrics included reference to "lowly Bethlehem – not Jerusalem. Favored Bethlehem! Honored is that name."

Among the breakfast speakers was Bethlehem City Councilwoman Olga Negron, who said it was a joy to be part of all the city's Christmas preparations.

The Advent message was delivered by the Rt. See **FEARS** on Page A2



The Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir provides the prelude of sacred music for the Advent breakfast. The choir (Posaunenchor) is a tradition of the Moravian Church dating back to 1733. Musicians are Clark Hamman, Caitlin Heckman, Riddick Weber, Nancy Beitel-Vessels, Bobby Peruzzi and director Donald Kemmerer.

PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

What is the most memorable Christmas gift you've ever received?



"My daughter Lucy." Tricia and Lucy Howell
Charlottesville, Va.



"When I was a kid my grandfather gave me an American Flyer passenger train set." Greg Solderitch
Bethlehem

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"In 1967 my brother returned from Vietnam and we finally had a complete family Christmas."
Beth Masiado
Bethlehem



"My banana seat bicycle. My mom sent me to our basement after I thought all the gifts had been opened and there was a floral banana seat bicycle. I think it was the element of surprise."
Stacey Burke
Bethlehem



"When I was six years old I sat on Santa's lap and he turned out to be my dad."
Nancy Kembel
Fountain Hill



"Probably my doll that rode a bicycle and a scooter. I had her for years."
Diane Mack
Lower Nazareth Twp.

POLICE

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Robbery suspect apprehended

Police have apprehended a man who allegedly robbed a woman at Wind Creek Casino Dec. 11. According to police, Hykeem Sessoms, 38, of Bethlehem, approached the elderly woman at her car, said he was armed, and ordered her to drive him away. He eventually fled the vehicle on foot, and he was found by officers shortly thereafter. During the search for the suspect, several local schools were placed on a brief lockdown out of a preponderance of caution. The victim was treated at a local hospital for injuries she sustained in the assault. Sessoms is charged with the robbery, kidnapping, assault and other related charges.

Charges filed in robberies

District Attorney Jim Martin has announced that charges have been filed against two men who were allegedly involved in multiple burglaries and thefts in a seven-county area earlier this year. Joshua Torres-Ruiz, 20, and Efrain Santiago-Colon, 24, both of Allentown, are each charged with around 30 counts of burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary and other crimes. The investigation undertaken by the Pennsylvania State Police, local police agencies, and the Lehigh County Auto Theft Task Force, alleges that Torres-Ruiz and Santiago-Colon were organized to commit multiple nighttime burglaries/attempted burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and thefts from motor vehicles in Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Berks, Carbon, and Schuylkill counties from May through August of this year. District attorneys of those counties have agreed to consolidate the charges and prosecution in Lehigh County. The investigation is ongoing.

CORRECTION

In our Dec. 11 article "Browning announces candidacy," we incorrectly identified Dean Browning as a former Lehigh County executive. Browning was in fact a former Lehigh County commissioner, not executive. The article in the same issue about author Stacey Redfield was wrongly identified as by Dana Grubb. The article was actually by Douglas Graves.

ANNUAL ADVENT BREAKFAST BY CAROLE GORNEY



During her brief remarks, Bethlehem City Councilwoman Olga Negron tells attendees that the city works very hard to make it feel like Christmas. "It is a joy to be able to say that I am from Bethlehem."



Advent Breakfast Committee Chair Barbara-Anne Taylor brought along her grandson Ryan to this year's event. It was the first time Ryan had attended the event, and his broad smile seems to say he is enjoying himself.



The Moravian tradition of lighting Advent candles dates back to 1747. These candles are made in Bethlehem from beeswax, which represents the purity of Christ. The red ribbons stand for Christ's blood.

FEARS

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Rev. Kevin Nichols, IX Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. Referring to himself as a relative newcomer, Rev. Nichols was installed as bishop in September 2018, moving from New Hampshire with his wife, Patti. He said he felt blessed to be in Bethlehem. "It's like moving to Florida. It's so warm." In his address, the bishop said, "The season of Advent is a

time of beginning in our calendar. There is no better time to look at the tools we need for what is before us." The top seven of those tools, according to Bishop Nichols, are: "Do what you can for justice. Do what you can; where you can; when you can." "Listen. Jesus listened; we are called to do the same in our communities, especially the voices of those in minorities." "Be patient." "Give authority away. Lead-

ers - authority is never ours. In the church, it belongs to Jesus." "Water." Smile "wherever God places us." "Hone our religious practices. Worship and learn and teach." "The hardest one. Confront your fears. The ones that keep us up at night." Bishop Nichols concluded with the following quote: "Vanish your fears, Bethlehem; vanish your fears. God is coming."



Father James Greenfield, DeSales University president, gives the opening prayer at the non-denominational event. He talked about the importance of Bethlehem in the nativity story, explaining its Jewish root as Beit Lechem, in Hebrew, "House of Bread."



Loretta Wiltraut and her friend Milton Hagerston light each other's candles, which are ancient religious symbols that express the belief that "God is Light."

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Bethlehem House Contemporary Art, 459 Main St. www.bethlehemhousegallery.com.

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Wednesday, December 18

Drop in center, 10 a.m. Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon. Program, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

Thursday, December 19

Program, 1 p.m. Seniors age 50 and up. Drop in center, 9 a.m. Tai Chi, 9:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities schedules: call 610-867-4681.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, December 18

Northampton Co. Personnel Committee, 4 to 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. Finance Committee, 5 to 6 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee, 6 to 7 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem Zoning Board, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. (change of date)

Hellertown Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St.

Snow date: BASD regular board, 7 p.m. East Hills auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

Hanover LeCo Council, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.

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

Thursday, December 19

Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, 3 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Special Events, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Northampton Co. County Energy, Environmental and Land Use, 5 p.m. 669 Washington St., Easton.

Tuesday, December 24

Fountain Hill, Hellertown Borough offices closed

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
Most municipal and government offices closed.

Thursday, December 26

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Zoning Hearing Board (as needed), time TBA. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

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NORCO

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How did Northampton County get the Express Vote XL?

You can blame failed Green Party Presidential candidate Jill Stein, along with Governor Tom Wolf. In late 2016, after the election, Stein filed a lawsuit demanding a recount and attacking the various systems used to count votes throughout the state.

Judge Paul S. Diamond, who complained that Stein had created a "judicial fire drill," gutted most of the suit. He said Stein had presented "no authority recognizing a right to have one's vote verified through any procedure," let alone paper ballots. He added Stein's fear of vote tampering "borders on the irrational."

Though her lawsuit was on life support, Governor Tom Wolf nevertheless settled. He commanded all 67 counties, in a late 2018 unfunded mandate, to acquire voting systems with voter-verifiable paper ballots. What's more, they had to be in place in time for the 2020 presidential election. No consideration was given to the logistics of such a demand or the financial burden it imposed on counties.

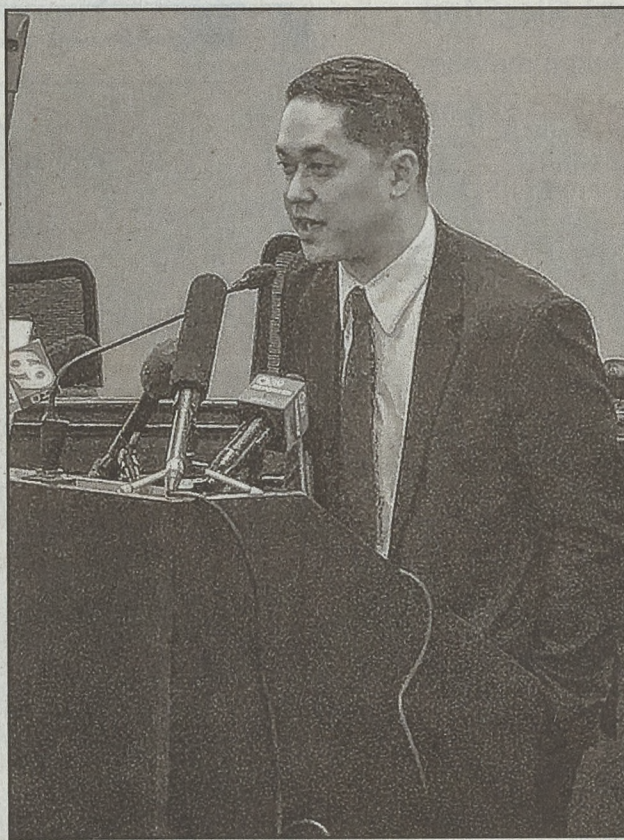
The Express Vote XL was the choice of the vast majority of about 30 election judges who viewed four different systems in Lehigh County. It was the choice of Northampton County's Election Commission, which recommended it to Northampton County Council by a 3-2 vote March 6, following a contentious meeting pitting election judges against paper ballot purists.

Arguing in favor of the Express Vote XL was GOP Chair Lee Snover.

"We're not a third world country," she asserted. "We have technology for a reason. I don't want anyone determining the intent of my vote except for me and the machine."

Before accepting this recommendation, Northampton County Council waited to see how the system performed in Delaware's primary. Council finally approved the purchase May 16 after the system received a glowing recommendation from Delaware election officials.

Numerous election judges and poll workers spoke in support of the new system. They argued it would be familiar to voters and present none of the privacy concerns or multiple lines accompanying paper ballots.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

At a news conference and presentation to Northampton County Council Dec. 12, ES&S Senior VP Adam Carbullido took responsibility for all the problems occurring during the rollout of the Express Vote XL on Election Day.

In addition to election judges, Elections Commissioner Maude Hornick said she supported ExpressVote XL because she wants no election official to decide how she intended to vote.

Trudy Fatzinger, secretary of Pennsylvania Council for the Blind, reported that ExpressVote XL is handicapped-friendly. This was a selling point to Executive Lamont McClure, who observed that 25 percent of Pennsylvania's registered voters have some form of disability.

The sole dissenter was outgoing NorCo Council member Robert Werner. He argued that because an old touch-screen voting machine could be reverse engineered, it necessarily follows that the Express Vote XL would be vulnerable too.

What went wrong?

In two words, human error.

At a news conference and presentation to Northampton County Council Dec. 12, ES&S Senior VP Adam Carbullido fell on the sword and took responsibility for all the problems occurring during the rollout of the Express Vote XL on Election Day. He blamed human error. Express Vote XLs were configured improperly at the factory, making as many as 30 percent of the 320 machines too sensitive. In addition, an untested ballot layout technique was used, creating false results in cross-filed races. Finally, ES&S failed to provide the correct guidance in the logic and accuracy testing done on the machines

before they were sealed and put into circulation. It was a perfect storm of three avoidable human errors.

"I want to apologize to the administration, county officials, elections staff, elections administrators and most importantly, voters," Carbullido said. What happened on Election Day is "completely unacceptable."

While waiting for an impound order on the machines to be lifted, ES&S created an "all hands on deck" team and began running tests on machines at their home base in Omaha, using the same configuration and ballot layout used in Northampton County. When the order was lifted, tests on the machines led to the conclusions reached.

The fix? All machines will be properly configured before the next election. The small boxes marked with an "x" will be eliminated. The ballot layout technique will never be used again. The logic and accuracy testing will be strengthened.

"These are human errors and we own that," Carbullido said. "These issues will never occur again," he promised.

Council member Tara Zrinski asked how the county could be sure that another human error would result in no additional problems. Carbullido explained that the work done by one person will be checked by another.

In addition to the improvements by ES&S, which will be done at its own expense, Executive Lamont McClure said he would be presenting a plan for next year's election to deal with

long lines and other voter inconveniences. McClure said he "couldn't be more sorry" about what happened, but reminded everyone that the election was still "accurate, fair and legal."

Elections Commission member Deb Hunter, who opposed the Express Vote XL, said the county needs to address the lack of a permanent director of elections, as well as machine custodian. She also said poll workers need better training.

Sandy Werner, who is married to council member Bob Werner and who has previously been critical of both ES&S and the Express Vote XL, was incredulous about the improper configuration.

"If I buy a microwave for \$150, I expect all the functions to work when I plug it in at home," she complained. "I don't expect a few of them to work."

"Who will win next year's election?" asked Werner. "ES&S. \$2.8 million and not much to show for it."

The lawsuits

In the meantime, two lawsuits challenge the continued use of the ExpressVote XL. In the federal lawsuit filed by Jill Stein, the state responded Dec. 12. It claims that Stein was well aware the state intended to certify the Express Vote XL and posed no objection to its use until nearly a year had gone by.

In that year, both Philadelphia and Northampton County purchased and began using ExpressVote XL systems. Cumberland County has also purchased this system. "[T]hese counties expended significant funds and time on reviewing and procuring ExpressVote XL machines, and training personnel and educating voters in their use," the state observes in its response. "Under these circumstances, the doctrine of laches applies and precludes the relief Plaintiffs seek."

Laches is an equitable principle protecting defendants against unreasonable delay in filing a suit if they are prejudiced by that delay.

Judge Diamond gave Stein until Dec. 18 to respond to the state.

A separate lawsuit by several election groups was filed Dec. 13 in Commonwealth Court. Outgoing Council member Robert Werner, the sole "No" vote to the ExpressVote XL and a rumored candidate in the next county executive race, is among those suing.

McClure said the lawsuit is irresponsible.



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Louise E. (Beier) Siegfried

Emmanuel E.C. Church member

Louise E. (Beier) Siegfried, 95, died Nov. 24, 2019, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Emil and Mabel (Behney) Beier. She was the wife of the late Sterling E. Siegfried.



She worked for Blough Nursing Home, Bethlehem. She was a cleaning lady at the former Lantern Restaurant.

She was a member of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by two sons, Harold and his wife Linda and Carl and his companion Karen Holben; a daughter, Mary Vogelien and her husband William; six grandchildren, Loriann, David, Michael, Scott, Kristy and Keith; and five great-grandchildren, Emma, Jayson, Scott Jr., Josephine and Madeline.

She was predeceased by a sister, Elinor Unkle. Contributions may be made to The Lehigh County Humane Society, 640 Dixon St., Allentown, 18103. Arrangements were made by Cantelmi-Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Kathleen M. Boyer

owned Hogan's Flower Shop

Kathleen M. Boyer, 65, of Whitehall, died Nov. 29, 2019, in Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Allentown. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Timothy M. and Patricia A. (George) Hogan Sr. She was the wife of Richard C. Boyer for 37 years.

She was a 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS.

She was a former owner and designer at Hogan's Flower Shop, Bethlehem.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Whitehall.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Christopher C. and his wife, Stephanie of Germansville; a daughter, Kristilyn M. Fedor and her husband Thomas of Hampstead, Maryland; a brother, Timothy Jr. and his wife Claire; two sisters, Judith Shive and her husband Rick and Jennifer Hogan; five grandchildren, Nicholas, Travis, Luke, Nathan, Olivia; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Matthew B. Arrangements were made by to Stephens Funeral Home, Inc. 274 N. Krocks Road, Allentown.

Carol A. (Wunderler) Strohe

phys ed teacher

Carol A. (Wunderler) Strohe, 54, of Bethlehem, died November 30, 2019, at her residence. She was a daughter of Carl Wunderler Jr. and Hilda (Kollar) Wunderler. She was the wife of David Faust.



She graduated from Northampton High School where she excelled in athletics. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from East Stroudsburg University.

She was an health and physical education teacher for more than 20 years. She coached track and field, youth soccer and youth softball. At Northampton High School, she held shot put and discus records for 29 and 30 years respectively. She was dominant on the basketball and volleyball courts and on the softball field at Northampton Community College.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by daughters Taylor R. (Strohe) Labar and her husband Tim of Port Isabel, Texas; a son, Cam W. Strohe of Bangor, and Tatum C. Strohe of Bangor; stepchildren, Sarah and Andrew Faust of Northampton; a sister, Diane M. (Wunderler) Hubka of Great Falls, Montana; a brother, Carl Wunderler III of Macungie; Dr. Denise L. Wunderler, D.O., FAOASM of Holmdel, New Jersey; two grandchildren, Corbin and Gryffin Labar; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

There will be a visitation from 5-8 p.m. on December 4 and from 9-10 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m., on December 5, all in the funeral home, 2119 Washington Ave., Northampton, 18067.

Contributions may be made to Team Vienna 4 SUDC Awareness (501c3, non-profit), at TeamViennaSUDC.org or send to 201 W. Front St., Suite 209, Swede Chevalier Building, Steph's Place, Red Bank, New Jersey, 07701.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

In May 2018 MLK Civil Rights March committee members Richard Washington Jr., Frankie West, Reverend Timothy Smith and Mookie Stanton gathered to dedicate the solar lights that were installed to light the Kings' monuments.

'It's bad, and it's sad'

Vandals strike Kings' memorial along Carlton Ave.

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When community organizers installed solar lights at the memorials for Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. located in the namesake city park along Carlton Avenue in May 2018, they hoped to shine some light on the lessons of the Kings' social activism, both literally and figuratively. The memorial is the annual destination for the Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights March, which is held each January.

Recently, 20 of the 24 lights were stolen and this has raised a variety of concerns among the march organizers and supporters. The theft was reported to the Bethlehem Police Department, according to event chairman Frankie West.

Event organizers find the theft very disturbing.

"We're concerned because we're looking for the city to take care of it," said march committee member Rev. Timothy Smith, noting also that the area around the memorials has dog waste in the grass.

"Everybody is part of Dr. King's dream, it's all-inclusive," said Smith. Organizer Frankie West questioned the city's commitment to the dream, noting that nobody from city government walks in the Civil Rights March, on



"It's bad and it's sad," says East Hills MS eighth grader Samad Thorne as he points to the area where 20 solar lights were removed from in front of the King Memorials. MLK Civil Rights March organizers Frankie West and the Rev. Timothy Smith said Thorne has been a wreath carrier in recent marches.

Former Bethlehem resident Samantha Pheiffer has participated in the march for about 10 years. She said she thinks perhaps something else is at work beyond simple vandalism.

"I'm concerned that it may be hate based, particularly in these times," she said, "and I'm concerned that it's happening in my hometown of Bethlehem."

Polgar thinks it may be less important who is responsible for the vandalism and more important to broaden our understanding of diversity.

"It's all the more reason why this memorial has to be restored and maintained," he said.

West said that efforts to do exactly that are underway.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Independent voting machine issue investigation sought by council

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In an era of partisanship, it is highly unusual to see party bosses agree about anything. But the Northampton County party chairs of both the Republican and Democratic party appeared together at the Dec. 5 county council meeting. Republican Lee Snover and Democrat Matt Munsey seek an "independent" study of what went wrong in November's election. "Wouldn't that help people have confidence going into 2020?" asked Munsey. Snover said she thinks so, and told council an analysis would also "reassure Lehigh Valley citizens."

They had a name, too: Dr. Duncan Buell, a professor of computer science and engineering at The University of South Carolina. According to Snover, Buell could do his analysis without examining the county's voting machines, is willing to sign a non-disclosure agreement and would work for free.

Buell previously sent an email to county council, but Snover stated he received no reply.

This could be because there's some question



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Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure with ExpressVote XL.

about just how "independent" Buell would be. Since 2016, he's been one of the experts involved in a federal lawsuit filed by former presidential candidate Jill Stein against the state. That case was settled when the state agreed to order all 67 counties to use voting systems with voter-verifiable paper ballots. But late last month, Stein filed papers claiming the state's use of the ExpressVote

XL is a violation of the settlement.

The ExpressVote XL is used by Northampton and Philadelphia counties and has been certified by both the state and federal government.

Though he failed to address the request of both party chairs, Executive Lamont McClure told council that ES&S, manufacturer of the ExpressVote XL, will be on hand at the next council meeting to explain what

went wrong Nov. 5 and what steps are being taken to ensure it never happens again.

On Dec. 6, McClure said Dr. Buell is far from "independent" and he would be foolish to use someone who is listed as an expert in a suit against the state. He also pointed out that ExpressVote XL was endorsed by Snover herself, as well as both Republican members of the elections commission.

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God's Good Will To You

Often I have the pleasure to meet or hear from those who have been readers of this column for years. Some I meet in hospitals while visiting other patients. I hear from others via letters, phone calls, or email. I am amazed at how God has used and is using this small column to be a blessing to many for His glory! "Merry Christmas" to each of you!

Think of that first Christmas—it had to have been awesome! Brilliant glory abruptly burst upon the astonished shepherds that night with dazzling light radiating all around them as an angel proclaimed "good tidings of great joy" and announced the birth of "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!" Then "suddenly" there appeared "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God!" Afterwards "with haste" they went and with awe "beheld his glory" (John 1:14). The newborn baby in that manger was "Emmanuel... God with us!" (Matthew 1:23). He was God's "only begotten Son" and the expression of God's love for all the peoples of the world, including us today! He was given for our salvation—so "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This truth was clearly heralded by the angels, "peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). That promised "peace" and "good will" is available to each individual through God's magnificent Gift—Jesus! Yet, many fail to receive it today just as was so when Jesus first came, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11-12). It is my prayer that you will not fail to experience God's exceedingly marvelous glory, love, "peace" and "good will" for you. This Christmas, I urge you to personally believe in and receive Jesus as your Savior!

—Written by the late Pastor Daniel E. Lundmark

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Auctioneer Jason Douglas Houser fields the winning bid of \$2,500 for "Masha," a glass mosaic of a unicorn created by 4-year-old Hailey Mientus. Behind him are, from left, emcee Ashley Russo and the young cancer warrior's mom, Emily. The artwork was inspired by the child's stuffed toy.



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From left, gala guests are Glenn and Sherley Dowling, Valerie Pulaski, Bernie Reinert, Kelly Middlecamp, Ashley Stuart and Katie Krause. The Dowlings' son Jared, having battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia, was the guest speaker at the 2018 event. The couple was happy to say the 17-year-old Freedom HS senior is doing well and checking out colleges.



With backlit stained glass artwork behind them, Rob and Kristen Bennett are aglow with good fortune. Their son Bryce was fighting for his life two years ago, when Bennett was the guest speaker at a Hearts of Gold Gala. According to the thankful couple, their 6-year-old cancer warrior has responded well to treatment. They are also expecting a daughter in January 2020.



Parkland HS sophomore Makenna Zenie with her photograph of the Brooklyn Bridge. Her artwork fetched \$200 during the silent auction benefiting PCFLV. Makenna's brother is a cancer warrior and their mom is Executive Director Michelle Zenie.



George Gavirati and his wife Dr. Colleen Charney alongside gift baskets donated by local businesses and artwork created by "cancer siblings." As the director of sales for national accounts, Gavirati represented the event's presenting sponsor, New York-based Brooklyn Bred.

BY ED COURRIER
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Around \$147,000 was raised by The Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley (PCFLV) at their 2019 Hearts of Gold Gala Nov. 9. Guests nattily dressed in tuxedos and evening gowns enjoyed cocktails, dinner, dancing and a live auction of children's artwork conducted by auctioneer Jason Douglas Houser. The not-for-profit's chic fundraiser was held at the Centennial Catering and Conference Center in Center Valley.

Tiffany Werner, mother of teen cancer warrior Bryce, served as the guest speaker. Emmy award-winning producer Ashley Russo emceed the celebration. Later in the evening, DJ Keith Smith provided dance music.

Werner spoke about how she, husband Chris, son Bryce and their two other children have dealt with Bryce's struggle against a genetic type of cancer. She explained that he was diagnosed with a gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) at age 13. GIST does not respond to chemotherapy or radiation, she said. After surgery to remove part of the stomach and small intestine, all that is currently available is a lifetime of palliative care for the now 16-year-old. The Emmaus High School student also studies auto mechanics at Lehigh Career & Technical Institute.

Werner expressed heartfelt gratitude to family, friends, and PCFLV for supporting them throughout their three-year journey.

"In this past year since our last gala, five of our kids have passed away," Executive Director Michelle Zenie sadly announced, "and 39 new families in the Lehigh Valley have heard

Hearts of Gold gleam

2019 PCFLV GALA

those gut-wrenching, heart-wrenching, life-altering words, "Your child has cancer." She told the audience that she is a "cancer mom" herself and introduced her son Cole as a cancer survivor.

Zenie provided a brief overview on how the local non-profit is dedicated to providing services and programs to local pediatric cancer patients and their families, along with bereaved families.

Sloane Radcliffe, a Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital social worker and parent of Olivia, a young cancer survivor, was presented with the Heart of a Warrior Award by Zenie. Radcliffe's daughter now attends Temple University.

"Our Family Tree," a painting by 14-year-old Cameron Werner, and the photograph "Beauty in Bloom," by his 17-year-old sister Arianna were the first items up for bid. The paired artwork was auctioned for \$675. Their sibling, 16-year-old Bryce was diagnosed with GIST in 2016.

"Believe In Time" by Vanessa Stauffer, scored the highest bid for children's artwork at \$6,100. The 13-year-old cancer warrior created the working wood clock from purple heart, mahogany and marblewood.

Other items that fetched high bids included \$5,100 for "Being Free" by 14-year-old Jack Ohl, battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and \$2,700 for "Never Lose Hope" by 6-year-old Bryce Bennett, who has been a cancer warrior since age 2.

Also, up for bid or purchase were gift baskets donated by area businesses and individuals, bottles of wine in

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In front, from left, Hailey Mientus, Owen Wilt, Madison and Caitlin Cleffi gather to greet guests at the Hearts of Gold Gala Nov. 9. Assisting them are, from left, Mckayla Lawley and Sherlyn Cerrato.



Grace McGuire from Valley Forge and her mom Marianne McGuire purchase wrapped bottles from the PCFLV wine pull table. Assisting is 15-year-old volunteer Kyra Stauffer, a 10th grader at Parkland HS.



Guest speaker Tiffany Werner with the rest of the Werner family at the Hearts of Gold Gala. From left are Werner, daughter Arianna, son Cameron, husband Chris and son Bryce.

BRIEFLY STATE

PLCB seeks student artists

In an effort to continue the dialogue about the dangers of underage drinking, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is encouraging students from across the commonwealth to participate in the 28th annual alcohol awareness poster contest.

The contest is open to all Pennsylvania students in kindergarten through 12th grade, including those who are home-schooled or in private or parochial schools.

Students may enter through their schools, clubs, or scout troops, or individually.

Entries must feature a clear no-use message about underage drinking and may be created using any artistic medium.

Students are encouraged to use positive messages and images, such as the benefits of being alcohol-free or alternatives to underage drinking.

Posters are selected by a panel of judges for acknowledgment, and each artist who creates a selected poster will be notified of his or her accomplishment and awarded prize money and/or recognition by the PLCB.

Artwork may be reproduced in various formats and distributed across Pennsylvania.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 20.

Questions about the contest may be directed to 717-772-1432 or RA-LBEducation@pa.gov.



Executive Director Michelle Zenie works the crowd during the auction of children's artwork. The painting "My Sunshine" by Dakota Almeida sold for \$2,200. The 1-year-old was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia six months ago. She helped her mom and nana paint it with her hands and feet.

GOLD

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a "wine pull," as well as centerpieces created by The Glass Studio, located in the Banana Factory.

Brooklyn Bred was the event's presenting sponsor. George Gavirati, director of sales for national accounts for the New York-based bakery, said he and his wife Dr. Colleen Charney, "met a very special, graceful, sweet, child who had cancer."

Through the couple's friendship with young Vanessa Stauffer and her mom Tracy, who works for PCFLV, Brooklyn Bred got involved.

"It's part of our good neighbor policy," Gavirati added.

Additional sponsors included St. Luke's Pediatrics, ASR Media, ArtsQuest, AmeriCaVen, Yurconic Agency, EZ Micro Solutions, Stortz & Associates, RCN, Weichart's Pat Spitzer Team, Aveanna Healthcare, enTrust Merchant Services, and Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital.

PCFLV has recently relocated its office from the Banana Factory to 2132 S. 12th St., Suite 401, Allentown to be closer to Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, which provides pediatric oncology care.



Vanessa Stauffer encourages David Stortz from Stortz & Associates in Emmaus to bid on the wood clock she made and titled "Believe In Time." Stortz was later outbid by another, who purchased the 13-year-old cancer warrior's purple heart, mahogany and marblewood creation for \$6,100.



At left, proud mom Leeza Ohl, from Allentown, with her son Jack's painting "Being Free." At right is his godmother, Jessica Lehr from Downingtown. The 14-year-old cancer warrior is battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia. "Being Free" was later auctioned off for \$5,100.

BRIEFLY BETHLEHEM

City app tracks snow removal

An online map is now available to track the progress of the City of Bethlehem snow removal. The color-coded map is viewable by visiting <http://avl.bethlehem-pa.gov/bethlehempa/>.

COAT DRIVE

Area collection has begun

Herron Funeral Homes is hosting a coat drive to collect warm, clean, gently worn or new coats and thermal underwear in all sizes at their locations, 458 Center St. and 1145 Lehigh St. For more information, call 610-866-0671.

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BETHLEHEM

Hotel seeks couples married there

The Historic Hotel Bethlehem officials are seeking couples who have been married at the hotel since its doors opened in 1922. Those couples will be invited to an Anniversary Ball Jan. 25. The For information about the event and to make reservations, email blevine@hotelbethlehem.com or call 610-625-2234.

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Now through December 21

Historic Downtown Bethlehem window decorating contest. Vote for your favorite.

Now through December 22

Christmas City combo tickets- (one-day admission to Christkindlmarkt through Dec. 22; Historic Bethlehem's "Trees of Historic Bethlehem" exhibit and four historic Bethlehem attractions through Jan. 12). Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/christmas/christmas-city-combo-ticket/>

Free trolley service 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday between the two every 20-30 minutes. Stops: Moravian Book Shop and Sun Inn on Main Street, Walnut Street parking garage, South New Street garage, and Christkindlmarkt at Steel-Stacks and Banana Factory.

Now through December 23

Live Advent calendar, 5:30 p.m. Daily, 1810 Goundie House, 505 Main St. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/> for schedules.

Now through December 23

Christmas City Follies, 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday; and, 2 p.m. Sundays; through Sunday, Dec. 22. Additional shows at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 22. 321 E. Fourth St. Visit <http://www.touchstone.org/season/> or call 610-867-1689 for tickets and information.

Now through December 29

East Hills Moravian Church (walk-ins welcome) Christmas putz and displays: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 3 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Groups: call 610-442-6056, email nancyecosta@gmail.com, call 610-442-6056 or visit www.easthillsmc.org/.

Edgeboro Moravian Putz/Christmas room. Group tours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hour, Monday through Friday, by appointment. Walk-in hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday. 645 Hamilton Ave. Visit <http://edgeboromoravian.org/putz> or call 610-866-8793.

Now through December 31

Central Moravian Church Putz: 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. After Christmas: 1 to 5 p.m. daily to Dec. 31. Showings every half hour. Visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org/whowear/the-christmas-community-putz-and-the-star-candle-shoppe/

Wednesday, December 18

Advent Holden Evening Prayer, sponsor: Congregations on Mission Together. 7 p.m. St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 474 Vine St. Visit: www.upgbethlehem.org/

Thursday, December 19

Charter Arts Holiday Vocalists Cafe, 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Friday, December 20

Holiday Parents' Night Out, children ages five to 10. Games, crafts, movies, pizza. Wear sneakers. Cost. Must pre-register. Visit www.bethlehemtownship.org. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road.

Saturday, December 21

Peter Kearns Memorial Christmas Tree Toss, open to the public. Toss is a minimum donation), 11 a.m. Mike DeCrosta of More Miles Automotive, 1458 Stefko Blvd. In conjunction with Lehigh Valley with Love Media; benefits Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. Prizes from Molly's Irish Grille & Sports Pub, Lehigh Valley Sports Tickets, Machs Gute Pub and Lehigh Pizza, and others. Visit LehighValleywithLoveMedia.com. Donations: payable to Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, c/o More Miles Automotive, 1458 Stefko Blvd.

Holiday shopping with the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quadrant Private Wealth Stables, 615 E. Langhorne Ave.

Downtown Bethlehem Association and Lehigh Valley with Love co-host "Clash of the Carols" local adult/college, middle and high school choirs a capella choir competition finals. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Sun Inn Courtyard, 564 Main St. Following the competition, choirs will sing in front of Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St. View at www.getdowntownbethlehem.com and the Heart of Bethlehem Facebook page.

Street musicians: Lehigh Valley Italian American Band, 11 a.m. Flutations, 1 p.m. Bethlehem Brass, 6:30 p.m. Main Street.

Santa's Haus free photos with Santa. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Church and Main Streets. Thursday, December 19

Charter Arts Holiday Vocalists Cafe, 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Sunday, December 22

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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, similar to the King's College, England, Lessons and Carols service. Ancient to 21st centuries, choral, harp and flute 5 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Call 610-865-0727; visit www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/.

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At right, State Rep. Steve Samuelson (D) describes his office's involvement in a diaper drive with the Hispanic Center WIC Clinic, and the Lynnfield Community Center's toy drive. At left is Janine Santoro from the Bethlehem Area Public Library South Side Branch.



Stephanie Augello from the mayor's office announces free two-hour holiday shopping parking on Saturdays. At right is Vivian Robledo-Shorey, director of Student Services and Minority Affairs for BASD.

PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

Green-bagged parking meters offer free-parking holiday Saturdays

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

SOUTH SIDE TASK FORCE

"Spread the cheer, free parking is here," quipped Stephanie Augello from the mayor's office as she announced free two-hour parking on Saturdays for holiday shoppers at the Mayor's South Side Task Force meeting Nov. 26. Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Health Network, vehi-

cles can be parked for two hours at no charge at 278 green-bagged meters located around the Southside Arts District and Historic Bethlehem Main Street. This continues through Dec. 21.

She mentioned that the city is discussing options for improved lighting for the Southside.

Although there won't be a city property tax increase, a state-mandated storm water fee is set to take effect in 2020, she said.

In response to Task Force Chairman Roger Hudak's previous inquiry about the city's Christmas lighting being extended east from

Hayes Street, Augello said they do not have the resources now, but it may happen sometime "in the near future."

Augello described a new play area for children in the Greenway at Webster Street that will feature a "sound garden" with outdoor musical instruments. Funded by a grant, construction is to begin in May 2020. She also provided photographs of progress being made on construction of three pools at Memorial Pool. The project is still on schedule to be ready for the 2020 season.

The mayor's office continues to work on ways to raise awareness about the upcoming national census, according to Augello.

Hudak reported the annual "Holiday on the Southside" was scheduled for Dec. 13 at Tranquility Park, 727 E. Fourth St. After the tree lighting, the event moved indoors in the Bethlehem Area Public Library South Side Branch for crafts, cocoa and cookies.

Janine Santoro, representing the Bethlehem Area Public Library, said a used book sale is scheduled for Jan. 14, 15, 16 and 18 at the Southside branch, located at the corner of E. Fourth and Webster streets. This will be the first of three books sales for 2020.

She mentioned there is a class on how to make a felt ornament on Dec. 19. Ongoing programs include Vocational ESL and Conversational Spanish classes. Some activities require registration. For information: bapl.org.

Accompanied by his adult son Michael, State Rep. Steve Samuelson (D) said the Lynnfield Community Center toy drive is seeking donations through Dec. 20. Toys will then be distributed during the center's Christmas event on Dec. 21. He said Roy Ortiz, the center's director, can be contacted at 610-860-6478 for information.

Samuelson also spoke about his office's current diaper drive. This is being done in partnership with the Hispanic Center WIC Clinic. Donations of new diapers See SSTF on Page A8

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COLLEGE NEWS

Moravian College

Standardized tests made optional

Moravian College announced Dec. 6 that the submission of SAT and ACT standardized test scores will now be optional for students applying for undergraduate admission. Exceptions to the new policy include nursing and international students, who will still be required to submit test scores as part of their application for admission. The new policy will begin immediately and apply to students seeking admission to the Class of 2024.

"We believe the move to make standardized test scores an optional requirement for admission is consistent with how we evaluate incoming students," commented Scott Dams, dean of enrollment at Moravian College. "Our admissions counselors have always taken a holistic view of each student's record and we're confident we can accurately identify the students that will do well at Moravian without relying on standardized test scores, which are not always the best indicator of future academic success."

Moravian College joins more than 1,000 accredited four-year colleges and universities in the United States that are now test-optional, according to the National Center for Fair and Open Testing.

"Providing access to education is a principle that has long been part of Moravian College's history, and we are proud to continue that tradition," said Bryon Grigsby, president of Moravian College. "Reducing a student's chance for admission, if even partially connected to their ability to afford test prep courses, does not align with our ongoing commitment to access."

Moravian College's main campus is located at 1200 Main St. and the south campus is at Main and Church streets. For information, call 610-861-1300 or visit www.moravian.edu.

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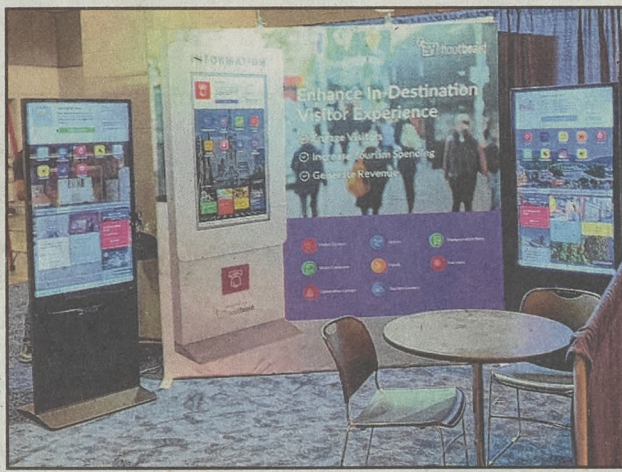


Southside KIZ awards \$80K in grants

The Southside Bethlehem Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ) has awarded \$80,000 in funding so far to early-stage startup companies in Bethlehem for 2019. This funding is invested at the earliest stages of companies that possess promising technology that is in the process of being commercialized. Many of these companies are pre-revenue. A significant amount of KIZ Tax Credit Awards will be announced later this month by the Pennsylvania DCED.

"The Southside Bethlehem KIZ continues to attract entrepreneurs with great ideas and ambitions, but who are not quite ready for traditional financing," says Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez. "Our KIZ can serve as a model for other communities across the country and thriving companies in Bethlehem today credit the KIZ with helping them launch and grow."

The following companies have been awarded \$15,000 Technology Transfer Grants for significant projects that, once complete, will allow the company to capitalize on new revenue to



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HootBoard has created a smart information kiosk platform that currently can be used as a concierge platform for spaces.

help grow the company.

UBMe is a "Local Network for The Modern World" and a geo-social messaging app

for sending text, videos and photos, and for discovering what's happening around you at any given moment. UBMe goes far beyond social networking by creating a new and interactive communication dynamic, in which people can "check in" to wherever they are NOW (concert, ballgame, college campus, local business, etc.) and join a live group chat for that place with other people inside. The app currently works in 100+ million places.

Almas Foods International has identified opportunities in the healthy non-alcoholic beverage market. The first product in this category will retail under Zaffrus brand and will be "Saffron Lemonade with Raw Honey and Basil Seeds." The project is to construct a semi-automatic small size (almost 1,000 units per day) beverage production line, including mixers, fillers and basic lab equipment.

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will be collected through mid-January at both locations.

According to Samuelson, 96 co-sponsors in the Pennsylvania House have signed up to support legislation to end gerrymandering by establishing an indepen-

dent redistricting commission. Property tax and rent rebates for 2018 are still available to constituents through Dec. 31, Samuelson added.

Director of Student Services and Minority Affairs for BASD Vivian Robledo-Shorey highlighted the district's participation in the recent Latino Convention held at the Hotel Bethlehem.

She also talked about offering mentoring sessions at Lynnfield for Freedom students in place of Saturday morning detention at the high school.

Ed Vogrins who owns property on the south side, mentioned that he is involved with a group that places holiday wreaths on veterans' graves in the Fountain

Hill Cemetery.

The Mayor's South Side Task Force meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at Northampton Community College's E. Third Street campus. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28.

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Teacher contract approved to 2023

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A special school board meeting was held Dec. 10 to review and ultimately vote on a new collective bargaining agreement, which will extend from July 2020 through June 2023. The contract passed narrowly by a 5-4 vote, with Edward Andres, Bryan Eichfeld, Michael Karabin and Shawn Welch voting "no." All members were present.

Board members Sandra Miller and Cedric Dettmar spoke in support of the contract during the discussion period. Miller in support of what she said she believes to be robust but fair compensation for the educators in the district, said, "It's the teachers that make this place tick. We have the second highest median income in the entire Northampton County."

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Board Vice President Susan Baxter, Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler and President Dr. Shamim Pakzad listen to discussion.

Dettmar took a more measured approach, saying, "There are things about it that I'm concerned about." He added, however, that, "Overall, the pluses outweigh the minuses, and I think it will be good

for us to get this early agreement and avoid the strife that we've encountered in the past."

Welch presented a somewhat dizzying array of statistics, attempting to paint a picture that depicted the

tax burden that might be placed on the residents of the district as teacher salaries and district expenditures might increase throughout the length of the proposed contract. His primary concern was that the district might be forced to either raise taxes or enact spending cuts on programs if they didn't leave enough room for other potential increases in expenditures. "There isn't breathing room for unanticipated bills," he said. Eichfeld and Karabin also took some time to express their concerns. Karabin in particular did not display abject opposition to the contract's terms explicitly, rather, simply stating that he did not believe "enough time was spent on negotiating discussion and thrashing through the whole process."

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14.

KIZ

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said, "KIZ funding is empowering Aeria Pro and helping launch next stages of our flagship product development along with a suite of related innovative solutions to the window cleaning industry. The relationships built through the grant are key to future success and scaling sales, which will in turn bring added community notoriety and employment. We are grateful to have this partnership!"

Other funding provided by the KIZ includes student internship grants of \$2,500 each. There was a total of \$17,500 awarded to seven companies to hire student interns from Lehigh Valley-based colleges and universities.

The KIZ also funded companies who used the community-accessible Fab Lab at the Northampton Community College - Fowler Center. Bonn Brewing used the resources at the Fab Lab to design and create new tap handles that will help market for an additional revenue stream as they partner with local establishments. NEATCap Medical also used the Fab Lab to further their design of an apparatus to decrease stress caused by high-frequency sounds for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Contributed article

Rt. 22 still too long a drive for state

State Senator Lisa M. Boscola expressed her disappointment in the recent announcement by transportation officials that the Route 22 expansion project would be put on indefinite delay pending future funding.

"I was extremely disappointed to learn that the much-needed expansion of Route 22 has been indefinitely delayed as result of changes made at federal level and their inaction to adequately fund highway infrastructure," Boscola stated. "The Route 22 expansion project is the most important highway project currently in the Lehigh Valley. If we want to continue to promote the

Lehigh Valley as a place to start or locate your business, it is essential that our most important roadway can meet the demands to move people and goods. Anyone who tries to drive 22 during the morning or afternoon peak hours knows to expect delays, and it is only getting worse," Boscola added.

Earlier this year, it was announced that the Lehigh Valley would see a 26 percent reduction in transportation funding as part of its 12 year transportation plan, from an expected \$1.1 billion to slightly less than \$750 million. Major changes in the National Highway Performance Program,

which provides funding for major Lehigh Valley routes such as I-78 and Routes 22, 33, 309 and 512, were decreased in funding from \$416.5 million to \$100.5 million.

"It is my understanding that in previous transportation plans drafted following the passage of Act 89, PennDOT and local transportation planners made funding decisions under the expectation of federal action to further enhance funding for highway projects," Boscola further stated. "Unfortunately, the federal governments funding decisions and

inaction has put our Commonwealth and the Lehigh Valley in a precarious situation in meeting our highway needs. It is critical that Pennsylvania officials work together to get the Route 22 expansion project back on track."

Boscola also stated that she has drafted a Senate Resolution calling for the passage of a National Infrastructure Bank at the federal level to ensure important highway projects such as Route 22 receive the necessary funding. She will be introducing the resolution in the near future.

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Callahan publicly calls out city hall

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem does not have a process by which a disgruntled employee or whistleblower can, without fear of reprisal, report what he or she may consider a crime or inappropriate act. At least if they do, the mayor's office has declined to discuss the matter with the press. When one or more city employees wanted to make a complaint earlier this year, they apparently took it to City Councilman Bryan Callahan.

Callahan on Monday, Nov. 25, held a public press conference during which he defended his recent accusations against the city's Director of Community and Economic Development Alicia Miller Karner. According to Callahan, he brought these matters to the public only after failing to get a satisfactory and timely response from the city administration.

Callahan also criticized the actions of Mayor Robert Donchez and his staff for not responding soon enough to his request that the Mayor investigate his allegations.

Previously, Callahan had charged that Karner had done two separate

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PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Previously, Councilman Bryan Callahan alleged that Director of Community and Economic Development Alicia Miller Karner had committed two separate acts that, in Callahan's opinion, deserved to be investigated by the mayor's office. He addressed his concerns at a press conference. Callahan was also unhappy with the price that minors pay for a bucket of golf balls at the driving range.

acts that, in Callahan's opinion, deserved to be addressed by the mayor's office.

One of these, according to Callahan, who cited three unnamed present and past employees as the sources of his information, was

that Karner urged subordinate staff to slow down permit approval in an effort to later justify adding staff to her department.

The second problem that Callahan described concerning Karner, according to Callahan, was

that she had called some members of the Bethlehem Parking Authority (BPA) Board of Directors in an effort to influence the RFP (Request For Proposal) and bidding process for work in connection to selling to a developer Bethlehem Parking Authority (BPA)-owned property at East 2nd Street and East 3rd Street across from its planned parking garage on Polk Street.

The BPA Aug. 28 selected Peron Development and J. G. Petrucci Co. to build a \$6.4 million, 8,000 square foot, five-story building that will have retail space on the first floor and upscale residential units on the upper floors.

Former Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan, brother of Councilman Bryan Callahan, is also the Director of Business Development for Peron Development.

Councilman Bryan Callahan concentrated his attention at his press conference on the first of these alleged actions, the slow-down of the permitting process. He said he did not want to discuss the RFP-bidding issue.

Callahan said he had consulted with two councilpersons on the See **CALLS** on Page A20

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Moria is a 9-year-old fswweet girl who loves to give kisses. Moria is hoping for a quiet home and would do well with another cat. A kind human has paid her adoption fee in hopes of finding a home for the holidays.

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Lehigh Co. gets crime grant

Pennsylvania's Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) recently awarded the County of Lehigh a \$50,000 grant through the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The recipients will be the County Sheriff's Office and Adult Probation.

JAG provides seed money to assist state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice and criminal justice system improvement projects, according to PCCD.

The Sheriff's Office will utilize the grant to procure a use of force training simulator to enhance and improve firearm safety and proficiency among county personnel who must carry and qualify with their firearms.

Lehigh County Adult Probation will also be putting the grant to use to further improve the safety and proficiency of its staff.

They will be procuring additional body armor, tasers and jackets to properly identify adult probation personnel.

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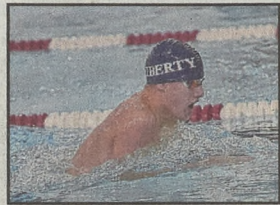
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Brandon Hall

LHS head wrestling coach

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Werner wins Penn Manor title



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Connor Werner wrestles against Becahi during a match last week.

BY PETER CAR
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Brandon Hall is looking for growth with the Liberty wrestling program and the Hurricanes demonstrated some of that over the weekend with their performance at the Penn Manor Tournament in Millersville.

The Hurricanes finished second as a team with 152.5 points, coming behind team champion Council Rock North (190.5 points).

Junior 106-pounder Connor Werner was the lone Hurricane to come home with a gold medal, as he pinned Solanco's Dominic Flatt in 3:34 to take home the crown.

Werner pinned three opponents in all and has ramped up his work ethic over the past month.

"He wants to be better. He pushes himself in the room much more than I saw during open room workouts in the fall," said Hall. "We are still working to improve in certain areas and bring a more consistent and focused effort for an entire match. We are stressing the importance of diet, not

only to him but to all of our wrestlers as it has a direct effect on performance in the room and in competition."

Six wrestlers placed in all for Liberty, as Javien DeLeon (113, second); Jason Rezac (145, second); Kevin Hennessey (170, third); Zaire Mitchell (220, fourth) and Dustin Tocci (195, seventh) came home with hardware.

"Overall I think we performed well given where we are at this stage," Hall said. "Our staff can see clear improvement from the new and inexperienced wrestlers. Tocci and Mitchell are great examples of that, placing seventh and fourth respectively. DeLeon wrestled very well as the seventh seed, making it to the finals as he knocked off the second and third seeds."

The Hurricanes have a three match slate this week with a trip to Easton on Wednesday, followed by a home bout against Pleasant Valley on Thursday. They then travel to Parkland Saturday night.

With a second place See LHS on Page A13

Hawk wrestlers look to improve

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's 15th place finish at the Ironman Tournament wasn't something that had head coach Jeff Karam glowing about. The Hawks suffered significant injuries, had their will tested and only came away with two medalists.

It was not an ideal start to their grueling out of conference schedule, but there's a reason Karam puts his teams in these positions and the Ironman may have been a wake up call for his troops.

"I wasn't happy with how we performed or finished," said Karam. "We put our schedule together for a reason and we got really exposed out there. We need to get tougher as a team."

Harvard-bound Ken-



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Brandon Lysick and the Becahi wrestlers, shown here in their victory against Liberty, are looking to improve heading into holiday tournaments.

ny Herrmann took third at 138 and Cornell-bound Cole Handlovic finished in eighth at 152.

Herrmann was the

lone semifinalist for the Hawks, as he battled against the nation's top ranked wrestler, Beau Bartlett of Wyoming

Seminary. The Penn State recruit registered a hard fought, 3-1 victory over Herrmann, but it was his ability to bounce

back and take third place, which showed his true grit.

"Kenny's a great kid and a great leader for us," said Karam. "He had a great showing at the Ironman. Taking on the No. 1 wrestler in the country is never easy, but Kenny gave him everything. I knew he'd battle back in the consolation rounds and was glad to see him finish third. I think one thing he needs to improve upon at this point of the season is his scoring. I'd like to see him be more aggressive."

After handling Liberty last week 60-12 in their only dual meet of the season so far, the Hawks get a pair of tuneups against Pleasant Valley and Pocono Mountain West this Wednesday and Thursday.

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Becahi girls get past Freedom



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Becahi's Keyara Walters, shown here against Liberty and Layla Orth, recently took on Freedom and came out on top.

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls' basketball team overcame a slow start and a nine-point deficit early in the second quarter to clinch a 61-48 victory over Freedom last Tuesday night at Becahi.

"There's been a little rivalry between both our teams in the past few years, so I knew they were going to bring their A game, and we practiced the day before how to defend against them, so we were prepared and knew we were going to get their best," said Becahi senior guard Taliyah Medina.

Overthrown passes

by both teams in the first minute of play were understandable for the first EPC game and the first rivalry game of the season, but the Patriots were first to settle in, led in scoring by Kailey Turpening who had three consecutive three-pointers in the first quarter.

When Becahi guard Jaleesa Lanier hit a three early in the second, fellow Hawks Stephanie Donato, Kourtney Wilson, and Abby Brown added six more points to tie the game 15-15.

With a 24-17 lead at halftime, the Hawks, who had already stepped up their defense, committed nine fouls in the third quarter, creating an opening for the Patri-

ots, who scored 10 points on free throws.

"We're a defensive-based team so we know to expect the fouls to be called," said Medina. "We didn't want all those fouls to be called but it gave them a chance to get back in the game. Once we started playing smart, that's when we started to break away."

Wilson hit a three pointer to open the fourth quarter, and Lanier was fouled, converting both free throws. Brown made a three-point play, and Wilson scored twice, the second time on a steal before Freedom called a timeout at 5:42.

"I think that was a See GIRLS on Page A13

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Becahi's Isaiah Alexander looks to block a shot by Liberty's Antonio Montgomery.

Pates aim to stay unbeaten

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom is off to an undefeated start to the basketball season, but can the Patriot boys keep that up this week?

The Pates are 4-0 and sit atop the East Penn Conference as one of four undefeated teams so far, following wins over Bethlehem Catholic and Dieruff last week.

With the combined record of their opponents at 5-8, the Pates have had the fortune of not playing any of the league's top teams yet, but that all changes this week when they squared off against Easton (3-1) on Tuesday, past Press deadlines.

The Rovers came into the year as one of the top teams in the area and this was Freedom's first major test of the winter.

"We are playing well and yes, this is what we, expected," said head coach Joe Stellato. "We have two of the top guards in the league, and I saw in late fall in a tournament that the role players have stepped up their games and have accepted the challenge. They are the key to the season. We knew what we would get out of our guard play, we just needed some other scoring from other players and early in the season we have that."

Easton has won three

straight Steel Division games since losing its opener to Wilson West Lawn, including a 75-72 win over a highly touted Allen team and an 84-68 win over Liberty.

Stellato wanted to make Easton feel pressure in Tuesday's affair.

"The key is ball pressure and making them feel uncomfortable," Stellato said. "Watching them early in the season, they are very comfortable when teams don't pressure them, and they move the ball and execute very well. We are going to try and disrupt that."

"We just need to do little things right all the time, not sometimes. We

are very athletic and sometimes the mistakes are overlooked. It is my job to identify those mistakes and fix them through practice."

Outside of Tuesday's tilt, Freedom closes out the week with Liberty at home Friday night in their final contest until after the Christmas break.

The Hurricanes (3-2) have lost to both Allen and Easton this season and have three games this week before they close shop before the holiday.

Liberty took on Dieruff Tuesday and then travel to Wilson on Wednesday, followed

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SWIMMING

Freedom falls to NHS

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's girls' swim team just missed a victory over Northampton, losing by one point, 92-91, last Thursday at Northampton.

The Patriots took all three places in the 50 free, led by Sydney Straka with a time of 28.32. Sophie Twigger came in second, and Lilly Anderson was third.

The Pates also took

all three places in diving with Sarah Gill who scored 199 points, Fallon Tatlow who scored 163.35, and Cailin Connelly who scored 147.85.

Twigger, Abby Burnette, Straka, and Aliyah Corrado won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:50.69, and Isabelle Burnette, Deborah Belen, Grace Christiansen, and Hallie Smith placed second in the same event with a time of 2:00.34.

Freedom's boys also

lost to Northampton, 121-53.

Luke McClure was out touched in the 100 butterfly, coming in second with a time of 59.84 to Connor Oswald's 59.28 from Northampton.

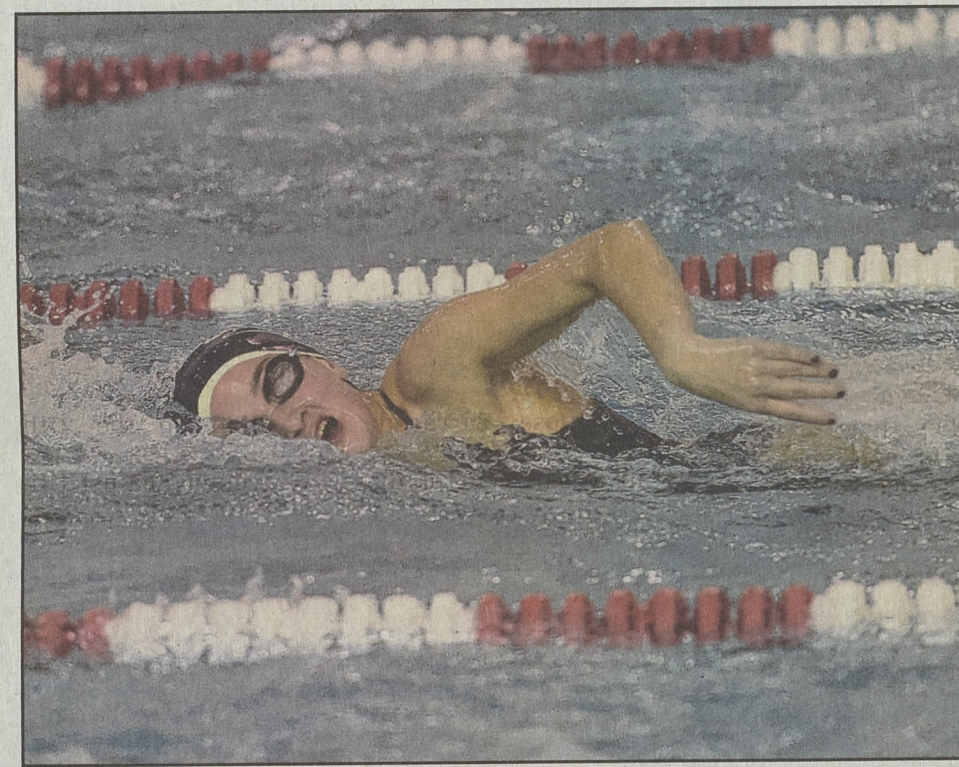
Danny Connell won the 500 free for the Pates with a time of 5:27.41.

McClure, Eric Mann, Adam Ameerally, and Connell won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:48.86.



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Addison Collins swims for Liberty in a meet against Parkland. The Hurricanes fell to Emmaus in a recent meet.



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Maddy Drager and the Hurricanes, shown here vs. Parkland, lost to Emmaus in a recent meet.

Hurricane girls fall to Green Hornets

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls' first home swim meet of the new season ended in a 118-68 victory for Emmaus last Thursday.

"This was a good meet to get fast times because when you have someone to race, you swim faster," said Samantha Taylor, one of the Hurricanes' four senior captains for the girls team.

Taylor won the 200 IM with a time of 2:17.87.

"I try not to watch and focus more on what

I'm personally doing, but it was a good race overall," she said.

Abby Mack also won for the Hurricanes, taking first place in the 200 free with a time of 2:00.53 and in the 100 free with a time of 55.73.

Liberty freshman Brooke Sergent won the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:00.52 and the 500 free with a time of 5:32.11.

The Hurricanes took second place in all three relay events.

In the 200 medley relay, Taylor, Sergent, Talia Lehr, and Sarah Park

swam a time of 1:59.07.

"We've been trying out some different combinations, so I think today was good," said Taylor. "I think we have a lot of versatile people, so we're trying to figure out what the fastest combination of four people will be."

In the 200 free relay, Mack, Lehr, Julia Pinter, and Maddy Drager swam a time of 1:50.02, and in the 400 free relay, Sergent, Taylor, Park, and Mack swam a time of 3:47.73.

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Liberty's swim team hosted Emmaus last Thursday when the Hornets defeated the Hurricanes in boys' results, 123-53.

In the boys' first event of the day, Patrick Gilhool, Sean McGuire, Daniel Lader, and Addison Collins placed second in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:43.65.

"I'm not disappointed that we placed second to them, but I think all of us could have swum faster. Nonetheless, I think we all tried our best today and we had a good meet," said Lader, one of four senior captains for the boys' team.

"I think one thing a lot of people don't understand is that most of the time, meets are won in practice. It's about putting in the hours of hard work and time in the pool, so keeping team morale up, making sure everyone knows what they're supposed to do, I think those are my main responsibilities as captain."

Collins won the 100 free with a time of 50.45, and McGuire won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.93.

Gilhool, Lader, Ben Service, and Collins took second place in the 400 free relay with a time of 3:29.07.

"We had some tough competitors today, and I think one of them set a pool record," said Lader, who also swam the 500

free and the 100 fly.

"I started out swimming distance because I was a first-year swimmer and distance is a good event for a lot of first-year swimmers because it builds up muscle memory. Last year was my first year swimming butterfly, and the technique came to me easily, so even though they're different techniques, I'd say they're deceptively different."

Second place finishers for the Hurricanes were Collins in the 200 IM and Gilhool in the 100 backstroke. Trevor Lenig was third in the 200 free, Caleb Stein was third in the 50 free, and Gilhool took third in the 100 fly.

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GIRLS HOOPS

FHS girls top Allen

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's girls' basketball team earned its second victory of the season against Allen, 48-40, on Saturday after defeating Dieruff last Thursday.

The Patriots took a 29-17 lead at halftime, and it was the same offensive play the Pates repeated that caught the Canaries off-guard.

"It's one of our newer plays we put in this year but we did a good job getting the ball behind the defense," said Freedom senior Jennifer Kokolus, who had the ball fed to her underneath. "That's what you have to do against aggressive teams, so we did a really good job hitting the baseline and hitting the middle. I got passes from Brenna [Or-

twein], and Kailey [Turpening] had some good passes tonight. We really found the open person a lot."

Kokolus scored 20 points in the first half, including a deep three at the buzzer to end the second quarter.

Allen came back in the third quarter to hit four threes, two by T'nyah Riggins and two by Shanaiya Ellis.

"We became impatient and bad shots usually go the other way and they end momentum. They got on a run," said Freedom coach Dean Reiman.

The Canaries also changed up their defense in the second half.

"We figured they were going to come out in zone and we knew they were going to be aggressive. Allen is al-

ways aggressive," said Kokolus. "We kind of went in between a matchup and a man, and we needed to talk more and have awareness of who was hot because in the second half, their shooters were hot."

Allen tied the game with 5:50 remaining in the fourth quarter on a shot by Lamiyah Carter.

The Pates responded with threes by Kokolus and Turpening.

"Kokolus hits that big shot when you need a senior to step up, and then Kailey hits a shot, and then I have a lot of faith that they're going to convert free throws down the stretch," said Reiman. "When the game's on the line, I have a lot of faith in them that they're going to execute."

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According to the PGC, Pennsylvania hunters set an all-time record bear harvest.

Outdoors: Bear harvest record set

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

In their next to final bear harvest report, the Pennsylvania Game Commission said Pennsylvania hunters set an all-time bear harvest this season.

During the final day of Pennsylvania's statewide bear season, hunters took 565 bears, raising the 2019 statewide general-season harvest to 2,063.

That adds to an early season harvest of 1,335, which increases the 2019 total bear harvest to 3,398, not including the extended bear season that kicked off this past Saturday in 16 Wildlife Management Units.

However, none of the bears taken on the final day of the statewide season cracked the top-10 list for heaviest bears.

The largest bear through all 2019 seasons continues to be the 813-pound male taken with a rifle on the opening day of the general season in Smithfield Township, Monroe County, by Victor M. Vassalluzzo, of Kintnersville.

Other large bears taken in the 2019 general season - all taken with a rifle - include: a 747-pound male taken

in Wright Township, Luzerne County, by J. Kripp Jr., of Mountain-top; a 696-pound male taken in Penn Forest Township, Carbon County, by Brian J. Borosh, of Jim Thorpe; a 657-pound male taken in Franklin Township, Columbia County, by Nicholas A. Podgurski, of Elysburg; a 656-pound male taken in Hanover Township, Luzerne County, by Dale J. Kobal, of Hunlock Creek; a 623-pound male taken in Beech Creek Township, Clinton County, by Mikael J. Catanese, of Sewickley; a 620-pound male taken in Miles Township, Centre County, by Reuben Kennel, of Turbotville; and a 604-pound male taken in Gallagher Township, Clinton County, by Steven Z. Rohrbach, of Lock Haven.

The top bear-hunting county in the state over the general season was Lycoming County with 136 bears. It was followed by Tioga County with 131 bears.

Locally in the Southeast Region, the tally is as follows: Schuylkill County, 75; Dauphin, 66; Northampton, 15; Lebanon, 2; Berks, 17; and Lehigh 4.

Expanded hunting

opportunities provided by new special-firearms and muzzleloader bear seasons and an expanded archery bear season, have helped increase the 2019 bear harvest. Record bear license sales also have contributed. License sales currently exceed 200,000 which previously have held at highs between 170,000 and 175,000. And the statewide bear population at the start of the bear-hunting seasons was about 20,000 bears.

"It's the largest suite of bear-season changes ever approved in a single year," explained Matt Lovallo, agency Game Mammals Section supervisor. "In most of the state, we're going from 14 or 16 days of bear hunting to 32, and from three Saturdays to seven. As such we started hunting bears almost two weeks earlier."

The additional days and increased number of bear hunters appear to have made a significant difference. Great weather on peak hunting days also helped.

The final bear harvest numbers will most likely be available in February 2020, but they shouldn't increase significantly.

bring roughly half his lineup to the tournament, since his team is dealing with a handful of injuries.

"I'm going to air on the side of caution this weekend," he said. "We

have some big dual meets coming up and I don't want to risk some of these guys getting even more hurt. Our goal is to come back and finish in the top 10 as a team this weekend."

The Hawks took on Allen last night and host their own Hawks' Heroes Challenge this weekend when three Catholic schools (Bishop Ireton, John Carroll, and St. Johns Catholic Prep) from the Maryland and Washington,

said. After the Patriots' timeout, Wilson, who was the game's top scorer along with Turpening, scored again. "It was because of my

still have a lot to improve upon for sure but it was positive and a reinforcement for the kids that they are doing the right things in room."

Freedom (11-0) has started the season off with a bang, as they racked up another five dual meet victories over the weekend at the Towanda Duals.

The Patriots handled their competition

D.C. area come to town Friday and Saturday.

The Hawks take on St. John's Prep in Friday's contest and will play one of the other two teams based on Friday's results.

teammates. They were passing the ball, they were doing stuff to get me open," Wilson said. "[Coming back] gives us more confidence than we already had."

with wins over Hanover Area, Danville, Jersey Shore, Williamson and Towanda.

Their closest match was a 55-21 win over Jersey Shore.

The Pates should coast through this week's schedule too, as they host East Stroudsburg North on Wednesday and then bring in Central Catholic and Honesdale on Saturday.

PHANTOMS PHEATURE

Special teams hurting LV early on

BY CHUCK HIXSON
Special to the Press

The best teams in any sport take advantage of any little opportunity that they find. In hockey, the power play is the most blatant advantage that a team can get. It's at least a couple of minutes where you're playing with one more player than the other team and it's a situation that needs to be capitalized upon as much as possible.

For the Phantoms, much of the problem surrounding the team this season has come on the power play. Up and down the roster, players agree that they have to be better when they have that distinct advantage of being a player up on the other team. Through their first 28 games, Lehigh Valley has enjoyed the added advantage of having at least one additional player on 109 occasions. The 12 goals that they've scored in those situations work out to just an 11-percent success rate on power plays, the fourth lowest in all of the AHL. To put it in perspective, the league middle of the pack in terms of success on the power play is 18-percent.

"We've got to get ourselves in a spot where our power play is winning games for us," head coach Scott Gordon said after a recent game, providing a bit of an understatement on where the team stands in terms of power play success.

And unfortunately, things have gotten even worse for the team as they have seen their average shrink from a 12.5-percent success rate just a couple of weeks ago and that included an 0-for-7 on power plays in

a game against Springfield in the first week of December. Back then the team was ranked 25th in the league and are now 28th in the league.

The power play - or lack thereof - has given opponents a sniff of momentum when the Phantoms can't take advantage of playing with an upper-hand. Some of it can point to a mental issue where players know that the team struggles in those situations and tend to tense up and try to be too perfect on power plays. Then, there's the idea of having a weak execution in key spots or possibly, a lack of chemistry among the players on the power play unit. Figuring out the problem is the first step in fixing the problem, but finding the cause has been an elusive search for answers.

"Obviously, we know there's a problem, but identifying the cause and figuring out how to fix it is the hard part," said Gordon. "I do think that we sometimes put too much pressure on ourselves and simply relaxing would help, but there's more to it than that. We just don't seem to be able to stay aggressive in those situations and it's hurting us."

Another problem arises when the Phantoms have to shift into penalty killing mode. The team gives up goals in 23-percent of the chances that other teams have when they are the one with a man advantage. The only team in the AHL with worse penalty killing numbers are the San Jose Barracudas, who have allowed goals in 24.5-percent of their short-handed situations this season. The league norm is around 19-per-

cent. "That's the other part of it, in that we can't stop the other teams from taking advantage of those situations, so it really puts us behind the eight-ball," said Gordon. "Fortunately, we're not called for too many penalties or it could be even more problematic for us, but it's something that good teams learn to do, is to be successful on both ends of the power play."

TOLL MONEY... Nicolas Aube-Kubel and Carsen Twarynski were both recalled by the Flyers on Sunday. The 23-year old Aube-Kubel has four goals and three assists in 25 games with the Phantoms this season. Aube-Kubel played in nine games with the Flyers last season and is making his first NHL appearance of the season with this recall. Twarynski, 22, has had two previous stints with Philadelphia this season and scored his first NHL goal on October 12th against Vancouver.

SINKING FEELING... The Phantoms are 3-7-0 in their last 10 games and have sunk to sixth in the eight-team Atlantic Division. They stand 12 points behind Hartford and Providence, who are tied atop the division. The Phantoms split a home-and-home series with Hartford over the weekend and then fell in Hershey on Sunday to finish their three-in-three weekend. Lehigh Valley has back-to-back games in Charlotte this coming weekend and a game in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on the 27th before returning to the PPL center against Utica on Dec. 28.

DARTS, TRAPSHOOTING

DARTS
Suburban Dart League Standings

Dryland	27	12	.692
Star of Beth	23	13	.639
Light of Christ	23	16	.590
Bath Luth	19	17	.528
Salem UCC	19	17	.528
Christ UCC	19	20	.487
Emmanuel	17	19	.472
St. Paul's	16	20	.444
St. Stephen's	16	20	.444
Farmersville	15	24	.385
Ebenezer	10	26	.278

Christ UCC at

St. Stephen's 3-2, 5-0, 4-3
C - Dave Shaver 5-13, Garry Hunsicker 5-13, Eric Yocum 5-14 HR, Keith Laudenslager 4-11, Joe Hunsicker 4-12.
SS - Allan Antry 5-10, Allan Beahm, Gary Buczynski 4-11.
Salem UCC at Star of Beth 2-0, 7-6 (17), 2-8
S - Bob Krause 7-16, Fred Tonick 5-16, HRs - Kim Bush, Jane Carrigan.
SB - Scott Hoffer 7-17, Walt Hoffer 7-15, Bill Hoke Sr. 6-11, Jason Biggs 6-16, Tyler Frankfield HR.

St. Paul's at

Light of Christ 1-7, 2-6, 0-1
LC - Dan Halteman 6-11, Terry Knauss 5-13, Rich Hasonich 4-11, Norm Schoenberger 4-13, HRs - Buzz Highdecker, Todd Jones (2).
SP - Brett Remel 6-11.

Farmersville at

Emmanuel 4-3, 0-3, 2-5
Em - Andy Velasquer 5-10, Bob Bast 5-12, Bruce Danlyuk 5-12.
F - Kyle Gerber 4-11, Keith Campbell 4-12, Tom George 4-12 HR.

Ebenezer at

Dryland 0-3, 3-5, 1-10
D - Rich Dern 7-11, Larry Golic 6-12, Butch Silfies 6-13, Al Gilbert 3-6, Jim Goldman HR.
Eb - Paul Yoder 5-11, Frank Trovato HR.
Bye - Bath Lutheran

Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball league Standings Week 1-13

*Holy Trinity	24	12	.667
Holy Cross	22	14	.611



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Gail Stein of Holy Cross was the winner of this year's home run derby, the second annual event. Together, 24 participants and attendees helped raise \$270 and overflowed a giant shopping cart with food and clothing donations for New Bethany Ministries.

First UCC	22	14	.611
East Hills	21	15	.583
Christ Lutheran	19	17	.528
Schoenersville	19	17	.528
WS/Edgeboro	19	17	.528
Bethany UCC	19	17	.528
College Hill	17	19	.472
Fritz Wesleyan	16	20	.444
St. Peters	12	21	.364
Christ UCC	13	23	.361
Trinity UCC	9	24	.273

*First half champ

RESULTS 12/9

First UCC at Holy Trinity 5-4, 0-4, 2-1
Holy Trinity at
Schoenersville 2-9, 6-1, 9-4
Holy Trinity - Dale Mack 6-12, Barry Coles 7-14, Gary Mosser 9-14.
Schoenersville - Caz Matuczynski 8-13, Dennis Peiffer 7-13.

Christ Lutheran at

Bethany UCC 3-8, 6-10, 1-2
Bethany - Dan Sabetti 6-12.
Christ UCC at Fritz

Wesleyan 6-13, 2-3, 9-5
Christ UCC - Gordy Fiegel 5-12 1HR 4 RBIs.
Fritz Wesleyan - Roger Rehm 8-14, Blair Weller 8-14.

East Hills at

St. Peters 4-1 4-2 3-5
St. Peters - Jeff Herbold 8-13

Trinity UCC at

First UCC 1-4 2-3 2-9
Trinity UCC - Matt Fullman 9-12

First UCC - Elsie Stout 4-5

WS/Edgeboro at

Holy Cross 4-5, 2-7, 6-0

WS/Edgeboro - Nelson Hoff 5-12, Rick Dow 6-12 Cycle
Holy Cross - Earl Stein 4-10, Bryan Himmelwright 5-11, Brian King 6-11

College Hill - BYE

TRAPSHOOTING
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Copechan Fish and Game Club
12/15/19

BLUE RIDGE 117
24 - Don Nelson, Al Onkotz, Lorne Palansky

23 - Jeff Blose

22 - Glenn Beers, Caitline Bonser, Abel Boyer, Dave Brader, Ken Braren, Eric Flexer, Mike Kresge, Anthony Raysley, Dave Schwartz, Zach Szoke

COPECHAN 116

24 - Diane Arner

23 - Dave Darrough, Tony Hujsa, Brian Snyder, Ron Wechsler

EAST BATH 123

25 - Brendan Doorley, Jim Gontar, Tim Manning

24 - Ashley Allworthy, Brayden Heckman, Adam Kast

RANGER LAKE 116

23 - Seth Tavolaro

24 - Dennis Cacciola Jr., Rich Green, Matt Groller, Allan Hunter, Mark Ryan, Sam Scott

Standings

East Bath 989

Copechan 982

Blue Ridge 979

Ranger Lake 974

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Friends at Christmas

It's been three years. Nov. 29 was the third anniversary of the separation, but my marriage really ended several months before that, and badly.

I would not be where I am today without my son, Erick, and a special group of friends who have been with me through this journey.

At the time of the separation, I did not know where to turn at that time, but I took a lesson from one of my sisters and kept communication open with a select group of friends. It has made a great difference.

We have needed a great deal of help, and most of it has come from an amazing group of friends. Some I have known since childhood. Others came later, but have made no less impact. Some have been through divorces themselves. Others are current and former coworkers. And more come from the sorority I joined in college and the affiliated fraternity.

Three of these friends have been with us since the start of the journey, and literally their help and support has been immeasurable. One friend has become important in my life recently, in ways that lift me and spark my imagination. All of these friends have provided me with help so we never had to stay in a shelter, helped me with rides to work or to the bus stops, and most importantly, they have shared this journey with me by listening, and in some cases, sharing their own experiences and journeys.

And I am blessed to have a person in administration at my day job who is my guardian angel. I don't see her often, but every couple of years, she helps me into a better place. She helped me get a full-time job, and then to a placement I love. She shares a name with an Irish saint, and she has been my angel. I must also thank my supervisor at work, who, with my guardian angel, made everything possible.

I struggled with wanting to name them all, and surrendered when I realized many share first names. (My adopted mother was in the minority when she named me.) I imagine getting all of these special people together in one room. Many of them already know some of the others, but as they come from so many places and times in my life, they do not all know one another. It would be amazing to have a gratitude party in their honor. Perhaps someday I will.



By Lani Goins

ANOTHER VIEW

Holiday Hope Chests seeks continued help

Holiday Hope Chests is in its 19th year serving the greater Lehigh Valley community. Holiday Hope Chests is a national project adopted by the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley to help less fortunate children living in the Lehigh Valley. Each year in the Lehigh Valley, generous supporters take part in the Holiday Hope Chests program – creating magical holiday memories for local children.

Holiday Hope Chests is 100 percent a local program supporting the needs of those that live in our community.

When we measure impact and numbers, this is one program that we hope that we will see a decline in the need. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. Since 2017 this program has doubled in numbers with the 2019 requests from 40 local nonprofit organizations coming in over 10,000 boxes needed/requested.

The Northampton County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, is our largest donor again this year. Their team of lawyers and staff hosted fundraisers, donated their time, talent and treasures and shopped and filled 855 boxes this year. This is a significant increase over last year and the impact this has on the children and youth here in our community is amazing.

The Volunteer Center continues to seek donors and supporters for this program. We have not yet reached the requested 10,000 shoeboxes requested. We are still in need of empty shoeboxes, wrapped and filled shoeboxes

and for those that would rather contribute financially, we have a team of volunteers ready to shop. \$25 is the value of one shoebox. We have over 250 donors already pledging to help us meet the need. We know there are other holiday programs that compete for individuals, families and businesses each year to contribute / participate in a meaningful way to give back. Holiday Hope Chests is 100 percent a local program supporting the needs of those who live in our community.

There are many ways to help. All of the information for the program can be found on our website at www.volunteerlv.org/holiday-hope-chests

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PRESS PHOTOS BY THERESA O'BRIEN

BASD board member Dr. Dean Donaher discusses charter reform with EASD Superintendent David Piperato and EASD school board president George Chando. In his remarks, Piperato said that urban school districts do not have the broad local revenue base of suburban districts, and asserted that "our future prosperity depends on successfully educating" the one in seven Pa. students living in an urban district.

Statewide outcry: Charter reform

'Business people have interrupted the delivery of our public education'

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

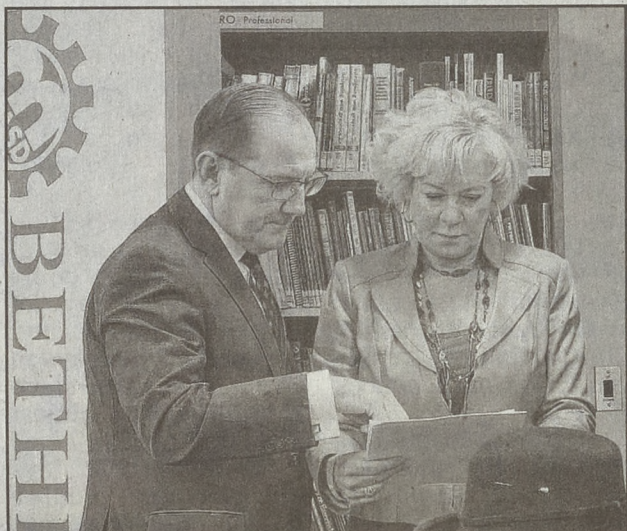
The head of the Bethlehem NAACP chapter, the superintendents of the two Lehigh Valley urban school districts, state Sen. Lisa Boscola, state Rep. Steve Samuelson, and a dozen school board members held a press conference at Northeast MS Dec. 5 to call for charter school reform, mirroring press conferences held by nearly 20 superintendents statewide.

Organized by the Pa. League of Urban Schools (PLUS) to coincide with the 64th anniversary of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycotts, the press conferences highlighted urban superintendents' view that charter school funding in the state is a social justice issue. More than \$30.75 million of the \$291 million BASD budget for 2019-20 is state-mandated funding of charter schools, according to district documents from June 2019. Allentown is spending more than \$60 million of its \$341.8 million budget this year on charter schools, and Easton is spending roughly \$9.26 million of its \$162.7 million to charters.

BASD director Dr. Karen Beck Pooley highlighted three main areas where public school districts want the help of taxpayers and parents as advocates: cost, transparency and accountability. Beck Pooley, who has two children in BASD public schools, quoted Pa. Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, who has called the state's charter school law "simply the worst" in the U.S. She noted two major areas – cyber schooling and special education – in which publicly funded payments to charter schools vastly exceed the actual cost of educating students.

Bethlehem runs its own public cyber education program at a cost of \$4,300 per student, according to Mark James, BASD supervisor of professional learning. However, when BASD students enroll in a cyber charter school, the district pays \$12,500 per regular education student – a figure based on the average cost to educate students in physical BASD schools.

A similar disparity exists in special education. Although Bethlehem pays nearly \$26,000



BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy confers with State Sen. Lisa Boscola before delivering his opening remarks on charter school reform. Roy pointed out that most Bethlehem children in charter school have not left public school, but started in charter programs in kindergarten.



State Rep. Steve Samuelson says, "Empowerment and equity are happening every day" in Bethlehem's public schools, and he backs local superintendents' calls for charter reform, adding only 11 percent of funding is subject to the fair funding formula.



Bethlehem NAACP President Esther M. Lee jokes with Rep. Steve Samuelson during a mostly serious address. "These business people," Lee said, referring to charter school CEOs, "have interrupted the delivery of our public education."

per special education student to charter schools (brick-and-mortar or cyber), charter schools' own reporting to the Pa. Dept. of Education indicates an actual expenditure far lower – from just over \$3,000 at the Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School (a cyber program) to slightly more than \$15,000 at Agora Cyber Charter School.

"Where does all of this extra money go? Who knows?" Beck Pooley asked. She called on the citizens of the school district to make their voices heard in Harrisburg.

Esther Lee, who was elected to the BASD school board in 1971 and now leads the Bethlehem chapter of the NAACP, asserted that the money diverted to charter schools is particularly missed by children in urban districts. "We're getting shortchanged," she said, noting that many urban children come to school with trauma requiring counseling, and commenting that bridging the digital divide is much harder with millions of dollars leaving urban districts. "We need to prevent these business people from draining our public school system," she said. "Let us – parents and educators – stand up and be counted."

Although Allentown School District Superintendent Thomas Parker was not present, Allentown's challenges were part of the discussion. In June, ASD asked the charter schools to share its budget burden by voluntarily accepting a 10 percent reduction in the per-student fee paid by taxpayers. The Pa. Coalition of Public Charter Schools, speaking on behalf of 19 charter schools, refused. In a letter written to the ASD and made available to the media, PCPCS Executive Director Ana Meyers strongly implied that Allentown should instead renege on its pension obligations and cut teachers' salaries in order to make ends meet.

At the press conference, BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy reacted strongly to the charter school association's statement. "That was an arrogant letter," he said, noting that with state law forbidding lay-

See **OUTCRY** on Page A16



At the Fowler & Pena creations stand, Beal Fowler points out stained glass stars for Shay Joy and her husband Matt Miller. It was the second Christkindlmarkt visit for Joy and Matt who live in Center Valley. "It's the Christmas City so you have to come," Matt said.



Rachel Marie Brooks Atkins and bassist Jason Atkins perform in the entertainment tent Dec. 7. Brooks Atkins won the 2007 Miss Pennsylvania title and competed in the Miss America Pageant.



Daughter and mother Michelle and Val Bernhart celebrate mom's birthday at Christkindlmarkt Dec. 7 with a girls' day out. Val flew to Bethlehem from her home in Dunedin, Fla. Michelle resides in Bethlehem.



Hellertown craftsman Ken Drake, owner of Silver Creek Woodcutters, discusses a potential sale with Anne Naramore from Saddle Creek, N.J., and Joann Kramer from Bethlehem. It was Naramore's first visit to Christkindlmarkt.



Miller Wood Shop owners Doug and Brenda Miller show an ornate wooden sleigh to John and Lisa Thompson from Mountain Top. The Millers operate their business in Bethlehem. The Thompsons said they've been coming to Christkindlmarkt for the last eight years.



The Little Brass Band of the Lehigh Valley entertains with some holiday music.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Shoppers break for a bite to eat in the entertainment, food and artisans' tent.

Shopping at Christkindlmarkt

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

ArtsQuest's annual holiday season extravaganza shopping experience, Christkindlmarkt, benefited from excellent weather Dec. 7 as thousands of people visited the four tent complex at SteelStacks looking for just the right gifts, grabbing a bite to eat or just listening to enter-

tainment. Over 150 artisans offer almost anything imaginable for the discriminate holiday shopper.

Christkindlmarkt is open on Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 8 PM, and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each weekend through Dec. 22.

There is an admission for ages 6 and up. Season passes are also available and ArtsQuest members receive discounts or free admission dependent on the level of membership.

Additional information is available at ChristmasCity.org or by calling 610-332-3378.



Aisles in the vendor areas are packed with shoppers.



Naughty or nice, volunteer Jessica Manjack of Bethlehem whispers her Christmas requests in Santa's ear.



Two shoppers consider potential purchases at the Kathe Wohlfahrt stand.



Shoppers sample salsas at Bethlehem based Casa De Jorge Salsa.



U.S. Post Office worker Susan Cope helps patrons at the large mailbox-like stand in Christkindlmarkt, where holiday stamps collectibles and stocking stuffers are for sale and cards may be dropped for the special Christmas City postmark.

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OUTCRY

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offs for budget purposes, districts are left with the option of cutting arts education and elective courses, support services for students and extra-curriculars like athletics.

Boscola shared Roy's ire. She informed those present that "[t]hose letters do not sit well in Harrisburg. [C]harters are benefiting from the status quo, so they'll do everything they can to preserve the status quo, and that includes letters like this, which attack our public schools." In prepared remarks, Boscola said cyber charter payments, which

vary by district according to the per-student cost of education in physical public schools, "have zero to do with the cost of the program. It makes no sense."

Both Boscola and Rep. Samuelson voiced optimism that bipartisan charter reform will happen in the next legislative session, focusing on cyber school payments as common ground. Cyber schools did not exist when Pa. charter school legislation was created, so lawmakers from both parties may choose to address that particular loophole without committing themselves to broader reform.

Wolf says charter accountability plan will save \$280M annually

Governor Tom Wolf's commonsense plan to improve the educational quality of charter schools and control rising costs will save nearly \$280 million a year, the governor told the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Nov. 15. The governor has a three-part plan to fix Pennsylvania's charter school law which is regarded as one of the worst in the nation.

"Every student deserves a great education, whether in a traditional public school or a charter school, but the state's flawed and outdated charter school law is failing children, parents, and taxpayers," said Wolf. "Pennsylvania has a history of school choice, which I support, but there is widespread agreement that we must change the law to prioritize quality and

align funding to actual costs."

"My plan will hold charter schools accountable so parents and students have a high-quality option that prepares students for success and protects taxpayers."

Taxpayers spent \$1.8 billion on charter schools last year, including more than \$500 million on cyber schools. The rising cost of charter schools is draining funding from traditional public schools, which has forced cuts to classroom programs and property tax increases.

The governor's proposal would save school districts an estimated \$280 million a year by better aligning charter school funding to actual costs. The plan caps online cyber school tuition payments and ap-

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plies the special education funding formula to charter schools, as it does for traditional public schools, as recommended by a bipartisan Special Education Funding Commission. The Wolf administration met with legislators, school districts, charter schools, and other stakeholders to develop the plan.

Despite costing \$1.8 billion a year, charter schools have little public oversight and no publicly elected school board. For-profit companies that manage many charter schools are not required to have independent financial audits.

"There are high-quality charter schools, but some of them, especially some cyber charter schools, are underperforming," said Wolf. "The inequities are not fair to students in charter schools or to the children in traditional public schools. It's time for change."

A Stanford University report found overwhelmingly negative results from Pennsylvania's cyber schools and urged reform. Eleven of the 15 cyber schools in the state are on the Department of Education's list of low performing schools. The Achieving Community Transformation Academy, the lowest performing cyber school in Pennsylvania, will close by the end of

December.

In addition to legislation, the governor's plan includes executive action and overhauling regulations. The Department of Education is using a fee-for-service model to recoup the costs of thousands of staff hours to implement the Charter School Law. The department is also developing new regulations for charter schools that will prioritize educational quality and transparency.

Many education stakeholders are supporting the governor's charter school accountability plan including the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Education Voters of Pennsylvania, Research for Action, American Federation of Teachers Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania State Education Association, as well as numerous superintendents and school board members.

Comments about the proposed charter school regulations can be submitted to: Office of the Secretary, 333 Market Street, 10th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126.

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United Way offers free meals

Several Lehigh Valley organizations will offer free holiday meals to the community throughout the month of December.

United Way's Pa. 211 East has compiled a list of the dates, locations and times local residents can celebrate the holidays with a hot meal. For the most up-to-date listings and information on volunteering at some of these locations, contact Pa. 211 East by phone at 2-1-1 or visit PA211East.org.

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Abigail Mack

Liberty HS

Grade: 12

Family members: My dad is Dale Mack, my mom is Cindy Brady, and I have two brothers named Alex Mack (21) and Thomas Brady (7).

Favorite subject: I am currently taking AP Environmental Science and I find it very interesting. I have also taken Intro to Kinesiology. That class really sparked my interest in how the body works and moves. I have loved almost every science class that I have taken.

Activities: I am on the Liberty cross country team and am planning to do track and field in the spring. This year will be my fourth year on the Liberty swim team and this year will also be my 11th year swimming for the Bethlehem YMCA. I am also currently the president of Hosa, which is a club that encourages students to learn and explore different health care occupations. I horseback ride every now and then when I get the chance.

Next steps: After high school I plan to attend college for biomechanical engineering.

Heroes: My dad is someone I look up to and who I go to for guidance. He always has something encouraging to say when I'm unmotivated or want to give up. He has always taught me and my brother to always do the right thing and never quit. He also always has a joke ready to cheer me up when I'm down. He is the kind of hardworking, honest, and talented person, and parent, that I want to be when I am older.

Current job(s): I am a lifeguard at the Bethlehem YMCA and I teach private



and group lessons. In the summer I work at Northwest Swim Club and Bridle Woods apartment.

Volunteer/community work: I help out with the all day Special Olympics event every year and also with the Special Olympics swimmers. I volunteer for Autism Water Awareness during the school year.

Likes: I like hanging out with my friends, playing with my three dogs, and cooking.

Dislikes: I don't like cleaning after cooking and cleaning up after my dogs.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment athletically has been going to Nationals for swimming. My greatest accomplishment academically has been keeping my honor roll status for all of my high school career so far.

Advice for peers: Advice that I would give to my peers is that it's true what they say that time flies by so work hard and make the most out of the time we have in high school.

Profiled students are selected by school staff.

LIBERTY HS NOTES

By Ethan Christman

Exams and Neverland

As the fall semester draws to a close, Liberty students are preparing to take the finals of the classes they have had this semester. But not every student will have to take them. If a student in an Advanced Placement (AP) class earns an A- or above as their final grade and signs up to take that course's AP exam, they are exempted from taking the final for that class. AP is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which seeks to offer college-level coursework to high school students. Students can opt to register for AP exams which are taken in May. These exams cover a variety of academic subjects, like biology, physics, and literature. Scoring a 4 or above on an exam allows students to potentially get college credit.



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With the end of the semester, Liberty students will join thousands of other Pennsylvania high school students in taking the Keystone exams, end-of-course assessments aimed at determining proficiency in algebra, biology and literature. Keystone exams were introduced in the 2012-2013 school year, replacing the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Students are required to take the Keystone exams and score a "proficient" or above in order to graduate, but that might not be the case for long. On Feb. 3, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf signed a bill that says it should no longer be a graduation requirement to pass the exams and that the government should find alternative graduation requirements to replace the keystones.

Liberty's spring musical will be "Peter Pan," the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up. "Peter Pan" is a 1954 musical based on J.M. Barrie's 1904 play and novelization thereof of the same name. It follows Wendy, Michael and John Darling, siblings who are whisked away by a boy who refuses to grow up named Peter Pan and his pixie friend Tinkerbell to Neverland, an imaginary land where children stop aging. There, they cross paths with the Lost Boys, a girl named Tiger Lily, and Peter Pan's arch-nemesis, Captain Hook, a pirate captain with an iron hook for a hand and a crippling fear of crocodiles.

Peter Pan will be played by senior Charlotte Samuelson, in keeping with the century-old tradition of casting a female actor as the boy who wouldn't grow up. Wendy Darling will be played by junior Bridget White; John Darling by Patrick Sparozie; and Michael Darling by Colin Wycherley. Captain Hook, Peter Pan's arch-nemesis with an iron hook for a hand, will be played by senior Drew Rehrig. Liberty HS Theatre's production of "Peter Pan" is set to run in March.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Spicy or sweet, hot or mild, Matt Clouse offers a sauce – or a pickle – for every taste and occasion. Samples of many products, which are made at home by his sister-in-law, were available to taste.

Shop 'til you drop at NCC

Crowds packed the annual craft fair at Northampton Community College's Arthur L. Spartan Center Nov. 9. One of the largest fairs in Pennsylvania, it featured more than 100 crafters exhibited their goods, many homemade. Among the

items on sale were toys, Christmas ornaments, handcrafted jewelry, eye-catching quilts, colorful potholders, glassware, pocketbooks, knitted hats with pompoms, mugs, dog collars and condiments, including jams, five different mustards and peach/

pecan/amaretto preserve. Visitors who needed refreshment could purchase hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and other items before resuming their shopping.



Janet Flyte of E. Stroudsburg loves to sew and discovered that her hobby could also supplement her retirement income. She specializes in quilted table centerpieces for every occasion.



A husband and wife team from Bangor, who call their business "Infinity Baskets and Gifts," produce striking lighted products, many of them lighted wine bottles. Messages on the bottles can be personalized. They can be contacted on Facebook.



Stephanie Hanisek and her mother, Lucy Storm, make Christmas decorations, many of them lighted, and hand-sewn products of many sorts. This is their third year at the NCC show.



A group of women at Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown, meet regularly to sew quilts, which they sell to support the church. Here Mary Ann Horvath puts the finishing touches on a piece.

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CALLS

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first issue, the alleged slow-down of permits, in June of 2019. But then, in "late September or early October," he spoke to Donchez about his "concerns."

Then on Oct. 17 he sent the mayor a memo via email. In that memo, Callahan asked that "Mr. Leeson [the city solicitor] and Mr. Evans [Eric Evans the city business administrator] interview the current members of the department, along with former employee Suzanne Borzak, to determine if Ms. Karner did instruct her department to slow, delay and stall the permitting process..."

(Callahan had in a previous meeting asked Karner and the mayor to explain why Borzak, a zoning officer, had been terminated. He was rebuffed in that meeting and did not get a public answer.) Suzanne Borzak declined to comment for this story in response to a question from the Press.

Callahan said in his Nov. 25 press conference, "...had Mr. Evans and Mr. Leeson concluded they had found nothing out of line or unethical, I would have considered the matter closed and would have never brought up the subject again."

Then on Nov. 18 Donchez did make a confidential response to Callahan's accusations

and demands for investigation: "Your memo of Oct. 21 does not provide sufficient cause to conduct the investigation requested."

In spite of the mayors request that Callahan "maintain confidentiality" because it is a "personnel matter" Callahan immediately released the mayor's memo to the Press and other reporters present.

The mayor went on to say that if Callahan would provide documents and the names of his sources, then he would reconsider Callahan's request for investigation.

Also, on the same day, Nov. 25, Donchez sent another letter to Bethlehem City Council President Adam Waldron in which he addressed the RFP-bidding concerns brought forward by Callahan, but did not talk about the "slow down" of the permitting process issue.

Donchez clarified the RFP and bidding process for the purchase and development of the property.

In his letter to Waldron, Donchez said, "I consider it inappropriate that rather than taking the time to understand the process, Mr. Callahan chose to make such accusations in a public forum."

Donchez explained that the Bethlehem Parking Authority had received two bids for the project - one from the firm Peron-Petrucci and

second from Nova Development.

"Given that it was an RFP (not a bid)," said Donchez, "Ms. Karner, or any member of the committee, would be absolutely within their rights to offer their opinion on the proposals to members of the board. It was not unethical; it was their role."

Among those on the selection committee were Waldron who was replaced by Councilwoman Dr. Paige Van Wirt, Director of Community and Economic Development Alicia Miller Karner, Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller, and City of Bethlehem Business Administrator Eric Evans.

Donchez also explained that while he had originally been on the RFP selection committee, he had recused himself because his son-in-law is a member of the law firm Florio-Perrucci Steinhardt & Cappelli LLC. Donchez, at his request, was replaced on the committee by Evans.

The day after Callahan's press conference, Donchez responded with a "public statement." On Nov. 26, Donchez said, "While I take Mr. Callahan's concerns seriously, there are serious problems with how he has approached this matter and his refusal of my requests for his information."

In the "public comment" letter, Donchez reviewed the ways in

which he thought Callahan had mishandled the allegations while justifying his administration's actions. "It is important that Mr. Callahan provide the requested information and meet with Mr. Evans and Attorney Leeson. We need to know who the sources are and the information they provided."

Donchez said launching an "unconstrained inquiry solely upon his personal request, absent preliminary screening of the source information, unnecessarily risks perpetuating rumors and inducing the spread of more. It is rarely too late to do the right thing."

Donchez asked that Callahan provide the documentation requested, meet with Evans and Leeson and answer questions, show regard for confidentiality and respect for the employee's privacy. He also wants Callahan to "announce his intention to fully cooperate with the city administration in furtherance of the best interests if the city."

Callahan also took time Nov. 25 to address the price that children pay for a bucket of golf balls at the driving range of the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course.

"The driving range is the only recreational facility [in Bethlehem] that does not have a youth rate vs. an adult rate."

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Straight No Chaser, 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 22, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. The group includes Walter Chase, seated left, a Forks Township native, and Jerome Collins, standing, fifth from left, an Allentown native.

Fun career

What started as lark is now sound of success for Straight No Chaser

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS
 Special to The Press

For more than a decade, Straight No Chaser has taken what started out as a collegiate hobby and turned it into a career that has taken them around the world.

The male acapella sensation bring its "The Open Bar Tour," to State Theatre Center for the Arts in Easton for two shows, 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 22. The tour is in support of the group's seventh album, the retrospective "One Shot."

Allentown native Jerome Collins says the concept album takes

listeners through the story of Straight No Chaser who all met in show choir at Indiana University in the 1980s. He says the new album includes several songs from those early days.

Collins says a cover of the Def Jam hit "This is How We Do It" and a cover of Toto's hit "Africa" were hits on campus but it was a goofy version of "12 Days of Christmas" that would become their breakthrough song.

After college, the members all went their own separate ways, but in 1998, the Indiana University choir members reunited for

a 10-year reunion. As part of the festivities, they made a video of themselves singing "The 12 Days of Christmas."

"It was an inside joke," Collins says. "We never thought anything would come from it."

Eight years later, original member Randy Stine posted the video to YouTube and to everyone's shock, it went viral, becoming the No. 1-viewed video in 2007, receiving more than 7 million views that December and now having nearly 23 million views.

Atlantic Records called and he- See **STRAIGHT** on Page B2

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Christmas Wizards: The Wizards of Winter perform "The Christmas Dream," 8 p.m. Dec. 20, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Wizards includes former members of The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Rainbow, Def Leppard, Alice Cooper, Ted Nugent Band and The Irish Tenors and Broadway. The Wizards of Winter, who hail from the Lehigh Valley, perform an original holiday rock opera based on the music of the group's self-titled CD and the albums "The Magic of Winter" and "Christmas Dream." The 12-member ensemble is said to have soaring vocal harmonies, precision string instrumentation, powerful percussion and stunning keyboard work. Tickets: Penn's Peak box office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe; pennspeak.com; ticketmaster.com; 800-745-3000



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Christmas jazz: The Eric Mintel Quartet presents "Charlie Brown Holiday Jazz," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. The "Jazz Upstairs Concert" features Mintel, piano; Nelson Hill, saxophone, flute; Jack Hegyi, bass, and Dave Mohn, drums. The Eric Mintel Quartet (EMQ) performs what is described as "electrifying jazz" for more than 25 years. The EMQ is best known for its performances of compositions by Dave Brubeck and Mintel. The concert is sold out. To be put on a tickets wait list, call the box office: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; millersymphonyhall.org; 610-432-6715

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'Swinging the Holidays'

Linda Purl teams with Rob Stoneback for big band concert of season cheer

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS
 Special to The Press

An actress and singer known for her roles on iconic television series "Happy Days" and "The Office" joins the Lehigh Valley's own Rob Stoneback Big Band for "Swinging the Holidays with Linda Purl and the Rob Stoneback Big Band," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Miller Symphony Hall in Allentown.

Linda Purl joins Rob Stoneback and his band for a mix of Christmas music, American standards and swinging jazz in their first collaboration.

Purl, who is best known as Fonzie's fiancée on "Happy Days" (1974-1984), Matlock's daughter Charlene on "Matlock" (1986-1995) and Pam's Mom and Steve Carell's girlfriend on "The Office" (2005-2013), returns to her singing roots for the concert where she will sing holiday favorites like "Winter Wonderland," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," along with songs from the Great American Songbook like "Swonderful" and "Pick Yourself Up."

Purl met Stoneback in 2001 when she was in the Broadway musical "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" with his brother Ric Stoneback. Purl played Tom's Aunt Polly to Stoneback's Attorney Gideon Temple in the short-lived musical based on Mark Twain's classic book.

She says Rob Stoneback came

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Above: Rob Stoneback, left, playing trombone, in "Swinging the Holidays with Linda Purl and the Rob Stoneback Big Band," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

Left: Linda Purl sings in "Swinging the Holidays with Linda Purl and the Rob Stoneback Big Band," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

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Christmas destination: Dave Fry performs at 5 p.m. Dec. 19, Lyric Room, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, for "Third Thursday: Destination Arts Downtown Allentown." "Third Thursday" usually includes events at the nearby Allentown Art Museum and Baum School of Art. Fry, a folk musician, co-founded in 1976 the Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem, folk club, where he was artistic director for 25 years. For the Lyric Room concert, Fry will play acoustic holiday music, blues, country, swing and family music. His most recent CD is "Troubadour." The concert is free and open to the public. Information: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; millersymphonyhall.org; 610-432-6715



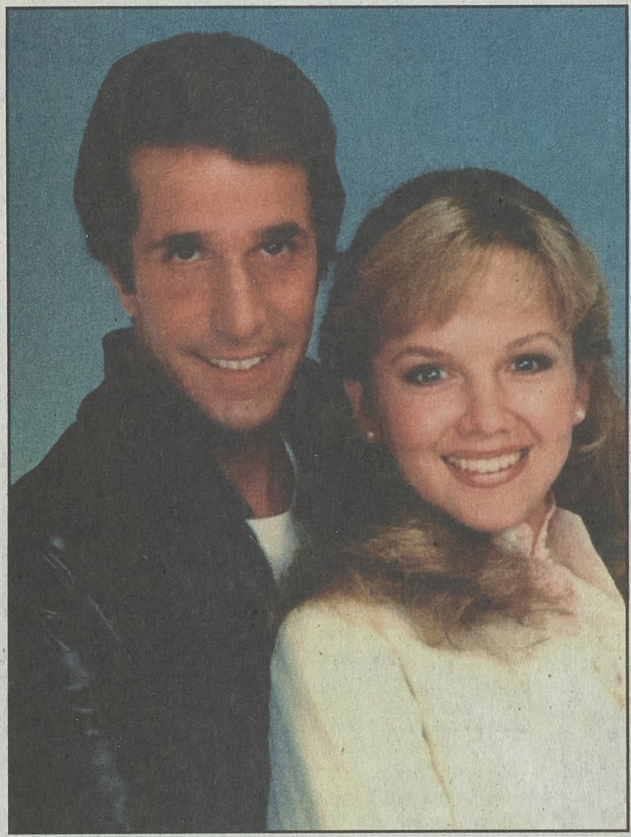
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Henry Winkler (Fonzie), Linda Purl (Ashley), "Happy Days" TV series. Purl played Fonzie's girlfriend during the 1982-1983 season.

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to see her sing with the Diva Jazz Orchestra at 54 Below in New York City and invited her to sing with his band.

"I always liked singing," Purl says. "I started missing musicals once I was doing television in Los Angeles. So I started doing cabarets and it became a big part of my life."

Purl was born in New York but raised in Japan where as a girl, she met actors and singers.

"My parents loved the theater," she says. "A lot of performers came through Tokyo, and my family often hosted artists, so it was very much a part of our lives."

Purl has starred in more than 45 made-for-TV movies and recently has been seen in recurring roles on the TV series "Homeland" and "Designated Survivor."

She also has appeared in Broadway's "Getting and Spending," and off-Broadway in "The Baby Dance." She also has been touring in Joan Didion's play, "The Year of Magical Thinking."

She has released four solo albums, including "Alone Together," "Out of the World," "Midnight Caravan" and "Up Jumped Spring," and has sung with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Naples Philharmonic and Colorado Springs Philharmonic.

"Because I'm an actress and a singer, I prefer to do songs with lyrical content," she says. "They are like one-act plays that tell stories and are melodically so pleasing."

Purl promises the concert will have a jazzy holiday feel.

"I never get tired of Rob's arrangements," she says. "They are so good. They're fun and they swing. It's a really

exciting sound."

Purl says there's "a lot of Christmas music" in the concert with songs including "Santa Baby," "White Christmas" and "Happy Holidays."

Stoneback is a trombonist, composer and arranger who cut his teeth performing with nationally-known big bands, including the Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Harry James, and Gene Krupa orchestras.

He started the Rob Stoneback Big Band in 1979 and since then the band has recorded with Bill Watrous and has performed at Lincoln Center and all over the Mid-Atlantic region, including New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Wilmington, Baltimore, and most of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The band includes 17 instrumentalists and two vocalists who collectively, have played with Frank Sinatra, Frank

Sinatra, Jr., Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis, Aretha Franklin, The Manhattan Transfer, Rosemary Clooney, Lou Rawls, Olivia Newton-John, The Temptations and The Four Tops.

The band specializes in hits from the Big Band Era and adds a twist with arrangements of standards and more contemporary music.

For Purl, there's nothing quite like it.

"Big band music is so much fun," she says. "There's nothing quite like singing for a live performance. It's a little dangerous because anything can happen. The energy is so exciting. You just have to catch the wave and go with it."

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fore long, the 10 choir members were in the studio recording the group's debut album, "Holiday Spirits," which went gold and became the No. 1-selling album on the iTunes and Amazon.com charts in 2008, followed in the next year by "Christmas Cheers."

"It was scary to jump into because we were giving up life as we knew it," Stine says. "I envisioned it as a boat leaving the pier. Either you're going to jump on and make the boat or you're not. And I thought, 'Even if the boat sinks and I have to swim back to shore, so be it.'"

Straight No Chaser went on to sell out concert venues across the United States and release six more top-selling albums and four EPs. Along the way, Straight No Chaser has sold more than 1.6 million albums in the U.S. and amassed more than 100 million YouTube views thanks to tightly-arranged songs, impeccable vocal harmonies, and a healthy sense of humor.

"One Shot" features 16 songs and 10 entertaining conversational interludes in which the members of Straight No Chaser trace their unlikely rise to fame. The songs reflect that sense of now or never, starting with opener and first sin-

gle "Motownphilly-This Is How We Do It," an energetic mash-up of Boyz II Men and Montell Jordan.

"Motownphilly," with its lyrics about chasing improbable success, captured the way the singers felt as undergrads," says Stine. "The lyrics from the Boyz II Men song fit our experience: We dreamed about this and now we are doing it, performing all over the world."

The group's lineup also features Forks Township native Walter Chase, as well as Seggie Isho, Michael Luginbill, Charlie Mechling, Steve Morgan and David Roberts.

All of the members

take part in choosing songs, which mirror the singers' music tastes, ranging from R&B and old-school funk to folk and classic rock.

In addition to "Motownphilly-This Is How We Do It," the group performs Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca," Fleetwood Mac's "Go Your Own Way," James Brown's "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" and Percy Sledge's "When a Man Loves a Woman."

There's also a take on Loverboy's "Working for the Weekend," Johnny Cash's version of "I've Been Everywhere" and a richly harmonized version of Simon & Garfunkel's "Homeward Bound."

"We all rallied around that song because it really spoke to life on tour," Stine says of "Homeward Bound."

"We are loving what we're doing, but there's

always a bit of you that's missing home. Especially with all of us being parents now, it's that much tougher when you leave."

Straight No Chaser's success has allowed them to collaborate with luminaries like Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Dolly Parton and landed them on national TV on "Today" and "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." They consistently rank among Pollstar's top 100 touring acts in North America.

"We literally have to pinch ourselves every day that this actually happened," Collins says. "We're still in the game and we're still a successful act. We started this just for fun and now we're doing it as a career."

Last year saw the release of a 10th Anniversary Edition of "Holiday

Spirits" featuring two brand-new bonus tracks, "That's Why We Celebrate" and "The 12 Days Of Christmas: 2018 Remix (Live)."

Collins and Chase look forward to playing for a hometown audience.

"There is nothing like coming home," Collins says. "It's exhilarating to see people laughing and smiling at our concerts. I want to put my best foot forward in front of the home audience."

Collins says the group's members always like to meet fans and take photos after every show.

"We like to get personal since our success was so grassroots," he says.

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Bethel Bible Fellowship Church hosts annual community dinner



Bethel Bible Fellowship Church parishioners rolled out the red carpet for its Community Christmas Dinner in Emmaus. From 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dec. 7, the church, located at 418 Elm St., hosted the free meal. ABOVE: Over 200 people attend the annual gala, traditionally held on the first Saturday in December.



Parishioners Suzanne and Tim Williams, of Schnecksville, volunteer as servers for the dinner. PRESS PHOTOS BY CARLA JONES

A 'Charlie Brown' jazz concert

BY GEORGE VANDOREN
Special to The Press

The Eric Mintel Quartet returns for a sold-out performance in the "Jazz Upstairs" series, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

The quartet presents "Charlie Brown Holiday Jazz."

Doors open at 7 p.m. for a free buffet, included with the ticket price admission. A cash bar is available.

Mintel is famously a fan of Dave Brubeck.

"I first heard Brubeck when I was 14-years-old: 'Take 5' and 'Blue Rondo a la Turk.' That's when the light bulb went on.

"I'm largely self-taught. I only took lessons for about a year. I would come to a beginning piano lesson playing Brubeck stuff. I'm a product of reverse engineering. I just learned so much on the bandstand."

Later in life, Mintel met Brubeck and the two became friends. It was Brubeck who gave Mintel's name to Marianne McPartland, on

whose "Piano Jazz" NPR show Eric performed, both solo and duet with McPartland.

The Eric Mintel Quartet (EM) has done two performances at the White House, several concerts at the Kennedy Center, a concert at the United Nations, and opened for Dave Brubeck at the Kimmel Center. The quartet has played extensively throughout the United States.

The EMQ has been featured in magazines including DownBeat, Hot House Jazz, Jazz Times, and Jazziz, as well as various major newspapers. The quartet presents "Jazz Education" and "Entrepreneurship in Jazz" workshops at colleges and universities.

Joining Mintel for the performance are long-time bandmates Nelson Hill, reeds; Dave Antonow, bass, and Dave Mohn, drums.

Hill studied with James Caruso, Eddie Daniels, Hal Galper and the legendary Phil Woods. He received a bachelor's degree in

saxophone performance from Eastman School of Music.

Hill played lead alto with the Maynard Ferguson Band and performed with the National Jazz Ensemble. He has accompanied Tony Bennett, The Spinners, The Temptations, Frankie Valli and many others.

Says Mintel "Nelson is an incredible educator. He's an adjunct at Blair Academy and Bloomsburg University. He's turning out some great players.

"He's also my writing guy. If I have a tune in my head, he'll write it. There have been times we started a rhythm at a sound check and it has become a tune."

Hill and Mintel are Yamaha artists. Mohn is endorsed by Sabian Cymbals, Vic Firth and the Bucks County Drum Company.

Mohn has worked with Dennis DiBlasio, Richie Cole, Johnny DeFrancesco, Charles Fambrough, Urbie Green and Steve Turre, among many others.

Antonow studied at William Patterson Uni-

versity and is equally adept at guitar and bass. He's been with the group since 2000. He's also played with the Fusion Jazz Trio and is an active freelance guitarist and bassist.

Of the "Charlie Brown Holiday Jazz" concert at Miller Symphony Hall, Mintel says, "We'll play all the Vince Guaraldi stuff, but we try to make it our own. We'll also play some reworked holiday standards like a Latin version of 'Jingle Bells.'"

Mintel also notes, "A film crew is coming out for the show. They're Lab 212, a group of Lehigh Carbon Community College grads."

He points out, "We're presenting jazz in a way that's accessible. We're getting the audience involved. I love it when people say, 'I've never really been interested in jazz, but I like your music.'"

Ticket information:
Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; millersymphonyhall.org; 610-432-6715

Why you need to forgive others

I heard a thought-provoking talk this week when my friend Jane talked about forgiveness. It's a timely topic because many of us have a hard time forgiving.

"If you're part of the human race you're going to be hurt plenty of times. If we held a grudge every time someone hurt our feelings we would soon be out of people with which to congregate," Jane said.

Her advice for those times when your feelings are hurt: "Just get over it. Don't make a big deal of every perceived slight."

Sometimes, though, it's not small hurts or misdeeds that we're talking about. Sometimes, it's a steady diet of what feels like deadly poison when we're around someone.

If it's someone you can walk away from, that's an easy solution. But what if the person is an ingrained part of your life?

What if that person hurts you time and again?

That's the kind of behavior that is hard to forgive, she said. And that's the kind of behavior she was talking about in her talk about forgiveness.

A good person through and through with high standards and values I admire, Jane spends much of her time helping others.

So I was surprised when she talked about the person she was having a hard time forgiving—her mother.

"Not every mother is June Cleaver and not every mother is loving and supportive," she said. I noticed some heads were nodding in agreement when she said that.

Jane told her audience she never received affection or a loving word from her mother.

"In a major way she criticized everything I did. I grew up knowing no matter how hard I tried there was nothing about me that my mother liked."

She said she used to go to her friend's house and see how their mothers would hug them and laugh with them.

"When my friends talked about how loving their mothers were toward them, it hurt because I wondered why I didn't have a mother like that," she said.

Jane grew up to be a woman of achievement. Yet nothing she did seemed to make her mother happy.

"Every time I went back to see her I would leave in tears," she said.

Finally, she asked her mother the question she wondered about all her life. "I asked her why she never loved me ... why she never hugged me or said something nice about me."

For what seemed like a long time, Jane's mother didn't respond. She looked stunned.

"She said, I do love you. I'm sorry I never made you realize that," Jane recalled.

After a lot of tears on both their parts, the channel of communications opened for them. When Jane told her mother she forgave her for her rocky childhood, it was the beginning of healing a long-time hurt.

But old habits are hard to break, and when Jane

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realized that she took a hardened view of so many things about her mother, she knew she was the one who needed to change, not her mother.

"Instead of holding perceived hurts in my heart, I started to make a list of all the things I admired about my mom. It was a long list," Jane said.

Sadly, shortly after she made that list, she read it to everyone — at her mother's funeral.

"I realized I had a special mom who endured so much."

Now Jane tries to help others who are having a hard time forgiving someone.

"Anger and resentment will eat away at you," she said. "We need to forgive for our sake. When we hold onto pain, resentment and anger, it harms us far more than it harms the offender."

"Forgiveness frees us and takes away the negative feelings that were weighing us down," she said.

Experts tell us forgiveness aids our own growth and happiness.

Studies have found that the act of forgiveness can reap huge rewards for your health, lowering the risk of heart attack, improving cholesterol levels, reducing blood pressure and lowering anxiety, depression and stress.

The Mayo Clinic warns that if you don't practice forgiveness, you might be the one that pays most dearly.

Psychologists say that if you allow negative feelings to crowd out positive feelings, you might be swallowed up by your own bitterness or sense of injustice.

You might become so wrapped up in a past wrong that you can't enjoy the present.

Sometimes entire families can be hurt when someone holds onto hard feelings. I can't enjoy a Christmas reunion with my siblings because of my brother's refusal to be in the same room with someone he won't forgive.

One of the most heroic acts of forgiveness might be that of Marietta Jaeger Lane who had to endure the kidnapping and killing of her 7-year-old daughter. Without going into gory detail, it was one of the most horrific ways for the little girl to die.

In Marietta's mind the killer was also responsible for the death of her husband who suffered a heart attack because he couldn't let go of the overwhelming grief.

When the killer called to taunt her, he was stunned when she said, "I forgive you."

That freed her from him and from his control over her life, she said.

I found a perfect quote that says it all:

Forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness but because you deserve peace.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

Send thank-you card for holiday gift

Dear Jacquelyn,
During the holidays, I receive a number of gifts and I am wondering if I should be writing thank-you notes. I have never done this in the past. What are your thoughts regarding whether one should send a thank-you note for every Christmas gift received?

Dear Reader,
There is no better time to show your appreciation than around the holidays. It is a polite gesture, but it is not necessary to send a thank-you note to everyone who took the time to give you a Christmas gift.



RESPECTFULLY YOURS
By Jacquelyn Youst

Etiquette guidelines suggest that you write a thank-you note for any gift you received but weren't able to personally thank the person. For example, this would apply to gifts that you received in the mail.

For gifts you received in person and thanks were expressed, then there is no reason to send out thank-you cards.

When there is a gift exchange and both parties are giving and re-

ceiving, it is not necessary to send a thank-you note.

But if someone has given you an unexpected Christmas gift, then you should consider writing a note to let them know how grateful you are.

A card makes the recipient feel good because you took the extra care to write it. Your message should be graciously-worded and kept to a few sentences. Thank the person for the gift and mention how you'll use it.

Emailed thank-you notes are fine if it's your main form of communication with that person, but nothing beats a handwritten card.

In today's fast-paced world, sending thank-you notes is quickly becoming a lost art. But people will always appreciate getting a personalized thank-you card and it's impossible to be too thankful.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn
Have a question?
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Best defenses against noroviruses

Second of two parts
Among the most common germs are noroviruses, which cause gastroenteritis, mistakenly called stomach flu.

Gastroenteritis is an inflammation of the stomach and intestines. It is not related to flu, a respiratory illness caused by influenza virus.

Noroviruses are a group of related viruses. Norovirus is the official genus name for the group of viruses previously described as Norwalk viruses.

Norovirus, the common term for the infection, spreads swiftly wherever there are crowds of people, including nursing homes, dormitories, hotels and cruise ships.

Noroviruses are highly contagious. They are the most common cause of gastroenteritis in the United States. Usually they are found in contaminated food or drinks, but they also live on surfaces. They can be spread through contact with an infected person.

How can you protect yourself from getting norovirus?

According to The Cen-



HEALTHY GEEZER
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ters for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best defenses against norovirus are washing your hands with soap and water often, avoiding handshakes during outbreaks and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers.

Hand-washing
Hand-washing is the best and simplest way to prevent infection and illness, but it must be done properly and often to be effective.

Here are the correct techniques, based on information from reliable sources:

Wet your hands with warm, running water.

Rub on soap and make a thick lather.

Scrub vigorously over every surface of your hands and wrists for about 20 seconds.

Use a scrub brush to get under your fingernails.

Rinse completely.

Dry your hands with a

disposable paper towel or air dryer.

Use the paper towel to shut the faucet.

If soap and water aren't available, use a hand sanitizer. These products can reduce the number of germs, but they are not a substitute for washing with soap and water.

Kitchen
Wash fruits and vegetables diligently. Cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them. Avoid uncooked food as much as possible. Stick to bottled water, and don't share drinking glasses and eating utensils.

People with norovirus illness should not prepare food for others while they have symptoms and for three days after they recover from their illness.

Contaminated surfaces

Clean and disinfect surfaces contaminated by vomit or stool. Use a bleach-based household cleaner. Allow bleach to stay on surfaces longer than 10 minutes.

Laundry

Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with vomit or stool.

If available, wear rubber gloves while handling soiled fabrics.

The items should be washed with detergent at the maximum available cycle length and then machine-dried.

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"The Family Project" column does not appear in the Dec. 18 Focus section. It's scheduled to resume in the Dec. 25 Focus section.



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'Frozen II' freezes over

"Frozen II" is an impressive animation feature film highlighted by inspiring artwork and excellent songs sequences.

MOVIE REVIEW
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"Frozen II" was seen in the 3D format for this movie review. "Frozen II" is worth paying the 3D premium ticket price to see the film. The animation glistens, glows and shimmers. That's partly because of the film's predominantly winter setting. The ice is the icing on the animation cake of "Frozen II."

In the 3D format, snowflakes seem to float before your eyes. It's almost as if you are inside a giant snow globe.

There are magnificent scenes of mountains, lakes and landscapes. There's a sequence that takes the film's characters down a raging river as giant rocks awaken to become huge creatures. In other scenes, characters clamber inside caves. In yet another, a character rides a horse of ice. The animation is breathtaking.

The effect of the majestic animation in "Frozen II" is at times reminiscent of the Disney classic, "Fantasia" (1940). Look for an Oscar animated film nomination for "Frozen."

The storyline and the character animation in "Frozen II," a sequel to "Frozen," released in 2013, does not match the level of artistry of the sequel's overall look.

The plot, which is on thin ice, has to do with Elsa and Anna on a quest to free the Enchanted Forest of a foreboding mist. With battling tribes with names like Northuldra and Arendellian, the destination of the quest named Ahtohallan, plus explanations of the reasons for the spirits of earth, fire, water, and air, I felt as lost as Elsa and Anna.

That's OK. I enjoyed "Frozen II" for the phenomenal beauty, imagination and artistry of its animation.

The character voice actors are fine, including Idina Menzel (Queen Elsa), Kristen Bell (Anna, Princess of Arendelle), Jonathan Groff (Kristoff), Josh Gad (Olaf), Evan Rachel Wood (Iduna, Elsa's and Anna's mother) and Sterling K. Brown (Mattias).

The songs are impressive. To be sure, there's no "Let It Go," the terrific Academy Award- and Grammy-winning song that parents have been hearing on demand by their children for the past six years, by the songwriting team of husband and wife Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

The songs by the Lopezes in "Frozen II" and the singing and production of them is memorable nonetheless, including "Some Things Never Change" (Kristen Bell), "The Next Right Thing" (Kristen Bell), "All Is Found" (Evan Rachel Wood) and "Into The Unknown" (Idina Menzel, Evan Rachel Wood).

Co-directors Chris

Buck and Jennifer Lee (animation feature film Oscar recipients, "Frozen," 2013) work from a screenplay by Lee and a story by Lee, Buck, Marc E. Smith, Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. The "Frozen" films are inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Snow Queen."

The screenplay is lacking in the usual puppy cartoon fare, which is not altogether a bad thing. Cracking wise can be wearisome. The screenplay is also deficient in business typical to acting technique that would make the characters more relatable.

The lead characters seem to be distanced from the audience. Emotionally, I couldn't relate to any of them except Olaf. I chalk that up to a generational difference. Plus, I think the main characters in "Frozen" are designed to be tabula rasas on which young fans can project their own personalities and emotions.

The animation style of the character's faces and bodies in "Frozen II" is similar to that of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" (1991). The eyes of the main characters seem as big as cell phone screens. The faces are very expressive. The characters' body movements appear more measured, more adult and reserved. A new character, a salamander, resembles a character from "Lilo & Stitch" (2002).

"Frozen II" is an entertaining film that should please pre-school and elementary school children, and occupy their accompanying parents and guardians.

"Frozen II," MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) Some material may not be suitable for children. Parents urged to give "parental guidance." May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.) for action, peril and some thematic elements; Genre: Animation, Adventure, Musical, Comedy; Run Time: 1 hr., 43 min.; Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: During the "Frozen II" end credits, Panic at the Disco sings a version of "Into The Unknown" and Weezer sings a version of "Lost In The Woods." Stay to the very, very end, to see Olaf in a scene where he recounts the film's highlights. If only the rest of the movie had been as much fun.

Box Office, Dec. 13-15: "Jumanji: The Next Level," the sequel to the 2017 film again starring Freedom High School graduate Dwayne Johnson and Philadelphia native Kevin Hart, opened at No. 1 with \$60.1 million, melting "Frozen



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From left: Kristoff, Sven, Anna, Elsa, Olaf, "Frozen II."

II" from its three-week straight hold on No. 1, dropping one place to No. 2 with \$19.1 million, \$366.5 million, four weeks, as "Knives Out" dropped one place to No. 3 with \$9.2 million, \$78.9 million, three weeks; "Richard Jewell," director Clint Eastwood's take on the 1996 Atlanta Olympics bombing, opened at No. 4 with \$5 million, and "Black Christmas" opened at No. 5 with \$4.4 million.

6. "Ford v Ferrari" dropped three places with \$4.1 million, \$98.2 million, five weeks. 7. "Queen & Slim" moved down three places, \$3.6 million, \$33.1 million, three weeks. 8. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" dropped three places, \$3.3 million, \$49.3 million, four weeks. 9. "Dark Waters" dropped

three places, \$2 million, \$8.8 million, four weeks. 10. "21 Bridges" dropped three places, \$1.1 million, \$26.3 million, four weeks. According to the Box Office Mojo web site, "Frozen II" is Disney's sixth \$1-billion-plus global release of 2019; the third Walt Disney Animations Studios release to top \$1 billion, along with "Frozen" and "Zootopia"; the seventh biggest animated release worldwide, and the 10th biggest animated release domestically.

Unreel, Dec. 20: "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," PG-13: J.J. Abrams directs Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, Billie Lourd, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Oscar Issac, Lupita Nyong'o, Billy Dee Williams, Richard E. Grant and John Boyega in the

Science-Fiction Action Film. The Resistance faces the First Order in what's said to be the final chapter of the saga.

"Cats," PG: Tom Hooper directs Idris Elba, Francesca Hayward, Taylor Swift, Ian McKellen, James Corden, Judi Dench, Jennifer Hudson and Jason Derulo in the Musical Fantasy. A tribe of cats

sing and dance their way from the Broadway stage to the big screen.

"Bombshell," R: Tom Hooper directs Margot Robbie, Charlize Theron, Alice Eve, Nicole Kidman in the Biography Drama concerning sexual harassment allegations against Fox News Network head Roger Ailes.

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partment Store, especially at the holidays," said Joseph Garrera, executive director of the Museum.

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4415 Newburg Rd., Nazareth PA
7pm Family Candlelight Service & Communion
10pm Candlelight Communion Service & Bell Choir
610-759-4444

CELEBRATE
Christmas
IN BETHLEHEM

SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 AM & 11:15 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDELIGHT SERVICE
DEC 24, 5 PM & 7PM

EBENEZER BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
3100 Hecktown Road • Bethlehem, PA 18020
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The Miracle
of Christmas

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 7 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 7 PM

SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:15 AND 10:45 AM
7974 CLAUSVILLE ROAD, FOGELSVILLE PA
HOPECC.ORG / 610-285-6967

CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH
www.calvarymoravian.net
948 N. 21st Street, Allentown, PA 18104-3785
calvarym@ptd.net 610-435-6881 Janel Rice, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGILS
4 PM and 7 PM • Lovefeast and Candles
Come in Faith. Go with Peace. Live God's Love.

Zion United Church of Christ
Liberty Bell Church
620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, 18101
610-435-2412
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Join us!
December 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Family Candlelight Service
Bells and Vocal Ensemble

Concordia Lutheran Church
2623 Brookside Rd., Macungie

Christmas Eve
3:00 p.m. Carol Sing/
Family Service

6:00 p.m. Lessons and
Carols Festival Service

9:00 p.m. Candlelight
Service with Communion

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Festival Communion

New Year's Eve
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service

www.concordia-macungie.com

**Lighthouse
Baptist Church**
(Rt. 863 S. near New Smithville)
2096 Independent Road • Breinigsville, PA 18031

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
*Once Upon
A Child*
**December 22, 2019
at 10:30am**

610-285-2235
www.LighthouseBaptistlv.org

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT
ST. JOHN'S UCC**
139 North Fourth Street
Emmaus, PA

December 24, 2019 3:00 PM
Informal Service

December 24, 2019 6:30 PM
Family Candlelight Service

December 24, 2019 11:00 PM
Traditional Candlelight Service
Senior Choir
Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

**Christmas
Eve**
WORSHIP
AT ASBURY

SERVICES

TRADITIONAL 1 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, Sanctuary
Services with carols, a Christmas message,
and candle lighting.

FAMILY SERVICE 3 PM, Sanctuary
A service led by the children, short sermon,
and candle lighting.

OPEN DOOR ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP
4:15 PM, Worship Center
A service featuring familiar and modern songs,
a Christmas message, candle lighting,
and communion.

Asbury Church
a United Methodist
Community

1533 Springhouse Road,
Allentown, PA 18104
610-398-2577
ASBURLV.ORG/CHRISTMASEVE

Palm Schwenkfelder Church
833 Gravel Pike • Palm, PA 18070
www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com

You are invited to a
**Christmas Eve Service of
Carols and Candlelighting**
Tuesday, December 24th 7:30 pm

Featuring the music of
Joseph Martin's cantata
"Canticles in Candlelight"

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★★★

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC.

PUBLIC NOTICE ALLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDITORS The Board of Auditors of Allen Township have scheduled their Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 7, 2020 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Purpose of the abovestated meeting shall be to reorganize as well as the review of any other matter properly brought before the Board including determining the compensation of any Supervisors employed by the Township.

Ilene Marie Eckhart Manager Allen Township Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Borough Council of the Borough of Fountain Hill will hold a special meeting on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF THELMA A. HOLLAND, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Lesley H. Fallon, Executor Estate of Thelma A. Holland

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF EAST PENN SD 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of School Directors of East Penn SD shall meet in regular session in the Board Room located in the Administration Building, 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in 2020, unless advertised otherwise.

- January 13 & 27 February 10 & 24 March 9 & 23 April 27 May 11 June 8 & 22 July 13 August 10 & 24 September 14 October 12 & 26 November 9 December 7 (Reorganization) & 14

Dec. 18 Janine L. Allen Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF GEORGINE C. MENIO, deceased, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Christopher G. Menio 1563 Burkhardt Street Hellertown, PA 18055

Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire Ettinger & Associates, LLC Peachtree Office Plaza 1815 Schadt Avenue Whitehall, PA 18052 Dec. 11, 18, 25

If it's too good to throw away, let a want ad find a buyer. Call 1-800-443-0377

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF RALPH D. HAAF, Decedent, late of Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Administration 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: George D. Haaf, Executor for Decedent's Estate.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR ESTATE OF HOWARD D. SNYDER, late of Wescosville, Lehigh County, PA 18106. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of said Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Wanda Kalusky, 6702 Hollenbach Rd., New Tripoli, PA 18066.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary to the person(s) named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment without delay, to the executors or administrators or their attorney named below: TROIANI, MARGARET H., dec'd. Late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, except as noted below. All LCA Board meetings begin at Noon at the Main Office Conference Room located at 1053 Spruce Road, Wescosville, PA 18106.

- Board Meetings January 13, 27 February 10, 24 March 9, 23 April 13, 27 May 11, 18 June 8, 22 July 13, 27 August 10, 24 September 14, 28 October 12, 26 November 9, 23 December 14

BRIAN NAGLE, Chair Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE LOWHILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly meeting will be held on Monday January 6, 2020 @ 7:45 pm. The Lowhill Township Auditors meeting will be held on Tuesday January 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Estate of RALPH J. PIERONI, late of Schnectksville, Lehigh County, PA 18078 Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lisa G. Barlok and Annette M. Van Dien by the Lehigh County Register of Wills, the co-Executors hereby request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Co-Executors c/o Anthony G. O'Malley, Jr., Esquire, 233 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall, PA 18052.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Dissolution was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on November 12, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended. The name of the LLC is SPANGENBERG, LLC.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Dissolution was filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on November 12, 2019 pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended. The name of the LLC is NITSCHMANN, LLC.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of Bernard M. Schramko, a/k/a Bernard Michael Schramko, Deceased, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Executor, c/o 1620 Pond Road, Suite 75, Allentown, PA 18104; or William H. Dayton, Jr., Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 1620 Pond Road, Suite 75, Allentown, PA 18104.

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of Winifred A. Kaiser, deceased, late of Nazareth Borough, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration 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 Keith Martin Kaiser and Gerald M. Kaiser, Jr., Administrators, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

CRYPTOGRAM

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See solution on page B9

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals P

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

ANIMATED WOOFERS ACROSS

- 1 Agree (with) 5 Ability to cope well with difficulty 11 Mini-devils 15 Girl 19 Forget to say 20 Vocation 21 Heist booty 22 Stanley Gardner 23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine" 25 Sicilian resort city 26 Rain-starved 27 Get riper 28 Taken with 29 Legendary nude horse rider. 31 Small bird 32 Enhanced Fr. woman 33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports 36 Like wicker baskets 37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks 40 Alternatives to dice 43 Has the helm 44 Exactly 46 Lime drink 47 "Oh, go on!" 49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role 55 Spring-loaded stick 58 R&B's Rawls 60 Suffix with script 61 Elvis — Presley 62 Twitched, as a muscle 65 Pasta strip 69 Raiment 71 — and yang 72 Depressing or untidy sort 75 Santa —, California 76 Overprotect 78 Most ashen 79 Discovered 81 Old cracker brand 82 Short time, for short 83 Sheeran and O'Neill 85 Regatta tools 86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" 92 Retort to "No you're not!" 95 Moray, say 96 Gin mill 98 Be emphatic 102 Moniker for Boston's locale 107 Flying disc renamed "Frisbee" in 1957 109 Zones 110 FDR part 112 "Indeedy" 113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99) 114 Silly grin

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-132 indicating starting points for clues.

- 117 Gravy Train competitor 17 Split-off bit 73 Oil gp. 118 Insult, in rap 18 Alternatives to coupes 74 "Frozen" heroine 119 Be very mad 24 Sun blockers 77 Fawn nurser 120 Baseball's Ty 29 Oscar winner Sophia 80 Hen's perch 121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle 30 Proprietor 82 Road deicer 84 T. rex, e.g. 125 Wields 33 Uncle, in Spanish 34 Sky shiner 35 Head, in French 38 Creditors' takebacks 39 Square in the first column of a bingo card 41 Speed 42 Nuptial vow 45 Try to equal 48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray 50 Regatta group 51 Gym pad 52 Pop singer Grande 53 Intersection 54 Presses and stretches 55 Hitchcock film of 1960 56 Downer drug 57 India's Indira 59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase 63 Nero's 1,550 64 Up 'til 66 Popeye's Olive 67 Lofty poem 68 "ER" roles 69 Exist 70 Luggage-screening org. 99 "All finished!" 100 "Kids" actress Chloë 101 Bridge supporters 102 Amount a sack will hold 103 Stimulate 104 Naval petty officers 105 Most secure 106 OK for eating 108 Traffic cones 111 Funny bone locale 115 Garbage barge 116 Dance violently 117 Razor choice 121 Uber order 122 Fabulous flier 123 Fabled flier 124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"

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See solution on page B9

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE CATASAUQUA
BOROUGH COUNCIL
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: CATASAUQUA MUNICIPAL BUILDING - COMMUNITY
ROOM, 90 BRIDGE STREET, CATASAUQUA, PA 18032.
PURPOSE: RE-ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL/REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING

Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA will conduct the following meetings during the calendar year 2020 in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051.
Supervisor's Re-organizational meeting: Monday January 6, @ 6:00 pm.
Supervisor's Close-Out meeting: Tuesday December 29, @ 8:00 am.
Auditor Re-organizational meeting: Tuesday January 7, @ 7:00 pm.
Supervisor's Regular meetings: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm.
Planning Commission meetings: Last Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm except November when the meeting will be held Thursday November 19th, @ 7:00 pm and December when the meeting will be held Thursday December 17th, @ 7:00 pm
Zoning Hearing Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month (as necessary) @ 7:00 pm.
Environmental Advisory Council meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm.
Fire Company and Board of Supervisors meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month (as necessary) @ 6:30 pm.
Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Weisenberg Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building at 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA. The Zoning Hearing Board will consider the following Appeal:
Case No. 2020-01, Appeal No. 304. A hearing in the Appeal of Applicant, Albert L. Granger, with a mailing address of 2141 Packhouse Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051 seeking a special exception from the Rural District Section 904, for a special exception to construct a single-family residence on the property for his personal use for which the property 2141 Packhouse Road, Weisenberg Township, Fogelsville, PA is currently subject to a Special Exception Use under the hotel/restaurant/resort (per prior Application). In the alternative, the Applicant requests a Zoning Hearing Board Interpretation that the special exception is not necessary, as defined by the Weisenberg Township Zoning Ordinance, as well as, the other requirements necessary for a special exception specifically including, but not limited to Section 1310 et seq. of the Weisenberg Township Zoning Ordinance, for the establishment of a special exception to construct a single-family residence, on the property for his personal use.
The parcel identified for the Owner, Albert L. Granger, as 2141 Packhouse Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051 identified as Parcel Id #544695281676 1 (Document Id, 7396210). The Applicant seeks the following zoning approval via special exception (specifically, Section 904 pursuant to the Weisenberg Township Zoning Ordinance to convert and/or construct the personal residence from the previously approved special exception (Decision from September 27, 2002) as well as, compliance with the other special exception provisions located at Section 1310 et seq.
The above-referenced property is located in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of the Appeal Application, plans and supporting documents filed with the Appeal Application, are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during regular business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.
NEIL D. ETTINGER, SOLICITOR
WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD
Dec. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF WEISENBERG, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13TH 2020, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING AT 2175 SEIPSTOWN ROAD, FOGELSVILLE, PA 18051, AND WILL CONSIDER AT THAT MEETING ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 20 -
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEISENBERG, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES-PER-HOUR AS THE SPEED LIMIT FOR SECHLER COURT (T-538).
WHEREAS, Sechler Court (T-538) is a Township Road; and
WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code (the "Code") authorizes the Township to alter or establish speed limits on Township roads subject to the applicable provisions of that Code; and
WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Barry Issett & Associates, Inc., conducted a speed study in accordance with the guidelines for safe running speed test as found in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Publication 201; and
WHEREAS, the Township believes that reducing the speed limit on Sechler Court to twenty-five (25) miles-per-hour is warranted for the health, safety and welfare of residents driving on those portions of Township roadway.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Weisenberg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, in lawful fashion duly assembled, as follows:
SECTION 1: SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION
The speed limit on the following portion of Township roadways is hereby set at twenty-five (25) miles-per-hour:
Sechler Court (T-538) for the full length (approx. .84 miles) from Old 22 (SR-3022) to the Cul-de-sac
SECTION 2: ERECTION OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS
The Township Roadmaster is authorized and directed to acquire and post signs setting forth the speed limit in accordance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, which regulations require posting at the beginning and end of each speed zone, and at intervals not greater than one-half (1/2) mile.
SECTION 3: PENALTIES
Any person violating this Ordinance by failing to observe the speed limits set forth above, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the Code, which states:
Penalty
(a) Any person violating this section is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Thirty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35.00) for exceeding the maximum speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles-per-hour.
(b) Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit by more than five (5) miles-per-hour shall pay an additional fine of Two and 00/100 Dollars (\$2.00) per mile for each mile in excess of five (5) miles-per-hour over the maximum speed limit.
SECTION 4: GENERAL REPEALER
All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance hereby adopted are hereby repealed.
SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY
The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision hereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been amended as if such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been included herein.
SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE
The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on the fifth (5th) day following enactment.
Weisenberg Township is required by law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. 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 Administrator at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Brian C. Carl, Administrator
Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
The Emmaus General Authority will hold a Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA for reorganization and general business purposes.
Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager
Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
The Emmaus Civil Service Commission will hold a Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA for reorganization and general business purposes.
Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager
Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
Emmaus Borough Council will conduct its 2020 Council Meetings in Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA, at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month, except for legal holidays, when the meeting is scheduled for the next day. No meeting is scheduled for June 1, July 6, and August 3, 2020. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. preceding all Council Meetings.
Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager
Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
The Coplay Borough Council will be considering the following Resolutions and any other general purpose business at the Special Borough Council Meeting of Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8:00 PM in the Coplay Borough Hall, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037, at which time formal action and adoption may take place. The purpose of this meeting is to organize the 99th council who will govern the borough for the next 2 years. Resolutions #1456, #1459, #1460, #1461, and #1462 will be voted upon, all setting up the 99th council. The first regular meeting of the 99th Council will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7 PM. Copies of these documents may be inspected at the Coplay Borough Office during regular business hours of 8 AM - 4:00 PM and may be obtained for the cost of copying.
BEFORE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 1456
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, establish fees to defray the expense for the collection and disposal of garbage, ashes and refuse under the provisions and authority of Ordinance No. 602 adopted January 14, 1986, as amended. The rates for 2020 will be \$300.00 per year for a regular household with a discount of 10% if paid by March 31, 2020. The rate for a senior citizen household will be \$260.00 per year with a discount of 10% if paid by March 31, 2020. The rates for business establishments, included as Attachment A, will range from \$370.00 to \$4,000.00 per year with the same 10% discount if paid by March 31, 2020. The annual garbage fee will be collected by the Tax Collector for 2020 and paid a commission of two (2) percent of all garbage fees collected for 2020. Prior year outstanding garbage fees will be collected by the Borough Office beginning as of January 1, 2020; not the tax collector or G.H. Harris Associates as in prior years.
DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of December, 2019, at a special public meeting by Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, in lawful session duly assembled.
ATTEST:
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF COPLAY
By: Louis L. Bodish
President Coplay Borough Council
BEFORE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 1459
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ninety-eighth Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular meeting in the council chambers of the municipal building at 7:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month with their workshop meeting held in the council chambers of the municipal building at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month.
RESOLUTION NO. 1460
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania that the Northampton Branch of the First Northern Bank & Trust (formerly First National Bank of Palmyerton), be designated as depository for all Borough funds for the Ninety-eighth Council.
RESOLUTION NO. 1461
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that the President or Vice-president, Secretary or Council Finance Chair and Treasurer be authorized to sign checks issued against various funds of the Borough.
RESOLUTION NO. 1462
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that Jeffrey P. Deutsch be appointed Delinquent Tax Collector for Per Capita Tax and Portnoff Law Associates be appointed as Delinquent Tax Collector for Real Estate Tax for the Borough of Coplay.
DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of December, 2019, at a special public meeting by the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, in lawful session duly assembled.
ATTEST:
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF
BOROUGH OF COPLAY
By: Kimberly Bachman,
Borough Secretary
Kimberly Bachman, Secretary/Treasurer
Dec. 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
PASSED ORDINANCES
The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday December 9, 2019 held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:
1. ORDINANCE NO. 3185
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2020 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN)
2. ORDINANCE NO. 3186
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL. (ADMIN)
3. ORDINANCE NO. 3187
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2020. (ADMIN)
4. ORDINANCE NO. 3188
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD BRUSH TRUCK VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (FIRE)
The above Ordinances are available for review by the public in the Administration offices at Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING
The Whitehall Township Planning Commission has scheduled their meeting for December 18, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA to discuss the following:
A) SUBMISSION REVIEW
INDEX #1930-19 - BT (PA) QRS12-25 INC PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE FACILITY
3585 South Church Street
Land Development - No New Plans
INDEX #1944-19 - 3614 LEHIGH STREET PROPOSED 4000 SF WAREHOUSE
3614 Lehigh Street
Land Development
INDEX #1949-19 - SALT HAIR STUDIO
3313 N. Hobson Street
Special Exception
INDEX #1920-18 - LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT PLAN FOR PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
5240 Silo Drive
Major Subdivision - No New Plans
B) DISCUSSION ITEMS:
C) OTHER:
Approval of November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.
The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Lee A. Rackus, Bureau Chief, at least five (5) working days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Applicants and all interested parties MUST appear at this meeting to be considered.
Dec. 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 840
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SETTING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND AUTHORIZING COLLECTION THEREOF.
RESOLUTION NO. 1457
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE BOROUGH GOVERNMENT, HEREIN AFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR, BASED ON ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY.
Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ZONING HEARING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held by the Zoning Hearing Board of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County PA on Tuesday January 7, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103.
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Dec. 18, 25
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BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE
2020 MEETING NOTICE
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Chris L. Boehm, Borough Manager
Dec. 18

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Dec. 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BIDDERS
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A prebid conference will be held on January 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM prevailing time at the work site located at 2829 Lehigh Street, Whitehall PA 18052 in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County.
Bidders assume responsibility that their Bid is received prior to the designated bid opening time and date.
The Work to be performed generally consists of furnishing all, labor, materials, equipment, and appurtenances to procure and install a complete and functioning replacement MCC as specified. The Work includes all required demolition and building renovations to remove the existing MCC and install the specified equipment.
Attention is called to the fact that no less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be paid on this project; and that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin or handicap.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 840
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA SETTING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND AUTHORIZING COLLECTION THEREOF.
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APPEAL 10556 - 300 FURNACE LLC & 555 HARRISON LLC 2227 ALBRIGHT AVE., ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 300 FURNACE ST. & 326 S. 2ND ST., EMMANUS, PA 18049. Applicants are proposing to construct six (6) mid-rise apartments on the above noted properties. Applicants are requesting Special Exception Uses to Z.O. Section 306 & Table of Permitted Uses Attachment #1 and Z.O. Section 603.2.B.3 to construct 248 parking spaces and maintain a reserved area for the remaining 69 spaces. Applicants are requesting a variance to Z.O. Section 306 & Table of Permitted Uses Attachment #1 to not restrict the apartments to residents age 55 and older. A 20.25' front yard & a 5.3' side yard variance are requested for the building at 326 S. 2nd St. Sites are located in the R-L & RHO zoning districts.
James L. Farnsworth - Zoning Officer
Dec. 11, 18
PUBLIC NOTICE
INDIVIDUAL FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
Name: JOLTS FOR COLTS
Principal Place of Business: 3870 Chestnut Hill Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036
Name and Address of Person Owning or Interested in Said Business: Smith4 Enterprises, LLC
Attorney: Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq.
Zettlemoyer Law Office, LLP
53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
A fictitious name was filed under the Fictitious Names Act
Dec. 18

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LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-782-3254

Wednesday, December 18: Ranch baked chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, green and wax beans, dinner roll, pineapple.

Thursday, December 19: Christmas dinner: Baked ham, dilled carrots, mashed potatoes, rice pudding.

Friday, December 20: Mustard dill baked whitefish, potatoes au gratin, broccoli, dinner roll, raisin cookie.

Monday, December 23: Roast turkey, roasted carrots and parsnips, green bean casserole, bread stuffing, pumpkin mousse.

Tuesday, December 24: Closed for Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, December 25: Closed for Christmas.

Thursday, December 26: Turkey Diane (lemon mustard sauce), mashed potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, apple bread pudding.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

Call 610-829-4540 (ask operator for Area Agency on Aging) for locations or visit <https://www.northampton-county.org/HS/AGING/Pages/default.aspx>.

Wednesday, December 18: Pasta fajioli soup, potato crusted cod, garlic roasted potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes with shallots, wheat bread with margarine, fresh fruit cup.

Thursday, December 19: Christmas meal: Christmas Day chicken, mashed red potatoes, green beans almondine, molded fruit salad, fresh baked roll with margarine, triple chocolate Tiger Cake.

Friday, December 20: Hearty vegetable soup, Italian hoagie, macaroni salad, fresh seedless grapes.

Monday, December 23: Hanukkah meal: Chicken noodle soup, beef brisket, potato latkes, chilled applesauce, rye bread with margarine, jelly doughnut.

Tuesday, December 24: Lasagna soup, chicken fried-cod, O'Brien potatoes, seasoned carrots, wheat bread with margarine, ambrosia.

Wednesday, December 25: Closed for Christmas.

Thursday, December 26: Marinated turkey cutlet, rosemary red potatoes, broccoli florets, wheat bread with margarine, fresh pineapple tidbits.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of Margaret M. Rooney, aka Margaret O. Rooney, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.
WHEREAS, Certificate of Grant of Letters of Testamentary in the above named estate have been granted to Timothy G. Rooney, aka Timothy Rooney, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret M. Rooney, aka Margaret O. Rooney. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to:
Timothy Rooney
3878 Highpoint Drive
Allentown, PA 18103-6100
Dec. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of MARY FRITZINGER a/k/a MARY K. FRITZINGER, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, 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 payments without delay to:
Executor: Douglas C. Fritzinger
c/o Joshua D. Shulman, Esquire
SHULMAN LAW OFFICE PC
1935 Center Street
Northampton, PA 18067
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of LEONA M. GROMAN, deceased, late of Catasauqua, 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 payments without delay to:
LINDA M. MARUCCI, Executrix
c/o STEPHEN A. STRACK, ESQUIRE
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210
Slatington, PA 18080
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of Roger W. Steele, deceased, late of Allentown, formerly of Neffs, 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:
WILLIAM R. STEELE, EXECUTOR
c/o CHARLES A. WATERS, ESQUIRE
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210
Slatington, PA 18080
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of Doris Adele Sieger, a/k/a Doris Adele Fox, a/k/a Doris A. Sieger, deceased, late of Coplay, Lehigh County, PA, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
STACY L. BEICHEY
c/o STEPHEN A. STRACK, ESQ.
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210
Slatington, PA 18080
Dec. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of NEVIN R. GEORGE, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
DAVID C. GEORGE AND RICHARD N. GEORGE, EXECUTORS
c/o CHARLES A. WATERS, ESQUIRE
STECKEL AND STOPP LLC
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210
SLATINGTON, PA 18080
Dec. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of FRANCIS XAVIER SCOTT, JR., Decedent, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Administration 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: Joanna F. Scott, Administratrix, c/o Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Esquire, of Swartz & Associates, Attorney for Decedent's Estate.
ESTATE OF FRANCIS XAVIER SCOTT, JR. deceased.
RICHARD W. SHAFFER, JR., ESQUIRE
Swartz & Associates
7736 Main Street
Fogelsville, PA 18051
Dec. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Michael J. Bodnyk, Sr., late of Orefield, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Sandra L. Bodnyk, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or her attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.
Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of TIMOTHY A. VOLACK, deceased, late of Orefield, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
Executive: Marie Volack, 1423 N. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.
Dec. 4, 11, 18

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of SHIRLEY E. RAUBENHOLD, deceased, late of Allentown, 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:
SCOTT RAUBENHOLD, Executor
Address: c/o Bruce W. Weida, Esq.
245 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
or to their Attorney: Bruce W. Weida, Esq.
245 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
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Raymond J. Sagl, Executor
Address: c/o Bruce W. Weida, Esq.
245 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
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245 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
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Jonathan Dech, Executor
Address: c/o Bruce W. Weida, Esq.
245 Main Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
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Emmaus, PA 18049
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Jutta Miller & Peter Miller, Executors
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Richard G. Lowin, Co-Executor
Lynn A. Ruth, Co-Executrix
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.
119 E. Main Street
Macungie, PA 18062
Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG
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119 E. Main Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Estate of ZELMA C. YEAKEL deceased, of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, PA. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the above Estate were granted to **LARRY C. YEAKEL Executor, and EILEEN M. BELZNER, Executrix, on November 1, 2019.** All persons indebted to the Estate are required to make immediate payment, and those having claim or demand are to present the same without delay to **LARRY C. YEAKEL or EILEEN M. BELZNER,** in care of GREGORY R. REED, Attorney-at-Law, 141 South Broad Street, P.O.Box 299, Nazareth, PA 18064-0299.
Dec. 4, 11, 18

60 SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC SEALED BID SALE
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Part-time credit union position, approximately 20-25 hours per week. Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality and be competent in computer operation, Word, Excel, Accounting/bookkeeping, financial institution and customer service experience a plus. Interested parties email resume to office@stelizcu.net

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ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR
Florio Perrucci Steinhart & Cappelli, LLC is seeking an experienced accounting coordinator for its Phillipsburg, New Jersey office. This position requires a minimum of three (3) years prior experience.

POSITION TYPE
Immediate Opening, Full-Time
JOB DESCRIPTION
The Accounting Coordinator will be responsible for performing the following functions on a regular basis, including but not limited to:

- Process monthly bills; Prepare Attorney Stats and Timekeeper Realization Reports
- Bank Management
- Payroll; Transfer of funds; General Ledger
- Trust Accounting
- End of Month and End of Year Reconciliation
- Accounts Payable

REQUIRED SKILLS
The ideal candidate will also possess the following qualities:

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