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## BETHLEHEM Markt sets near record

ArtsQuest's Christkindmarkt Bethlehem, presented by Univest Financial®, had a successful 29th year this holiday season. More than 93,500 people attended this year's market, a number second only to 2019's record-setting number (almost 95,000). Guests supported the market's 167 unique craft and retail vendors for five weekends from Nov. 19 - Dec. 19.

"Visitors from the Lehigh Valley and beyond answered the call to shop small this holiday season," ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert said. "More than ever, this year's Christkindmarkt was a lifeline for so many artists, crafters and retailers from our region. We were thrilled to return to a full-scale festival this year and we thank all of our sponsors, donors and supporters who helped us contribute to the magic of all the wonderful activities, charm and attractions that make Bethlehem the Christmas City."

Christkindmarkt, voted one of the top two markets in 2021's USA TODAY/10Best Holiday

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## LEHIGH CO. Health department seriously considered

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Lehigh County Commissioners Dec. 15 heard a first reading of a resolution to "express intention to create a county department of health." The motion puts the action on the next agenda for Jan. 12, the regular meeting of the legislative body.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic may be credited for the perceived need for a more regional or at least county-wide health department.

The next action will be to seek a certificate of approval from the Pennsylvania State Secretary of Health or for that agency to conduct a special investigation to determine whether the proposed County Department of Health conforms to the state requirements.

This action breathes new life into an idea that died several years ago when a regional health bureau was nearing approval, but failed to garner the

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**Edgeboro Moravian Church** lit up its sidewalks with luminarias. Each year the church holds the traditional putz, which is a multiple scene display with light and sound that explains the story of the first Christmas through the present day. More photos on A2 and A3.

PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK KIRLIN

## 24th Luminaria Night 80,000 candles welcome holidays

BY MARK KIRLIN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem's neighborhoods were aglow with welcoming light during the 24th annual Luminaria Night Dec. 19. Luminaria Night took place during the holiday season as a way to light up neighborhoods with lit candles in bags to enhance holiday cheer and to raise money for charity through the event's organizer, New Bethany Ministries. This year's event included over 4,000 homes and businesses and over 80,000 luminarias around the Lehigh Valley. In addition, this year's sale of luminaria kits has raised a record breaking \$139,000. New Bethany Ministries utilizes the money raised to provide meals, financial services and housing to poor, hungry, homeless and mentally ill individuals and families in the Lehigh Valley.



**Maple Street in Bethlehem** lights up the night with luminaria candle kits. This year's event included over 4,000 homes and businesses.



**Luke, a resident of Bethlehem**, fills the luminaria bags for his grandmother with sand. A luminaria kit consists of sand, white paper bags and candles.



**Two helpful New Bethany Ministries** volunteers, Elder Goldscheitter, left and Doni Ayvazov, right, are on hand to assist customers during the designated pickup days for the luminaria kits at the Valley Center Parkway location.

## PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

"What do you think was the biggest news story of 2021?"



"Definitely COVID."  
**Evelyn Paglaicetti**  
The Villages, Fla.



"As a Vietnam veteran, the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan."  
**Ken Roach**  
Windsor, Conn.

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"What do you think was the biggest news story of 2021? "What do you think was the biggest news story of 2021?"



"I would have to say COVID, unfortunately."  
**Michelle Lambert**  
Mechanicsburg



"Biden being sworn in and the attack on the capitol."  
**Butch Macri**  
Bethlehem



"What happened in Afghanistan."  
**Dave Perna**  
Frenchtown, N.J.



"The pipeline being shut down."  
**Christian Perna**  
Frenchtown, N.J.

**LEHIGH COUNTY DA**

**Nothstein charged with stalking**

Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin and Pennsylvania State Police Troop M Capt. Derek A. Koch announced the arrest of former Olympic cyclist Martin Nothstein in a stalking case in a media release dated Dec. 8.

Nothstein, 50, of Orefield, is charged with alleged criminal trespass, a felony of the third degree; two counts each of alleged stalking, misdemeanors of the first degree, and alleged defiant trespass, a misdemeanor of the third degree.



Nothstein

Nothstein is a former Lehigh County commissioner.

He won a silver medal in sprint cycling in the summer Olympic games in Atlanta, Ga., in 1996 and a gold medal in sprint cycling in the summer Olympic games in Sydney, Australia, in 2000.

According to the media release, Nothstein was taken into custody and arraigned Dec. 7.

Bail was set at \$25,000 unsecured and he is to be supervised by Lehigh Valley Pretrial Services.

Nothstein was ordered to have no contact with the victims; one a female acquaintance of Nothstein and the other a male who authorities describe as "in a relationship with the female."

The media release details the following:

The lead investigator in the case is Cpl. Christopher Yaworski of the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop M, Fogelsville station.

The allegations supporting the charges are presented in an affidavit of probable cause attached to and incorporated into the criminal complaint, sealed by the court pending arrest and preliminary arraignment.

According to authorities, the affidavit details incidents occurring between December 2020 and November, "which it is alleged constitute an ongoing pattern of stalking of both victims, harassment and damage to personal property."

In the media release, authorities presented an example of in an incident on or about March 22 the defendant entered the woman's house without her consent and attempted to access her Apple account. The defendant later allegedly admitted he had entered the female's home.

The March 22 incident provides the basis for the charges of criminal trespass and defiant trespass, according to authorities.

Additionally, investigators obtained phone records of the defendant through a search warrant.

Analysis of the phone records by the Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center places the defendant's cell phones (he maintains two) in close proximity to the place and at the time of the alleged incidents.

Nothstein retired from competitive cycling in 2006. He also competed in world and United States championships in the sport and numerous other cycling contests.

Nothstein then embarked on a political career, serving as a Lehigh County Commissioner and announcing bids for congress from Pennsylvania's 7th and 15th congressional districts.

Nothstein graduated Emmaus High School in 1989.

*Contributed article*

**2021 LUMINARIA NIGHT**



Luminarias line the steps of the Central Moravian Church in downtown Bethlehem. This historic structure was built from 1803 and completed in 1806.



Like many businesses, Moravian Village participated in this year's event. Moravian Village is a continuing care retirement community in Bethlehem.



Holiday spirit is displayed on Sycamore Steet in Bethlehem. The street is aptly named for the Sycamore trees that line the street. Sycamores are the largest deciduous trees in the eastern United States.

**MARKT**

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TODAY/10Best Holiday Market competition, offered guests a unique in-person holiday shopping experience. The 2021 festival featured more than 100 Pennsylvania-based vendors and 66 live musical performances. Along with local vendors, guests were able to shop items from around the world, from holiday favorites like Germany's Käthe Wohlfahrt handmade ornaments and collectibles. Many new and returning vendors have told ArtsQuest they enjoyed record sales throughout the festival's five-week run.

"It was great to be back, we saw a lot of former clients and made a lot of new friends," Michael Sandy of Michael Sandy Photography said. Sandy, known for his stunning photography featuring Bethlehem's unique architecture, has been a vendor at Christkindlmarkt for more than a decade. "ArtsQuest did an amazing job of getting people in this year. This was probably our best show ever financially in a five-week period. The experience was absolutely fantastic," he said.

Early indications show food and beverage sales were up significantly when compared to both 2019 and 2018. Guests feasted from an array of seasonal eats like strudel, German bratwurst and a variety of dishes from eight local food vendors. Attendees also got into the holiday spirit by enjoying beverages at the festival's additional bar and by sampling from local distillers and vintners.

"I think people were rejoicing and happy to be out and about this holiday season," Elaine Pivinski, owner of Franklin Hill Vineyards, said. "The energy levels of the ArtsQuest team and our teams were the perfect match. Our sales were strong and we were proud to give people the opportunity to give great gifts made here in the Lehigh Valley."

ArtsQuest would like to thank elected officials Sen. Pat Browne, Sen. Lisa Boscola, Rep. Steve Samuelson, Northampton County Council and County Executive Lamont McClure, as well as Lehigh County Commissioners and County Executive Phillips Armstrong, who provided CARES Act funding that kept the doors open, allowing ArtsQuest to bring this festival back. Christkindlmarkt 2022 is scheduled to begin Nov. 18.

Visit [artsquest.org](http://artsquest.org) for more information on events coming up in the new year.

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

**COUNTY PRISON:** The Director of Corrections reports that, as of Dec. 20, there were seven cases of COVID-19 among inmates at Northampton County Prison (NCP). Since the start of the pandemic, 302 inmates have tested positive; 295 have finished their quarantine periods or are no longer at NCP. One Department of Corrections employee is currently in quarantine after testing positive for the virus.

Since March 2020, NCP has conducted 6,371 tests for COVID-19 on inmates. All new inmates are tested when they come into the facility and must show a negative result before they are transferred to General Population; residents are tested on a random basis. PrimeCare Medical does daily temperature checks, movement of inmates is restricted within the facility and meals are served in the housing unit. In-person visitation is prohibited and no volunteers are permitted in the facility. Cloth masks are provided and inmates must wear them whenever they leave their cell. Any inmate participating in work release or work programs within NCP must be vaccinated.

NCP has held 29 vaccination clinics this year and vaccinated 524 inmates. The clinics also offer booster shots. Currently, 306 inmates in the facility are fully vaccinated and 55 inmates have received boosters. Shots for inmates and staff are administered by PrimeCare Medical. The vaccinations are not compulsory and are only provided to those who request them.

There are currently 638 inmates in residence at NCP.

**LEHIGH VALLEY**

**LVHN VISITATION POLICY:** Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is requesting all visitors be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to provide more protection to staff and patients amid the ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases, including infections from the omicron variant.

In addition to the vaccination request, LVHN is limiting visitation in adult inpatient units, including all critical care, medical-surgical and low-level monitoring units to two visitors. Those visitors must be designated for the patient's entire hospital stay, meaning only the selected individuals can visit. Visitors will be allowed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.

All visitors are always required to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose and should always remain in the patient's room.

In addition, visitors are not permitted to eat or drink while visiting patients and are asked to use café areas for food and beverages.

**ST. LUKE'S VISITATION POLICY:** St. Luke's University Health Network has updated its hospital visitor policy in response to a dramatic, ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases, including a portion of which that have been identified as the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

Under St. Luke's updated visitor policy, the network will allow for up to two vaccinated visitors per patient at all of its hospital locations.

The decision to restrict visitors to only individuals who are vaccinated is out of concern and for the protection of our most vulnerable population as well as health care staff whose ability to work at this time is critical.

Below is the updated vaccination policy:

All visitors are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Visiting hours are from noon to 8 p.m. for up to 2 visitors, aged 12 and older.

Masks are to be worn (covering your nose and mouth) and social distancing maintained for the duration of the visit.

Eating/drinking by visitors should be limited to cafeterias, as available. Visitors may not eat/drink while in patient rooms or in waiting areas as this requires mask removal and increases risk of infection.

Visitors must be in good health and may be subject to a health screening.

Visitation for COVID-19 positive patients is prohibited except for those nearing end of life.

For patients with cognitive or intellectual disabilities, one support person may remain with the patient.

Visit <https://www.slnh.org/covid-19> for details and updates.

**AROUND TOWN**

Following the directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit public gatherings, several of the following meetings / activities might be changed, canceled, streamed or online. Check websites and social media as available.

**Community news**

**ARTSQUEST GUIDELINES:** ArtsQuest has a number of best practices and procedures based on guidelines from the CDC, City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visit [artsquest.org/safety](https://artsquest.org/safety) to view current health and safety guidelines.

**BETHLEHEM PALETTE CLUB:** Members' Juried Exhibition of Bethlehem Palette Club members' art work from Jan. 5 to Feb. 13, 2022. A closing reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 13. The Bethlehem City Hall Rotunda Gallery, located at 10 E. Church St., is open to the public weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays. Club membership is open to artists and those interested in the arts. Visit [www.bethlehempaletteclub.org](http://www.bethlehempaletteclub.org)

**4-H SEEDLING SALE:** The Northampton County 4-H program is once again sponsoring the annual seedling tree and fruit tree sale. The sale benefits the 4-H youth in the county and supports various programs throughout the year, including camps, fairs, trips, the annual achievement banquet and other club activities. For order forms call or email the Penn State Extension - Northampton County Office. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2022.

**NEW NIHM EXHIBIT:** A new exhibit focusing on Bethlehem's General Superintendent and Chief Engineer John Fritz is now on display at the National Museum of Industrial History. The Works of a Mechanical Genius: The Legacy of John Fritz explores the life and legacy of an innovative ironmaster who has been touted as founder of the American Steel Industry, alongside names like Andrew Carnegie. Fritz built and oversaw the operations at the Bethlehem Iron Company from 1860-1893. The Bethlehem Iron Works is described in engineering journals of the day as, "one of the most famous enterprises in the world - the Mecca of engineer-pilgrims from abroad and the pride and pattern of American practice."

The exhibit marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of industrial pioneer and mechanical genius John Fritz. The display closes in October 2022. National Museum of Industrial History, 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmih.org/virtualmuseum>; call 610-694-6644 for schedules. NIHM museum is open. For hours and dates, timed ticket purchases, information about mask requirements, social distancing protocols and more, visit <https://www.nmih.org/visit/admission-hours-and-directions/>

**Wednesday, December 29**

Adult Bible study, 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, ages 14 and older 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Thursday, December 30**

PeepsFest, 3 to 6 p.m., entirely outdoors; tickets (limited amount) required. Levitt Pavilion, SteelStacks. Face coverings are recommended. ArtsQuest will continue to follow the latest CDC, state and local health and safety guidelines. Visit [artsquest.org/safety](https://artsquest.org/safety) for the latest updates

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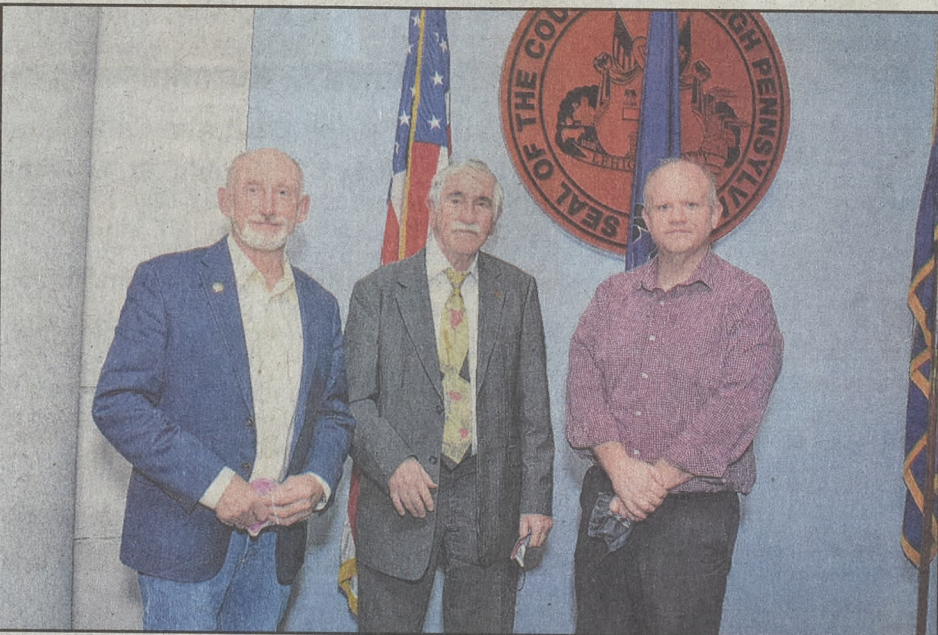
**Friday, December 31**

PeepsFest, 3 to 6 p.m., entirely outdoors; tickets (limited amount) required. See **TOWN** on Page A4



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

**Three Lehigh County Commissioners** pose at their last meeting, as all three have either did not run for another term or have resigned to accept other duties. Commissioners Dr. Percy Dougherty and Marc Grammes have both decided not to run again and this is their last meeting. Commissioner Amy Zanelli has resigned to accept a judgeship to which she was elected this year.



**Bipartisan support** for a Lehigh County Health Department assures a smooth ride for the resolution for the time being. Commissioners Bob Elbich, D, Percy Dougherty, R, and Geoff Brace, D, were sponsors of the resolution. Commissioner Zakiya Smalls, D, and Jeffery Dutt, R, are also sponsors of the resolution.



**Lehigh County Commissioner Dr. Percy Dougherty** receives recognition for his long career at a county commissioner. Presenting the certificate is County Commissioner President Geoff Brace.

**LEHIGH**

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necessary votes near the end of the process. That bureau would have served Northampton County and Lehigh County. It would also have subsumed the existing health bureaus of Allentown and Bethlehem.

Commissioner Dr. Percy Dougherty was a proponent of the now defunct regional plan and is now a sponsor of the revised version, a county-wide health department. Dougherty, however won't be a Lehigh County Commissioner to see this resolution through to success because Dec. 15 was his last meeting as a commissioner. He did not run for re-election this year.

**2021 LUMINARIA NIGHT**



**Neighbors on West Market Street** in Bethlehem proudly display their lighted luminaria bags. The event has traditionally been a way to connect neighbors and to benefit a good cause.



**New Bethany Ministries** volunteers help customers load their vehicles with luminaria kits. New Bethany Ministries is an interfaith, nonprofit organization that assists those in need.

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amount) required. Levitt Pavilion, SteelStacks. Face coverings are recommended. Music and entertainment. Chick Drop: 5:30 p.m. and fireworks. ArtsQuest will continue to follow the latest CDC, state and local health and safety guidelines. Visit [artsquest.org/safety](http://artsquest.org/safety) for the latest updates.

**Sunday, January 2**

10th annual El Día de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), 3 to 6 p.m., Blast Furnace Room, ArtsQuest Center. Free and open to the public. Face coverings will be required for all attendees regardless of age and vaccination status. Live music: Los Plereros de USA and Herencia Jibara. English and Spanish reading of "The Three Kings" by La MEGA Radio hosts; Einstein the Snow Camel; food for purchase from Holy Infancy Catholic Church. Visit [artsquest.org/safety](http://artsquest.org/safety) for the latest updates. For other information, visit [steelstacks.org](http://steelstacks.org)

**Tuesday, January 4**

Civil War Roundtable, Eastern Pennsylvania, Lehigh Brigade. "Judah Benjamin and Grant's Order #11", presented by Rich Rosenthal. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Center 100 Hotel, (formerly the Holiday Inn), 7735 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville. Call 610-253-4549, email [Duffysockwk@aol.com](mailto:Duffysockwk@aol.com) or visit [www.cwrteasttempa.org](http://www.cwrteasttempa.org). For zoom meetings, information and registration, visit [www.cwrteasttempa.org/calendar-1](http://www.cwrteasttempa.org/calendar-1)  
 Bridge players, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

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**MEETING BOARD**

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**MUNICIPAL NOTES**

**CITY YARD WASTE FACILITY:** Closed as of Dec. 1. It will re-open Jan. 3, 2022.

**CITY HALL:** Closed on Dec. 31. It will reopen Jan. 3, 2022.

**RECYCLING CENTER:** In observance of the New Year's holiday, the Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center on Illick's Mill Road will be closed Jan. 1.

**GRACE DALE AWARD:** The administrators at Gracedale Nursing Home announced recently that AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community Health Choices has awarded an additional \$94,388.49 for the good work on quality measures. This one-time payment for SNF Quality Enhancement Programs is passed on the facility's performance on benchmarks related to percentage of (1.) high-risk long-stay residents with pressure ulcers; (2.) long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine; (3.) long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the seasonal influenza vaccine; (4.) long-stay residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury; and (5.) short-stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission.

**NEW RECOVERY CENTER:** The Division of Drug & Alcohol is funding a new recovery center for Northampton County residents at the Kirkridge Retreat, 2495 Fox Gap Road, Bangor.

The Synchronicity Recovery Foundation, Ltd. offers programming to connect people affected by substance use disorder to help them achieve long-term sobriety. Participants include those in recovery, friends, family and those with long-term recovery experience who want to enhance their overall health and wellness and help others on their journey. The program uses outdoor adventures, service projects, creative arts and varied recreational activities.

For information, contact Executive Director Laura Waits at 215-892-3658 or [lwaits@syncrecovery.org](mailto:lwaits@syncrecovery.org)

Some meeting dates have changed for January, 2022, due to the New Year's Day holiday.

**Monday, January 3**

Swearing in of Mayor William Reynolds and Bethlehem City Council meeting, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Current and recent meetings are located online at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UioADKaRE1W3xw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UioADKaRE1W3xw).

Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.  
 Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St., Freemansburg.  
 Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.  
 Hellertown Council, 6 p.m. 685 Main St.  
 Northampton County Council organizational meeting, 3:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Tuesday, January 4**

Northampton County General Purpose Authority, 8:15 a.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.  
 Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.  
 Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.  
 Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Wednesday, January 5**

Canceled: HARB - Historical Architectural Review board  
 Fountain Hill Finance, P.W., Personnel and House Committees, 5:30 p.m., 941 Long St.  
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Council, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road,

**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

**To December 31**

Christmas at Hotel Bethlehem. Free self guided tour seven days a week through December; reservations required. 437 Main St. Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/hotel-bethlehem-self-guided-christmas-tour-reservations-required-tickets-121540427691](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/hotel-bethlehem-self-guided-christmas-tour-reservations-required-tickets-121540427691) for availability. 35,000 Christmas lights, Christmas trees, 36 wreaths, six seven foot toy soldiers, two life size Nutcrackers and a gingerbread house modeled after the hotel.

**To January 9**

Trees of Historic Bethlehem, 26 trees; five historic sites, each decorated by the Bethlehem Garden Club to reference a classic holiday movie including favorites such as It's a Wonderful Life, The Grinch, and A Christmas Carol. 11 am to 6 pm. Thursdays through Sundays through Jan. 9. Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, Single Sisters House, Luckenbach Mill and 1810 Goundie House. For single, multi-site passes, combination offers and discounts, visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/christmas/activities/>

Holiday Putz Trail, Moravian Museum of Bethlehem and Single Sisters' House. Traditional Moravian settings of the Nativity used around Christmas. Putz is a German term for decorate or embellish. This year's miniatures feature hand-crafted models of Moravian Landmark District buildings. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single and multi-site passes, combination offers and discounts available. Putz displays included in a Trees of Historic Bethlehem pass. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org/holiday-putz-trail/> for days, hours, tickets and more information.

**January 8, 9, 15, 16**

Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers, 902 E. Macada Road. 1 to 4 p.m. Cost: 12 and under free. For additional dates and information, visit [www.bdsme.org](http://www.bdsme.org) or call 610-867-2591.

**Marion Agnes Ehret**

HDC, Goodwill FC bartender



Marion Agnes Ehret, 80, of Hellertown, died Dec. 17, 2021, at her home. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Clara (Dresen) Fistner. She was the wife of the late Richard J. Ehret Sr.

She was a 1960 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS.

She bartended for many years at Goodwill Fire Company, Bethlehem, and the Hellertown Democratic Club.

She is survived by a son, Richard J. Ehret Jr. (Susan) of Allentown; a daughter, Tracy Jones (J.P. Geary) of Hellertown; a sister, Nancy Verbonitz (Tom) of Bethlehem; a brother-in-law, George Ehret (Rita) of Bethlehem; a granddaughter, Ashley Wolring (Michael) of Bethlehem; two great-grandchildren, Shyann and Kahlan; a nephew, Robb Simmers (Jen) and family of Bethlehem; and a niece, Jessica Lehr (Glenn) and family of Bethlehem.

She was predeceased by a brother, Michael Fistner; and two nephews: Daniel Ehret and Todd Simmers.

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

**Monica L. Kuzmin**

waitress at the Cove, the Cafe



Monica L. Kuzmin, 62, of Bethlehem, died peacefully Dec. 18, 2021, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Muhlenberg. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late William and Jean M. (Horinko) Kuzmin.

She was a 1977 graduate of Liberty HS.

She was an art department aide at KidsPeace for five years. Prior to that she was a waitress at the Cafe and the Cove, both in Bethlehem.

She was a yoga instructor. She made jewelry and stained glass.

She is survived by a sister, Sandra A. Kuzmin of Bethlehem Township; an aunt, Nancy M. Villani and her husband Domenic of Bethlehem; an uncle, Blasé Horinko and family; a sister-in-law, Sally Kuzmin of Northampton; a niece, Amanda Shuey and her husband Jeff of Northampton; a nephew, Bryan Kuzmin and his fiancée Abby Fredericks of Lehigh; a grand-niece, Stevi Jean Shuey; and many cousins.

She was predeceased by a brother, William C. Kuzmin Jr.

Contributions may be made to the National MS Society of the Greater Delaware Valley, 30 S. 17th St. - #800, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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

**Robert Brunnabend**

owned, operated masonry business



Robert Brunnabend, 67, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 15, 2021, in his home. He was a son of the late Werner and Anna (Sagl) Brunnabend. He was the husband of Carol A. (Horvath) Brunnabend for 42 years.

He owned and operated his own masonry business for many years.

He volunteered for many years as a coach for his children's baseball and volleyball teams.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Jeremy Brunnabend; two daughters, Jessica McVeigh and her husband Mike and Kaci Brunnabend; a brother, Tom Brunnabend and his wife Sue; a sister, Ann Scanzelli and her husband Len; three grandsons, Cayden, Chase and Cole; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Don Brunnabend.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017; or to St. Luke's Hospice, 240 Union Station Plaza, first floor, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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**Bernard Gerald Sokolsky**

mechanical maintenance



Bernard Gerald Sokolsky, 84, of Bethlehem Township, died Dec. 19, 2021, at his home. Born in Wilkes Barre, he was a son of the late Bernard Stanley and Catherine Scupski Sokolsky. He was the husband of Carol (Mohrey) Sokolsky for 51 years.

He was a Bethlehem Catholic HS graduate.

He was in the U.S. Army for two years.

He was retired from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation where he worked in the mechanical maintenance department.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Lori Schiffert and her husband Michael; and two grandchildren, Vivian and Daniel.

He was predeceased by two sisters; a brother; and a grandson, Dexter Schiffert.

Contributions may be made to The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

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**Eleanor M. (Messick) DeWalt**

West Side Moravian Church member



Eleanor M. (Messick) DeWalt, 80, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 15, 2021, at home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late John and Pearl (Field) Messick. She was the wife of the late Donald A. DeWalt for 57 years.

She worked for Bethlehem Lynn Sports Wear, which later became Paris Accessories, for many years before retiring.

She was a member of West Side Moravian Church, where she participated in women's fellowship, senior friends, served on various committees and sang in the choir. She was a member of King's Daughters.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan DeWalt and her husband Russell Wilt and Kelly DeWalt; a granddaughter, Rhiannon Wilt; a sister, Judy Young and her husband Carl; a brother, John Messick and his wife Barbara; and close friend and cousin, Dorothy Kovacs.

Contributions may be made to Peaceable Kingdom, 1049 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, 18052.

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**Blanche E. Ashburner**

SureFit sewing machine operator



Blanche E. Ashburner, 88, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 12, 2021. Born in Palmerston, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Ellen (Shook) Borger.

She was the wife of the late Robert F. Ashburner Sr. for 46 years.

She was a seamstress - sewing machine operator at SureFit, Inc.

She is survived by a son, Robert F. Jr. and his wife Melissa; three daughters, Deborah Ashburner, Bonnie Gallagher and her husband Larry and Cindy Giering and her husband Howard; three sisters, Betty Bowers, Evelyn Danner and Viola Ross; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two daughters, Dawn Miller and Catherine Ashburner.

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

**Wendy Lee Meckes**

worked for Lulu's Bridal Department

Wendy Lee Meckes, 50, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 16, 2021, at home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Clifford S. Sr. and Wanda Lee (Heisler) Meckes.

She was a 1989 graduate of Liberty HS and attended McCann School of Business, Allentown.

She worked most recently for Lulu's Bridal Department.

She is survived by a brother, Clifford S. Meckes Jr. and his wife Lisa; a sister, Crystal S. Gilfert and her husband Bruce; two nieces; and two nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Christopher S. Meckes.

Contributions may be made to F.U.R.R. felineurbanrescueandrehab.org.

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Events are held live and virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. There is a "grab and go" check-out; place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door or inside.

Due to the pandemic; hours, masking and capacity limits may change without prior notice. Check the websites or call via phone. All library buildings will be closed as of 5 p.m. December 31, 2021, and all day Jan. 1 and 2, 2022.

New places and events

Saturday, January 8 begins Coolidge branch's new book club featuring Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (fantasy), 2-4 p.m. after the library closes. Masks are required. Registration is limited to 12 participants. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/new-2022-coolidge-book-club-winter-discussion/](http://www.bapl.org/events/new-2022-coolidge-book-club-winter-discussion/)

Upcoming Main Library book sales: noon to 8 p.m. Feb. 2 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5. Indoor booksale in Main Library basement. 50 shoppers at a time max. Follow COVID protocols.

Preschool storytime on the road. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Crayola Gallery, Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St. First Thursday of the month: Miss Regina from Coolidge Branch; Second Thursday of the month: Miss Joanne en Espanol; Third Thursday of the month: Miss Stephanie from SouthSide branch; Fourth Thursday of the month: Miss Lisa from Arts Quest. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/events/bapl-preschool-storytime-at-the-banana-factory-2-2021-10-21/](http://www.bapl.org/events/bapl-preschool-storytime-at-the-banana-factory-2-2021-10-21/)

Books on The Hill (Stanley and Spiegel streets, Fountain Hill) stationary bookmobile

Stationary bookmobile hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays; 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Closed Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. alternate Fridays / Saturdays. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/books-on-the-hill-rolls-into-fountain-hill/](http://www.bapl.org/books-on-the-hill-rolls-into-fountain-hill/)

Main Library

Thursday, December 30

Big Game Day, youth department. Bowling, bean bag, clothespin drop, snowball toss, more. Masks required for ages 2+. No registration needed.

Tuesday, January 4

Teen Board, grades six to 12. 4 p.m. Complete your community service hours. Youth Department. No registration is required. Observe social distancing guidelines. Masks are a must. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/teen-board-for-grades-6-12-at-the-main-library-3/](http://www.bapl.org/events/teen-board-for-grades-6-12-at-the-main-library-3/)

Wednesday, January 5

Relax and express yourself in our no judgment zone. Learn about the LGBTQ community and local resources. Grades 8 - 12. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No registration required. Masks required. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/qa-lgbtq-for-grades-8-12-at-the-main-library/](http://www.bapl.org/events/qa-lgbtq-for-grades-8-12-at-the-main-library/)

SouthSide Branch

Wednesday, December 29 and January 5

Winter Preschool Storytime, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Masks required for age two and up. Wednesdays through February 23. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/winter-preschool-storytime-at-southside-2021-12-29/](http://www.bapl.org/events/winter-preschool-storytime-at-southside-2021-12-29/)

Coolidge Building

Wednesday, December 29; Thursday, December 30

Makerspace: Repurpose paper craft. All day. Bring in your old Christmas cards, wrapping paper, books, magazines etc. We provide the staff, Ellison machine, die cuts and supplies. Must register. Masks are mandatory.

Wednesdays in January

Explore Braille self-guided activities for kids. 2-7 p.m.

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Magisterial District Justice Alan R. Mege swears in (from left) Tracy Magnotta, Dr. Shamim Pakzad, Cedric Dettmar and John Conte.

New board president, VP confirmed

BY CHRIS HARING

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Dec. 7 Saucun Valley School Board meeting was split into two portions, as the regular meeting was preceded by a brief reorganizational meeting.

The reorganizational meeting is a post-general election formality in which newly- or re-elected board members are sworn in for the upcoming term. Internal officers, such as board president and vice president, are also elected, as well as several board representative positions in affiliated groups and organizations.

Republican John Conte was the only new board member confirmed, as he will be assuming outgoing Sandra Miller's seat. Dr. Shamim Pakzad, Cedric Dettmar and Tracy Magnotta, who were re-elected in November, were also sworn in by Magisterial District Justice Alan R. Mege for the upcoming term.

Pakzad, who had been serving as vice president was then elected by a unanimous vote to begin his second non-consecutive one year term as board president. Outgoing board President

SAUCON VALLEY

Susan Baxter was then elected to slide back into Pakzad's seat as vice president, resuming the arrangement that was in place for the 2020-21 calendar year.

New or renewed representative assignments include: Pennsylvania School Board Association - Pakzad and Conte; Saucun Valley Partnership - Michael Karabin and Shawn Welch; Chamber of Commerce - Conte; Saucun Valley Foundation for Educational Innovation - Tracy Magnotta.

The business portion which followed was fairly brief. Acting Superintendent Jaime Vlasaty provided a brief update on a survey sent to district stakeholders regarding usage of ESS-ER funds. Due to a lack of responses, she said, the survey was going to be distributed a second time in order to hopefully produce more feedback.

Board member Edward Andres brought

the district's Health and Safety Plan up for discussion. His argument was that since, as of the meeting's date, the PA Department of Health's masking order was under review, enforcing the mandate within the district was unlawful. Andres, who was the only board member to wear his mask under his chin for the duration of the meeting, claimed that the continued enforcement of the mandate in the interim was causing "irreparable harm" to district students.

Further, Andres moved to amend the Plan to redefine quarantine standards for students who have been deemed 'close contacts' to positive cases. He cited the Council Rock School District's plan as a template, as that district has only required symptomatic close contacts to remain outside school facilities since August, he said.

Baxter pointed out

that under the district's current plan, although Andres makes a "good argument," which she acknowledged will likely eventually be put into place, due to positive COVID test rate in the district's buildings falling under 'High Transmission' as of the meeting's date, his point was "moot unless we change the Health and Safety Plan completely" she said.

Board member Cedric Dettmar cited the Pa. Sunshine Act, saying that since Andres' motion was not advertised ahead of time, he was not comfortable with holding a vote. Welch noted that at the previous meeting, the board agreed to revisit the issue on Dec. 21, while in the meantime "relevant administration" should review Andres' proposal. "I think it's worth getting it ready to go with some actionable material behind it," Welch said.

Ultimately, the board did not proceed with any changes to the plan.

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Most Hellertown Council members participated in the Dec. 20 meeting in person.

# Council: Putting a bow on year 2021

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

## HELLERTOWN

The Dec. 20 Hellertown Council meeting was that of a borough which, after a roller-coaster 2021, was looking forward to a few weeks of quiet with the Christmas and New Year's holidays on the proverbial doorstep.

On the heels of a much busier November, the final gathering of Hellertown officials for the year was extraordinarily brief, with

the meeting's duration clocking in at around 10 minutes. Council President Thomas Rieger noted that the second meeting of December usually gets skipped, however, a minor piece of business regarding the borough's General Obligation Note necessitated their brief assembly.

Mayor David Heintzelman used the opportunity to remind

citizens to claim their (or their loved ones') Hometown Hero banner if they had not yet done so. The program will be replacing the flags, which are displayed on poles throughout Main St, with a batch of new honorees. The borough's American Legion Post told Heintzelman that they would proudly display the remaining unclaimed banners inside

the bar, he said.

Otherwise, aside from approving the advertisement of the council's desire to refinance the borough's General Obligation Note, the only other business discussed was regarding an existing grievance against the Police Association. Details on the grievance were not provided, but the council voted to approve it to "fix the issue," Rieger said.

### NORCO deputies graduate

Lamont McClure and Sheriff Richard Johnston are pleased to announce the graduation of four deputies from the Deputy Sheriff Training Academy: Michael Delgado, Teresa Roeder, Sean Jeffries and Adrian Minaya. The new deputies began working for the county in June and successfully completed the 19-week training course.

At the Dec. 17 graduation ceremony, Teresa Roeder was awarded the Overall Best Student award and Sean Jeffries was awarded the Highest Achievement in Law Curriculum award.

### Donchez named HBMS senior advisor

The Board of Trustees of Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites has named Charlene Donchez Mowers the Senior Advisor to Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites as of March 1, 2022. She currently serves as the president of HBMS. The board also announced that LoriAnn Wukitsch, VP/Managing Director, will become president and CEO of HBMS.

The shift in leadership permits Donchez Mowers to focus on the critical next steps leading to Historic Moravian Bethlehem being designated a World Heritage Site. There are only 1,154 such sites in the world, with 24 in the United States. Donchez Mowers currently serves as president of the Bethlehem World Heritage Commission of the City of Bethlehem.

Donchez Mowers initiated and spearheaded the campaign to have Historic Moravian Bethlehem designated a World Heritage Site in 2003. This journey is now in the last stage before a final determination by the international World Heritage Committee. In her new role, she will travel to Herrnhut, Germany; Gracehill, Northern Ireland/UK; and Christiansfeld, Denmark, to meet with her counterparts in the Moravian Church Settlements Transnational Working Group which is preparing the nomination dossier for submission to the World Heritage Committee.

### Bradbury-Sullivan board names officers

At its December meeting, the board of directors of Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center elected Claire Ippoliti as the organization's new board chair and Marvin Webb as the organization's new treasurer.

Ippoliti has served on the board of directors since 2016 and was most recently the board treasurer. She retired earlier this year after working as Chief Lending Officer at People First Federal Credit Union. Ippoliti succeeds Patrick Fligge, who has concluded his board term.

"It's an exciting time to lead the board of directors at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center," Ippoliti said. "We have had incredible growth, thanks to strong leadership and dedicated staff, as well as committed individuals and community partners. We will not waiver from our mission of creating a vibrant LGBTQ+ community. I look forward to what is to come!"

## GRADUATION

### Mansfield University

Alyson Tavares, of Bethlehem, completed the required coursework in December 2021, for her degree program. She graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in criminal justice administration from Mansfield University.

### East Stroudsburg University

Three Bethlehem area residents were recognized and honored Dec. 17 at East Stroudsburg University. The fall 2021 teacher preparation graduates, who are from the Colleges of Education, Arts and Sciences, and Health Sciences, are Morgan Danilovic, Shamy Perez-Carrillo and Patrick Quinn.

The above students and several other local residents will receive degrees from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania at the conclusion of the fall 2021 semester. All degrees will be conferred upon completion of final course work. The other students are Thomas Achey, Babatunde Adebesin, Frances Amparo, Nikos Bilianis, Zobia Davis, Sera Heil, Christopher Jorgji and Colton Link, all of the Bethlehem area; and Davyd Sharp of Freemansburg.

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## DEAN'S LISTS

### Colgate University

Katherine French '23, of the Bethlehem area, was awarded the Colgate University spring 2021 Dean's Award with Distinction.

The Peace & Conflict Studies major earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses during the spring 2021 semester to earn the award.

### Mansfield University

Kiara James, of Bethlehem, has been named to the fall 2021 Dean's List at Mansfield University. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be attending the university full-time and attain at least a 3.5 GPA for the semester.

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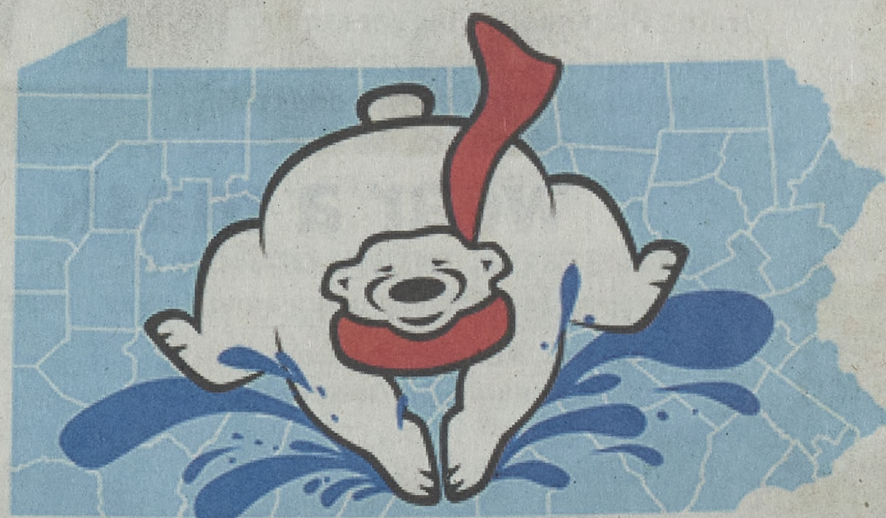
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**Malcolm** is on the hunt for his furr-ever home at the age of 1 year old. This high-energy young man enjoys telling stories and spending his time exploring. Although cat friendly, Malcolm would thrive in any home that offers him the solution to his curiosity.



At 6.5 years old, **Dahlia** is looking for someone willing to give her a chance. This beautiful Husky girl would thrive best in a home where she can be the center of attention with a family that understands her need to run, as well as sleep on the couch.



**What iconic movie** took place at Macy's in New York City? Macy's was so excited when the movie was released in 1947 the store closed for the day to give employees time to see this movie. You guessed it! "Miracle on 34th St."



**What begins with "White"** and is associated with holiday music? Of course, "White Christmas." This movie was released in 1954, but the song White Christmas was released 12 years earlier, in 1941.

**Holiday trees light up**

**Bethlehem historic houses**

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

What do penguins, trains, nutcrackers, a cow and paint cans have to do with Christmas? The answer is easy once you've visited Historic Bethlehem's Holiday Trees.

Twenty-six different holiday trees decorated by the Bethlehem Garden Club are displayed at five historic sites.

Each year there is a specific theme that garden club members are challenged to use the design and decorate their tree. Once the trees are displayed, visitors to the

historic sites can cast a vote for their favorite. This year's theme is holiday movies, while prior years' themes have been Moravian missionary sites, trees around the world, and fashion designer trees, to name a few.

Staff members recall Historic Bethlehem and the Garden Club joining together with holiday trees dating back to 2014. Staff also provided interesting bits of trivia regarding the movies and the trees, making guests (and me) feel like a participant as well as a spectator.

They guided guests to specific ornaments that aided in revealing the movie identity of the tree. "It's a Wonderful Life" had a tree topper angel and a bell ornament. Remember the classic line, "when a bell is rung, an angel gets their wings"? This 1946 classic movie lost money when it was first released yet is a holiday staple today.

A lesser known movie, "Annabelle's Wish" (1997), displays a cowbell, hay and a bovine protrusion. "The Annabelle's Wish" tree can be found in the Single

Sisters' House and the "It's a Wonderful Life" tree can be found in the Moravian Museum.

Penguins abound on the "Penguins of Madagascar" trees. Trains are featured on the "Polar Express" tree and "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" tree.

Iconic paint cans? Pizza box? You got it; "Home Alone." These four trees can be found at the Kemerer Museum.

These and the many other holiday trees will continue to be on display through Jan 9. Visit <https://historicbethlehem.org> for more infor-

**MAMA'S MUSINGS**  
**Crowns for Christmas**

All I want for Christmas are my four front teeth. Okay, really, I want a house, a dog, and space for horses. (Wait, sorry, goal list, not wish list!) I saw the dentist in October when he diagnosed an infection in one of my upper front teeth. I couldn't feel it. It turned out when the periodontist examined it, the nerve to the tooth had died.

I considered that a blessing. Back before my wisdom teeth were removed, I had one come in only halfway, leaving a space that became infected three times before I finally had them all removed.

The periodontist put a temporary crown on the infected tooth. The dentist also felt my other three top front teeth were in bad enough shape that crowns were warranted. A few weeks later, all four teeth received new temporary crowns.

Thanks, kids! Pregnancy is hard on dental health. Also, the worst tooth was already 50 percent filling, due to an unfortunate incident with a glass soda bottle and a heavy swinging door years ago. That poor tooth was more dental filling than real. The dentist had to reinforce that one with a "post" to support the new temporary crown.

Then came the really bad news. The temporary crowns would have to stay on for a month. Initially, I was supposed to have the permanent crowns two weeks sooner. But there was a scheduling conflict. On one hand, I saved a half-day absence from work. But on the other hand, I wished they could be done much sooner.

I was warned not to bite with the temporary crowns. So chewing food became a challenge. I apologized to my hostess on Thanksgiving for not being social to an extreme. I am an introvert most days. On Thanksgiving, I claimed a couch spot away from the main festivities, so I could cut my food into tiny pieces and struggle with awkwardly chewing fairly unobserved.

A week later, the gums at my front teeth started bleeding whenever I brushed them. It took several rinses to remove most of the blood. The dentist said this was normal. Maybe so, but it was not healthy for my sense of well-being, or my vanity.

The permanent crowns were scheduled to be put on just before Christmas. As I have said before, waiting isn't ever easy. It really isn't fun trying to chew. I've taken to having cereal with berries for dinner, because milk softened cereal is easy to chew. Still, hopefully by the time you read this, the permanent crowns will be in.

Whatever you are wishing for this Christmas, I hope it comes to you. As you are able, please share gifts with others. Have a very wonderful holiday season!



By Lani Goins



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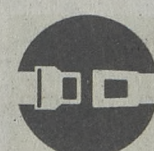
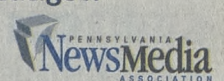
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You'll need to climb the curved stairs or use the elevator to the second mezzanine so you can find this beautiful tree adorned with gold balls and beads. Have your camera ready for a selfie with this one on the "Christmas at Hotel Bethlehem" self-guided tour.

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Matt Vital

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Michael Vital



Matthew Vital

# Vitals continue to make their mark

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

For the average junior on a high school golf team, the game can still pose a lofty set of challenges.

For Liberty's Vital twins, the game isn't the typical grind.

The Vitals have played an integral part in the Hurricanes' success the past three seasons, as they have advanced to the state final last season, and they made a deep run in each of the past three seasons.

Matt Vital won his first district title this past fall with a two-under par 70 to help his team capture the team district title, their final leg along with a league regular season and league tournament titles.

He believed the team was capable of reaching their mark.

"I think this year came down to commitment," said Matt Vital. "We all really committed to winning the league and district title, and we were able to reach our goal."

"We all just love being and playing with each other. Jase Barker and myself have been playing together at Bethlehem (Municipal) since we were six or seven years old."

"We all have been able to challenge each other."

Matt Vital recalled how he and his brother first picked up a club soon after their birth.

"I probably picked up my first club when I was one or two," he stated. "We had a plastic club set when we were young. We started playing in the backyard."

"Michael and I started playing with Jase and Jordan (Barker) right after that."

Matt noted that he played his first tournament when he was seven. There wasn't any real trepidation, either.

"I really didn't feel nervous or awkward, I just went out there and had fun. Our dad (Gus) helped us through the whole process."

Once he got to high school, Matt also didn't see much of a change. In April 2019, he won the national drive, chip and putt championship for the 12-13 year-olds.

This past April, Matt Vital shot a course-record, 8-under-par 62, to win the Philadelphia Junior Tour event by 14

shots. He posted nine birdies, eight pars and a lone bogey to break Snead's mark by a stroke.

He placed 12th at states this fall.

Yet, Matt continues to take it all in stride.

"I really didn't think it was all that different," said Matt. "There is a different mindset. But like when you're playing individually, every shot still counts, and you really have to make the most of it for your school."

His brother, Michael, has followed the same path, but he hasn't achieved the exact same level of success. One common thread between them is their competitive nature.

"We are very competitive in everything," said Matt. "We really support each other out there, and we have been the same way over the years."

"We definitely look out for each other."

Michael sees a similar picture.

"Definitely, 100 percent," said Michael about the competitive level with his brother. "We love going out and playing, but we both hate to lose."

"My brother also has helped me and pushed me to do better."

Liberty head coach Steve Bradley has watched his golfers develop and become more intense in the process.

"They are very good golfers," said Bradley of his twin tandem. "They work extremely hard and are very focused and intense. They have earned everything they have achieved."

"Matthew has been a few strokes ahead of his brother (Michael), but they are extremely competitive."

"Both of them also help keep everybody loose on the team."

Michael shot a 74 at district and qualified for states this fall. He finished tied for 57th at the state meet, but it still was a memorable one.

"I thought I would have a good year, and had a shot to make it to states," he said. "My goal was to get there and to try and hit more greens."

Michael also has experienced success at an early age. Like his brother, he played in a number of tournaments at an early age, and he received a Le-

high Valley Player of the Year award as a youth at age seven.

"The first year that I played, I got the Player of the Year award," he said. "I'll always remember that, and it was a great experience."

Michael turned to weight training over the years to concentrate on hitting the ball farther.

"I was hitting the ball about 220 yards and now I can hit about 260 or more," said Michael. "We both have weight training about three days a week. It really has helped both of us."

"We have different aspects of our game that we need to work on. My putting has been good to me."

When they aren't golfing, both Vitals like to play basketball as well as some other sports. But those moments are usually rare, as both of them spent most of their time on the course.

With a high profile at an earlier age, Matt has downplayed the thought of going pro. Matt surely would welcome the chance, but he also realizes the difficulty and pressure that encompasses the situation. He also hasn't ruled out playing within the boundaries of Bethlehem rather than on some of the bigger college stages down South or out West.

Instead, he has plans to enter the world of finance and spend some time on Wall Street.

"It's not really a pressure situation for me," said Matt. "I will keep playing golf, but I want to get a good education. Working with money is a good field to be involved with. If golf works out, it will be a good path to follow."

"But I know there are other options out there for me."

Michael also understands that there are other options available. He plans to pursue a career in computer science. Both brothers envision possibly attending the same college.

"We have talked about it," said Michael. "We both haven't decided where we want to go, and we have to work it out."

Luckily for Liberty and the rest of the Lehigh Valley golf community, the Vitals have another year to leave their imprint.

# FHS girls beat Central

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's girls swim team scored a 92-62 victory over Allentown Central Catholic on Dec. 21 at Freedom.

The Patriot girls won all three relays, the first, the 200 medley relay with the foursome of Lilly Anderson, Alexia Ragab, Lia Corrado, and Deb Belen with a time of 2:03.01.

Sofia Nabyt, Corrado, Anderson, and Belen combined to win the 200 free relay with a time of 1:50.18, and Belen, Corrado, Anderson, and Ragab won the 400 free relay with a time of 4:19.81.

In individual events, Zara Martin won the 200 freestyle in 2:26.26, Nabyt took first place in the 200 IM in 2:33.34, Alivia Deemer won the 50 free in 30.43, and Ragab placed first in the 500 free in 6:12.38.

Allentown Central Catholic's boys swam past Freedom's boys by a score of 75-65.

Patriot senior Andrew Ehret was the only first place finisher for Freedom. Ehret won the 200 IM in 2:06.27 and the 100 backstroke in 56.86.

# Teams head into holiday action

BY PETER CAR  
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The holidays present an opportunity for Bethlehem teams to fine tune their skills on the hardwood heading into the New Year. That action takes place this week as Liberty, Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic set out to win holiday crowns.

The Hurricanes will be the closest team playing in the area, as they take part in Allen's tournament. Liberty (5-1) and Allen (4-2) played in the nightcap of Tuesday's two-game slate, with the championship game set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and the consolation taking place at 5 p.m.

The two schools are celebrating 100 years of basketball, playing nearly every year for the past century outside of last season.

Freedom (1-3) hopes to get some confidence at the Pine Grove Cardinal Classic, as they took on Nativity BVM of Pottsville on Monday and will either play Pine Grove or Mahanoy Area in either of Tuesday's games.

Becahi (3-1) has not played since losing to Central Catholic on Dec. 17 due to a rash of COVID cases at the school, but are back on the saddle on Thursday when they play a talented Dallas team at home.

Head coach Scott McClary is excited to get his team back into action.

"Dallas is a very good senior oriented team

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PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

Paige Telatovich of Freedom was named to the first team.

## EPC Field hockey all-stars announced

Two Emmaus players and a Nazareth player captured this year's EPC field hockey MVP award.

Abigail Burnett and Ava Zerfass of Emmaus, along with Nazareth's Zoey Emrick were named most valuable players.

Two Northampton players made the first team in Taylor Kranzley and Kadee Schrader and Emmaus' Rachel Herbine was the third player to make the first team.

Emma Bonshak of Whitehall, Emma Brayford of Parkland, Sophie Emin of Easton, Paige Telatovich of Freedom and Emma Zauck of Stroudsburg round out the first team.

Brooke Sodl of Becahi was named to the second team as a senior forward. And, a pair of Liberty players made the third team: center back Sarah Fitzpatrick a junior and senior center mid Tayia Flecksteiner.

### 2021 Field Hockey EPC All-Conference 1st Team

Emma Bonshak, Whitehall, Midfield / Forward, 11  
Emma Brayford, Park-

land, Midfield / Defense, 12  
Abigail Burnett, Emmaus, Center Midfield, 11 MVP

Sophie Emin, Easton, Forward, 12

Zoey Emrick, Nazareth, Center Midfield, 11 MVP

Rachel Herbine, Emmaus, Right Forward, 11

Taylor Kranzley, Northampton, CenterMid/Centerback, 12

Kadee Schrader, Northampton, Goalie, 11

Paige Telatovich, Freedom, Midfield, 11

Emma Zauck, Stroudsburg, Midfield / Forward, 12

Ava Zerfass, Emmaus, Center Forward, 11 MVP

### 2021 Field Hockey EPC All-Conference 2nd Team

Chloe Butz, Stroudsburg, Midfield / Forward, 12

Jenna Duke, Stroudsburg, Midfield / Forward, 11

Kyleigh Faust, Emmaus, Sweeper Back, 12

Aurora Gery, Parkland, Midfield, 10

Olivia Handelong, Pocono Mountain East, Forward, 11

Morgan Herceg, Nazareth, Defensive Center Mid, 10

Mackenzie Mann, Naz-

areth, Goalkeeper, 10

Olivia Peechatka, Pocono Mountain East, Midfield, 12

Gilyse Rivera, East Stroudsburg North, Midfield, 12

Brooke Sodl, Bethlehem Catholic, Forward, 12

Gianna Tripodi, Nazareth, Left Forward, 11

### 2021 Field Hockey EPC All-Conference 3rd Team

Jenna Villeneuve, Emmaus, Half Back, 12

Abigail Antipas, William Allen, Midfield / Forward, 10

Makayla Brunnbend, Parkland, Midfield, 12

Alexis Causa, Easton, Midfield, 10

Hailey Falzone, Nazareth, Right Midfield, 12

Sarah Fitzpatrick, Liberty, Center back, 11

Tayia Flecksteiner, Liberty, Center Midfield, 12

Kellyn Maher, East Stroudsburg South, Defense, 12

Ava Millia, Easton, Midfield / Defense, 12

Jocelyn Morgan, Easton, Forward, 10

Logan Oswald, Parkland, Midfield, 12

Mikenna Price, Pocono Mountain East, Midfield / Defense, 11

## Holiday tourneys set for this week

BY PETER CAR  
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The Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic takes place this week on Tuesday and Wednesday at Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium.

Twenty-nine teams will be in this year's tournament, as Northampton, Honesdale and Shenendehowa (NY) had to drop out due to COVID concerns.

This year's slated teams include: Blue Mountain, Council Rock South, Dallastown, Delaware Valley, Easton, Emmaus, Freedom,

Garnet Valley, Hazleton Area, Hempfield, Liberty, Nazareth, North Penn, Northern Lebanon, Northwestern, Parkland, Pen Argyl, Pennridge, Phillipsburg, Ponaganset (RI), Quakertown, Saucon Valley, Spring-Ford, Stroudsburg, Warwick, Whitehall, Wilkes-Barre Area, Wilson West Lawn and Wyoming Valley West.

Wednesday's schedule has the semifinals slated for 10 a.m. and the tournament running straight through with the medal rounds and fi-

nals taking place roughly at 2 p.m.

The 53rd annual Tony Iasiello Memorial Christmas City Classic was taking on abbreviated version of itself in a one-day format on Tuesday, past Press deadlines.

This year's participating teams included: Annville-Cleona, Bethlehem Catholic, Dieruff, East Stroudsburg South, First Colonial (Va.), Leighton, Palisades, Roman Catholic, Schuylkill Valley and West Chester-Henderson.

## DARTS

### SUBURBAN DARTS Week 15

This week "6" was the number as Light of Christ swept first place Christ UCC by scores of 6-0, 6-3, 6-0. Leading the way for Light of Christ was Dan Halteman 8-13, with Terry Knauss going 6-13, Buzz Heidecker 5-10, Andy Mickelson 4-13, and a 2 run HR from Chris Knauss. Ed Yost was 5-10, Jason Matula 4-10 for Christ UCC.

Ebenezer lost the nightcap 6-0 to Emmanuel after taking the first 2 games 3-2, 3-0. Top hit-

ters for Ebenezer were Paul Yoder 4-13, Dane Blevins 3-6 with HRs from Tony Saldutti, Joey Blevins. Judy Hofert was 4-9 (cycle for the night), Jeremiah Amiani 4-12, Chuck Achenzie also 4-12 for Emmanuel.

Dryland sandwiched 9-2, 5-1 wins around a 4-3 loss to Farmersville. Hitters for Dryland included Lou Dervarics 6-12, Bernie Yurko 5-13, Larry Golick 5-14 and Jim Goldman, Nate Phares each hitting a HR. For Farmersville,

Kyle Campbell was 5-10, Ben Kerbaugh 4-13, Sue Grim 4-13 (HR), Nick George with a HR.

The match between St. Paul's & Star of Bethlehem was postponed & will be made up at a later date.

### Standings

Christ UCC	25	17	.595
St. Paul's	25	17	.595
Dryland	22	20	.524
Ebenezer	22	23	.489
Star of Beth.	20	22	.476
Emmanuel	20	25	.444
Lt. of Christ	20	25	.444
Farmville	17	22	.436

## Hurricane boys get past Solehi in pool

BY PETER CAR  
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On one hand, it was hard for Liberty's boys swim team to get back into competition mode during Christmas break, but on the other, a 117-53 victory over Southern Lehigh made it worth the effort.

"Having a meet over Christmas, it's bad having the stress of a meet, but to be honest, it's better than having doubles every day, so this was a nice little break, not having to have two practices, but it was definitely stressful," said Liberty captain Danny Lehr. "Christmas was just two days ago, so having to come back and swim right away was a little rough. Until Parkland at the end of the year, we don't have that many competitive meets, so it felt so good afterward and we all swam good swims."

The Hurricanes opened the meet with

a 1:38.62 win in the 200 medley relay on a combination of Lehr, Malcolm Collins, Patrick Gilhool, and Addison Collins. The foursome's time was just short of a pool record.

Addison Collins won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:47.01 and the 100 free in 47.95, and Lehr took first place in the 50 free with a time of 23.27. Lehr was a last-minute switch from the 200 IM to the 50 free.

"I wasn't in that until right before the meet. This year, I became more of a sprinter, so I never swam the 50 free in a high school meet, but that's what I really worked on this off-season," Lehr said. "As I've grown and my stroke and technique have changed, it's just been easier for me. My turns and my start, there are definitely some things I could work on to get that faster."

Gilhool was the win-

ner of the 100 butterfly with a time of 51.61 and the 100 backstroke with a time of 51.38.

Liberty's Tim Wetmore took first place in the 500 free with a time of 5:15.82, and Malcolm Collins won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.53.

Addison Collins, Lehr, Malcolm Collins, and Gilhool also won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:32.22.

Regarding this year's boys team, Lehr said, "We've got some pretty good captains. I feel like we put in the work and make everybody be accountable for everything. At the end of practice, we had the whole pool set up and everything cleaned up and ready for the meet today. Everybody hops in on time for warm-ups. I feel like the group we have is really strong this year and gets the job done."

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ers and possibly more, so it presents a major challenge for us."

## BOYS

Continued from page A9 that expects to win their

district and make a deep run at states," said McClary. "We will definitely be without two start-

## Liberty girls fall to Southern Lehigh

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Liberty Hurricanes love competition in the pool, so the Canes invited the Southern Lehigh Spartans to their natatorium over the holidays when Solehi's girls team out swam Liberty's girls, 111-59, on Dec. 27.

"It was really different, being over Christmas, which is a perfect time for a meet, but we don't very often do that," said Liberty swim coach Reik Foust. "but the majority of us swam really well. We had a bunch of best times on the girls' side and looked good."

Liberty junior Brooke Sergent was the only individual event winner for the Hurricane girls with a first place finish

in the 200 IM in 2:20.22 and in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:02.10, despite not feeling at peak performance.

"I just wanted to push through it, work on my underwaters, make sure my turns were good, and work on my technique," Sergent said. "My time was all right, but I felt good during it."

The Hurricane foursome of Sydney Taylor, Morgan Muller, Sergent, and Sarah Park took second place in the 200 medley relay, the first event of the meet, with a time of 2:03.14.

Liberty's Julia Pinter placed second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:53.76.

In the 200 free relay, Park, Katie Bruno, Monica Bruno, and Sergent

came in second with a time of 1:50.78.

Scoring third-place points for the Hurricanes were Park in the 200 free with a time of 2:13.97 and in the 100 free with a time of 59.90, Taylor in the 500 free with a time of 6:23.13 and in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:15.47, and Morgan Muller in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:19.16.

"We knew Southern Lehigh had a real good girls team and that their guys team was gonna give us some races," Foust said. "These guys have always been a real good meet for us."

Liberty's first meet of the new year is scheduled for Jan. 5 when the Hurricanes will host East Stroudsburg South.

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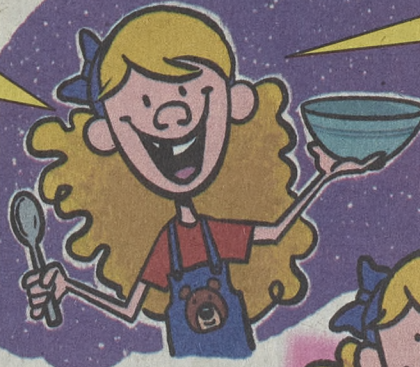
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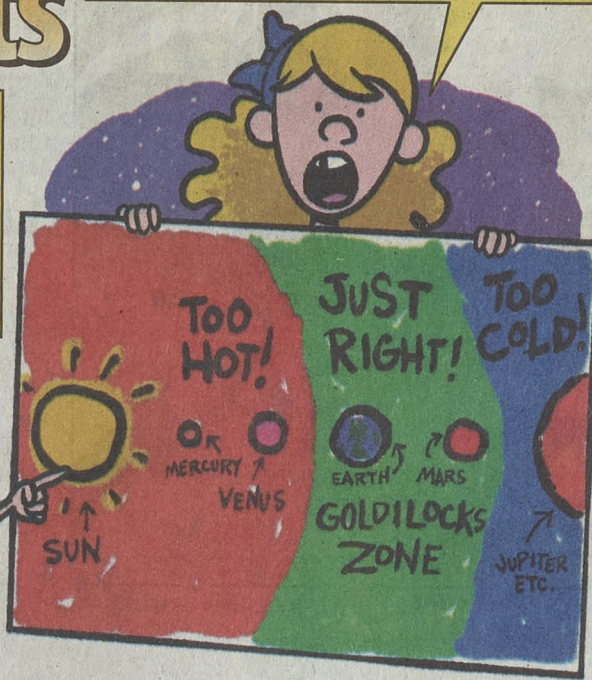


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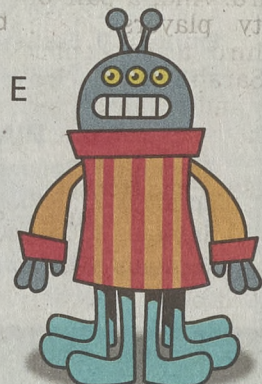
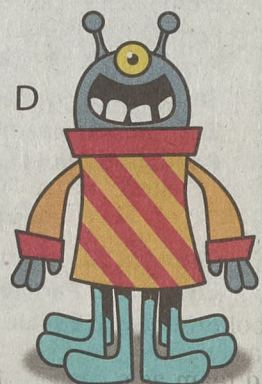
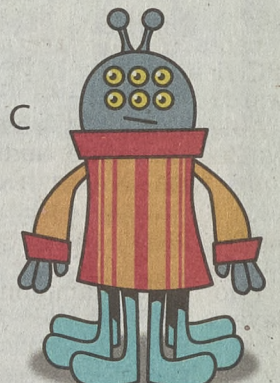
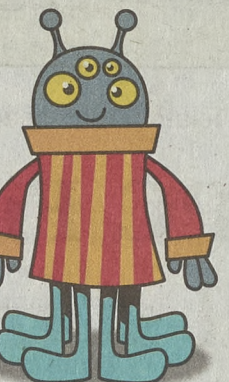
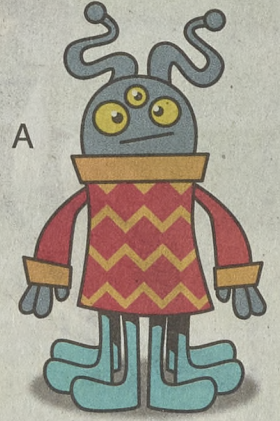
Earth is a "Goldilocks" planet. It's neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water, which is a key ingredient for life. Part of what makes Earth just right is its distance from the sun!



### Kid Scoop Together:

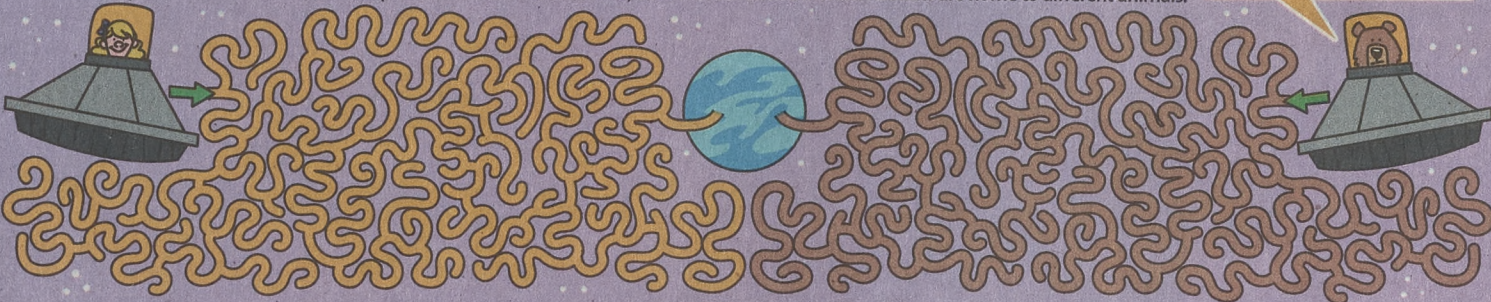
#### Zott or Nott?

Circle all the aliens from the planet Zott using these clues: Aliens from Zott each have at least three eyes, but no more than six. They have antennas, but never curly or wavy ones. Their clothes have stripes, but only vertical ones.



### Goldilocks planets have habitats that are healthy for life.

A habitat is a place where an animal lives. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter. Different habitats are home to different animals.



Choose a spacecraft and race against a friend to see who gets to the Goldilocks planet first.

#### Are we there yet?

Which Goldilocks planet is the closest to Earth? **Proxima Centauri b** (also called Proxima b) is a planet orbiting in the "Goldilocks" zone of the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri. Discovered in 2016, it is about 4.2 light years from Earth.

Until faster ways of traveling through space are discovered, it would take you a long time to reach Proxima Centauri b from Earth using current spacecraft. How long? Circle every other letter to find the answer.

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I D V L E M T J H Y O B U N S T A  
R N V D W Y D E A A T R G S



Which Goldilocks astronaut is different from all the others?

#### Extra! Extra! Just Right

Look through the newspaper for pictures and words that reflect your community. What kinds of things make your community a place that is "just right" for living there?

Standards Link: Students describe the physical and human geography of their local community.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Kepler-16b** is a distant planet that exists just outside a Goldilocks zone. It was first discovered in 2011.

Some scientists have given it the nickname **Tatooine**, Luke Skywalker's home planet in *Star Wars*. Why does Kepler-16b remind them of Tatooine? Use the secret code!

1=B 2=I 3=N 4=O 5=R 6=S 7=T 8=U 9=W

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### Double Double Word Search

- GOLDILOCKS
- POTENTIAL
- PORRIDGE
- DISTANCE
- PLANET
- EARTH
- RIGHT
- STORY
- WATER
- JUST
- ZONE
- COLD
- BOWL
- FOOD
- HOT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

E	S	J	P	A	R	P	F	E	S
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N	C	T	T	S	O	R	O	E	C
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Make It Better

Newspapers are called watchdogs of the community, investigating and reporting on things that need changing or improving. Look for an article about something that needs to change in your community and write a letter to the editor.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Students write persuasive letters citing evidence.



#### What kept Goldilocks awake at night?

ANSWER: Night-bears.

### Write On!

#### Cold Poems

Write a poem about the cold. What's the best part of winter weather? Do you enjoy cold weather or do you prefer the warmer days of spring?



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Emmaus posted 20 shut outs this season and never allowed more than one goal in a game. Here's a look at the team's results from its' state championship season.

### Emmaus Field Hockey 28-0 Regular Season

- Emmaus 3, Pocono Mountain East 1
- Emmaus 13, Bethlehem Catholic 0
- Emmaus 10, Hazleton 0
- Emmaus 3, Easton 1
- Emmaus 9, Northampton 0
- Emmaus 13, Freedom 0
- Emmaus 12, East Stroudsburg So. 0
- Emmaus 5, Hershey 0
- Emmaus 8, Central Bucks East 0
- Emmaus 10, Allen 0
- Emmaus 13, Pleasant Valley 0
- Emmaus 8, Stroudsburg 0
- Emmaus 12, East Stroudsburg North 0
- Emmaus 5, Easton 0
- Emmaus 10, Liberty 0
- Emmaus 13, Whitehall 0
- Emmaus 8, Nazareth 0
- Emmaus 5, Parkland 0

### EPC Playoffs

- Emmaus 11, Liberty 0
- Emmaus 2, Parkland 0
- Emmaus 2, Easton 1

### District 11 Playoffs

- Emmaus 12, Whitehall 0
- Emmaus 9, Easton 1
- Emmaus 5, Parkland 0

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- Emmaus 2, Methacton 1
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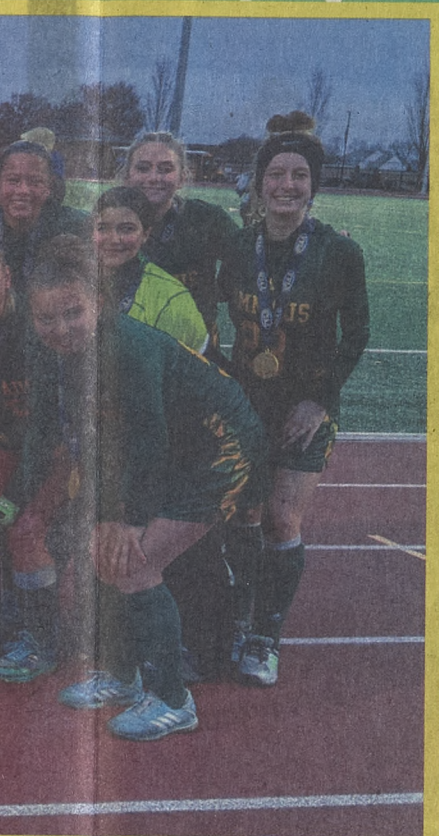
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Emmaus field hockey head coach Sue Butz-Stavin got the 1,000th win of her career when her team beat East Stroudsburg North 10-0 on Tuesday, October 5. The Hornets kept going from there, winning the rest of their games to push Butz-Stavin's career total to 1,015. In doing so the team also helped the longtime head coach pick up her 14th state title, 36th district crown and 39th league championship.

**SUE BUTZ-STAVIN CAREER  
AT A GLANCE**

- Seasons: 46
- Record: 1,015-82-35
- Games: 1,132
- State Tournament Appearances: 37
- State Championships: 14
- State Runner-Up: 2
- State Final Four: 10
- State Quarterfinals: 5
- District Tournament Appearances: 39
- District 11 Championships: 36
- Conference Championships: 39



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## East Hills Moravian Church



As with most of the other large displays, the East Hills putz begins the story in Biblical times and continues it through present day. A scale model of the church is at right.

# Putzing around the Lehigh Valley

BY ED COURRIER

Special to the Bethlehem Press

**T**he Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites Putz Trail sends visitors to five sites, each featuring a "putz." These traditional Moravian decorative displays used around Christmastime get their name from "putzen," a German term, meaning "to decorate" or "to embellish."

The tradition began in the 18th century with home displays. Neighbors would go out "putzing" by visiting Christmas putzes within the Moravian community.

Today, these miniature seasonal productions, often accompanied by a recorded narrative and light show, tell the Nativity story through the use of ornate, hand-crafted figurines, along with model replicas of buildings from biblical times through present day.

All feature a Nativity scene. Most include Bethlehem's first log cabin and pay tribute to the Native Americans the Moravians interacted with.

The Historic Bethlehem Museum sites are accessible to those who have purchased Trees of Historic Bethlehem tickets through Jan. 9.

The Moravian Museum Gemeinhaus at 66 W. Church St., Bethlehem has a collection of putz figurines on display in a cabinet in the front parlor.

The nearby Single Sisters' House on West Church boasts several displays among cinematic-themed Christmas trees.

The main putz, located on the first floor, prominently features the Moravian Church and village of Herrnhut in Saxony, where those of the faith found refuge against persecution on Count Nicholas Louis von Zinzendorf's estate. A Nativity scene is nestled under pieces of driftwood.

Several wide windowsills in the Single Sisters' House each sport a mini-putz with a Nativity scene. Visitors



**PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER**  
The dramatically lit Nativity scene in the Edgeboro Moravian Church putz.



Hand-carved figurines of Joseph and a pregnant Mary travel toward Bethlehem in the Central Moravian Church putz.

can even find Nemo in a windowsill putz.

New for 2021 is a remarkable display that fills up a large room on the second floor. (See "Bethlehem's Model Neighborhood" on page A15.)

Information: <https://historicbethlehem.org/holiday-putz-trail>

There are additional Putz Trail locations in the Bethlehem area that do not require a Trees Pass to visit.

The three church-supported displays ended just ahead

of Christmas Eve. Each presentation concluded with a spotlight on a present day model of their place of worship, from the 1803 Central Moravian Church, to the East Hills Moravian Church built in 1957.

The Central Moravian Church Christmas Putz is annually hosted at 40 W. Church St. in the lower level of Moravian Academy's Christian Education Building. Central Moravian volunteer coordinator Richard Miller explained how

the neighborhood home displays evolved into a centrally-located one at the Visitor's Bureau on Main Street. In 1937; 14,000 people overwhelmed the site.

"The next year it went to the hotel [Hotel Bethlehem] and 32,000 people came and wore out their carpet and their welcome," Miller continued.

In 1942, the putz was moved to its current home in the C.E. Building.

Nativity figurines, buildings and other do-



The Central Moravian putz starts the story with Old Testament prophet Isaiah prophesying about the coming of Christ.

nated pieces are placed among live moss and other greenery.

A Star & Candle Shoppe was located across the hall from the putz.

The Edgeboro Moravian Church at 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem, shared the story of Jesus' birth in sights and sounds with their ambitious putz. Church member and volunteer Arthur Sergent has been setting up the Christmas putz there for around 25 years. Sergent described how he and other volunteers collect around 21 milk crates of moss in late October. These get placed on top of wet newspaper that is draped over boxes and chicken wire.

As with the other displays, the putz at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, has various items sprinkled throughout that "don't belong." East Hills volunteer Linda Marsh explains, "Anomalous items in the putz is to get the children, to catch their atten-

tion, and then to have them look closely at the putz." She adds, "While they are looking for the things that don't belong, they see the things that do belong."

Those with sharp eyes will notice various Disney characters and a Thomas the Tank Engine hiding among the greenery.

The Moravian Historical Society's putz is open through Jan. 9 in the Gray Cottage adjacent to the 1740-1743 Whitefield House Museum at 214 E. Center St., Nazareth.

Here the story begins with the Annunciation and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt to avoid King Herod's wrath.

According to Operations Manager Aubrey Baranowski, circa 1850s hand-carved items from the Krause/Morris family putz and more contemporary pieces from the Sullivan family putz are included in the Gray Cottage display.

See **PUTZING** on Page A15



Edgeboro Moravian Church volunteer Arthur Sergent has been setting up scenes for the Christmas putz there for more than 25 years.



Several wide windowsills in the Single Sisters' House sport a mini putz such as this Nativity scene.





Aubrey Baranowski staffs the Gray Cottage putz in Nazareth.



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Docent Jeanne Reppert points to the second-floor room on the model of the Single Sisters' House, where these recently built large scale models are located. The Gemeinhaus is at left.

# Bethlehem's model neighborhood

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Those following the Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites Putz Trail with the Trees of Historic Bethlehem pass will enjoy a bonus attraction for 2021 on the second floor Saal (place of worship) in the Single Sisters' House.

Hand-crafted large-scale models of Moravian Landmark District buildings, built by retired architect Jim Whildin, occupy "blocks" on tabletops, while the aisles in between form "streets."

Created during the COVID-19 pandemic that began in spring 2020 and its continuation through 2021, these 'jumbo' miniatures obscure the "Jingle Jangle" movie-themed Christmas tree set in their midst.

The Central Moravian Church dominates the intricately detailed landscape. Large buildings like Gemeinhaus and Brothers' House line these "streets." Smaller buildings, such as the 1752 Apothecary, are also part of the second-floor neighborhood.

Bethlehem's entire industrial section is represented with its waterworks, mill, tannery and more.

As with the other Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites tree pass destinations, this display can be viewed through Jan. 9.

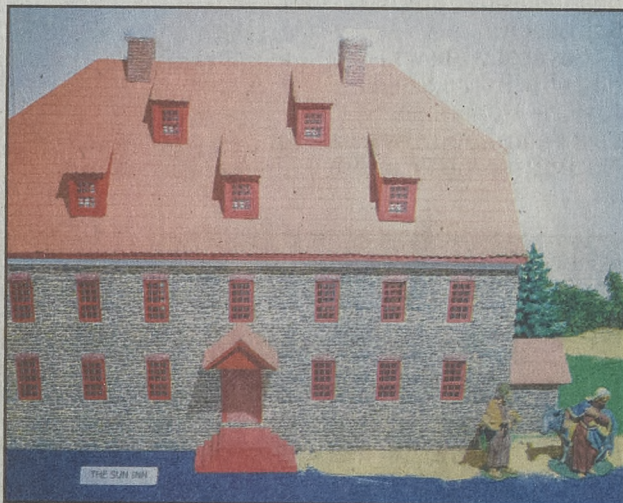


The putz on the first floor in the Single Sisters' House features the Nativity scene nestled under driftwood at left. The majority of the display tells the story of how the Moravians found refuge with the patronage of Count Zinzendorf in the village of Herrnhut.

**Diane Shaw** with "The Moravian Christmas Putz" by Vangie Roby Sweitzer, an illustrated history of the Moravians' holiday displays. According to Central Moravian's vice president of elders, portions of the profit from Star & Candle Shoppe sales are donated to a Christian education endowment fund in Cpt. Christopher Seifert's memory. Seifert was a casualty during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.



The Central Moravian Church dominates the neighborhood of highly detailed scale models of Bethlehem's historic structures created by retired architect Jim Whildin.



Joseph and Mary figurines appear to check if there is any room for them at a model of Bethlehem's Sun Inn.

**Finding Nemo** in his own putz may come as a surprise to some visitors to the Single Sisters' House.



## PUTZING

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Across the room are models of historic Lehigh Valley buildings, including the Whitefield House and Gray Cottage. These were built with basswood by Beth-

lehem resident Robert Wendler who passed away in 2004.

The cottage itself is an original log cabin built by the Moravians in 1740.

Information: [www.moravianhistory.org](http://www.moravianhistory.org)



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	48 / 37 2-3 mph SSW	47 / 35 2-5 mph SW	49 / 33 2-7 mph W	47 / 37 2-6 mph ENE	51 / 42 3-8 mph W	49 / 38 10-21 mph NW	48 / 39 3-8 mph WSW

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### Weather Trivia

What is the most snowfall recorded over a 24-hour period?

Answer: On April 14th and 15th of 1921, Silver Lake, Colorado had 75.8 inches.

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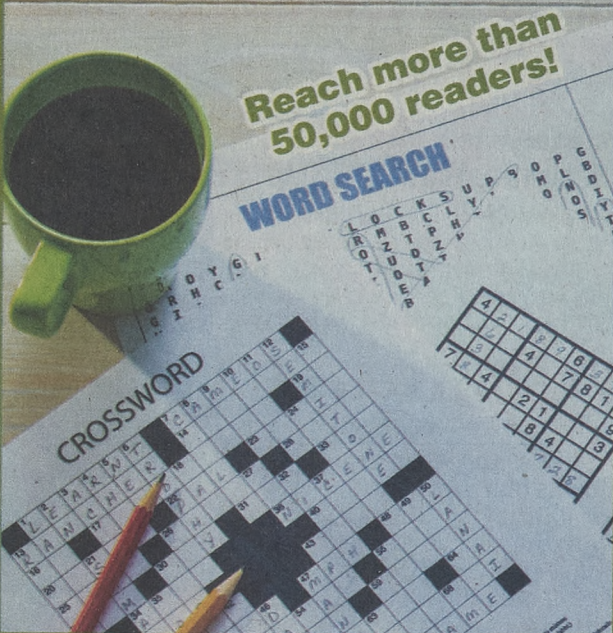
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### Looking back in memoriam and forward with hope

At the end of 2019, I had the bright idea of doing a feature article, "2020 Vision."

It was to be a look at what Lehigh Valley theater groups, concert groups and entertainment presenters and arts organization leaders were seeing for 2020 and beyond.

I had my list of questions in an email prepared for the arts leaders. I was ready to hit the send button.

We all know what happened next: the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

I never hit the send button. To quote a cliché, I had to pivot. As did we all.

I joked, or tried to, that I became the "Coronavirus Closings Editor" of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section, as one by one, arts and entertainment venues shut their doors.

The coronavirus, COVID-19, and its variants, including Delta and Omicron, is no joking matter. It's a deadly serious health concern.

Week after week in 2020, it seemed, in the Focus section, I was writing about what was not happening, rather than what was happening in the Le-



Paul Willistein



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY LEE A. BUTZ  
Kathryn Tkel (Hermia), "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

high Valley. The content of the Focus section, which I edit, changed, too. Gone were "another opening, another show" preview articles. Instead, were articles about area firms changing over to manufacturing hand-sanitizer and the latest protocol at the region's major health-care institutions.

As the coronavirus subsided, or seemed to, or was supposed to, this all was to change in 2021. It did and it didn't. Arts organizations are back, more or less.

Once COVID-19 vaccina-

tions became available, arts groups began to venture forth with in-person shows, concerts and events.

In 2021, Mayfair Festival of the Arts was one of the first major Lehigh Valley events to go in-person for the Memorial Day Weekend at Cedar Crest College.

Musikfest was back with Darius Rucker headlining a sold-out concert at the Wind Creek Steel Stage. Most of the 38th festival's concert sites and food vendors were back, too.

The Great Allentown Fair, dating to 1852, in its 169-year



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Tony Todd (August Wilson), "How I Learned What I Learned," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

history, was not held in 1917 and 1918 during World War I; 1942 - 1945 during World War II, and in 2020 during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown. The Fair was back in 2021 as Toby Keith and Carrie Underwood lit up the Fairgrounds Grandstand stage.

**New stages**  
Just in time for the reopening of some events, summer theater survived, and in some ways, thrived, in the Lehigh Valley in 2021.

There were changes in leadership with more changes to See **ABES** on Page B2

## Lehigh Valley theater 2021: outside the box to cathartic

### CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

It's been another challenging year for theater, but theater demonstrated its resilience.

The year 2021 began with Lehigh Valley theaters, still under the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown, forging ahead with virtual performances.

By the spring and into summer, theater groups started to present in-person shows outdoors and with limited audiences.

The fall marked the return of most theaters to indoor live performances with full capacity audiences.

Since there have been virtual and live shows, I wanted to recognize outstanding performances in all formats.

**Best virtual performance, Zoom format**

"In The Heights," Lehigh University. Lehigh University's Mustard & Cheese Drama Society chose to present its production of "In The Heights" via Zoom with cast members videotaping their parts separately.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Christopher D'Imperio, center, plays all of the D'Ysquith family characters in "A Gentleman's Guide To Love And Murder," Pennsylvania Playhouse.

Zoom is an unforgiving format, and for a show built around the pulsating, close-knit Dominican American neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City, it was a huge challenge. Lehigh's production met the challenge and succeeded in creating the feeling of community, which is essential to the show.

Juan Aleman was personable and appealing as Usnavi, a young bodega owner, despite the constrictions of the Zoom format, in which most of the

cast performed against a white wall.

Other cast members, including Arianna Pineiro as a strong-willed Abuela Claudia, and Jess Flores, as the painfully-conflicted Nina Rosario, who won a scholarship to college but dropped out, overcome the format's limitations to get to the heart of their characters.

**Best virtual performance, videotaped stage format**

"How I Learned To



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Kayman Brown, Gabrielle Mosley and CaSandra Kay Danubio, "Crumbs From The Table Of Joy," DeSales University Act 1.

**Drive," Northampton Community College.** The Northampton Community College Department of Theatre presented a fascinating, harrowing and uncomfortable play that followed the inappropriate relationship between a young woman and her uncle, starting when she is a preteen and continuing into her adulthood.

Paula Vogel's searing drama examined how an over-sexual-

ized environment and thoughtlessly sexist comments by family members created a no-way-out situation for Li'l Bit, the young woman at the center of the quirky play.

Marian Barshinger conveyed the strained innocence of a young girl who is bombarded with inappropriate sexual input, juxtaposed against Jesse Nitchkey's disarmingly

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**ABES**

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The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF), which was dark in 2020, reopened for its 30th season after constructing a new outdoor stage, Air Products Open Air Theatre, on the DeSales University campus. It proved to be an enjoyable theater-going experience.

PSF Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy is stepping down after the 2022 season. After 19 years, Mulcahy will return full-time to the DeSales University faculty. He led PSF longer than any previous leader, including its founder, Rev. Gerard J. Schubert, OSFS.

Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT) stayed dark two seasons in a row, 2020 and 2021.

MSMT Co-Founder Artistic Director Charles Richter and MSMT Co-Founder and Director Of Design and Technical Theater Curtis Dretsch retired at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. Also retiring was Muhlenberg Tap Instructor Shelley Oliver, who made many an MSMT show a tap-dancing extravaganza.

Richter, Dretsch and Jeremy Slavin, Director of Vocal Performance at Muhlenberg, founded MSMT in 1981.

Touchstone Theatre also entered a new stage, building the Barrio Stage on a portion of the parking lot at the south side Bethlehem theater. Touchstone brought back its third annual "Festival Unbound."

As Lehigh Valley theater troupes and concert groups streamed performances in 2020 and into 2021, Touchstone went one step further, utilizing the United States Postal Service to deliver its original production, "Letters from Far," directly to old-school inboxes: mailboxes.

Northampton Community College Summer Theatre canceled its 2020 and 2021 seasons.

At Civic Theatre of Allentown, longtime officials and performers Sharon and Barry Glassman retired to Florida.

Among area arts and entertainment venues reopening for performances and events for audiences were Penn's Peak, Miller Symphony Hall, Roxy Theatre, Allentown Art Museum, Baum School of Art and college and university performing arts centers.

The State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, reopened in September and continued with concerts and national touring productions, including "Waitress."

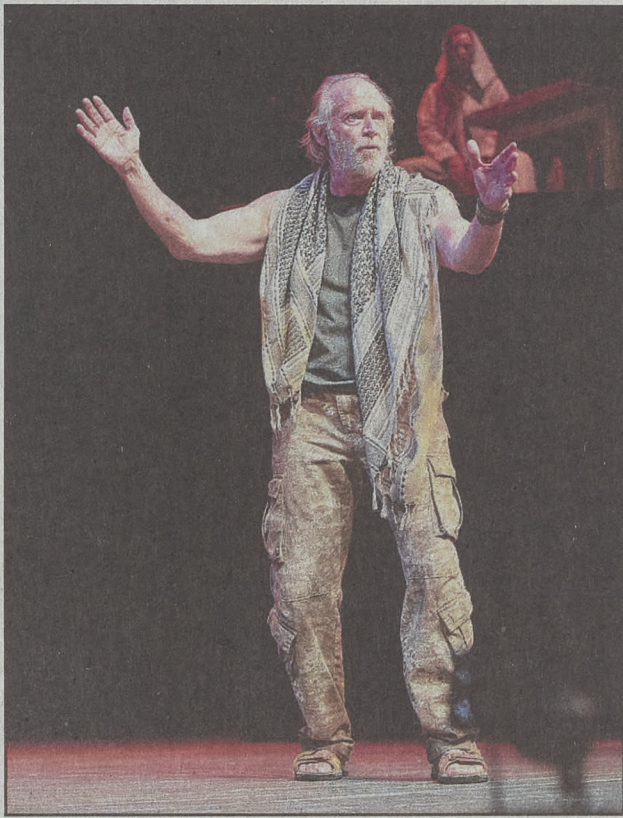
The Freddy's are to be live and in-person for the 20th anniversary on the State Theatre stage in May 2022, State Theatre President and CEO Shelley Brown announced.

The 2020 Freddy's were virtual. The 2021 Freddy's included one song-and-dance number that was socially-distanced.

The Focus section "High School Musicals" series by Ed Courrier carried on in 2020 and 2021.

The significance of high school theater was symbolized by the Dec. 10 visit of Oscar nominee Amanda Seyfried to her alma mater, Allen High School. Seyfried chatted with Allen theater department chair John Sechler. Seyfried, Oscar nominee, supporting actress, "Mank," and noted for starring roles in the feature movies, "Mama Mia!," "Dear John" and "Mean Girls," was on stage at Civic Theatre of Allentown, including "A Christmas Carol."

Another Civic Theatre alum, as well as a Pennsylvania Playhouse alum, Daniel Roebuck, was back in the area to direct his movie, "The Hail Mary."



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Greg Wood (The Poet), "An Iliad," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.



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Annie Hotz (Annie), "Annie," Civic Theatre of Allentown.



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Rebecca Pieper (Sonia Walsk), Ryan Donchez (Vernon Gersch), "They're Playing Our Song," Civic Theatre of Allentown.



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Cheryl Moritz (Cindy Lou Who), "Who's Holiday!," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

It's the third film the Bethlehem Catholic High School graduate filmed in the Lehigh Valley, following "Lucky Louie" and "Getting Grace. Roebuck's acting credits include TV's "Matlock" and the movies "The Fugitive," "River's Edge" and the upcoming "The Munsters."

Diversity was in the spotlight as Lehigh Valley community theaters created the Lehigh Valley Community Theater Consortium to address concerns about equity, diversity and inclusion. Curtain talk announcements at DeSales and Civic Theatre recognized the region's Lenape native American heritage.

**Delta dawn**  
By fall, theater and concert venues invited audiences back if they were fully-vaccinated and displayed a CDC proof of vaccinations card and photo ID. Face masks were required for theater-goers. At concert venues, COVID protocol was often at the behest of touring shows and musicians.

Things seemed to be back to semi-normal. And then: the Delta variant and Omicron. By year's end, some area stage shows were postponed or performances were canceled because a cast or crew member tested positive for COVID-19. On Broadway, some shows canceled performances. The "Christmas Spectacular Starring The Radio City Rockettes" at Radio City Music Hall, which opened Nov. 5 and was to continue through Jan 2, was canceled Dec. 17.

Is it the end of an era in theater, entertainment and the arts? It may be.

It is, for a whole different reason: the Nov. 26 death of Stephen Sondheim. American musical theater will be remembered as Before Sondheim and After Sondheim.

Sondheim's death symbolizes the passing of an era. Sondheim lived to see the beginning of the COVID era. He didn't live to see the end of it. Will we?

**In memoriam**  
The Lehigh Valley theater community saw the death April 13 of a titan of the stage in actor, director and producer

George B. Miller. One can assuage the impact of George, whose reach, with his wife, Kate Scuffle, extended across the ocean to Ireland via their Selkie Theatre.

One cannot appreciate Miller's impact unless you attended one of his productions, from the avant garde at Guthsville Playhouse, to the "Irish plays" at Theatre Outlet, to more recent productions, such as "To Kill A Mockingbird," at Pennsylvania Playhouse. Miller's productions were detailed. His approach to theater was elegant. His outpouring was prodigious.

His voice will be missed, too, as frequent co-host with Kate Scuffle of "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon" on WDIY. We "remain yours," George.

The Lehigh Valley lost a champion of the theater with the June 5 death of Carol Gorney, a frequent contributor to Focus as theater reviewer and to the annual ABES.

Carol's careful and considerate approach to reviewing a play or musical illuminated stage acting, theater craft and the theater canon for performer and audience alike.

Gorney also compiled "The Family Project" column for the Focus section Lifestyle page and wrote feature articles for Bethlehem Press. She received first place in the Features Beat category for her theater reviews in the 2018 and 2019 Keystone Media Awards.

Adeline "Addie" Burt, who was a performer, served on area theater company boards and founded a theater publication, died July 17.

Burt, who co-founded the TheatreEast troupe, started the publication, Theatrical Faces, in 1977, which became Arts Alive! in 1986, continuing until 1999.

We dedicate the 16th annual ABES to George B. Miller, Carol Gorney and Adeline Burt. They're probably comparing notes now.

**2021 ABES**  
The ABES, as in Allentown, Bethlehem Easton, is an attempt to look back and celebrate a year's worth of plays and musicals produced by Lehigh

Valley theater companies.

This is the 16th annual ABES.

Yes, it's "Sweet 16." It's more like "Bittersweet 16."

In addition to theater reviews, which have been appearing on the Lehigh Valley Press website, on the Focus page, "Curtain Rises," by Kathy Lauer-Williams, is published nearly every week in the Focus print edition and online.

Looking back at 2019, in the pre-COVID era, there were 43 theater reviews in Lehigh Valley Press Focus. That compares to 41 theater review in 2018 and 35 theater reviews in 2017.

In 2021, Lehigh Valley Press Focus had 19 theater reviews.

In previous years, the ABES were divided into many categories, similar to those for the Tony Awards, with contributions by consensus from the reviewers. There were also community theater and professional theater categories.

For 2021, Kathy Lauer-Williams and myself wrote articles about some of our favorite shows and performances that we saw in the Lehigh Valley in 2021.

For a list of Lehigh Valley stage shows reviewed in Lehigh Valley Press Focus: Page B3.

**One-Person Shows**

In the COVID era, it made sense to produce one-person shows. Three shows that I saw provided many outstanding moments, which I still rewind in my mind.

**Tony Todd, "How I Learned What I Learned," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival,** Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University. Todd (August Wilson) imbues playwright August Wilson's semi-autobiographical play about growing up in Pittsburgh with towering dignity, passionate humanity and mischievous humor. Director Christopher V. Edwards carefully constructs the play as a series of chapters in Wilson's book of life. Set Design by Baron E. Pugh. Projection Design by C.J. Barnwell, Lighting Design by Jason Lynch,

Sound Design by David M. Greenberg and Costume design by Kendra L. Johnson bring superb artistry to the pristine production in the Lehigh Valley premiere.

**Greg Wood, "An Iliad," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival,** Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University. Wood gives an Olympian performance as The Poet in the play's Lehigh Valley premiere. "An Iliad," by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, is based on Homer's "The Iliad," translated by Robert Fagles. Wood is transcendent, and riveting, especially reciting a litany of presumably all of the wars in human history. "The Iliad," an ancient Greek epic poem which is attributed to Homer, was written circa 8th century BC and, along with Homer's "Odyssey," is among the oldest works of Western literature. Wood enters the stage to a loud percussive sound and is silhouetted by stark white light emanating from a doorway. It's as if Wood is a time-traveling storyteller. On a stage tower is Liz Filios (The Muse), composer and sound designer for the production directed by Wood.

**Cheryl Moritz, "Who's Holiday!," Civic Theatre of Allentown,** Theatre514. Moritz again dazzles in her third annual year in the role of Cindy Lou Who, the outcast of Whoville, in this spoof by Matthew Lombardo of the Dr. Seuss classic, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas." Director Will Morris, Scenic Designer Sam Roff, Scenic Artist Jan Joyce, Sound Designer Randall Utsch, Propmaster Jason Daniel Sizemore and Hair-Wigs Designer Kim Danish set the scene for the hilarious outie show.

**Lead Actor, Non-Musical**  
**Bill Joachim, "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre of Allentown,** Main Stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre. Joachim brings a John Waters' vibe to the role of Ebenezer Scrooge in the Charles Dickens' classic adapted by William Sanders and Sharon Lee Glassman for the stage and directed and choreo-

graphed by Sanders in the 30th anniversary production of the play at Civic. Joachim's thin frame is a perfect representation for skinflint Scrooge. As his life passes before him, Joachim warms to the role to become a benefactor who learns to "keep Christmas well."

**Lead Actress, Non-Musical**

**Trish Cipoletti, "Noelle," Crowded Kitchen Players,** Charles A. Brown Ice House. Cipoletti, as The Uninvited Guest, makes her entrance midway through the show. But, oh, what an entrance. Once, she's on stage, Cipoletti commands the audience's attention as she glides sylph-like from one end to the other. At first, you don't know her purpose, nor does Noelle (Sharon Ferry). When audience and Noelle understand the Uninvited Guest's presence, the reveal may just be one of the best Christmas presents ever.

**Lead Actor, Musical**  
**Ryan Donchez, "They're Playing Our Song," Civic Theatre Of Allentown,** Main Stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre. "Song," as the title states, is playful and

songful. As directed by Civic Theatre of Allentown Artistic Director William Sanders, it's a great choice for the reboot of regularly-scheduled Main Stage shows at Civic. Donchez is Vernon Gersch, the composer, in the musical based on the lives, careers and songs of Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager, partners in song and life (for a time in the late 1970s).

**Lead Actress, Musical**

**Rebecca Pieper, "They're Playing Our Song," Civic Theatre Of Allentown,** Main Stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre. Pieper is Sonia Walsk, the lyricist in the zesty production based on the songwriting team of Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager, composer and lyricist. "Song" has some great songs by Hamlisch and Bayer Sager delivered with exuberance, classy style and in fine voice by Donchez and Pieper. The actors also have great timing in delivering the witty dialogue of Neil Simon, who wrote the book for the musical.

**Ensemble Performer, Non-Musical**

**"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival,** Air Products Open Air Theatre, DeSales University. PSF hangs the moon literally, albeit, with a rope and pulley raising a two-dimensional lunar image where William Shakespeare's comedy classic sallies forth. In the direction by Matt Pfeiffer, "Midsummer" unfolds as an eyes-wide-open "Dream," the cast energetically working the entire stage, grassy areas in front of the stage and at the side of the stage. There's even a trapdoor (After all, what would a Shakespeare play be without a trapdoor?). The outdoor setting seems to have liberated Pfeiffer's band of merry thespians, invigorating them with a freedom of movement and interaction with each other and audience.

It's Puck ever after with Mary Tuomanen taking center stage with sparkling energy, in terrific voice and an enthusiasm that enervates the entire show. Ian Merrill Peakes as the redoubtable Nick Bottom struts and voices stridently the role, even more so when transformed to a hee-haw donkey when he really kicks up his heels. As the gamine Hermia, Kathryn Tkel charms and stands her ground, as does her counterpart Brett Ashley Robinson, a brash and bold Helena. Akeem Davis prevaricates effectively.

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ly as Demetrius, while Luigi Sottile is no bystander as Lysander. Holding court are Eleanor Handley, elegant and regal, respectively, as Hippolyta and Titania, and Lindsay Smiling, imposing and earnest, respectively, as Theseus and Oberon.

"Midsummer Night's Dream" represents a joyful return for the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Kudos to PSF Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy, the staff and board of directors for pushing forward. Without Shakespeare, it would have been another sad summer.

And so we bid adieu, against a backdrop of trees, chirping birds, blue sky and soon a Center Valley sunset splashed with orange and pink. The real quarter-moon rises in the west after Puck's epilogue and the actors have taken their bows. As twilight settles in, lightning bugs flicker forth, the very fairies of the night, further illuminating this fanciful tale that vanishes as a dream.

**Ensemble Performance, Musical (tie)**

"Annie," Civic Theatre of Allentown, Main Stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre. The classic musical, set in Great



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bill Joachim (Ebenezer Scrooge), "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

Depression-era New York City, is based on the book by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin, and directed by Civic Theatre of Allentown Artistic Director William Sanders. Annie Hotz, as plucky orphan Annie, is fabulous in the title role as she goes from down-and-out ragamuffin abandoned by con-artist parents to fairytale-level princess, and charms everyone in the process. Robert Fahringer (Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks) turns in a stellar performance.

His voice and presence are riveting. Melisa Klausner (Miss Agatha Hannigan) is superb as the abusive matron of the orphanage. Hannigan drinks like a sailor, barks like a drill instructor and doesn't mind swindling a few thousand bucks. Jarrod Yuskaukas (Daniel "Rooster" Hannigan) is great as the hustler who tries to con Warbucks. His beautiful partner in crime and love interest, Lily St. Regis (Cindy Lozada), is perfect as a trophy girlfriend and wanna-be moll who shows great



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Sharon Ferry (Noelle), Trish Cipoletti (The Uninvited Guest), "Noelle," Crowded Kitchen Players.

interest when money is mentioned.

"A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Rody Gilkeson directs a tour-de-force that brings great voices, wonderful costumes, dramatic lighting and a terrific cast together on stage in a fast-moving murder-mystery musical. With book and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman and music and lyrics by Steven Lutvak, it's based on a novel by Roy Horniman. Patrick Mertz

(Monty Navarro) showcases his musical chops in the ode to his true love in "Sibella." Christopher D'Imperio (The D'Ysquith Family, in multiple roles) is superlative as he ranges from haughty upper-class English gentleman (Lord Adalbert D'Ysquith), to portraying a pub patron (Henry D'Ysquith) and Lady Hyacinth D'Ysquith. Kimberly Mertz (Sibella Hallward) and Patrick Mertz make bright, romantic, sparkly sparks in several scenes. Elizabeth Marsh-Gilkeson (Phoebe

D'Ysquith) is delightful, notably in "Inside Out" with Patrick Mertz (Monty) and Kimberly Mertz (Sibella) in "That Horrible Woman."

**Original Play**

"Noelle," Crowded Kitchen Players, Charles A. Brown Ice House, Bethlehem. "Noelle" is the un-Christmas play. It advances, then demolishes, the shibboleths about the season. The play, written and directed by Ara Barlieb, who also wrote an original drama, "Corner Booth" presented by CKP in 2021, assembles one of the most disagreeable bunch of characters this side of a family-induced intervention. Rudy (David Oswald) and his wife, Dominique (Suzy Barr Hoffman), are trying to dislodge Noelle (Sharon Ferry) from her apparent Alzheimer's reverie. There's an assortment of madcap interlopers and onlookers, led by an ex-wife Vicky (Pamela McLean Wallace), a Rabbi (Jerry Brucker) and the Wikipedia-infused Kenny (Scott VanNortwick). One can't help but be carried off by the hilarious dialogue in the carrying-ons. A surprisingly-sweet ending to this Christmas Eve fable leaves nary a dry eye in the house.

Douglas Graves contributed to this article.

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charming Uncle Peck, who offers to teach her to drive, but has an ulterior motive.

**Best production, face masks**

"Dracula," Cedar Crest College. The Performing Arts Department at Cedar Crest College presented a satisfyingly cerebral production of the classic vampire thriller "Dracula." The entire cast was masked throughout the show, but turned in strong performances that made audience members forget the actors were encumbered by masks.

Ryan Patrick Allen as the titular vampire took creative masking to the next level and made particularity good use of his eyes to convey another level of unease.

**Thinking outside the mailbox award**

"Letters From Far," Touchstone Theatre. When audiences couldn't come to Bethlehem's Touchstone Theatre, Touchstone figured out a way to send theater to its audience. Touchstone's original production "Let-



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"Spring Awakening," Northampton Community College.

ters from Far" was sent to audiences by mail over four weeks.

Letters, journal excerpts and artwork told a story of an expedition to another world in the future. The expedition, sent to explore a mysterious rift in the American Midwest in 2032, reported a world with a strangely threatening sun, creepy moving statues and huge singing trees. The story unfolded intriguingly through the letters from scientists, journalists and artists.

**Best musical, in-person**

"Spring Awaken-

ing," Northampton Community College. The Northampton Community College Theatre Department kicked off its 2021-22 season with a dynamic and heartbreaking performance of the coming-of-age rock musical "Spring Awakening."

Deft direction by NCC Theater Department Chair William Mutimer, combined with powerful performances by Samantha Prentice as the innocent teenage Wendla, Justin Abarca as the quietly rebellious Melchior and August Gaumer as the anxious, ostracized Moritz, created a moving and

memorable show.

**Best play, in-person**

"Crumbs From The Table of Joy," DeSales University Act 1. The memory play, "Crumbs From The Table of Joy," was unforgettable from beginning to end. The devastating play about loss, hope and resilience featured standout performances by Gabrielle Mosley as the shy but determined Ernestine, whose goal is to be the first in the family to graduate high school; Lee Shawn as Lily, Ernestine's aunt who explodes on the stage with her talk of revolution and empowerment, and Kayman Brown as Ernestine's desperate father devastated by his wife's death.

**Best performance, actor**

Christopher D'Imperio, "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," Pennsylvania Playhouse. In the delightfully decadent musical that featured plenty of outstanding performances, Christopher D'Imperio played the entire D'Ysquith family with gusto. D'Imperio was memorable in each of his nine roles, whether playing the detestable

Asquith D'Ysquith Jr. or the kindly but doddering Lord Asquith D'Ysquith Sr. His roles included an incredibly hammy actress, a flamboyant gay man, a bodybuilder with an hilarious muscle suit and a tipsy pastor.

**Best ensemble**

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The outdoor production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was a laugh-out-loud delight from the moment the cast marched in from stage left, beating drums and dancing. The playful and vibrant play about fairies, lovers and magic was brisk, energetic and featured outstanding performances all around.

**Best director**

William Sanders, "Annie," Civic Theatre of Allentown. It's always a challenge to direct children and pets. In Civic Theatre's "Annie," director William Sanders held it all together for a wonderfully-buoyant musical that was a perfect choice to open Civic's fall season. From the moment the curtain rose on a stage full of energetic orphans, the production proved enchanting and

exuberant to the jubilant end. As red-headed orphan Annie, Annie Hotz, had lots of presence and a big voice. The other children were adorable, particularly Arianna Millheim as Annie's younger sidekick Molly. Even when dog Jingles as Sandy didn't follow stage directions, it just added to the live theater charm.

**Most cathartic production**

"Shrek," Munopco Music Theatre. As one of the first productions to be presented in person in the fall, Munopco's "Shrek" was an unapologetic delight that felt like a huge breath of fresh air. The big, bright, colorful, triumphant performance had energy to spare and got the entire audience on its feet dancing by the end. Strong performances by Rob Clausnitzer as the wise-cracking ogre, Monica Handwerk as the brassy princess Fiona, Shy Torres as the motor-mouth Donkey and a scene-stealing turn by Kristofer Swanson as the height-impaired Lord Farquaad combined with Daniel Petrovich's brisk direction for a show that was unabashedly joyous.

**List of theater reviews in Lehigh Valley Press Focus in 2021**

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Following is a list of theater reviews published on the Lehigh Valley Press Focus website.

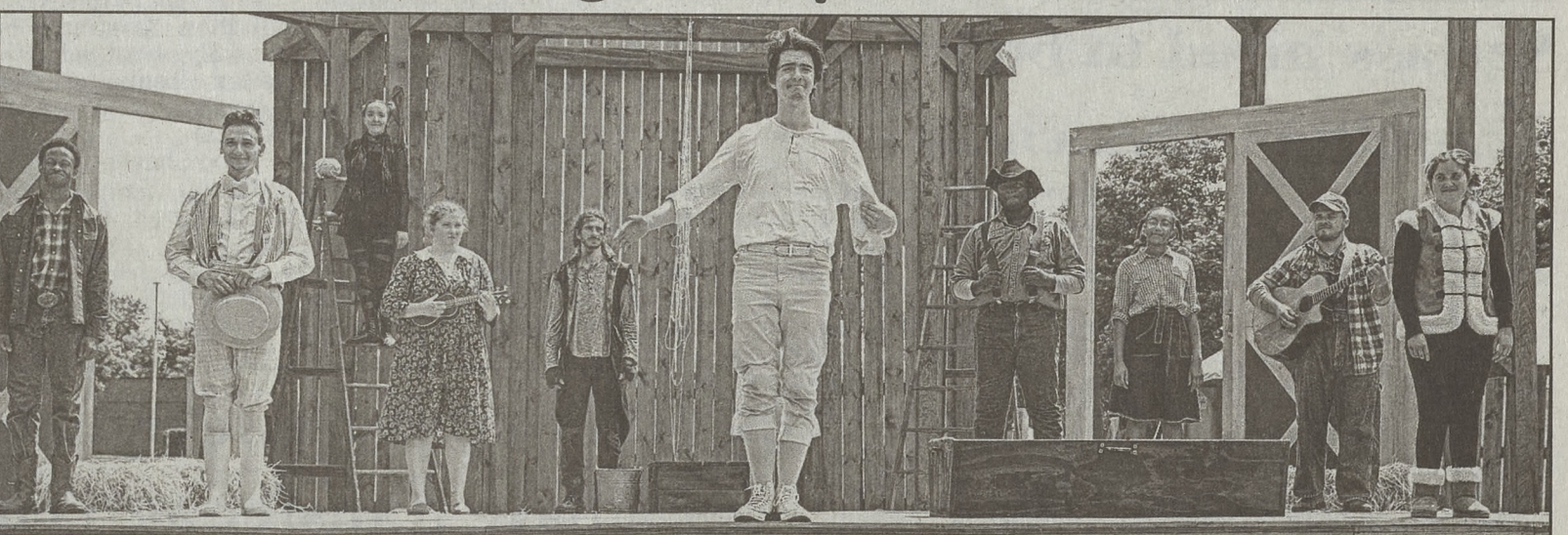
The reviews are of area stage shows presented and seen in-person before audiences in theaters.

The list includes the title of the play, theater group, date published and reviewer.

To read a review, go to the Lehigh Valley Press website, click on the Focus page and, in the article search box on the upper right, type in the play title.

**Theater reviews 2021**

- "Noelle," Crowded Kitchen Players, Dec. 27. Douglas Graves
- "A Christmas Carol," Civic Theatre Of Allentown, Dec. 15. Douglas Graves
- "Who's Holiday!," Civic Theatre Of Allentown, Dec. 15. Douglas Graves
- "A Christmas Carol," DeSales University Act 1, Dec. 15. Paul Willistein
- "Christmas City Follies XXII," Touchstone Theatre, Dec. 15. Paul



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A new outdoor stage, Air Products Open Air Theatre, was constructed for the 2021 season of the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival on the lawn in the vicinity of Labuda Center for the Performing Arts at DeSales University. Above, a 2021 performance of "Charlotte's Web" on the PSF outdoor stage.

- Willistein
  - "Home For The Holidays," The Pines Dinner Theatre, Dec. 5. Douglas Graves
  - "Silence! The Musical," Civic Theatre Of Allentown, Oct. 28. Paul Willistein
  - "A Gentleman's Guide To Love And Murder," The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Oct. 11. Douglas Graves
  - "Annie," Civic Theatre Of Allentown," Oct. 2. Douglas Graves
  - "Shrek The Musical," Munopco Music Theatre, Sept. 29. Douglas Graves
  - "An Illiad," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, July 30. Paul Willistein
  - "They're Playing Our Song," Civic Theatre Of Allentown, July 30. Paul Willistein
  - "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, July 16. Paul Willistein
  - "Charlotte's Web," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, July 16. Douglas Graves
  - "How I Learned What I Learned," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, July 4. Paul Willistein
  - "12 Angry Jurors," The Pennsylvania Playhouse, June 18. Douglas
  - Graves
  - "Corner Booth," Crowded Kitchen Players, June 11. Douglas Graves
  - "Under The Boardwalk," The Pines Dinner Theatre, May 28. Douglas Graves
  - "Lucky Lindy's Not So Lucky Landing," The Pines Dinner Theatre, Feb. 26. Carole Gorney
  - Theater topic articles**
- Here are some theater topic articles and previous year's ABES articles, also accessible via the Lehigh Valley Press website:
- George B. Miller tribute, April 23. Paul Willistein
  - West End Theatre District, July 24. Carole Gorney
  - 2020 ABES, Jan. 15, 2021
  - 2019 ABES, Jan. 1, 2020



## Lehigh Valley Health Network asks visitors to be vaccinated

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) is requesting all visitors be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to provide more protection to staff and patients amid the ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases, including infections from the omicron variant.

In addition to the vaccination request, LVHN is limiting visits in adult inpatient units, including critical care, medical-surgical and low-level monitoring units, to two visitors.

The visitors must be designated for the patient's entire hospital stay, meaning only the selected individuals can visit. Visitors will be allowed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.

Visitors are required to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose

and should remain in the patient's room.

Visitors are not permitted to eat or drink while visiting patients and are asked to use café areas for food and beverages.

"Taking additional visitation precautions is vital to help safeguard patients as well as physicians, nurses and other caregivers in all hospitals in the health network," said Alex Benjamin, MD, Chief Infection Control and Prevention Officer, LVHN. "We know the restrictions may pose challenges and inconvenience for some, but they're necessary under current conditions."

"The pandemic continues to exact a heavy toll and many of our COVID-19 hospitalizations are preventable,"

said Benjamin. "Please consider getting vaccinated if you have not done so yet and schedule your booster if eligible."

Those not complying with the new guidelines could lose visiting privileges.

For expectant mothers, one support person and one additional visitor at a time are allowed and both must be designated for the duration of the hospital stay. Visits are allowed regardless of time of day at the discretion of clinical staff. A doula is allowed.

Visiting policies can vary by unit.

**For regulations on hospital areas including women and children's units, cancer care, behavioral health and more: www.LVHN.org/visitation**

## St Luke's Health Network limits visits to vaccinated

St. Luke's University Health Network has updated its hospital visitor policy in response to a dramatic, ongoing surge in Covid-19 cases, including a portion of which that have been identified as the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

Under St. Luke's updated visitor policy, the Network will allow for up to two vaccinated visitors per patient at all of its hospital locations.

The decision to restrict visitors to only individuals who are vaccinated is out of concern and for the protection of the most vulnerable population, as well as health-care staff whose ability to work at this time is critical.

Here is the updated vaccination policy:

• All visitors are required to be fully-vacci-

nated against COVID-19.

• Visiting hours are from noon - 8 p.m. for up to two visitors, age 12 and older.

• Masks are to be worn (covering nose and mouth) and social distancing maintained for the duration of the visit.

• Eating and drinking by visitors should be limited to cafeterias, as available. Visitors may not eat or drink while in patient rooms or in waiting areas as this requires mask removal and increases risk of infection.

• Visitors must be in good health and may be subject to a health screening.

• Visits for COVID-19 positive patients is prohibited except for those nearing end of life.

• For patients with cognitive or intellectual disabilities, one support

person may remain with the patient.

• Visitors are not permitted in infusion centers or radiation therapy areas.

• Visits for end-of-life patients can occur at any time, but it is preferred if the following times are avoided: 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

• Visitors may not congregate in common or waiting room areas while waiting to visit.

• For same-day surgeries, procedures and emergency department, one visitor per patient is permitted.

\* Specialty-specific guidelines are available at patient-information desks or on patient-care units.

**Information:** <https://www.slhn.org/covid-19>

## LVHN receives \$4.5 million for LVH-Muhlenberg, Reilly

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has announced that the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital and the intensive care unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - Muhlenberg will receive \$4.5 million in state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grants for support and expansion of capacity.

The grants were secured by Commonwealth Senators Pat Browne (R-16th) and Lisa Boscola (D-18th) and Representatives Ryan Mackenzie (R-134th District) and Jeanne McNeill (D-133rd).

"Convenient access to specialized care is something the people of our communities need, expect, and deserve," said Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of LVHN. "This funding will bring life-saving care to more people, and we thank our elected officials for their partnership and support of world-class health care at LVHN."

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital will receive \$3.5 million to expand its 32-bed NICU at LVH - Cedar Crest. When the project is complete, the facility will have 46-50 Level IV NICU beds; negative pressure rooms, which help prevent the transmission of airborne diseases, and special procedure rooms. Neo-

natologists and nurses in the NICU provide care for the most vulnerable babies and ensure that each family and baby receives the highest level of care and support.

LVH - Muhlenberg will receive \$1 million to add eight ICU beds adjacent to its ICU, bringing the total to 28 beds. In September, LVH - Muhlenberg began operating as a Level II trauma center. Additional ICU beds will help get patients from the emergency department to a critical-care bed faster.

"As the Lehigh Valley continues to grow, additional demand has been placed on the region's health care infrastructure, making the need for capacity expansion necessary," said Browne. "Lehigh Valley Health Network plays a critical role in our communities health and well-being, providing outstanding care and services to our residents. Along with my colleagues in the General Assembly, I am proud to help support their mission."

"The Lehigh Valley is blessed with a tremendous network of health care systems that have been called upon in ways never imagined just 20 months ago, and they have responded," Boscola said. "This critical state investment will aid Lehigh Valley Health Network with their intensive care units that have been called upon to

serve the public health in an extraordinary fashion and whose continued improvements will improve the lives of our residents."

"I am proud to have had the opportunity to support Lehigh Valley Health Network's expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital," said Mackenzie. "This expansion will provide critical health care access for compromised newborns in our region."

"Once this project is complete, eight new critical care beds will be added at LVH - Muhlenberg, bringing critical care capacity to 28," McNeill said. "The intensive care unit cares for all types of critically ill patients, and the added capacity will provide benefit to the entire Lehigh Valley."

The RACP is a Commonwealth grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects. RACP projects are authorized in the Redevelopment Assistance section of a Capital Budget Itemization Act, have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, and generate substantial increases or maintain current levels of employment, tax revenues, or other measures of economic activity.

## Vice president for nursing named at Good Shepherd

Jeanne Dzurek, MPH, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, has joined Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network as Senior Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer.

Dzurek, a health-care executive with more than 25 years of experience in advancing patient outcomes and promoting nursing excellence in small hospital settings and large academic health systems, oversees Good Shepherd's nursing, patient safety, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, infection prevention, quality and regulatory compliance, education, wound-care, staffing and float pool teams. Dzurek serves on Good Shepherd's Senior Leadership Team.

Prior to joining Good Shepherd, Dzurek was Administrator, Integrated Coordination:

Inpatient Care Management, Lehigh Valley Health Network, where she was responsible for discharge-planning at seven acute-care hospitals and orthopedic surgical centers.

Prior to joining LVHN in 2018, Dzurek held executive positions at One City Health, a subsidiary of NYC Health and Hospitals, New York, N.Y.; Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, N.Y., and New York University, New York, N.Y. While at NYU, Dzurek was Director of Nursing, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Dzurek received a master of public health from the City University of New York, a bachelor of science in nursing from Niagara University and a post-graduate certificate in bioethics and



Jeanne Dzurek

humanities, co-sponsored by New York University and Montefiore Medical Center.

Dzurek received a certification from the Wharton Nurse Leaders Program at University of Pennsylvania and is a Nurse Executive Advanced-Board Certified. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, American Organization of Nurse Leaders and Sigma Theta Tau.

## Good Shepherd receives rehabilitation accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has re-accredited Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital in Allentown, as well as its inpatient Pediatric Unit in Bethlehem, for a period of three years for the following programs:

• Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs - Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, Allentown (Adults)

• Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs - Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Emily Howatt Pliskatt Pediatric Unit, Bethlehem (Pediatric Specialty Program)

• Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs - Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital: Amputa-

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• Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs - Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital: Spinal Cord System of Care (Adults)

• Inpatient Rehabilitation Programs - Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital: Stroke Specialty Program (Adults)

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, 850 S. 5th Street, has been accredited by CARF since 1983. CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting organiza-

tion, which works to ensure that high standards of care and quality are met by its accredited inpatient rehabilitation providers.

"CARF accreditation is the gold standard for rehabilitation providers," said Michael Spiegel, PT, MHA, President & CEO of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. "Organizations receiving accreditation undergo a rigorous peer-review process and demonstrate to a team of surveyors that their program is of the highest quality. Our six accreditations are but one way we separate Good Shepherd from other rehabilitation hospitals and units."

## Serfass hired to build \$22-million area church

Serfass Construction has announced that it has been hired as Construction Manager for Grace Church Bethlehem's \$22-million worship facility, 4301 Hecktown Road, Bethlehem.

The 35,000-square-foot facility will feature a 650-seat sanctuary equipped for classic, modern and online worship, an atrium, café and a multi-purpose room, children and student spaces, administrative spaces and an exterior memorial garden.

Major sitework was to have begun Nov. 22. The project is to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

Mann-Hughes Architects, Doylestown, leads the design team.

"We are excited to be part of Grace Church's new worship facility. The design is a well-complemented blend of contemporary modern yet classical and timeless. Serfass Construction Company has built dozens of churches throughout the Lehigh Valley,

and we are proud to add Grace Church of Bethlehem to our portfolio," said Matthias Fenstermacher, Vice President of Serfass Construction.

Serfass Construction, Allentown, was founded in 1948 by Elmer Serfass and is a family-owned business. Serfass has evolved from a small residential remodeling company into one of the largest commercial construction and development firms in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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## LCCC, Susquehanna U. have transfer agreement

Susquehanna University and Lehigh Carbon Community College have partnered to make it easier for Lehigh Val-

ley students to continue their education and receive a bachelor's degree.

Susquehanna University President Jonathan Green and Lehigh Carbon Community College President Ann D. Bieber signed a transfer agreement that will offer Lehigh Carbon graduates guaranteed admission to Susquehanna University.

Students at LCCC who submit a letter of intent to attend Susquehanna University prior to completing 30 trans-

ferable credit hours will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor's degree program with third-year (junior) status at Susquehanna University upon completion of an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree.

Information about admission to LCCC, email: [admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:admissions@lccc.edu), or call 610-799-1575.

For information about admission or transfer to Susquehanna, email: [suadmiss@susque.edu](mailto:suadmiss@susque.edu), or call 570-372-4260.



## Christmas courtesy begins with thank-you note

Dear Jacquelyn,  
I know that you're supposed to send thank-you notes for birthday and other gifts throughout the year. I'd love to hear your thoughts regarding whether you should send thank-you notes for every single gift you receive at Christmas-time.

Dear Reader,  
It's a grand and gracious act to consider sending each individual a thank-you note for a Christmas gift.

Sending individual thank-you notes is a wonderful idea, but it's not necessary if you open a gift in front of someone and thank

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them in person.

If the gift-giver wasn't present to see you open a gift, use this opportunity to thank them with a personal note.

If you decide to go the extra mile and send everyone a thank-you note, I think it's a very courteous gesture.

These hand-written notes are important in showing gratitude and appreciation to those who took the time to think of you during the holidays. As a bonus, it makes the recipient feel

good and lets the gift-giver know that you appreciate the gift. This is an excellent way to stretch out that feel-good holiday spirit.

It is important to remember that when you do send a thank-you note after the holiday, include a brief personal message the same way you would for a gift received during the year.

You can write something simple, like "Thank you so much for your thoughtful Christmas gift. I really appreciated it."

The best Christmas gift thank-you is one that comes from the heart, written with gratitude. If you happen to have children around, this is a good time to

teach them to express gratitude. Include them in the thank-you note writing.

Courtesy always makes people feel valued, which makes you feel good, too. There is no better time to show your appreciation than around the holidays.

Respectfully Yours,  
Jacquelyn

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## Finding Christmas joy during hard times

'Tis the season to be jolly, filled with the good cheer of Christmas.

But what if you're not feeling that joy? What if your Christmas season is filled with a tinge of sadness?

While there are some rough seas in my life, right now my heart is definitely brimming with the joy of the season.

But I am forced to be sensitive to the fact that Christmas isn't a happy time for everyone. Many struggle to get through this season when they are mired in sadness while everyone else seems to be enjoying it.

I have never had a time like this when so many of my friends are grieving the loss of loved ones or trying to cope with serious illness.

That probably has much to do with my age. When I was younger and most of my friends were too, we seldom were forced to deal with crippling health problems or the grief of losing a loved one. We thought our biggest Christmas challenge was getting everything done on time.

I remember so many years when I wanted to shout "But I'm not ready" when Christmas arrived. Like many other women I scrambled to finish my Christmas shopping in between work, extra baking and holiday preparations for my family's visit.

What I didn't realize back then is that it was all a joyful problem to have.

As we get older our problems aren't always that fixable.

My friend Janet just lost her husband of many years. My friend Al is struggled to cope with the death of his wife and two other friends lost their mothers during the holiday season.

Losing a loved one is difficult any time. It's even harder during the Christmas season.

Two people who are precious to me have terminal conditions and are probably facing their last Christmas.

All that saddens me as I spend time with them.

Writer Gwen Cote has been a beacon of light in her uplifting spiritual essays, even as she, too, is trying to cope with her mother's death.

"It does not help to push back the feelings of sadness, pretending they are not there," she says. "Trying to mask the feelings of loss and loneliness only deepens feelings of sorrow."

What helps, Gwen says, is seeing Christmas in a new and broader way. She stresses Christmas is the birth of love unsurpassed. "It's God's love born in the child Jesus.

"We know God's loving touch through those we are blessed to love in our lives.

Remembering that love can gladden our hearts," she says.

Not everyone is consoled in the same way.

My friend Janet says when she thinks about the love her late husband showered on her it makes her miss him more.

I understand what she means. After my husband Andy died, it

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took three years before I could think of him without pain.

Now, with the passage of time, I find thinking about Andy's unselfish love and devotion makes me feel blessed to have shared that love for more than 42 years.

Gwen says she can't feel festive this year by following the same traditions she had for years when she celebrated with her mother.

Instead of putting up a big Christmas tree as they always did, she handmade a tiny, whimsical tree.

Well, I can certainly relate to that.

After Andy died I had no heart to put up a big tree as we always did. I told my friend Mary I wanted a bare birch branch because I thought it was more symbolic of what I was feeling inside.

Mary went out and found the perfect birch branch and planted it in a tub for me. I decorated it only with birds. I have always found joy in birds. For me, they have an almost mystical appeal.

That bird Christmas tree became my new Christmas tradition for many years.

Gwen wisely says we can remain rooted in joy during any emotional storm as long as we remember joy is possible and continually nurture its growth.

"Joy is a gift from God but we must tend it," she says.

I need to tend to the joy inside me by finding things that work for me during this hard Christmas season when I will be without my family for the first time.

I concentrate on little things that I enjoy. I lounge in my colorful super-soft Christmas PJ's that make me feel good whenever I wear them.

I pamper myself with warm vanilla body wash and lavender soap, enjoying the soothing smell.

I find that Christmas music is a great mood lifter.

I especially like Mannheim Steamroller's Christmas albums, especially their rendition of "Silent Night." It's the best I ever heard.

When I need to relax enough to fall asleep I listen to Dan Gibson's "Christmas in the Country." I close my eyes and hear the sleigh bells, picturing a horse-drawn sleigh on a snowing night.

As someone who truly loves people I find that most people contact, even of a short duration, makes me feel good.

It also helps when you get out of your own head. Visit friends and give them your full attention.

Most of all I concentrate on what I do have, not what I don't have.

Regardless of circumstances, we can all find Christmas joy, even if we have to work to find it.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

## Don't let toddler set rules at the table

Q: My question is about setting boundaries for our 20-month-old son. Tonight, he started crying because he wanted to eat dinner while playing. I tried to get him to sit at the table and eat, but he just kept sobbing hysterically. Finally, I gave up and let him do what he wanted. Am I creating a bad pattern?

Letting your toddler do what he wants despite the family rules, will definitely create a bad pattern, the Family Project panel agreed.

"When you allow him to make his own rules, you are creating a pattern that next time he will cry more to get his way. What you are doing is teaching him to manipulate you," said panelist Joanne Raftas.

"He is old enough to express frustration, but the parent has to tough through it and establish boundaries. Teaching him that mealtime is not playtime is really important," agreed panel-

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ist Mike Daniels.

"It's not goof to let toddlers get what they want. If the rule is 'Everyone eats meals at the table,' don't let him change the rules because he is crying," added Raftas.

Panelist Denise Continenza asked how long the parent expects the boy to sit quietly at the table.

"Maybe you could try slowly increasing your expectations of how much time he has to sit at the table. But giving in to his tantrum won't teach him the family routine," Continenza said.

Raftas wondered how the parent handles other rules and boundaries in the home.

"If you give in on this, he is going to be crying for whatever he wants. It's not a discussion. He has to eat at the table.

Maybe you could let him bring a small toy to the table with him," Raftas said.

What are the expectations, asked panelist Chad Stefanyak.

"At 20 months, he might not yet be in the habit of regular meals and his body might not be conditioned to sit down and eat dinner. Differentiate between food that are snacks and 'eat-at-the table' foods. He can eat snacks like veggie sticks while he plays and you can get some nutrition in him," Stefanyak said.

Raftas suggested giving him the option not to eat.

"It's OK if he doesn't want to eat, but he can't take the food with him to play. You have to hold the line. Parents create the rules," Raftas said.

**This week's panel:** Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Joanne T.

Raftas, registered play therapist and counselor, and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

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## Many reasons for causing xerostomia

Q: My mouth seems to be a bit dry most of the time. Does this mean anything?

Everyone experiences dry mouth occasionally. We get it when we are under stress. But if you have dry mouth all or most of the time, you need medical help. The medical term for this condition is xerostomia.

Symptoms of this problem are: saliva that seems thick, sores or split skin at the corners of your mouth, difficulty speaking and swallowing, bad breath, a change in your sense of taste, increased plaque, tooth decay and gum disease.

Most xerostomia is related to the medications taken by older adults rather than to the effects of aging. More than 400 medicines can affect the salivary glands. These include drugs for urinary incontinence, allergies, high blood pressure, depression, diarrhea and Parkinson's disease. Also, some over-the-counter medications often cause dry mouth.

Dry mouth can also be caused by cancer treat-

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ments such as chemotherapy and radiation, nerve damage in the head or neck, the autoimmune disease Sjogren's syndrome, endocrine disorders, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, anxiety disorders and depression.

Sjogren's syndrome can occur either by itself or with another autoimmune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus. Salivary and tear glands are the major targets of the syndrome. The result of the syndrome is a decrease in production of saliva and tears.

The syndrome can occur at any age, but the average person with the disorder at the Sjogren's Syndrome Clinic of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research is in his or her late 50s. Women with the disorder outnumber men 9 to 1.

In addition, tobacco, alcohol (in beverages and mouthwash), drinks with caffeine, snoring and breathing with your mouth open can aggravate dry mouth.

If you think you have dry mouth, go to your doctor or dentist. Your doctor may adjust your medication that is suspected of causing the problem. Or, your doctor may prescribe a medication to stimulate saliva production.

There are other ways to improve saliva flow. Try sugar-free hard candy or chewing gum. Avoid lemon-flavored hard candy, because it makes saliva acidic, increasing the possibility of tooth decay. You can also sip water regularly, try over-the-counter saliva substitutes, avoid breathing through your mouth, and use a humidifier in your bedroom.

If you have dry mouth, you have to pay greater attention to your teeth. Brush your teeth with an extra-soft toothbrush after every meal and at bedtime. If brushing hurts, soften the bristles

in warm water. Floss your teeth gently every day. Always use toothpaste with fluoride in it. If you have a sweet snack, brush right away.

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<b>CHARIS FELLOWSHIP</b>  <b>LV GRACE BRETHREN</b> 580 Bridle Path Rd. Bethlehem, Pa. 18017 610-868-0004 www.lv gbc.org Worship, Sunday 10AM	<b>LUTHERAN</b>  <b>NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 4004 Tilghman St. 610-395-5062 Rev. Matthew Hacker 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Check Website for Saturday service times www.nativityallentown.org Live Streaming on Facebook	<b>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</b>  <b>JACOB'S CHURCH</b> Route 143, Jacksonsville, PA Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor 610-756-6352 Adult Church School 9 a.m. Family Worship 10:15 a.m. Nursery Available Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m. Handicapped Accessible	<b>WESLEYAN</b>  <b>FAITH WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> 3356 Route 309 Orefield PA 18069 610-398-0172 Rev. Brenda Smith Worship, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Adult, Youth & Children's Ministries Handicap Accessible www.faithweschurch.org facebook.com/Faith- Wesleyan-Church-Orefield-PA	<b>EBENEZER U.C.C.</b> Route 143, New Tripoli 610-298-8000 Pastor Wally Frisch Sunday School, 9 a.m. all ages Worship, 10:15 a.m. or on Facebook live All Are Welcome!		



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This group of guests attended the Country Meadows of Allentown Veterans Day Salute celebration.



A special rendition of taps was played by Eileen Kutzler, director of marketing with Country Meadows of Allentown, on baritone horn.

## Country Meadows salutes veterans

BY MARTIE HALLER  
Special to The Press

The entire campus of Country Meadows of Allentown residents, staff and guests recently gathered to celebrate and honor this nation's veterans at their Veterans Day Salute.

Executive Director Melissa Clementoni opened the celebration with

a warm welcome and words of gratitude and Msgr. John P. Murphy offered the invocation before lunch was served.

A delicious meal was prepared by Cassandra Smith and the culinary team.

Guests swayed, danced and clapped through a military medley provided by entertainers Jim and

Lori.

Benediction was offered by Father Achilles Ayaton, who led "God Bless America," a cappella, and the celebration concluded with a special rendition of taps played by Director of Marketing Eileen Kutzler, on baritone horn.

Kutzler surprised Country Meadows' veterans with a special one-

day video, "Then & Now" with pictures of every veteran, including some actual photos from their days in the military.

The beautiful arch was made by our residents under the supervision of Colleen Sodon, Dynamic Living.

The hand-painted poppies symbolize fallen veterans.



# 'Encanto': charm offensive

"Encanto" is a bright, festive animated feature film with eight new songs written by Lin-Manuel Miranda ("Hamilton," "In The Heights").

The movie should entertain children and distract parents. I found the plot to be thin and wildly bewildering, the characters not compelling and the overall effect that of a big music video.

The plot has something to do with a magical house that gives its family super powers, with the exception of one family member.

The plot seems to be somewhat influenced by the Russian folk tale, Baba Yaga, about an old woman who lives in a hut standing on chicken legs; "The House With A Clock In Its Walls" (2018), based on the 1973 novel of the same title about a house with a "mind" of its own, and "The Incredibles" (2004), about a typical family with atypical super powers.

In "Encanto," the family is the Madrigals, who live in Encanto, Colombia, which spans South America and the insular link to North America.

Each family member has magical powers, except for Mirabel (voiced by Stephanie Beatriz), the film's protagonist.

Isabela Madrigal, Mirabel's oldest sister (Diane Guerrero), can make colorful flowers appear instantly in full bloom.

Luisa Madrigal, Mirabel's second oldest sister (Jessica Darrow), could show Superman a thing or two about power-lifting.

Encanto is a Spanish word that describes a charm, spell or enchantment. It's also an adjective for sweetheart.

"Encanto" begs comparison to two other Disney animated features, for which Lin-Manuel Miranda also wrote songs: "Coco" (2017), set in Mexico and with Mexican influences and mythology, and "Moana" (2016), set in Polynesia and invoking the Maui demigod myth.

"Encanto," other than its setting in Colombia, which is gorgeously rendered in the film's lavish and splashy backdrops, does not seem to have Colombian cultural themes.

"Encanto" is a movie concept looking for a story to replicate the success of the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend release box office bounty of "Coco" and "Moana," a weekend "owned" by Disney-Pixar animated features. Mission accomplished.

Among the highest grossing Thanksgiving weekend releases are Disney animated feature films: "The Good Dino-

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saur" (2015), "Frozen" (2013), "Tangled" (2010), "Enchanted" (2007), "Toy Story 2" (1999), "A Bug's Life" (1998) and "101 Dalmatians" (1996).

"Encanto" is directed with frenetic abandon by Byron Howard ("Zootopia," 2016; "Tangled") and Jared Bush (co-director, "Zootopia") and co-directed by Charise Castro Smith (screenwriter, TV's "The Death of Eva Sofia Valdez," 2015) from a screenplay written by Castro Smith and Bush from a story by Bush, Howard, Castro Smith, Miranda, Jason Hand and Nancy Kruse.

The list of story writers sounds more like the name of a law firm. When it comes to screenplays, more is not always the merrier.

The voices of the animated characters aren't particularly memorable. In addition to those previously stated, there's Maria Cecilia Botero (Abuela Alma Madrigal, Mirabel's grandmother), Angie Cepeda (Julieta Madrigal, Mirabel's mother), Wilmer Valderrama (Agustín Madrigal, Mirabel's father and Julieta's husband) and John Leguizamo (Bruno Madrigal, Mirabel's uncle).

The character animation has a smooth doll-like sense in skin surfaces and shiny glassy reflections in the eyes. The individual character animation, however, is not that distinctive.

I am not sure what I was expecting from "Encanto," except that I was expecting more.

"Encanto" is preceded by an animated film short, "Far From the Tree," about father and son rascals.

"Encanto," 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 some thematic elements and mild peril; Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy; Run Time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** The Walt Disney Animation Studios logo, with Mickey Mouse in "Steamboat Willie" (1928) is on screen with a "60th Animated Motion Picture" commemoration for "Encanto."

**At The Movies:** "Encanto" was seen at the Dolby Cinema at

AMC, Promenade Shops at Saucun Valley.

**Theatrical Movie Box Office, Dec. 10-12:** "West Side Story," Steve Spielberg's remake of the 1957 Broadway and 1961 movie musical hits, opened at No. 1, but just barely, with \$10.5 million, in 2,820 theaters, ending the two-week No. 1 run of "Encanto," which dropped one place to No. 2, with \$9.9 million, in 3,750 theaters, \$71.9 million, three weeks.

3. "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" dropped one place, \$7.1 million, in 3,815 theaters, \$112 million, four weeks.

4. "House of Gucci" dropped one place, \$4.1 million, in 3,407 theaters, \$41 million, three weeks.

5. "Eternals" stayed in place, \$3.1 million, in 3,030 theaters, \$161.2 million, six weeks. 6. "Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City" stayed in place, \$1.6 million, in 2,572 theaters, \$15.8 million, three weeks.

7. "Clifford the Big Red Dog" stayed in place, \$1.3 million, in 2,840 theaters, \$47.6 million, five weeks. 8. "Christmas with the Chosen: The Messengers" dropped four places, \$1.2 million, in 1,450 theaters, \$13.3 million, two weeks.

9. "Dune" dropped one place, \$870,093, in 948 theaters, \$106.2 million, eight weeks. 10. "Venom: Let There Be Carnage" moved up one place, \$768,163, in 1,003 theaters, \$211.9 million, 11 weeks.

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**Unreel, Dec. 18:** "Spider-Man: No Way Home," PG-13: Jon Watts directs Tom Holland, Zendaya, Benedict Cumberbatch and Marisa Tomei in the Action, Adventure Science-Fiction film. Spider-Man seeks help from Doctor Strange. Then things get stranger.

**"Nightmare Alley," R:** Guillermo del Toro directs Bradley Cooper, Rooney Mara, Cate Blanchett and Mary Steenburgen in the Action Crime Thriller. A carnival barker teams up with a female psychiatrist. They take the adage that one's born every minute to new heights, or depths.

**"The Lost Daughter," R:** Maggie Gyllenhaal directs Olivia Colman, Dakota Johnson, Peter Sarsgaard and Jessie Buckley in the Drama. It's no day at the beach when a woman on vacation confronts her past troubles.

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Holland conveys the nervous insecurity of Peter Parker, a young man who rises to the challenge. He's not unlike a high school football player who makes the big play. Holland has a likable screen presence. He displays vulnerability, an unassuming outlook and unabashed enthusiasm.

The latest film has a nice and deepening depiction of the relationship of Peter Parker and M.J., Michelle Jones-Watson (Zendaya). Zendaya projects the image of a strong, independent and smart young woman. Zendaya and Holland depict an adorable young couple.

Their sidekick, Ned (Jacob Batalon), is charming and humorous.

Marisa Tomei, as May, Peter Parker's aunt, creates a steadfast presence. Jon Favreau has funny scenes as "Happy" Hogan. J.K.



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From left: Tom Holland (Peter Parker-Spider-Man), Zendaya (M.J.), Jacob Batalon (Ned), "Spider-Man: No Way Home."

# The 'Spider-Man' spin

You don't have to understand quantum physics, string theory, nanotechnology or the multi-verse, but it might help you to better appreciate "Spider-Man: No Way Home."

The latest "Spider-Man" sequel is top-notch in all departments, from production design, to special effects, action scenes, fight sequences, dialogue and a screenplay that breathes life into the Marvel Comics characters.

It adds up to an entertaining superhero movie for the regular movie-goer and a delightful movie for Marvel fans.

There have been numerous movies in the "Spider-Man" series with several actors portraying the web-spinner, aka Peter Parker.

Tobey Maguire was in "Spider-Man" (2002), "Spider-Man 2" (2004) and "Spider-Man 3" (2007).

Andrew Garfield starred in "The Amazing Spider-Man" (2012) and "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" (2014).

Tom Holland is Spidey in "Spider-Man: Homecoming" (2017), "Spider-Man: Far From Home" (2019) and "Spider-Man: No Way Home."

There are plenty of twists and turns in the latest installment. There are unexpected plot developments, or at least they were unexpected to me. No spoilers here.

Suffice it to say that the movie's closing credits include De La Soul's "The Magic Number," which samples "Three Is A Magic Number" from TV's "Schoolhouse Rock!" (1971) by Bob Dorough (1923 - 2018), who resided in The Poconos.

"Spider-Man" is possibly the most popular superhero in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, aka Sony's Spider-Man Universe. The popularity of "Spider-Man" is because fans relate to Peter Parker's teen-age perspective and problems.

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Simmons plays an obnoxious TV news show host.

Benedict Cumberbatch is solid as Dr. Strange. Anyone who can rock a cape in a film set in contemporary times has to be a very good actor.

Among the villains: Jamie Foxx (Max Dillon-Electro), Willem Dafoe (Norman Osborn-Green Goblin), Alfred Molina (Otto Octavius-Dr. Octopus) and Benedict Wong (Wong).

Jon Watts (director, "Spider-Man: Far from Home," "Spider-Man: Homecoming") directs from a screenplay by Chris McKenna (screenplay, "Spider-Man: Far from Home," "Spider-Man: Homecoming") and Erik Sommers (screenplay, "Spider-Man: Far from Home," "Spider-Man: Homecoming").

Watts achieves the right mix of action scenes and dialogue-driven character development.

The movie is based on the Marvel Comic books characters by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko.

"Spider-Man: No Way Home" tugs at the heartstrings, not unlike the web that Spidey spins. I found the movie's conclusion to be very emotional.

The sense of home, of place, of belonging, is a powerful force. Perhaps it's the super power of all super powers.

Just ask Peter Parker.

**"Spider-Man: No Way Home,"** MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for sequences of action, violence, some language and brief suggestive comments; Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Science-Fiction; Run Time: 2 hours, 28 minutes. Distributed by Columbia Pictures-Sony Pictures Releasing.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** Midway through the "Spider-Man: No Way Home" end credits, Tom Hardy (Eddie Brock-Venom) appears in a scene. He disappears, but leaves a trace. At the very end of the end credits, Benedict Cumberbatch (Dr. Strange) shows up in what is a preview of "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness."

**At The Movies:** "Spider-Man: No Way Home" was seen in the Dolby Theatre at AMC, AMC Center Valley 16, Promenade Shops at Saucun Valley, Upper Saucun Township. Face masks are recommended for movie-goers.

**Theatrical Movie Box Office, Dec. 24-26:** "Spider-Man: No Way Home" mixed his web with the tinsel and popcorn on the Christmas tree, and in movie theaters (well, the popcorn anyway) where the movie is playing exclusively, netting a still strong \$81.5 million in 4,336 theaters, \$467.3 million, two weeks, keeping many new releases as way-back also-rans.

The latest "Spider-Man" reached \$1 billion in worldwide box office in 12 days. Only two movies reached that benchmark faster: "Avengers: Infinity War" (2018) and "Avengers: Endgame" (2019).

"Sing 2," the animation feature with lots of stars as voice talent, did the best among new theatrical releases opening for the Christmas Day weekend, with \$23.7 million, in 3,892 theaters, and \$41 million since opening Dec. 22.

"The Matrix Resurrections," with Keanu Reeves reprising his role, opened at No. 3, with what can be seen as a disappointing \$12 million for the weekend in 3,552 theaters and \$22.5 million since opening Dec. 22.

"The King's Man," a prequel, opened at No. 4, with \$6.3 million in 3,180 theaters and \$10 million since opening Dec. 22.

"American Underdog," based on the true story of football great Kurt Warner, opened at No. 5 with \$6.2 million, in an undisclosed number of theaters.

"West Side Story" dropped three places to No. 6, with \$2.8 million in 2,810 theaters, \$23.9 million, three weeks.

"Licorice Pizza," by director Paul Thomas Anderson, moved up seven places, \$2.3 million, in 786 theaters, \$3.6 million, five weeks.

"A Journal for Jordan" opened at No. 8 with \$2.2 million in 2,500 theaters.

"Encanto" dropped seven places to No. 9 with \$2 million, in 2,800 theaters, \$88.3 million, five weeks.

"83" opened in 10th place, \$1.7 million, in 481 theaters.

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**On The Web:** Movie Reviews on Lehigh Valley Press Focus page online include: "Nightmare Alley," "Encanto," "King Richard," "Spencer," "Belfast."

**Unreel, Dec. 31**

**"Cyrano,"** PG-13: Joe Wright directs Peter Dinklage, Haley Bennett, Kelvin Harrison Jr. and Ben Mendelsohn in the Romance-Drama-Musical. Cyrano de Bergerac writes letters to help Christian woo Roxanne.

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Mirabel (voiced by Stephanie Beatriz), "Encanto."



PUBLIC NOTICE
BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS
AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Building Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at 420 S. 10th St. Emmaus, PA 18049 to hear the following appeal:

APPEAL 15 - KELLY JEEP DEALERSHIP 501 STATE AVE. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant proposes alterations and an addition to existing vehicle sales showroom and seeks relief from 2015 IPC Section 410 Drinking Fountains.

Robert Hammond
Building Code Official

Dec. 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE
REORGANIZATION MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Notice is hereby given that the Reorganization meeting will be held on January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Coplay Municipal Building, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037.

Kimberly Bachman, Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on January 12, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 to hear the following appeal:

#01 22 001 The Zoning Appeal of Michael & Perla Ceron, 8298 Scenic View Dr., Breinigsville, PA 18031; for a variance from Section 27-403.4.F(3) "Additional Requirements for Accessory Uses" to allow the placement of a fence which is not in conformity with this section. The property is situated in the R3 Zoning District. The Parcel Identification Number is 545566639531.

All interested parties must appear at the hearing. Daniel DeMeno, Zoning Officer, Dec. 29, Jan. 5.

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Borough of Emmaus will receive sealed bids in the form of a SINGLE PRIME lump sum contract for the renovations and expansions to Borough Hall, Central Fire and Ambulance Station, and the Police Station located in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Bids shall be delivered to Shane Pepe, Borough Manager, no later than 1:00 PM prevailing time on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the Emmaus Borough Offices, located at 420 South 10th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid conference held at the Borough Hall located at 28 South 4th Street, Emmaus PA 18049 at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

The Project Architect is W2A Architects, 609 Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18101, Phone: 610-437-4450. The Project Construction Manager is D'Huy Engineering, Inc., 1 East Broad Street, Suite 310, Bethlehem, PA 18018, Phone: 610-865-3000.

In order to bid the Project, prospective bidders must obtain the Contract Documents in PDF format upon request to D'Huy Engineering, Inc., for a non-refundable cost of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Checks shall be made payable to "D'Huy Engineering, Inc." Documents will be sent electronically after receipt of payment. Bidders must supply the following information with their request for documents: company name, contact person, complete address, phone numbers, and email address. Documents will be available Thursday, December 30, 2021.

Shane Pepe
Borough Manager

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF 2022 REORGANIZATIONAL ALLEN TOWNSHIP - CORRECTION

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allen has scheduled the Township Organizational Meeting for Monday, January 3, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

The meeting will be held at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania. Purpose of each of the above-stated meeting shall be to annual reorganization of the Board as well as the review of any other matters properly brought before the Boards. Ilene Marie Eckhart, Manager, Allen Township, Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Fountain Hill Planning Commission Hearing Board will hold a meeting on February 14, 2022 at 7:00pm regarding an Appeal 2022-001 for applicant, 940 Cherokee, LLC, Fountain Hill, PA 18015, reference to the property at 940 Cherokee Street, Fountain Hill, Pa., proposing to construct a Residential Mixed-Use Development on the eastern portion of a lot bounded by Cherokee St. N. Bishop Thorpe Street, & Pawnee Street. The existing lot is currently developed at a 22-unit apartment building to the south with parking and landscape areas on the remainder of the lot. The eastern parking lot adjacent to the W. Bishop Thorpe frontage is proposed to be developed as a +/-24, 120 GFA SF, 4-story, 22-unit apartment building along with associated site improvements inclusive of parking and building landscaping. Dec. 29, Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

REORGANIZATION 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 Reorganization Council Meeting of Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 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 101st council who will govern the borough for the next 2 years. Resolutions #1483, #1484, #1485 and #1486 will be voted upon, all setting up the 101th council. The council will hold a workshop meeting following the reorganization meeting. The first regular meeting of the 101st Council will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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.

Kimberly Bachman, Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY JANUARY 13, 2022 AT 7:00PM

Notice is hereby given that, at its public meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA, the Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners will vote on the enactment of the following:

A RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONCERNING THE
PRILIMIARY LAND DEVELOPMENT (NO. 21-0014) AT 1860 EAST EMMAUS AVENUE. THE PROJECT PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A
2,023 SQ. FT. ADDITION AND RAZE 3 EXISTING ACCESSORY
STRUCTURES.

All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or (484) 661-5825. Dec. 29, 1-5

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
ZONING HEARING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

Due to the Pandemic Emergency, the regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Webex.com (Please see whitehalltownship.org for further details), to hear the following appeals:
DOCKET #2002 A - JERC Partners, LXII, LLC - 171 Route 173, Suite 201, Asbury, NJ 08802. Location: 2800 Eberhart Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN Part of 549847458266, the subject property is located in a C-2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting approval of a Settlement Agreement in this Appeal to the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Appellant.
DOCKET # 2013 - BETHLIN, LLC by Mr. Abraham Atiyeh - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 215 Quarry Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812367096, the subject property is located in a R-5A High Density Residential w/o Apartments Zoning District. Applicant is requesting variances and special exception to Sec. 27-199.1 F (2) Parking area setbacks from on-site buildings and from surrounding streets may be reduced, and screening requirements may be reduced if providing screening is impracticable due to site configuration and existing nonconformities. Determination by Zoning Hearing Board required that parking setbacks are impracticable; Sec. 27-104 A One Principle Use Required, Two Principal Uses Proposed: Adaptive Reuse for Multifamily Housing and Commercial Storage; Sec. 27-147 D Number of Required On-Site 12'x35' truck loading spaces: 2 on-site truck loading spaces required. One on-site loading dock truck space proposed plus one existing nonconforming loading dock truck space partially overlapping Quarry Street provided; Sec. 27-60 D (6) Change of Nonconforming Use from Warehouse/Manufacturing to Commercial Storage proposed; Special Exception Application has been submitted separately. Continued to this meeting for deliberation and decision, with consent of the Applicant.
DOCKET # 2019 - Hadi Wakim - 528 Jefferson Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 528 Jefferson Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549893809514, the subject property is located in a R-4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a Variance from Sec. 27-74(E) (5) regarding maximum impervious surface coverage to add a swimming pool and patio where 63.96% (4,989 square feet) is proposed and 50% (3,900 square feet) is the maximum permitted. Adjoined to this meeting to take additional evidence with consent of the Applicant.
DOCKET # 2006 - Quarry Street Whitehall Development, LP - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 212 Quarry Street and 217 Chestnut Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812431716 and 640812410733, the subject property is located in a R-5A High Density Residential w/o Apts. Zoning District. Applicant is requesting variances and special exception to Sec. 27-76 E (1)(a)(5) Minimum Lot Area: 10,000 square feet required for all other uses (adaptive reuse multi-family housing); 7,200 square feet provided. Sec. 27-145 D Parking Design Standards Minimum Aisle Width: Minimum Width of 2-Way 90 Degree Parking = 25 feet; 22 feet provided. Sec. 27-145 F Parking Design Standards Concrete Curbing: All parking areas shall be confined within concrete curbing or guardrails but not anchored bumper blocks; The existing parking lot is confined with anchored bumper blocks and macadam curbing. Sec. 27-145 P Parking areas shall maintain a maximum setback of 10 feet from any street, alley, or highway right of way; 0 feet existing nonconforming provided. Sec. 27-199.1 F(1) Parking Stall Dimensions: May be reduced to 9'x18' - (8) Existing Nonconforming 8.5'x18' Parking Spaces are provided at 212 Quarry Street lot. Sec. 27-104 A One principal use required at 217 Chestnut Street Property. Variance requested to permit two uses as follows (1) Single Family Residence (2) Parking lot for off-premises apartments at 212 Quarry Street. Sec. 27-199.1 F(2) Parking area setbacks from on-site buildings and from surrounding streets may be reduced and screening requirements may be reduced if providing screening is impracticable due to site configuration and existing nonconformities. Requesting a determination by Zoning Hearing Board that providing screening is impracticable due to site configuration and existing nonconformities. Sec. 27-145 M Special Exception for Off-Site Parking Agreement within 300 feet of the site, in the same zoning district; 6 spaces at existing nonconforming 217 Chestnut Street Outdoor Parking Lot provided.
Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. Comments and questions may be submitted to CGittinger@whitehalltownship.com.
The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status, and disability status of the Applicant.
The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment, is requested to contact the Zoning Officer at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.
The Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board has an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and to review all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. This includes taking meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.
The Zoning Hearing Board, in its land use and zoning decisions, does not discriminate against persons based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status and reviews all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. Public comments made on the basis of bias and stereotype concerning people within these protected classes will not be taken into consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board in its deliberations.
Christopher W. Gittinger
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Dec. 29, Jan. 5

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Difficulty Level ★★★

12/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid showing the solution to the previous puzzle.

Difficulty Level ★★★

12/22

CRYPTOGRAM

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LZYYPTQ XTPZY IPT IPUAL BWP NUBNDL WNSH QWH
ZTXH QP LOPTOW QWH CHNUL QWHD OPPA:
PSHTWHNQHTL NEPEDCPZL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

See solutions on Page B9

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

ACROSS

- 1 Golf tourney
7 "Nonsense!"
12 Wordplay bits
16 Jump
19 Tiny country in Europe
20 Similar
21 Woodwind instrument
22 Spring mo.
23 Prima ballerina who received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1989
26 Winning sign
27 Sinuous
28 2003 Tony winner for "Movin' Out" choreography
30 Vamp player in "Singin' in the Rain"
36 Choose
37 Writer Jaffe
38 Vast period
39 Doggy doc
40 Part of TNT
42 "The Wedding Singer" director Frank
44 Magical land of C.S. Lewis
46 Noted performer in a Greek tunic and bare feet
50 "Honest" prez
51 Southwestern grassy plain
54 Feature of "Christmas"
55 Raises
56 San - Zoo
58 Soda holders
60 Inflict on
61 "Su-u-ure"
62 1947 Tony winner for "Brigadoon" choreography
66 Suture
67 Throng
68 Zodiac cat
69 "Water" star Michael
71 Greek vowel
73 Limited
76 Camera type, in brief
79 "Top Hat" co-star
85 Fishing aids
86 Take to heart
88 "Horrors!"
89 Rival of U.S. Grant
90 Rink surface
91 Laundromat dryers, e.g.
94 Radio booth notification
96 Golf standard
97 Royal Ballet legend awarded the 1977 Shakespeare Prize
100 City due west of Chicago
102 Historical records
103 Birthday topic
104 Ascot, e.g.
106 - Spumante
107 Sauce brand
108 Doctrine
111 Prima ballerina famous for her "Dying Swan"

15x15 crossword grid with some letters filled in.

- 114 Courtesan whom King Ludwig I made Countess of Landsfeld
117 Bush replacer.
118 Yale alum
119 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" gift (and what this puzzle features)
126 Mtn. statistic
127 Yemen locale
128 Cocooned stages
129 Many a web surfer
130 Mind-related, in combinations
131 Smell bad
132 Deficient
133 "- Fi" (Marines' motto)
15 Marine fish of the western Atlantic
16 West Indies' largest city
17 Outerwear for some high-culture shows
18 Get ready
24 Have the gall
25 - Jima
29 Tooting thing
30 Trudeau's country
31 "About this large," informally
32 Original Mouseketeer - Tracey
33 Channel for Wolf Blitzer
34 Parts of city grids: Abbr.
35 Noted times
41 Tyrant Amin
42 Structure for storing music
43 Some ctrs. of learning
45 "You win"
46 Charged, as particles
47 From long ago
48 Autos from long ago
49 Kitty chip
52 Maven
53 "Rambo" war zone, in brief
57 Neuters, as a stallion
59 Smelting junk
61 GIF or JPEG
63 Throw a few back in a bar
64 52, to Livia
65 Kin of -ess
70 Goad
72 Baseball executive Joe
73 Jungian inner personality
74 Sticky, nutty treats
75 Endlessness
77 Onetime teen idol Garrett
78 Nevada city
80 Suffix with Caesar
81 Nutrition amt.
82 Texas city
83 1990s "caught on tape" series
84 Belgrade site
87 Dress in
91 In a pillared structure
92 Educ. org.
93 Onetime rival of Atari
95 Diagrams for brainstorming
98 Infatuated
99 Deep longing
101 - Kan (classic dog food brand)
104 Typewriter formatting aid
105 Apple tablet
108 Kind of navel
109 T-bone, e.g.
110 Brooks of film
112 A lack of musical skill.
113 Actress Vivian
114 Jump
115 French river
116 Electric jolts
120 "OB-viously!"
121 NYSE event
122 - laude
123 Enabler of web access
124 Once named
125 Mutt's noise

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ungerer & Company (Ungerer) is providing PUBLIC NOTICE that they are seeking a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the potential discharge of stormwater runoff from their facility located at 110 and 116 North Commerce Way, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bethlehem Township Civil Service Commission will conduct a hearing on Friday, January 7, 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Offices located at 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

The hearing will focus upon private employment issues and the candidate has requested a closed hearing i.e. the hearing will not be open to the public. Those individuals who maintain the standing to participate at time of the hearing are requested to appear at the above hearing location.

Zoom Meeting Number 822 1846 7178
HTTPS://us02web.zoom.us/j/82218467178
Dial in: +12678310333, 82218467178# US (Philadelphia)

If an interested participant is neither able to be present at time of the hearing nor to comply with or take part in the above "Zoom" videoconferencing procedure, such a participant should contact the Bethlehem Township Civil Service Commission solicitor at telephone number 610 861 9297 or by email directed to LBFOX@LBFOX.LAW.COM at least five (5) business days prior to the January 7, 2022 hearing.

Doug Bruce
Bethlehem Township Manager
Bethlehem Township Municipal Building
4225 Easton Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S MEETING

Auditor's Meeting - Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

This meeting is held in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA.

Upper Milford Township
Jessi O'Donald
Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE East Allen Township Reorganization Meetings

The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The Board of Auditors will meet Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the East Allen Township Municipal Building at 5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard, Northampton, PA.

Brent M. Green
Township Manager

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY 2022 PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

- January 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
February 21, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
March 21, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
April 18, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
May 16, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
June 20, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
July 18, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
August 15, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
September 19, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
October 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
November 21, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
December 19, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

All public meetings of the Board of the Whitehall Township Authority are held in the Authority building, 1901 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA. Respectfully submitted, Lisa A. Helm, Manager

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The Whitehall-Coplay School District requests sealed bids at the office of the Business Manager, in its administrative offices at 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, Pennsylvania 18052 at or before 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, (the "Bid Deadline"), when they will be publicly opened, for School Buses in accordance with, and subject to, the General Conditions, Specifications, and other Contract Documents (as listed in the General Conditions), which interested persons may obtain at the administrative offices of Whitehall-Coplay School District, by phoning (610) 439-1431 weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by emailing malaym@whitehallcoplay.org, or by accessing the business office page of the Whitehall-Coplay School District website, www.whitehallcoplay.org.

J. Michael Malay, Jr., CPA
Business Manager
Dec. 22, 29, Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE ZONING HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough of Macungie Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 7:30 P.M. in the Borough Hall Council Meeting Room, Macungie Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA, on the following appeal:

APPEAL 2021-04: STACK STORAGE, LLC, 2801 NORTH THANKSGIVING WAY, SUITE 100, LEHI, UT 84042 FOR PROPERTY AT 200 WEST MAIN STREET, MACUNGIE, PA 18062 OWNED BY 178 WEST MAIN, L.P., 138 HAMILTON STREET, ALLENTOWN, PA 18101 - The applicant is requesting a Special Exception from Zoning Ordinance §345-23.A and §345-23.B to reduce the parking requirements from forty-four (44) spaces to twenty-seven (27) spaces for a proposed four-story, self-storage building located in the MAIN STREET COMMONS SUBDIVISION situated in the General Commercial (GC) zoning district. The applicants and all interested parties must appear at the hearing to be heard. Joe Peterson, BCO Zoning Officer

Dec. 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Planning Commission has set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular monthly meetings for 2022 either virtual or in council chambers at the Coplay Municipal Building, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037 at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month on a as needed bases.

MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH PARK AND RECREATION BOARD BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Park and Recreation Board has set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular monthly meetings for 2022 either virtual or in council chambers at the Coplay Municipal Building, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037 at 7:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Library Board has set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular monthly meetings for 2022 either virtual or in council chambers at the Coplay Municipal Building, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037 at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month.

The meetings will be held either virtually or in the Borough Building.

Kimberly Bachman, Borough Administrator

Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA ZONING HEARING BOARD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 AT 7:00PM

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The meeting will be held to hear the following cases:

APPEAL NO. 21-0314 - 1033 SOUTH CEDAR CREST BLVD

1033 Cedar Crest, LLC seeks to appeal the Zoning Officer's Decision of November 23, 2021 denying the applicants' zoning application to expand the parking lot located at 1033 South Cedar Crest Blvd and maintain the existing nonconforming buffer yard when measured from the new lot line. In the alternative, applicant seeks variances from §27-803.2.A and §27-803.2.C(1) to allow a buffer yard of 8' (30' required) with parking spaces within the required buffer yard (none permitted). The property is located within the C-1, Office-Laboratory zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 21-0387 - 1830 SAVERCOOL AVENUE

VB Nimbus, LLC seeks to appeal the Zoning Officer's Decision of December 9, 2021 denying the applicants' zoning application to reconstruct and expand a commercial communications tower located at 1830 Savercool Avenue and maintain its nonconformities. In the alternative, applicant seeks a special exception pursuant to §27-306.2 (Attachment 3) and variances required to complete the reconstruction. Specific variances include:

- A. §27-402.1.P(5)(b) - No building or facility may be used as an office or as a broadcast studio
B. §27-402.1.P(6) - 2 paved, on-site parking spaces with lighting required.
C. §27-402.1.P(7) - Information pertaining to RF interference with existing communication services required
D. §27-402.1.P(8) - Information on the RMS field intensity of EMR from the applicant's antenna(s) pertaining to ANSI Standard C95.3 required
E. §27-402.1.P(9)(b) - Tower shall be painted silver above the tree line and green below the tree line
F. §27-402.1.P(9)(d) - A buffer of natural screening which blends in with existing vegetation required
G. §27-402.1.P(12)(c) - Tower must be engineered to accommodate additional new users
H. §27-402.1.P(12)(d) - Tower base shall be surrounded by an 8' high, secure fence
I. §27-402.1.P(13)(a)(1) - Information on the location pertaining to the necessity to satisfy the signal coverage requirements mandated by the FCC required
J. §27-402.1.P(15)(a) - A copy of the applicant's FCC construction permit required
K. §27-402.1.P(15)(c) - A technical description of the facility, including the capacity of the tower and the number and type of antennas that can be accommodated, required
L. §27-402.1.P(15)(d) - A statement from the FCC, FAA, and state aeronautics division pertaining to each one's applicable regulations required
M. §27-402.1.P(15)(e) - An intermodulation analysis with information pertaining to RF interference to existing towers or transmitting facilities or communications service reception by other property owners required
The property is located within the CR, Conservation-Residential zoning district.
All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or 610-797-4000 x5825. Dec. 29, Jan. 5

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Math Intervention Support Services

The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than 1:00 PM prevailing time, Friday, January 7, 2022, at which time RFPs will be publicly opened. DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE AT-www.basdschools.org or by email at purchasing@basdschools.org. Dec. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR BIDS LOCKDOWN SHADES

The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed bids in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than 2:00 PM prevailing time, Friday, January 7, 2022, at which time bids will be publicly opened. DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE AT-www.basdschools.org or by email at purchasing@basdschools.org. Dec. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE Upper Milford Township Agricultural Security Advisory Board

The Upper Milford Township Agricultural Security Advisory Board will hold a meeting at the Upper Milford Township Building located at 5671 Chestnut St Zionsville PA 18092, on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 7:30 pm. Upper Milford Township Secretary Jessi O'Donald Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors announce the following meetings to be held in the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli PA: Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting, Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30pm. Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 1:00pm. Janice M. Meyers Township Administrator Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners' Reorganizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Purpose of Meeting: After the Reorganizational business has been conducted, the normal business of the Township will be conducted, followed by any other business which may come before the board. See www.southwhitehall.com for additional details. RANDY COPE Interim Township Manager Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, will be accepting letters of interest from registered electors of the Borough of Coplay to fill the anticipated borough council seat.

Any registered electors, who has resided continuously within the Borough of Coplay for at least one year and who is interested in filling this vacancy, may deliver a letter of interest between December 23, 2021 and January 3, 2022 at 3 PM, to the Coplay Borough Office located at 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037. In addition to the letter of interest, applicants must attend the Workshop Meeting on January 3, 2022 at 7 PM for an open interview process. Dec. 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Joint Planning Commission/Board of Commissioners Comprehensive Plan Workshop Sessions will be held at the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania on the following days: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13, 2022. (These meetings will take place Tuesday, after the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. for the pre-meeting, and 7:30 p.m. for the meeting.) See www.southwhitehall.com for additional details. RANDY COPE Interim Township Manager Dec. 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Salisbury will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the construction of Contract "A" - Water Main Replacement projects consisting of Project "A" South 25th Street (East Texas Blvd. to 24th Street [SR 2007]), Project "B" Flexer Avenue (Green Acres Drive to East Texas Blvd.) and Project "C" South Main Street (East Texas Blvd. to South Whitehall Township Boundary Line) and Contract "B" - Sanitary Sewer Repair project in South 25th Street between Manhole 112 to Manhole 126. The work involves replacement of approximately 2,800 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch ductile iron water main, 60 service laterals and appurtenances, including the spot repair of approximately 40 linear feet of an 8-inch sanitary sewer main. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM (prevailing time) on Friday, January 21, 2022. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening/review. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com). Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to the Township of Salisbury in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of the General Conditions. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids. Township of Salisbury Cathy Bonaskiewich - Township Manager Dec. 15, 22, 29

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JOHN P. YUDT, late of the Township of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, 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 payable without delay to: MARY J. PURSELL...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of Dawne A Casselle, late of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18015, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, (died September 19, 2021.) Letters of Administration having been granted, all persons having claims or demands against the deceased shall make them known and present them to Dezzette V. Casselle, 730 Oak Grove Drive, Lehigh, Pa. 18235. Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF JOSEPH G. BAUER deceased, late of Whitehall Township, County of Lehigh and State of 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 the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Executor: Joseph R. Bauer...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Eva J. Goodman, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Jan K. Pogue, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of CRYSTAL B. DANWEBER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments to JASON C. DANWEBER, Executor c/o Mal-kames Law Offices, WILLIAM G. MALKAMES, ESQ., 509 W. Linden Street, Allentown, PA 18101. Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF ROY M. VOGEL aka ROY MARTIN VOGEL aka ROY VOGEL, Decedent, late of Lower Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to: Executors: REBECA E. TITE and DONNA L. SABO...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Joyce E. Shankweiler, deceased, late of Schnecksville, 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 W. Shankweiler, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Edward G. Morison, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Kathleen A. Rodriguez, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Nancy J. Schaffer, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent make payments without delay to: Executors: Vicki Badesso or Douglas Schaffer, 1018 Plum Drive, Danielsville, PA 18038. Dec. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GEORGE SCHMIDT AKA GEORGE J. SCHMIDT, Decedent, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Administration C.T.A. 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: Administrator C.T.A.: JANET SHAW...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF IRENE N. SNYDER, deceased, late of Heidelberg Township, Slattington, 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: Robert N. Snyder Sr. c/o KEITH W. STROHL...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Catherine C. Habernern, deceased, late of the Township of Upper Macungie, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters of 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: Kathy Rader...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Bruce Anthony Niemi, deceased, of the Borough of Hellertown, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Dolores Louise Niemi, 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: Dolores Louise Niemi, Administratrix. c/o Lori Gardiner Kreglow, Esquire...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GEORGE SCHMIDT AKA GEORGE J. SCHMIDT, Decedent, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to: Ruth E. Schmidt, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF HOPE M. STEPMO, deceased, late of Northampton Borough, Northampton 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: Anita Kotoris c/o STEPHEN STRACK, ESQUIRE...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Barbara A. Arnold, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Administration C.T.A have been granted to the under signed, 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 Kimberly L. George, Co-Administrator C.T.A Scott B. Arnold, Co-Administrator C.T.A Wendy A. Sparks, Co-Administrator C.T.A c/o YOUNG & YOUNG...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of BARBARA A. GARDNER deceased, late of Salisbury 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 known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay to: Executrix: Denise M. Kamez...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GEORGE SCHMIDT, Decedent, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to: Ruth E. Schmidt, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF Matthew William Polkowski, deceased, late of Borough of Slattington, Lehigh County, PA, 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: SEAN M. POLKOWSKI, ADMINISTRATOR...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of GAIL M. GREEN, deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, 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 John P. Hoffman, Administrator c/o YOUNG & YOUNG...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of MARY ELIZABETH THOMPSON aka MARY THOMPSON aka MARY E. THOMPSON deceased, late of Alburtis, 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: Sallie E. Kirsch, Co-Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of Anna Csaszar, deceased, late of 1200 Easton Road, Borough of Hellertown, Northampton 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: Vendel F. Csaszar...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF GERALD N. OTTER AKA GERALD OTTER, deceased, late of Heidelberg Township, Germansville, 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: Catherine J. Esterly, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of HARRY S. LICHTENWALNER, deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the under signed, 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 Judith E. Lichtenwalner, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of MARIAN A. HOFFERT, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the person named below, 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: Lisa A. Seydler...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of CLODAGH L. WOTRING, late of Coopersburg, 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, all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Telene Wotring, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters of Administration C.T.A. to the person 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 administrator or to their attorneys named below: Decedent: BETH L. YEAKEL-MORRIS...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of FLORENCE G. MICKENBERG a/k/a Geri MICKENBERG, Deceased. Late of Upper Macungie Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 8/20/20. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mary K. Brown, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Robert J. Kearney, Deceased. Late of S. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Mary K. Brown, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Kulhamer, Jr., the surviving settlor of The John and Harriet Kulhamer Living Trust Under Agreement Dated December 12, 1995, has died. All persons having claims or demand against said Decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the trustee, John J. Kulhamer, III...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Peter G. Schrampf a/k/a Peter George Schrampf, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Deborah T. Bloomquist, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Terry D. Eckert, Deceased. Late of Upper Macungie Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 9/23/21. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Andrew D. Eckert, Katherine Janis & Thomas F. Huff, C.P.A., Executors...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Wilmer R. Schultz a/k/a Wilmer Robert Schultz, Deceased. Late of S. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/28/21. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Kevin R. Schultz and Scott R. Schultz, Executors...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Willard H. Gerhart, deceased, late of Upper Saucon Township, 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: Deborah Ann Shearer...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Elizabeth Rose Felton, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh, 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: Monica Leah Stephens, Administratrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Gaeton Michael Frisoli, Deceased, late of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of 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 Susan J. Polizzotto, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Scotty M.R. Kern, late of Northampton, Northampton 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: Douglas J.H. Kern...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Gaeton Michael Frisoli, Deceased, late of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of 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 Susan J. Polizzotto, Executrix...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Gaeton Michael Frisoli, Deceased, late of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of 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 Susan J. Polizzotto, Executrix...

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