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BETHLEHEM City vs. Lehigh

'Southside should be able to win' in dispute over church properties

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Mayor William Reynolds made it clear at the Jan. 17 council meeting that the city will not back down on its vision of the Southside, which includes revitalizing the area with the interests of its communities and residents at the forefront, and is standing firm in its determination to purchase several Lutheran Church properties Lehigh University also wants.

Church prayer vigil
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Reynolds said, "We believed our \$3 million offer includes terms that the congregations were looking for. And we believed it to be the start of an ongoing dialogue to reach a deal that benefits everyone. We were clear we were willing to come back for further discussion and negotiation. We did not imagine that this opportunity would be denied. Without an opportunity to make our plea directly, we publicly stated we would match Lehigh's current offer as we understood it. That is how important this effort is to us, the residents, and the future of South Bethlehem."

Councilwoman Rachel Leon, who has personal ties to St. John's Windish, told Reynolds, "At some point, the Southside should be able to win."

"It's very difficult to continue to watch Lehigh spread. I know that Lehigh isn't in the wrong, to my knowledge, but I hope that they would understand why there is so much conversation regarding this, and how very difficult this is for some members of the Southside."

The sale of the Lutheran properties has ignited a larger debate about how the Southside is changing, particularly with Lehigh's ever-growing presence.

Councilwoman Dr. See CITY on Page A2



The Rev. Tim Smith and four very energetic wreath bearers get ready to start the MLK March. Volunteers from the Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club participated in this event. More photos on A2.

All walks of life march on MLK Day

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In 1993, to honor the 25th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Frankie West, a resident of Bethlehem, organized a march of Southside families and friends. It became a tradition which continued with the 30th annual remembrance march Jan. 16.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park is a modest piece of land on

Program honors Dr. King
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Carlton Avenue used for community gardening. It has swings, a climbing gym, slide and several benches. Two simple monuments, one for Coretta Scott King and another for her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., grace the park. Now, a plaque has been designed to honor the march's early participants.

This year's speakers included U.S. Congresswomen Susan Wild, Judge of the Common Pleas Court Jennifer Sletvold, Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck, Bethlehem Mayor William Reynolds, Associate Pastor at N.C. Har-

vest Church and City of David Ministries the Rev. Tim Smith Sr. led the march from 333 Brodhead St. to MLK Park. There were volunteers from the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem and many community members from all walks of life.

One message that resonated from speaker to speaker was the importance of remembering. Frankie West wants to see this event grow with each generation. Everyone stressed the importance of the work and words of Dr. King and making sure the young people continue honoring his memory.



Marchers celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are led by Rev. Tim Smith, starting at 333 Brodhead Ave. in Bethlehem and ending at MLK Jr. Park on Carlton Avenue.

PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

After falsifying his resume and getting elected to Congress, what should happen to New York Congressman George Santos?



"I think anybody who lies about their resume should be held accountable."
Jim Sullivan
Bethlehem



"I think he should be removed. I think it's bizarre to do that and then think he could get away with it."
Patricia Paulino
Bethlehem

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"He should resign."
Brian Kern
New Tripoli



"He should be kicked out of Congress."
Megan Miller
Hellertown.



"I guess he should be kicked out."
Jennifer Reetz
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PEOPLE

FHS's Rivera wins QuestBridge award

Jerry Rivera, a Freedom HS senior, is the recipient of a full scholarship to Princeton University through QuestBridge. Ranked ninth in his class, he is also a first generation college student.

He attends Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School and is enrolled in the Academy for Applied Engineering program.

He will be honored at 9 a.m. Jan. 25 at Freedom HS. Guest include his family, BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy and district administrations, Mayor of Bethlehem William Reynolds, elected officials and his Freedom family. "We are excited for Jerry and want to share his amazing success with the Bethlehem community," Superintendent Dr. Roy said.

The organization (www.questbridge.org/) is a national program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships.

Karcher wins LVHN Muhlenberg award

Northampton Community College nursing student, Charissa Karcher of the Bethlehem area, received the Everyday Hero Award Jan. 4 from Lehigh Valley Health Network.

She is a fall 2022 nursing float pool extern at LVHN. The award is given to a student work on the nursing unit and who takes the most initiative in developing nursing skills and knowledge.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT names director

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has appointed Ashley L. Coleman has been to serve as the Center's Executive Director. Coleman is a long time Pennsylvania LGBTQ+ community leader.

The search committee, composed of both board and staff members, included Members Board: Liz Kleintop, Jason Sizemore, Marvin Webb (Search Committee Chair); Staff: Liz Bradbury, Robin Gow, Christina Graham; and Community: Stephen Jivanmali, Ian Wagner. The Center's board of directors unanimously voted to appoint Coleman to the position.

Coleman was formally introduced at a community event hosted by Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center Jan. 9. "We are thrilled to have Ashley join us as the Executive director of Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center," Liz Kleintop, board chair, said. "Ashley is a strong, collaborative leader bringing many competencies to the Center that will help the board and staff work toward a new vision of the Center that benefits the LGBTQ+ community throughout the Lehigh Valley."

Coleman was with LGBTQ+ community in Philadelphia for more than 10 years and was an executive director at galaei and a senior events manager at Mazzoni Center. She earned B.S., Education; and B.A. History, degrees from Temple University. Her activism and advocacy began as a youth in the Lehigh Valley, leading Queer youth initiatives while producing large scale events for nonprofits in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



Coleman

REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Monuments honoring Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will soon have a third monument in their midst. A plaque recognizing the people who started the Bethlehem MLK March 30 years ago will be placed in the park.



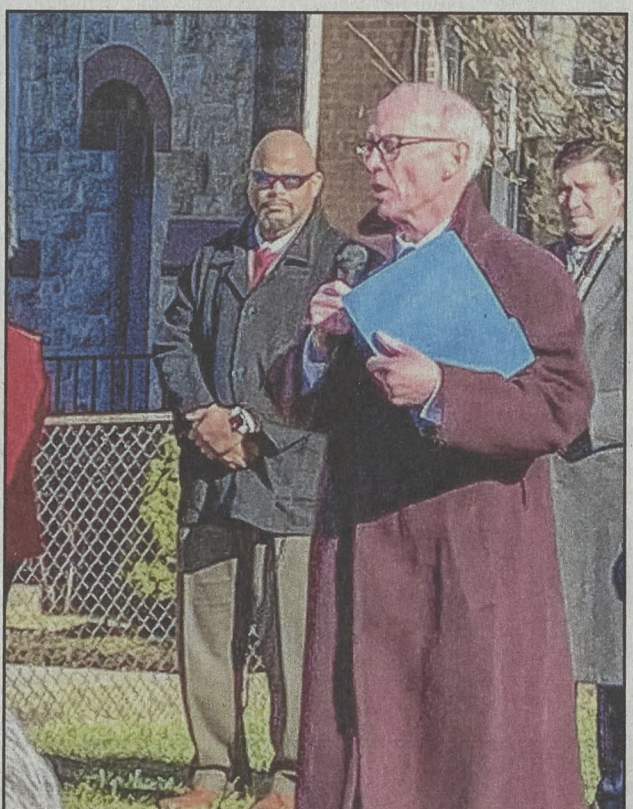
Northampton County Judge Jennifer Sletvold reminded the audience that woman also benefited from Dr. Kings passion for equality. "I'm here today because of the work MLK started - that all people are equal... I remember that every day as I hear the cases brought before me."



U.S. Representative Susan Wild speaks to the audience at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. She stresses the need for unity and equity among all people. "It's more important than ever to continue MLK legacy," she said.



Bethlehem Mayor William Reynolds welcomes residents and community members to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the park of the same name on Carlton Avenue In Bethlehem.



Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck speaks to the crowd, stressing justice and equity for all.

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Wandalyn Enix said she wonders if there is going to be anything left to preserve.

"Some of those larger homes had three or four generations of families. Grandma, Aunt Sadie, parents, children, all living together in harmony. I mean large beautiful homes. Irish, Germans, Slovaks, Hungarians, we all got along. And now, there are just a bunch of houses, housing Lehigh students, waiting to house more Lehigh students.

"I have nothing against Lehigh students. I was one myself," Enix said, but she argued against allowing large entities such as Lehigh and, previously, Bethlehem Steel Corp., from consuming more residential neighborhoods.

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CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF EASTERN PA: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Delta Hotels by Marriot (former Holiday Inn), 7336 Adrienne Dr., Breinigsville. Programs: March 7: Andy Waskie: The History of the Grand Army of the Republic; April 4: Unique Looks at the Strange, Unusual, and Comical Side of America's 19th and Early 20th Century with Adam Shefts; May 2: Ron Kirkwood: Nurses/Women of Gettysburg Who Came to the Rescue at George Spangler Farm; June 6: "Mourning Customs and History" by Gretchen and James Kennedy. Information: Call 610-391-1000 or visit <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1>

LEHIGH VALLEY WRITERS GROUP: New York Times bestselling author Maria V. Snyder will serve as keynote speaker for the Greater Lehigh Valley Writers Group (GLVWG)'s 2023 Write Stuff Conference, one of the premier events for writers in the greater Lehigh Valley. The event is scheduled for March 23-25, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem. The Write Stuff will be a live, in-person event with virtual options available for individuals who are unable to attend. The Write Stuff is sponsored in part by the MFA Program in Creative Writing and Publishing at DeSales University.

The 3-day event will include 14 breakout sessions, a book fair, critique opportunities, a flash fiction contest, and plenty of networking.

Until January 29

Southside Arts District Winter Restaurant Week. Participating restaurants include Dinky's Ice Cream Parlor, Roasted, Social Still, Bonn Place Brewing, ZEST bar + grille, The Flying V Poutinerie, The Colony Meadery, F&A Grog House and more. For more information, visit <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/restaurant-and-retail-week/>

Wednesday, January 25

Free Karaoke with Bobby James, 1 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Thursday, January 26

Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra rehearsals, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Conductor: George Fennell. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Vocalist Cafe at Godfrey Daniels with Music Department students of Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. 7 p.m. Reservations recommended; visit www.godfreydaniels.org

Friday, January 27

Elm Street Jazz Workshop rehearsals, 9 a.m. Director: Allan Meyerson. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

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Saturday, January 28

Cops 'n' Kids Lehigh Valley- Let's Discover You! We will read the books *Already Beautiful* by Kelly Harkcom and *How Do You Fix a Bad Day?* by Pam Cantone. Create a craft to learn how to pause, take a breath, and relax on a bad day. Age four and up. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cops 'n Kids Reading Room. Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St. Masks may be required. Information: visit <http://copsnkidslv.org/>

Saturday night dance with Country Dance. Nominal cost; light refreshments. 7 to 10 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

Wednesday, February 1

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture: "China's Foreign Policy: China's Push for Global Dominance" by Dr. Chris Herrick, professor emeritus of Political Science, Muhlenberg College, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village auditorium; Information: call 610-866-2655. Masks required, cost.

Free Karaoke with Bobby James, 1 to 2:30 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Before singing the National Anthem and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the moving hymn about Black freedom known as the National Negro Hymn, the Liberty Chorus listened to introductory comments from the president of the Bethlehem NAACP, Ms. Esther M. Lee. She was joined (left to right) by Tomacene Nickens, first vice president, and the Reverend Clinton Bryant, second vice president. Seated beyond Rev. Bryant are Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton and Rev. Kari Holmes.

Personal principals, sacrifice focus of MLK luncheon tribute

BY DENNIS GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The hall at Holy Ghost Church on Bethlehem's Southside was so full on the morning of Jan. 15 that I wondered what the fire department would say if they decided to inspect.

Among others, the crowd that gathered to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. included Susan Wild, the congressperson of Pennsylvania's Seventh District, J. William Reynolds, Bethlehem's mayor, Lamont McClure, executive of Northampton County, Dr. Joseph Roy, superintendent of Bethlehem's schools, and five members of the Bethlehem Police Department, among them Michelle Kott, the chief of police.

Also present were senior citizens, some in their 80s, a large number of students from Liberty HS, and several very young babies.

The place was packed, to put it mildly - young and old, white and black, public and private citizens who came to pay their respects to the memory of a man who would be celebrating his 94th birthday if

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Does the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day have a future? We're looking at it. Alexander Joyner (R) and his partner, Margarita Barreto, brought their son, Seven Joyner, to pay his respects to the great American. They'll be back, they said. More photos on A4.



Unique Small, left, a special education teacher at Donegan ES, and Azariah Drungo, a senior at Liberty HS, join other women in serving bagged lunches and cookies to guests who chose to stay for lunch and fellowship after the celebration. The cookies were gone in a hurry.

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AREA DEATHS

Lorraine Vasquez Banko

John's Windish Lutheran Church member



Lorraine Shirley (Vasquez) Banko, 86, of Bethlehem Township, died Jan. 17, 2023, in her home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Manuel and Florence (Litzenberger) Vasquez. She was the wife of the late Eugene E. Banko.

She attended Liberty HS.

She was a supervisor in the garment industry for most of her life until she retired.

She was a member of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church, Bethlehem. She is survived by a daughter, Bonnie Sankovsky and her husband Michael of Bethlehem; two sons, Eugene and his husband Steven Toth and Christopher Banko, all of Bethlehem; four siblings, Grace Horn, Mary Martucci, Robert Vasquez and his partner Linda and Manuel Vasquez and his wife Nancy, all of Bethlehem; two grandchildren Krista Kozak and her husband Chris and Adam Sankovsky and his wife Kaitlin, all of Bethlehem; three great-grandchildren, Della Kozak, Ryan Kozak and Aurora Sankovsky; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by six siblings, Lucille Ewaniak, Lester Vazquies, Rose Boyer, Dolores Vasquez, Loretta Burritt and Ruth Sciarra.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice, Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Gary L. Briggs

city assistant fire chief



Gary L. Briggs, 77, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 13, 2023. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late William and Arlene (Erb) Briggs. He was the husband of Mary Ann (Brancadora) Briggs for 51 years.

He was a 1963 Liberty High School graduate.

He attended Northampton County Community College.

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

He was a member of the City of Bethlehem Fire Department, from which he retired as an assistant chief after 27 years of service. He was a mobile unit attendant for 20 years at Miller Keystone Blood Center.

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

He was an Eagle Scout, a blood donor, and a mentor.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Christina Marie Schiffer, Lisa Marie Briggs and wife Lori Gross and Teresa Rose Hughes and husband Ernest Hughes Jr.; and five grandchildren, Jared, Jason, Olivia, Elaina and Ernie III.

Contributions may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Miller Keystone Blood Center or Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church, c/o Downing Funeral Home Inc., 1002 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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Stephen R. Donchez Sr.

Bethlehem city fireman



Stephen R. Donchez, 83, of Hanover Township, died Jan. 19, 2023, in St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late George and Agnes (Keretz) Donchez. He was the husband of Theresa (O'Donnell) Donchez for 57 years.

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

He was a fireman for the City of Bethlehem for many years. He then worked for J. G. Sharkan Supply for many years until he retired in 2008.

He was a former member of St. Joseph's Windish R.C. Church. He was currently an Holy Infancy R.C. Church parishioner.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stephen R. Jr. and Patrick F., both of Catawauqua; a brother, Francis "Frank" Donchez of Neffs; a sister, Helen Halleman of Bethlehem; and three grandsons, Stephen, Kevin and Ryan.

He was predeceased by twin daughters, Janice and Carol; two brothers, George and James Donchez; a sister, Anna Knecht; and a grandson, David.

Contributions may be made to Holy Infancy Church, 527 Center St. Bethlehem PA 18018.

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Donald Evanchuk

retired from U.S. Marine Corps

Donald Evanchuk, 83, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 17, 2023, in his home. Born in Allentown, he was a son of Harry and Hilda May (Brinker) Evanchuk. He was the husband of Mary Jane (Hall) Evanchuk for 58 years.

He retired from the United States Marine Corps after serving 22 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Scott H. (Tina Marie) of Eagle River, Alaska; two daughters, Terri Evanchuk of Bethlehem and Tammy Dekrell (Brian) of Schnecksville; and six grandchildren, Nicholas S. Evanchuk, Michael H. Evanchuk, Alyssa M. Evanchuk, Maya P. Hamlin, Brittany L. Dekrell and Kayla M. Dekrell.

He was predeceased by a sister, Betty Kemmerer.

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Mayor William Reynolds chats with the Sobrinski family of Bethlehem, including daughter Zoe (right), a student at Broughal MS, who was a winner of the Bethlehem NAACP essay contest.



Beginning after they were freed during the Civil War, African-Americans have served in the U.S. armed services in disproportionately high numbers compared to their percentage of the general population. John C. Betts of Bethlehem, who completed several tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne, wears insignia honoring the service of Black soldiers from the days of the Buffalo Soldiers.



With a drum tapping out the pace and the audience standing at attention, the Liberty HS Color Guard marches to the front of the gathering, to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOCUS

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he had been allowed to live so long.

Presiding over the celebration was the president of Bethlehem's chapter of the NAACP, Esther M. Lee. Under her direction, an agenda chiefly of speeches and songs moved quickly. The tone was set at the start by Liberty HS's four-person Color Guard, who marched to the front of the hall carrying the Stars and

Stripes and then led the crowd in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

Dr. King's personal principles and sacrifice would be front and center throughout the morning's activities, but, as the Color Guard showed, patriotism and what it means to be American were the deep issues.

Highlights of the morning's events included moving performances by Liberty's Chorus of several hymns, especially the song so closely associated with the Civil Rights Movement, "We Shall Overcome."

The chorus was led by its director, Julie Wydrzynski. Also, two students read their prize-winning essays on the topic, "How Would Dr. King Address the Problem of Homelessness Today?"

Under Ms. Lee's good-humored but firm leadership, visiting politicians managed to keep their speeches to a limit of two minutes, more or less.

To conclude a stirring and interesting morning, members of the audience were invited to enjoy bag lunches, cookies and cold drinks as guests of the Bethlehem NAACP.



Daryl Wilson, a student at Liberty HS, is joined at the celebration honoring Dr. King by his uncle, Kevin Gray. Daryl was one of the winners of an essay competition sponsored by the Bethlehem NAACP.



Unique Small, left, a special education teacher at Donegan ES, and Azariah Drungo, a senior at Liberty HS, join other women in serving bagged lunches and cookies to guests who chose to stay for lunch and fellowship after the celebration. The cookies were gone in a hurry.

Grant sought for home repair projects

LEHIGH COUNTY

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In the first order of business of 2023, Lehigh County Commissioner Geoff Brace announced Jan. 11 that the county will be applying for the COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act Whole-Homes Repair Act.

"The application will be submitted by the end of January. We will get

our \$2.7 million," Brace said.

"I offer a word of caution for folks. The allocation is going to be limiting in the number of properties that get funded. The maximum award per property is \$50,000. That comes to about 54 projects."

The Whole-Home Repairs Program was de-

signed "to help address habitability and safety concerns, provide measures to improve energy or water efficiency and make units accessible for individuals with disabilities."

According to the program's website, "Funds are to be allocated for homeowners whose income does not exceed 80

percent of the area median income, as well as make loans available to small landlords renting affordable units and securing those loans with a mortgage recorded against the residential property."

Commissioners received an update from the Director of Administration Healthcare and Property, Cyber, Crime

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Dense - Just a little

When I was growing up, my adoptive mom often called me "dense." It wasn't a compliment. My intelligence is above average, but my social intelligence is still a bit lacking, and was very much so in those years. That was the "density" she was referring to.

Recently, I had my first mammogram. At the time I was told it was not unusual to have to return for a second time, as there was nothing to compare the results to. Instead, I received a message that I needed to schedule not only a second mammogram, but also an ultrasound.

This made me nervous. I scheduled the tests for very early in the morning on a day off. If the results were good, I would have the rest of the day to enjoy. If the results were bad, at least I would not have to go to work right after.

The second mammogram was quicker than the first, since it was only for one breast. Then there was a short wait, and I was sent for the ultrasound. I tried to look at the ultrasound pictures, but I simply did not know what I was looking for. More waiting.

Then the doctor came in with a companion. My stomach dropped, because I thought two people to deliver a diagnosis meant bad news.

Happily, I was wrong. The doctor explained my breast was healthy, but the tissue was very dense. Go figure, mom was at least partly right!

I will likely need an ultrasound along with future mammograms. I can deal with that. And I must compliment the staff at LVHN Hecktown-Oaks for their warmth and professionalism.

I am feeling a little happier, knowing my little ta-tas are okay, though a little dense.



By Lani Goins

MEETING BOARD

Bethlehem Advisory Council, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through Aug. 3 except April. CHANGE OF LOCATION through Aug. 3, 2023: Fowler Family Southside Center, Northampton County Community College, 511 E. Third St. For in-person location and zoom link information, visit www.bethlehemec.org

Wednesday, January 25

Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Zoning Hearing Board, City hall, 10 E. Church St. Current and recent meetings (for viewing only): visit www.youtube.com/channel/UC4HYHr4C6vVbfhRXhWYXaJw

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4 p.m. 85 W. North St. **SNOW DATE - BASD Regular Board meeting** - 7 p.m. Education Center, 1516 Sycamore Rd.

Thursday, January 26

Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, 5 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St. Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, 5 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

Wednesday, February 1

Historical Architectural Review Board, 5 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Meeting livestreamed for viewing purposes only: www.youtube.com/channel/UC4HYHr4C6vVbfhRXhWYXaJw; submit public questions, comments, name, phone number 24 hours in advance via email to planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov

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

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MUNICIPAL NEWS

Northampton County

Collins to lead county public safety

Lamont McClure announced he will appoint Dave C. Collins Sr. to the position of Public Safety Administrator at the Northampton County Prison (NCP) following the retirement of Kenneth Kraft. Kraft, who has held the position since October 2018, will retire on Feb. 1.

Collins is a graduate of the Easton Area School District. He's worked as a behavioral specialist for the Easton Area School District, as a supervisor at the Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center and has been employed at NCP as an administrator of security since 2009. Collins is also active in his community. He's volunteered as a basketball coach and assistant program director at the Easton Area Community Center and is a co-founder of the Diplomats Cigar Club which distributes free meals, fresh goods and Christmas gifts to local organizations.

Bethlehem walk-in COVID testing site closes

The Northampton County DCED, Emergency Management Services and Lehigh Valley Hospital-Coordinated Health Allentown Hospital (LVH-CHA) announce that one of the walk-in COVID-19 testing site at 2300 Highland Avenue, Bethlehem, will close for testing Jan. 20. Walk-in COVID-19 tests for county residents and employees are still available at: Palmer Township Express Care, 3701 Corriere Road, Suite 14, Easton, Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Only residents of Northampton County will have the cost covered by the county if they do not have health coverage.

Grow NORCO Program grants awarded

The Department of Community and Economic Development announces that County Council approved \$780,900 for 58 Grow NORCO grants at their Dec. 1 meeting. Grow NORCO Program grants are available to Northampton County nonprofit organizations and municipalities. Grants of up to \$50,000 can be used for Capital Improvements, Façade Programs, Operations and Community Planning.

All projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2023. "The County of Northampton appreciates the hard work provided by our non-profit organizations and municipalities," says County Executive Lamont McClure. "It's important that the county continues to support their contributions, which improve public health and economic development."

Contact Becky Bartlett at bbartlett@norcopa.gov for a list of recipients.

Public safety grants awarded

Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announce that County Council approved \$600,000 in grants for 42 Police, Fire and Emergen-

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PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Gray skies over St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church reflect the cloud hanging over the sale of St. John's, two other churches and St. John's parking lot (foreground). Inside, prayer vigils were held where congregants sought God's guidance.

At St. John's Windish

'Prayers for Healing'

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In response to the drama unfolding over the pending sale of three churches and a parking lot, a series of prayer vigils were held Jan. 17 at St. John's Windish Evangelical Lutheran Church on East Fourth Street.

While folks were encouraged to stop in the church at any time, informal services with commentary were offered at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Several people from the community joined the church members attending the evening service.

"Where two or three are gathered in His name, God is indeed with us," said Carol Henn, a media spokesperson for St. John's, as she led "Prayers for Healing" Jan. 17 at the 10 a.m. session.

"Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us," said Rev. Catherine Ziel as she offered up a prayer.

Henn did not provide updates on the situation, explaining the vigils were "Simply quiet, prayerful time with God." In a press release, she wrote, "We did not want to jeopardize the pending sale in any way," adding, "but, unfortunately, our hoped-for sale is now on hold."

Three Bethlehem churches are in the process of merging. They decided to sell their properties and pool the funds to purchase a building in a location where they can all gather as members of a new entity, Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lehigh University outbid the City of Bethlehem by \$200,000 on the package deal, consisting of St. John's Windish Evangelical Church at 617 E. Fourth St., its parking lot at 616 E. Fourth St., St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 474 Vine St., and Light of Christ



To the delight of attendees, the Rev. Catherine Ziel ascends the narrow stairs to look out from St. John's towering pulpit. "I always wanted to climb up there," she remarked.



The Rev. Catherine Ziel offers up a prayer near the altar rail at the front of St. John's.

Lutheran Church at 202 Worthington Ave.

It has been reported in the Bethlehem Press that, "Two weeks after turning down the city's bid in early December, the Bethlehem Parking Authority delivered a resolution for condemnation of the East Fourth Street lot and seizing it under eminent domain." Mayor William Reynolds and city officials view the properties as potential sites for "community-driven use."

Although the Parking Authority has apparently decided against pursuing eminent domain, a cloud of uncertainty hangs over the real estate transaction.

The cold gray skies outside contrasted with the warm glow inside the historic church and its members, who themselves had long family histories tied to the building.

Between prayers and the reading of Bible verses, were memories.

Henn's grandparents were among the earliest members. She and the others shared remembrances of Sunday school, "Grape Fests" and scampering up the narrow stairs leading up to the towering, decorative pulpit.

Although they were looking back, they were also looking forward to the day when the three congregations could worship together in their new home.

"I love my church, but we have to move forward," said long-time St. John's member Betty Sylva. "We've met wonderful people through this," she said as she expressed joy at the merging of the three congregations.

At the conclusion of the morning session, Rev. Catherine Ziel ascended the narrow stairs to look out from St. John's towering pulpit to the delight of the others. "I always wanted to climb up there," she remarked with a smile.



At left, Carol Henn leads attendees in prayer during the "Prayers for Healing" morning vigil at St. John's Windish Jan. 17. At center, from left, are church members Betty Sylva and Kathy Remaly.

Lehigh Valley Health Network

LVHN to offer shots at LVPG practices

On Friday, Feb. 3, Lehigh Valley Health Network will officially close its five COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Whitehall, Easton, Hazleton, Pottsville and East Stroudsburg (as well as the network's Mobile Vaccination Unit).

Going forward, initial vaccine doses for people 6 months and older and booster shots for people 5 years and older will be available at all Lehigh Valley Physician Group primary care (internal medicine, family medicine and pediatrics) practices. Scheduling for COVID-19 vaccines at these practices will open over the next two weeks.

A majority of the vaccines available will be Pfizer-BioNTech, and individuals will not be able to request the specific brand they want to receive. The Novavax vaccine will no longer be available at any LVHN facilities.

The community clinics were established by LVHN in spring 2021 to provide easy access to COVID-19 vaccinations. Since December 2020, when the vaccines first became available, LVHN has administered over 620,000 shots (including primary doses and boosters) to adults, teens and children throughout the region.

Initial vaccine doses and boosters will be given during specific vaccination appointments or as part of yearly physical or sick/problem visits (as long as the patient is not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19). While most LVPG primary care practices will be offering vaccine appointments starting Monday, Feb. 6, some practices may not have doses of the vaccines until later in the month.

Appointments can be scheduled with an individual's LVPG practice two ways:

1. By calling their LVPG primary care physician's office
2. By logging in to their MyLVHN account, which is the network's patient portal

Similar to other vaccinations at LVPG practices, an administration fee will be billed to patients' insurance policies after they have received their shot.

If an individual wants to receive their initial vaccine series or booster through LVHN but they are not a current patient, they can call 888-402-LVHN (5846) to make a new patient appointment. Alternatively, the initial vaccine series and boosters are available at retail pharmacies throughout the region.

GRADUATION

Lebanon Valley College

Two Bethlehem residents graduated from Lebanon Valley College in December 2022. Ramon Garcia and Edgar Garcia both received a master of science in clinical exercise physiology.

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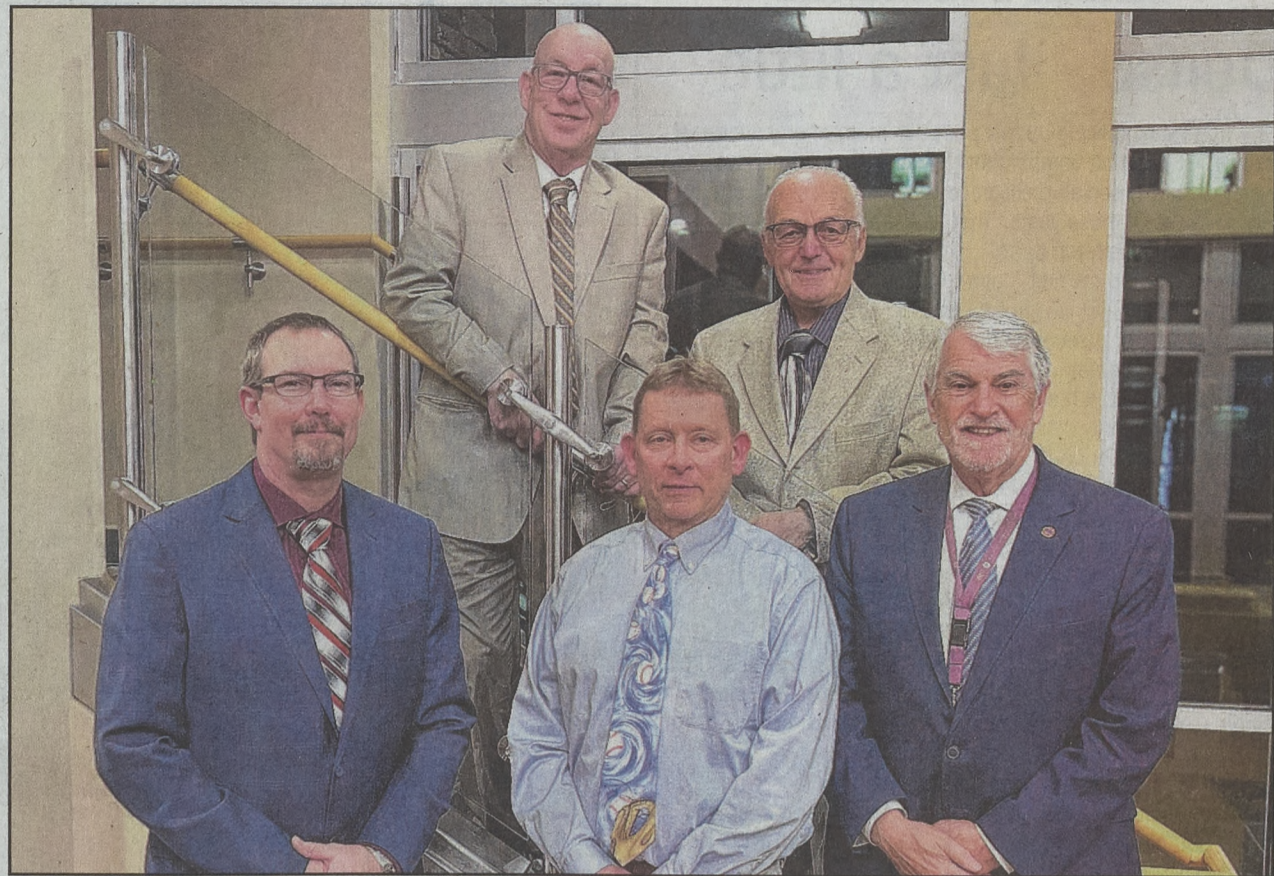
cy Medical Services (EMS) departments at their meeting on Dec. 1.

"Our fire departments and EMS organizations are a critical resource in protecting the health and safety of our public," says Lamont McClure. "These grants help equip our first responders with the tools they need to serve the people of Northampton County."

Public Safety grants are available to Northampton County professional and volunteer police, fire and EMS organizations. The funding can be used for capital improvements, vehicle purchase, equipment purchase and training. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$20,000 per application or project. Grants are awarded via a competitive process through a committee consisting of DCED staff.

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PRESS PHOTO BY CASSANDRA DAYOUB

Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Council reorganizes for the new year at the Jan. 9 meeting. Pictured are, in front, Anthony Rossi, Robert Lawlor and Vice Chairman Robert Heimbecker, and in back, Michael Woolley and Chairman Bruce Paulus.

Paulus re-elected council chairman

BY CASSANDRA DAYOUB
Special to The Press

Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Council gathered for the 2023 reorganization meeting Jan. 9.

Bruce Paulus was re-elected to serve as chairman of council. He was nominated by Robert Heimbecker, and the motion was seconded by Michael Woolley.

Woolley also nominated Heimbecker to take over his position as vice chairman, which was unanimously approved by council.

There were also administrative and board positions up for reappointment during the

meeting. Many roles were left unchanged, including Jackson Eaton III as the township attorney and Al Kortze as township engineer.

Both Kortze and Eaton thanked council for reappointing them to their positions.

There were some new additions to the roster, including the appointment of Kathy Armellino to the township recreation commission and the zoning hearing board. Eamon Murray was appointed to serve as an alternate to the zoning board. This is the first time the township has filled an alternate position for this

board.

The complete list of township roles can be found at hanleco.org.

Following the voting portion of the meeting, township Manager Melissa Wehr provided some details on what council can expect to see completed this year. She mentioned the finalization of several projects, such as the River Central multimunicipal plan, Allendale sewer line upgrades and the Catasauqua Road Valley Plaza upgrade.

Wehr also mentioned there may be more grand openings coming to the township this year, as there have been new in-

quiries with the township business office.

Following the reorganization meeting, council moved forward with a regular meeting. Kortze provided a quick update on the Allendale sewer project, saying slip lining is the next step in the project and is set to begin the week following this meeting.

In other business, Wehr confirmed Heimbecker will be representing the council at the 2023 PSATS annual conference, planned for April 23-26 in Hershey. The conference offers networking opportunities for township officials and employees and has a large municipal exhibit show.

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Insurance's office.

The Bausch administration eliminated post-retirement healthcare benefits for any new county employee hired on or after Jan. 1, 1987. For those with an employment date up to that date, they, along

with their spouse, would receive the benefits at no cost.

There are currently 670 grandfathered medical retirees. They were presented in the fall of 2022 with an opportunity to move to the Freedom Medicare Advantage Plan, which provided them with the same benefits as before,

but added coverage for vision, hearing and gym discounts. 656 of these retirees choose this option, while 14 decided to remain with Signature 65 Plan. This amounts to a saving of \$550,000 with the change to a new plan for the county.

Travelers, the county's insurance broker, decided on a new ap-

proach for 2023 in terms of cyber and crime coverage, by bundling them together. There is also an increase in insurance coverage for the properties owned by the county.

The premium increase for these changes is of \$90,000 for this fiscal year.

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Yesterday: Eagles- Giants memories

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

This weekend's Eagles-Giants playoff game was another interesting battle in the long-standing rivalry between the two teams. But is it a rivalry? We always tend to think of any Philly-New York matchup as a highly-contested one.

We all know about the "Miracle of the Meadowlands," but does anyone recall the "Miracle of the Meadowlands II?" Or did the Eagles and Giants ever end in a tie? And did the Eagles have a Sports Illustrated post-season jinx?

In this week's version of my Yesterday column - a reminiscing about the 1960s, 70s, 80 and sometimes beyond - I will look at the Philly-New York rivalry as well as some sports and pop culture tidbits.

Those Classic Clash- es: The most notable games of the 1970s involving the two clubs was a Monday Night upset and the Miracle of the Meadowlands, which I have already chronicled in this column.

We all know what happened at the Miracle of the Meadowlands, but the 1970 Monday Night game may have slipped our memories.

The Giants were riding a five-game winning streak with a 6-3 mark, and the Eagles were saddled with a 1-7 record under Jerry Williams. Philly never backed down in the battle between quarterbacks Roman Gabriel and Fran Tarkenton, but the real star was kick returner Billy Walik, whose four kickoff returns for an average of 36.8 yards apiece set up two key Eagles' scores in the 23-20 victory.

Walik, a wide receiver from Villanova, played with the Birds through the 1972 season and was waived in training camp the following year. He had a brief stint in the World Football League and the Canadian Football League.

From the second meeting in 1975 to the second meeting in 1981, the Eagles had won 12 straight over the Giants. You can trace that back five more games, as the Giants won only one game during the span.

In the series dating back to 1933, there was only one tie game, and that occurred on Sept. 23, 1973 at Yankee Stadium in a 23-all tilt. You will have to dig down deep to remember this one. Does anyone remember football games at the old Yankee Stadium and the University of Pennsylvania?

The game was a true back-and-forth rumble with the Giants tying it late in the game on a

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PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Becahi's Alex Cercado goes up for a shot between two Spartan players during a recent game.

Teams clinch berths

BY PETER CAR
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There won't be any nerve wracking stress for Bethlehem's basketball coaches about clinching a district berth over the final two weeks of the regular season.

That's because Liberty, Freedom and Bethlehem Catholic have all clinched district spots already with roughly four-to-five games left for each program.

It's been a hallmark season for city basketball, as all three teams are posted in the top four of their respective class of the District

11 power rankings and all three sit in the top eight of the East Penn Conference standings.

Liberty (11-5) was able to shake off a mini two-game slide to get back on track with two wins to close out last weekend, the first a 68-58 win over East Stroudsburg North followed by a 77-55 win over Quakertown to clinch a postseason berth.

"Achieving the opportunity to play in the postseason and extend our season was a goal of ours," said Liberty head coach Nigel Long. "We are excited to have qualified, however, we have a ton of room for growth

as a team."

Losing to Freedom and Central Catholic before finishing off last week strong proved to be a valuable lesson for Long and his players, as they have a slate of games against Nazareth (6-9), Dieruff (4-13) and Muhlenberg (10-6) this week.

"Playing two of the best teams in the EPC provided a great litmus test for us," he said. "We must continue to get better on both sides of the ball, while growing together as a team."

Liberty came into the week holding onto the eighth seed of the EPC standings. Two wins

this week against EPC foes would be critical for their hopes of qualifying for the league playoffs.

Freedom (11-5) and Bethlehem Catholic (12-4) also guaranteed their spots in the postseason.

The Pates have won five of their last six games, but dropped a home matchup to East Stroudsburg South (14-2) last week 54-48. Freedom and Becahi both squared off on Tuesday in a pivotal divisional showdown, as the Hawks (12-4) needed to win to have a shot at the division title.

Freedom finishes the week off against Nazareth, as they look to See **BOYS** on Page A9

Becahi girls knock off PHS

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls basketball team handed Parkland its second loss within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, taking down the Trojans, 35-34, on Jan. 17 at Bethlehem Catholic.

"It's a big win for us. It's our third in a row. It aligns with what we talk about, trying to get hot at the right time," said Becahi coach Jose Medina. "Super proud of the way we defended today. It's gonna keep us in games because offensively, it can be a struggle for us at times. It was a long night, but the defense kept us in the game."

In the second quarter, both teams were scoreless until Becahi forward Kendra Rigo connected on a 3-pointer at the 4:55 mark.

The Hawks' upbeat tempo began to catch up with the Trojans on two



Akasha Santos and the Hawks, shown here in a game earlier this season, defeated Parkland.

consecutive unforced forward Yarian Fernandez hit a 3 to give the

Hawks a 16-11 lead at halftime.

"We wanted to keep running the floor, doing fast breaks, keep them moving," Rigo said.

Midway through the third quarter, however, Becahi turned the ball over, leading to eight straight Parkland points from Talia Zurinskis and Delaney Chilcote.

"We've got to do a better job of our execution, especially when you play games this time of year," Medina said. "We have this hashtag that everything matters, and so we can't afford to give anything away. We've got to clean it up, especially coming down the stretch."

Becahi guard Cici Hernandez made up for the costly turnover with two 3-pointers within 20 seconds.

"She's a big-time talent, and big-time talents make big-time plays,

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'Canes blow out Bears

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The last time Liberty and Pleasant Valley's girls basketball teams met, they were fighting for the eighth spot in district playoffs, won by Liberty, but this time, it was clear there would be no competition in the Hurricanes' 85-33 victory over the Bears.

"Last year they were a little bit stronger, and they lost some seniors, so that's kind of tough for the kids, but they came out here and they fought," said Liberty coach Jarrett Carnes. "[Ella Muir] had four, maybe even five 3s in the first half."

In fact, the Bears kept it a game for a quarter-and-a-half until the Hurricanes broke things open and took a 43-20 lead into the half.

"We were just going through a funk," said Liberty guard Layla Orth. "They lost a few players from last year, so I feel like we had to stay humble. But we were slowing down at points, so our biggest thing was not playing down to their level, and the first half, that's what we were struggling with the most. Although the score didn't reflect it, I think at halftime, the locker room definitely reflected it."

By the end of the third quarter, the Hurricanes had held the Bears to four points while scoring 26 in a true team effort.

Jordan Thompson had four points, Ruby Miller chipped in five, Ava Kopetskie added four, and Orth had two. Coming in off the bench, Ally Walker scored five points, Iysis Nickens added three points, and Aziah Wilkins had two.

"I told the girls to stop settling for 3s. If we're not making outside shots, we've gotta attack the basket," Carnes said. "Even though they're sitting in the zone, you've gotta have some ball reversals there, make them move around, and then feed the inside."

Chloe Rumlhart entered the game in the fourth quarter, seeming to place the ball in the hoop as opposed to shooting it.

"The girls were excited. She's a freshman, and she's 6'5 already, and those were her first four points of her career, so that was nice to see," said Carnes.

Thompson had a game-high 18 points, followed by Kopetskie with 14, and Miller with 12 points.

Liberty is scheduled to travel to Dieruff on Friday night before its rematch with Bethlehem Catholic on Jan. 31 at home.



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Liberty swimmers defeat Pocono Mt. East

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Liberty Hurricanes racked up multiple first-place finishes in the pool, defeating Pocono Mountain East, 98-67, (boys) and 93-53, (girls) on Jan. 17 at Liberty.

Lilah McClarin, Na-

talie Brezinsky, Audrey Bloss-Ferry, and Chelsea Hearn won the 200 medley relay in 2:01.97.

McClarin went on to win the 200 free in 2:22.80, and Brezinsky won the 200 IM in 2:20.35.

Hearn took first place in the 50 freestyle in 26.70 and in the 100

butterfly in 1:10.79, and Bloss-Ferry won the 100 free in 1:01.20.

Katie Bruno, Jaina Eisenhardt, Brooke Sergent, and Morgan Muller combined for a first-place finish in the 200 free relay in 1:58.21.

Brezinsky had the quickest time in the 100

backstroke in 1:07.64, and Leah Onia was fastest in 100 breaststroke in 1:16.14.

In the boys meet, Danny Lehr, Tim Wetmore, Corbin Eisenhardt, and Tommy Fortsch combined to win the 200 medley relay in 1:52.85.

Lehr took first place

in the 200 free in 1:56.55, Malcolm Collins won the 200 IM in 2:06.53, and Eisenhardt was first in the 50 free in 23.76 and the 100 fly in 57.38.

Collins won the 100 free in 49.17.

In the 200 free relay, Umot Akus, Wetmore, Eisenhardt, and John

Cornish swam to a first-place finish in 1:39.87.

Lehr won the 100 back in 54.07, and Wetmore had the fastest time in 100 breast in 1:05.03.

Next week, the Hurricanes are scheduled to take on Parkland on Jan. 31 at Parkland.

Hawks set to host ranked Malvern Prep

BY PETER CAR
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When the East Penn Conference disbanded the league play-day, usually slated for the last weekend in January, it left an opening on the wrestling calendar.

Bethlehem Catholic decided to make the most of it with a home showdown against nationally ranked Malvern Prep Saturday night at 7 p.m.

The Friars (20-3) are a top five team nationally and will present the biggest challenge on the Hawks (7-0) schedule to date.

"They got depth and it's a great opportunity for us because its going to give us something to look back on as we try to make a run in the post-season," said head coach Jeff Karam. "They're one of the best teams in the country. We want to wrestle the best that we can, because that brings out best."

Malvern most recently took first place at the Escape the Rock tournament at Council Rock South and will give the Hawks a true barometer heading into the team post-season, which gets underway next weekend

with District 11 duals.

It'll also give the Becahi wrestlers an opportunity to perform better than they did against Notre Dame Green Pond, where they won 29-23 on Jan. 7, but lacked in plenty of departments for their head coach's approval.

"Against Notre Dame we underperformed, conditioning wise and the fighting we showed," said Karam. "We can't beat these guys [Malvern] on raw talent. We're going to have to compete for six minutes because that's what we're going to need to see going to district duals. Our guys also need to know their roles in this match. One guy might need to get bonus points, another might need an upset or someone has to fight off their back and not give up bonus points. I want to see how all our guys respond."

Freedom finished 13th at the Coal Cracker Invitational at Lehighton over the weekend, bringing home three medalists in the growing individual tournament.

CJ Horvath (121) and Jared Karabinus (172) both finished second,

falling to a pair of Faith Christian counterparts in the finals.

Horvath lost a 6-1 decision to Gauge Botero, while Karabinus got tech failed in 2:19 by an 18-1 margin against Adam Waters.

"I was expecting a few more than three medalists, however, this tournament has become a lot tougher than it was in the past," said Freedom head coach Anthony Marino. "They added maybe 20 more teams which made it that much harder to medal, so I'm very proud of the three that made it onto the podium."

Cameron Wickemeyer took eighth at 133 to round out the Freedom medalists. The Pates (11-6) wrestle Stroudsburg on Wednesday.

Liberty (8-7) finished 4-1 on the weekend at the Quakertown Duals.

The Hurricanes defeated North Penn, Wilson, Cichester and East Stroudsburg South in comfortable fashion, but lost to Quakertown 45-22 in their final matchup.

Liberty hosts East Stroudsburg South on Wednesday, followed by a home matchup on Saturday against Parkland.

LLL REGISTRATION OPEN

Lehigh Little League announced that regular registration for the spring 2023 season is now open.

We'd like to encourage as many families as possible to register online and come out this spring to take advantage

of this tremendous opportunity.

Regular registration period runs until Jan. 31.

Tryouts will take place Saturday, Mar. 4 at the Breidegam Fieldhouse (ARC) at Moravian University. Player

draft is Sunday, Mar. 5. First Practices run second week of March (weather permitting) with opening day set for Saturday, Apr. 8.

If you have any questions, please contact info@lehighsportsassociation.org.

BSC ACADEMY SOCCER REGISTRATION

Bethlehem Soccer Club Academy registration is now open for the 2023 spring season.

The spring season will run, weather permitting, from late March through June 11. A schedule will be re-

leased around the middle of March.

Practices and games take place at First Responders Park in Hanover Township, Northampton County, located off Airport Road. U6 (birth years 2017-18)

practice Wednesday nights while U8 (birth years 2015-16) practice Friday nights.

Cost is \$125 per child. To register, go to BethlehemSoccerClub.org.

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and Cici bailed us out tonight, making some big shots," said Medina. "It seemed like the shots she hit were really important in terms of the juncture of the game, and that's why the ball's in her hands. She hit just enough shots to help us out tonight."

The Hawks were ahead, 29-24, to start the fourth quarter when Zurinskas drained back-to-back 3s, and with the Trojans stealing the lead, 34-33, it would take more than three min-

utes for another point to be scored.

Both teams forced a turnover, Zurinskas missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Becahi forward Akasha Santos grabbed the rebound. Parkland's Aneri McGalla was fouled but also missed the front end of her one-and-one, and Hernandez got the rebound.

Hernandez's 3-pointer missed, but Rigo rebounded, was fouled on the shot, and sank both free throws at the :34 mark.

On the next possession, Parkland mishandled the ball, Becahi

got possession, and the Hawks called a timeout.

Then, with :18 remaining, the Hawks turned the ball over when they couldn't inbound in time.

Chilcote was fouled but missed the front end of her one-and-one, and Becahi rebounded the ball to end the game.

"Basically, we had to stay levelheaded, and I feel like that's what we did at the end," said Hernandez. "In the past, we would have lost this game by five, but we're moving forward and actually finishing these games, so I'm really proud."

ZAMOYI NAMED LANDMARK ATHLETE OF WEEK

Moravian University graduate student forward Tessa Zamolyi (Bethlehem Catholic) has been honored as the Landmark Conference Women's Basketball Athlete of the Week for last week's efforts.

Zamolyi helped the Hounds to a 2-0 week in Landmark Conference action by averaging 16.0 points and 15.0 rebounds per game. She was 10-for-18 from the field and 12-for-14 at the foul line to go with five assists, two steals and one blocked shot in 46 minutes of action.

Zamolyi had 18 points and 15 rebounds to go with four assists, a steal and a blocked shot in 24



fought through a minor injury to come off the bench and help secure a win at Susquehanna on Saturday. Tessa has been consistent on both ends of the floor the entire season. Congratulations to her on this honor."

The Greyhounds, who are 10-7 overall and 3-3 in Landmark Conference action, are scheduled to finish the first half of the conference schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 25 with a trip to No. 4 The University of Scranton with tip-off set for 7 p.m.

Zamolyi was also named the Honey Stinger Athlete of the Week this season.

JENKINS HONORED

Seven members of the Moravian University football team have earned spots on the 2022 Centennial Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll that includes 180 football players among the 862 student-athletes honored by the conference.

To be named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must be a sophomore or higher in class standing and have a cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher.

The Greyhounds had one senior named



wide receiver Joseph Walker (South Plainfield HS) and three sophomores - quarterback Jared Jenkins (Freedom HS), defensive lineman Mason Zimmerman (Easton HS) and defensive lineman Prince Sokpo (Milton Hershey HS) also named to the Academic Honor Roll.

Jenkins was 41-for-73 for 592 yards with five touchdowns and three interceptions to go with 36 rushing yards and a touchdown on 42 attempts through three games before a season-ending injury.

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late 14-yard field goal by Pete Gogolak during a time when the goal posts weren't moved back.

Roman Gabriel was the Eagles' quarterback, and Tom Sullivan and Norm Bulaich were in the backfield with a budding star named Harold Carmichael and veteran Ben Hawkins leading the receivers. Norm Snead was the Giants' quarterback, and Ron Johnson was in their backfield.

Ex-Bloomsburg State star tight end Bob Tucker led the Giants along with Bob Grim and Don Hermann (do you have their football cards?).

Mike McCormick coached the Eagles, and Alex Webster led the Giants.

Those were the days when we all knew who those players and coaches were.

Miracle of the Meadows II?: Almost 10 years to the date of the famous game in 1978, the Eagles met the Giants at Giants Stadium in 1988 with a chance to get back to the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

It will be a classic battle that went into overtime tied at 17. Eagles head coach Buddy Ryan chose to have Luis Zendejas attempt a 31-yard field goal on a third-and-five to end the game.

New York's Lawrence Taylor blocked Zendejas' kick, but Eagles defensive end Clyde Simmons scooped up the loose ball and rambled 15 yards into the end zone for the apparent winning score.

At the time, game officials were stymied whether or not it was a legal play and could Simmons advance the ball. Since he was

behind the line of scrimmage, Simmons' score was valid, and the Eagles were off to the postseason.

The Eagles had beaten the Giants earlier in the year at the Vet in a game where Randall Cunningham leaped over Carl Banks during a play on Monday Night Football.

Was it the SI jinx?: On Jan. 19, 1981, Sports Illustrated had the then Oakland Raiders on the cover with the heading, "Bring On the Eagles!"

Well, it didn't prove to be a jinx as the Raiders dumped the Eagles, 27-10 in Super Bowl XV.

Some Eagles' Blues: Aside from the Giants, the Eagles likely suffered their most devastating home defeat when they lost to Tampa Bay, 27-10, in the second of three consecutive NFC Championship Game defeats on Jan. 19, 2003.

The game often has been tapped as "Black Sunday," as everything seemed aligned for the Birds to advance to the Super Bowl.

Remember former Penn State and Tampa Bay wide receiver Joe Jurevicius? He had a 71-yard touchdown pass from Bucs quarterback Brad Johnson in the game that proved to be a momentum swinger.

Another Classic Game: Anyone have the Sports Illustrated Football Game? When I looked back into it, I knew I had it.

The game contained charts from each team in the 1971 season. The game began in 1970 and expanded through the 70s, including the title "Paydirt" in its description. The later "Paydirt" version had Washington running back Larry Brown and Dallas safety Cliff Har-

ris on the cover.

It was played with a roll of the dice to match a column along the top and the side. Plays were designed from the team's previous season.

Fly Like An Eagle: In March 1976, the Steve Miller Band released the song, "Fly Like An Eagle," which had a strong connection to the team before the season.

The song rose to number 10 on the billboard chart, and it is still a popular hit.

Land of the Giants: From 1968 through 1970, the TV show "Land of the Giants" aired on ABC.

It was set in the future year of 1983 when a crew in a spaceship was caught in an orbital storm and time warp, thrusting them into the future.

They encountered a world where everything was 12 times larger than on earth.

I briefly remember the show, and it was part of a series of sci-fi shows that dominated the TV landscape at the time.

Memory Lane: Every week, I'll recount a likely forgotten player, manager, coach, or announcer from days gone by.

Do you remember Eagles' tight end John Spagnola? The former Bethlehem Catholic and Yale standout originally was drafted by New England in 1979 before he joined the Eagles as a free agent.

The popular Spagnola was a productive contributor over his eight years with the Eagles from 1979-87, catching 256 passes for 2,833 with 14 touchdown passes.

He had brief stops with Seattle and Green Bay before he ended his career with the Packers in 1989.

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EYE ON THE IRONPIGS

A look back at Lehigh Valley's season

BY CHUCK HIXSON
Special to the Press

The Lehigh Valley IronPigs finished the 2022 season at 76-72 nine games out, good enough for fourth-place in the IL East. The Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay) went on to win the IL East and then defeated the Nashville Sounds (Milwaukee) to move on to the Triple-A Championship. Durham's offense was too much for the Pacific Coast League champion Reno Aces (Arizona) for the Triple-A championship.

Lehigh Valley was competing — and actually held the top spot in the division — for much of the season. Ultimately, losing key players to the Phillies and some injuries of their own, sank the ship and the Pigs drifted down through the standings.

In all, 10 different IronPigs players made their MLB debuts in 2022, with Mark Appel's debut likely being the highlight. Appel had lingered much longer in the minors than anyone initially thought that he would when he was drafted with the first overall pick in the 2013 Draft. The 31-year-old pitched well in six games with the Phillies, but finished the season on the IL with arm soreness. Bryson Stott and Darick Hall had the most success in the majors. Stott was brought up to Philly on May 7 and will likely never see the minors again, helping the Phillies to the World Series and likely getting penciled in at second base in 2023.

Hall had a shorter stint, but hit nine home runs for the Phillies before

returning to Lehigh Valley because he was not getting consistent playing time in Philly. He was eventually recalled by the Phillies.

So, what lies ahead for the 2023 IronPigs?

First will likely be an infusion of young pitching from Double-A Reading. Look for the team's two top prospects, Andrew Painter and Mick Abel, to open the season with Lehigh Valley. Painter was named both the Baseball America and MLB Pipeline top pitching prospect of the year and was honored by the Phillies as the Paul Owens Award winner as the organization's top pitching prospect.

Unfortunately for Pigs fans, Painter could skip over the Triple-A level and open the season in the starting rotation for Philadelphia. Abel is hot on Painter's heels on the list of top pitching prospects and likely will be in Lehigh Valley next April.

Griff McGarry, who was moved to Lehigh Valley late in the year to be groomed as a reliever after pitching out of Reading's rotation, is a guy that the Phillies will have to make a decision on. Is he a starter or reliever? One of the reasons for the move this season was to get him to the majors sooner but that did not happen as he showed some struggles during the conversion. Odds are that he returns to the rotation and will be at Lehigh Valley in 2023.

At some point, the Phillies are going to have to make a decision on Jhailyn Ortiz. The Phillies signed the now 23-year-old outfielder out of

the Dominican Republic in 2015 and he has moved slowly through the organization with varied success. He produced at a 17 home run, 61 RBI clip with a line of .237/.319/.415 this season and many were surprised that he was not brought up to the Pigs when the Double-A season ended.

Infielder Wendell Rijo was Reading's Player of the Year and at 26, the Phillies will want to move him up. Primarily a third baseman and second baseman, Rijo can also play some shortstop and finished with 12 home runs and hit .278 for the Fightins. First baseman Aldrem Corredor's fate could be tied to the fate of Hall. If Darick Hall opens in Philly, which he very well could, Corredor could make the step to Triple-A. If Hall has a pig on his hat in 2023, then Corredor will likely bid his time with Reading.

The 2023 season opens with a three-game series in Rochester on March 31 before heading for Lehigh Valley where the Pigs and RailRiders will renew their rivalry starting on April 4. Remember, a few years back the season opening weather was so bad in Rochester that the series was moved to Lehigh Valley and the balminess of 40-degree weather.

KUDOS ... Hall joined Painter as the winner of the Paul Owens Award as the organization's top position player in 2022 and he was also named the IronPigs Player of the Year. Hall also finished the season tied with Rhys Hoskins for the most home runs in a season with 28. Between Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia, Hall hit 37

home runs. Appel received the team's honors as the Top Pitching Prospect of the Year. Appel was not in town to receive the award as he was rehabbing in Clearwater.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR ... Coca-Cola Park will be a little different in 2023. The route of IronPigs Way, the major road into the park, is being changed to accommodate a warehouse that is being constructed. IronPigs way will lead to an increased parking area in center field where fans can take advantage of the new center field gate, which opened this past season. Behind the scenes, new training facilities, locker rooms and other player amenities are being built. Now that the season has ended, construction has begun in earnest. On the field, MLB is getting rid of shifting on the infield and it is possible that the challenge system for balls and strikes, which was used in the Pacific Coast League and in Charlotte this season, will be added to all of Minor League Baseball.

SCHEDULE UPDATE ... Yes, the schedule still has teams playing six-game series against each other in 2023, with a couple exceptions. The opening series will be three games, as will the series immediately following the All-Star Break. Among teams that the Pigs will play, who they did not see in 2022, are the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Miami), Memphis Redbirds (St. Louis), and Toledo Mud Hens (Detroit). All three teams will make a trip to Coca-Cola Park.

Rayne Wright teams with LVHN for clinic

BY CJ HEMERLY
Special to the Press

University of Maryland junior defender and Liberty High School graduate Rayne Wright was taught a lot of her skills and talents as a young student-athlete by older players before her time.

Now being looked up to by younger, aspiring players, she wanted to use her platform to give back and help to continue to grow the sport of field hockey to the area that she grew up in.

Wright recently teamed up with Lehigh Valley Health Network's Orthopedic Institute's sports medicine team to host a free girls' field hockey clinic on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the Lou Ramos Center in east Allentown. The event was

for girls in grades 5-8.

"It was a nice event and great to be able to give back to the community," said Wright. "We want to continue to grow the sport and help teach younger players all about it and help them get better. This is a great way of doing that with some very talented and successful college athletes that they look up to teaching them about the game."

Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute is the region's leader in joint, spine and orthopedic care. The institute includes nearly 150 providers from Scranton to the Lehigh Valley with a focus on all aspects of orthopedic care, including joint health, sports medicine, foot and ankle, hand and wrist, spine, orthopedic trauma and pediatric

orthopedics. Other areas of focus include chiropractic care, podiatry, pain management, physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Wright, who has started every game the last two seasons for the Division I Terapins, was joined by three University of North Carolina Tar Heels and three-time national champions, Erin Matson, Meredith Sholder and Madison Orobono, along with Brie Barraco, Penn State University and Parkland High School graduate. Sholder and Orobono are Emmaus High School graduates.

The field hockey players were selected to be Lehigh Valley Health Network Impact Athletes. The goal of the Impact Athlete program is to provide strong and inspira-



so collegiate athletes are our number one directive," said Steve Hultgren, director of sport performance for the program and Easton Area High School graduate. "These younger kids look up to collegiate athletes like the ones we have here today and their voices will be listened to when teaching the game. We want to help collegiate athletes with NIL in all sports, all across our community. It's awesome for these kids to be able to give back."

There were just about 150 5th-8th graders that registered for the clinic.

Wright was a First Team All-State player at Liberty and was the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference MVP in 2019.

tional role models who help young athletes pursue their goals. The program is only six months old and it is the first field hockey event run by LVHN.

"It's an NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) initiative,

DARTS AND TRAPSHOOTING

TRAPSHOOTING
Suburban Trapshooting League
East Bath Rod and Gun Club
1/15/2023

BLUE RIDGE 125
25 - Glenn Beers, Caitline Bonser, Jacob Bonser, Jeff Blose, Luke Szoke
COPEECHAN 119
25 - Rosemary Eibach
24 - Joe Mule, John Soloe
23 - Lee Costenbader, Tim Sheridan

EAST BATH 125
25 - Tom Conley, Mike Giamoni, Thomas Hensel, Adam Kast, John Manning, Joe Panto, Dave Schwartz
RANGER LAKE 122
25 - Larry Huber, Allan Hunter
24 - Dennis Cacciola Sr., Kyle Hartzell, Chet Karpyn, John McCauley, Stu Printz, Mark Ryan

Standings
1238 East Bath
1231 Ranger Lake
1223 Blue Ridge
1200 Copeechan

DARTS
Bethlehem Inter-Church
Dart Baseball League
Second Half Standings
Week 2-9

Holy Cross 5-1 .833 ---
First UCC 4-2 .666 1.0
Star of Beth. 4-2 .666 1.0
Bethany UCC 3-3 .500 2.0
East Hills 3-3 .500 2.0
Trinity UCC 2-1 .667 3.0
College Hill 1-5 .166 4.0
St. Peters 1-5 .166 4.0
Fritz Wesleyan 0-3 .000 3.5

RESULTS/HIGHLIGHTS
1/16/2023
East Hills @ First UCC 9-6, 5-1, 3-4
No Highlights Reported
Bethany UCC @ St. Peters 0-1, 2-1, 2-3
No Highlights Reported
Holy Cross @ Fritz Wesleyan 8-0, 4-1, 3-1

Holy Cross - Floyd 6-13, Mitch 3-7 run. (2 HRs)

Fritz Wesleyan - Bryan Jr. 3-7
Star of Bethlehem (HT) @ College Hill 3-2, 5-1, 1-0
Star of Bethlehem - Gary Mosser 6-13, Charlie Blatnik 5-12
College Hill - Leroy Fenner 6-12, Chuck Stoltz 4-8
Trinity UCC - BYE

Suburban Dart League
Week 18

Despite losing 2 games to St. Paul's 9-1 and 5-4, winning the opener 3-2, Dryland remains in first place. Leading hitters for St. Paul's were Mark Hefelfinger 7-9, Rich Kern 6-14, Kevin Gross also 6-14, and Tom Ungler with a HR. Butch Sillies and Dave Crouthamel went 4-11 each with a HR from Jim Goldman for Dryland.
Star of Bethlehem lost the nightcap 5-4 after winning the first 2 games 9-3 and 6-5 in 16 innings to Emmanuel. For Star of Bethlehem Bryan Frankenkfield was 9-16, Scott Hoffert 8-16 with HRs from Tyler Frankenfield and Walt Hoffert. Judy Hoffert was 7-15 (HR), Chuck Achenzie 7-17, Bob Bast 6-16, with HRs from Jon Rice (2) and Troy Haydt for Emmanuel.

After a 3-0 loss to Farmersville, Christ UCC came back to win 6-1 and 3-1. Top hitters included Jason Matula, Kevin Biechy and George Gasper all hitting HRs for Christ UCC, while Sue Grim was 5-11 and Wade Chilm-onik 4-9 for Farmersville.

Ebenezer swept Light of Christ by scores of 3-2, 3-1, and 5-1. Leading the way for Ebenezer were Jim Voortman 6-11, Carol Voortman 6-012, Joe Kish 4-12, Scott Blevins 3-7 (2 HRs) and Joey Blevins with a HR. For Light of Christ, the only hitters were Todd Jones 2-5 and 'Buzz' Heidecker 2-8. Game 2 was decided by Jim Voortman, scoring 2 runs without a hit. He hit a balk to score the first run then hit the sacrifice bunt to score the second

Standings
Dryland 32 22 .593
Star of Bethlehem 31 23 .574
St. Paul's 30 24 .556
Emmanuel 27 27 .500
Christ UCC 25 26 .490
Ebenezer 26 29 .481
Farmersville 21 30 .412

Week 17

With 5-4 and 4-3 wins over Ebenezer losing the nightcap 6-2, Dryland maintains first place. Hitters for Dryland included Earl Sigley 6-13, Shawn Sigley 5-12, Larry Golick 4-10 and Butch Sillies 4-12. Paul Yoder was 8-14, Joey Blevins 4-11, Joe Kish 4-12 with HRs from Jim Voortman, Scott Blevins, Zane Blevins, and Charlie Costanzo for Ebenezer.

After losing the opener 4-3 to Star of Bethlehem, Christ UCC came back to win 8-1 and 5-3. Leading the way for Christ UCC were Garry Hunsicker 7-14, Sue Gasper 5-10, Dave Shaver 5-10, with George Gasper and Keith Laudenslager each hitting a HR. For Star of Bethlehem Kyle Taylor was 5-11, Walt Hoffert 5-12 and Austin Hoffert with a HR.

In the only sweep of the night we find St. Paul's beating Emmanuel by scores of 3-1, 3-1, and 4-3. Top hitters included Alan Antry 4-11 and Jennifer Erking 4-12 for St. Paul's, while Jon Rice was 5-12, Chuck Achenzie also 5-12, and Bob Bast 4-12 for Emmanuel.

The final match of the night saw Light of Christ sandwiching 3-2 and 8-1 wins around a 6-3 loss to Farmersville. Leading the Light of Christ hitters was Norm Schoenberger 5-12 (HR), Eric Harper 5-13, Terry Knauss 5-14 with HRs from Chuck Crisaf and Charlie Mann. For Farmersville, Sue Grim was 7-11, Tom George 6-11, and Wade Chilmomonik 5-10.

Freedom boys kick off fundraiser for Ukraine

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom's boys' basketball team has been one of the top teams on the court this season in the East Penn Conference and the Patriots are looking to exemplify that off the court too with a fundraiser they are kicking off this week.

The boys' program in conjunction with the Freedom Family Fundraising Committee are holding a fundraiser through the next week to help people in Ukraine.

Head coach Joe Stellato has been apart of plenty of fundraisers over his time at Freedom, but this one has team ties, as senior Joe Dew's mother's family is from Ukraine.

She is also President of the Bethlehem Chapter of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America. The nonprofit organization was established in 1925 and is the longest-running and largest Ukrainian women's organization in the US.

"This is a nonpolitical fundraiser and the money raised will go to the Ukrainian National Women's League of America," said Stellato. "The money raised will go to purchase sleeping bags, warm clothes, and generators for those innocent civilians in the war zone."



These T-shirts will be sold for \$10 to benefit the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

The fundraiser will be selling T-shirts for \$10 and run from Jan. 25 through February 1. The organizing groups have put together sponsors to for the shirts, so all proceeds will go to the UNWLA. Shirts can be purchased through the main office at Freedom High School.

"We will have a competition between Block 4 classes to see who can sell the most shirts while also giving teachers some incentives to sell the shirts and promote the fundraiser," Stellato said. "We will then present the organization with a check at halftime of the Feb. 6 boys' basketball game [against Dieruff]. The supporting sponsors will be present along with the Riot Squad and basketball teams sporting the shirts."

BOYS

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crack the top four in the conference standings.

Bethlehem Catholic has Easton (1-15) in their other league showdown this week, as the Hawks are right with Freedom in the conference standings. Below are the con-

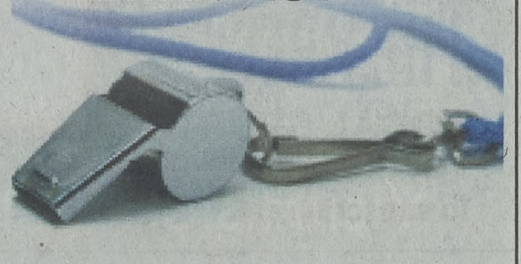
ference standings based on league games only. The top eight teams qualify for the EPC playoffs.

EPC Boys Standings
Parkland 10 3
Emmaus 9 1
Eastburg South 8 2
Bethlehem Cath. 8 3
Freedom 8 3
Central Catholic 8 3

Pocono Mt. West 8 3
Liberty 7 4
William Allen 6 5
Northampton 5 6
Eastburg North 5 6
Pleasant Valley 5 6
Whitehall 4 7
Nazareth 4 8
Dieruff 3 8
Pocono Mt. East 2 12
Stroudsburg 2 10
Easton 0 11

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First book sale of the year opens Jan. 25



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

The Bethlehem Area Public Library's first book sale in 2023 will be held today from noon until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Books of all genres, CDs, DVDs, records, audio books and video games are available at each sale and at very affordable prices. Credit cards are accepted. Parking is available in the garage below the Library after 5 p.m. on Wednesday and all day Saturday. Patrons are reminded that the use of barcode readers is not permitted on Wednesday, but may be used on Saturday. All proceeds from sales benefit the library. **Above:** Bethlehem resident Bernadette Enriquez regularly attends the book sales looking for biographies, fiction and trade size novels.

LIBRARY NOTES

General information

Website calendar listings: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

Visit the Bethlehem Area Public Library at 11 E. Church St. (main) or 400 Webster St. (Southside branch) or 2740 Fifth St. (Coolidge). For hours, information or to speak with staff members, call 610-867-3761 (Main-11 W. Church St.) or 610-867-7852; Webster St. (Southside branch) or 484-892-6267 (Coolidge). Library website: www.bapl.org

MAIN LIBRARY

All month

Homework help: Lehigh University Alpha Phi students available from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to help students with homework of any subject. No registration required. Mondays through Thursdays weekly unless otherwise noted Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/>

Wednesday, January 25

Indoor book sale, Main Library basement. 50 shoppers at a time max. Follow COVID protocols. Most credit / debit cards accepted. Noon to 8 p.m. Events, information: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

Pridelines teen LGBTQ judgement free zone. LGBTQ history, media /local resources; peer support. Grades eight to 12. 6:30 p.m. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/pridelines-teen-lgbtq-group-5>

Friday, January 27

Let's Fly: Airplane Storytime with pilot Mark Nebbia. Learn about being a pilot. All ages. No registration required. 10 to 10:45 a.m. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/lets-fly-storytime-pilot>

Dungeons and Dragons. Grades six to 12. 4 to 5 p.m. One shot adventure, pre-rolled characters, dice set, mini manual provided. No registration. <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/dungeons-dragons-12>

Saturday, January 28

Indoor book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Library basement. 50 shoppers at a time max. Follow COVID protocols. Most credit / debit cards accepted. Events, information: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming>

Karate storytime. An instructor will read a book about karate and demonstrate some moves. Recommended for ages two and up. No registration needed. Free event thanks to Action Karate. 1 to 2 p.m. Information: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/karate-storytime-action-karate>

Monday, January 30

Toddler storytime. Stories and songs, 10-10:30 a.m. No dropoffs permitted. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/toddler-storytime-11>

Choose Your Own Book Club: Choose and read a book that was inspired by a true story. 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Must register by Jan. 30. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/choose-your-own-book-club-17>

Teen LGBTQ Art Night: Explore the art of Yayoi Kasama, Keith Haring, Beauford Delany, more. 6 to 7:30 p.m. No registration needed. Information: <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-lgbtq-art-night>

Tuesday, January 31

Family Storytime. Stories, songs and fingerplays for those up to grade five. No dropoffs permitted. 10-10:30 a.m. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/family-storytime-12>

Teen Advisory Board, grades six to 12. 4 to 5:15 p.m. Complete community service hours while having a voice in the library. Help plan and prep for upcoming teen and family events. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/teen-advisory-board-meeting-tab-8>

Friday, February 3

Mary Pat Beebe Friday Morning Book Club. Faces On The Tip Of My Tongue by Emmanuelle Pagano. 10 a.m. Zoom. Registration required. Invites will be emailed. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/mary-pat-beebe-book-club-faces-tip-my-tongue-2019>

Coolidge Branch

Wednesday, January 26

SOUper Family Storytime: Picture books, childhood rhymes, songs, puppets and a craft. Ages two to five. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Information: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/souper-family-storytime>

Southside Branch

All month

Anytime Storytime Corner. DIY story time, Different books and a free craft available every week. Visit www.bapl.org/events/anytime-storytime-at-south-side-2022-02-28/ for more information.

Anytime S.T.E.M. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Visit www.bapl.org/events/

Homework help, Monday-Thursday through the month when library is open. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Grades K to 12. Lehigh University Alpha Phi students will help students with their homework with any subject. No registration required.

There's Snow Place Like the Library. Complete winter games, try new STEM projects and earn parts of a snowman at your own pace. When you have all the parts to make him complete, choose a prize from our Winter Goodie Box. South Side Branch only. Must register: visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/theres-snow-place-library> or stop in for details.

Wednesday, January 25

Preschool winter storytime - SouthSide. Stories, learning, fun. Ages 10:30 to 11 a.m. No registration needed. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/preschool-winter-storytime>

Thursday, January 26

The YMCA will be preparing and delivering meals to eat at the library for adults age 18 and up while supplies last. 5 to 6 p.m. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/free-dinners-adults>

Tuesday, January 31

Playtime at the Library. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Screen free, learning and fun for up to age four. 10:30 to 11 a.m. No registration needed. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/playtime-library-18>

The YMCA will be preparing and delivering meals to eat at the library for adults age 18 and up while supplies last. 5 to 6 p.m. Visit <https://bethlehemarea.librarycalendar.com/event/free-dinners-adults>

Great Decisions kicks off on Feb. 1

Dr. Christopher Herick, Political Science professor emeritus of Muhlenberg College, will kick off the 2023 Great Decisions Lecture Series with a discussion of the United State's current precarious relationship with China, focusing on recent Chinese aggression toward Taiwan in the South China Sea. This season is the

lecture series 49th year in the Lehigh Valley. This event, scheduled for Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is the first of eight presentations arranged by the Great Decisions Lecture Series Committee, to be held at Kirkland Village, a Bethlehem retirement community. Lectures are every Wednesday in February and the first

four Wednesdays in March at the same time. Parking is available in the lot at the rear of the First Presbyterian Church at 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem. Kirkland building access is via the main entrance and the program will be held in the second floor auditorium. Masks are required. The entire lecture se-

ries can be purchased by check from the YWCA Bethlehem, 3895 Adler Place, Building A, Suite 180, Bethlehem. The program includes a briefing book with eight essays by national experts in foreign policy and international relations which the YWCA will mail to the recipient, if ordered in time. There is a cost involved. For details, contact Karen Berry at 610-866-2655 or norberry@fast.net.

The Great Decisions program is a product of the Foreign Policy Association in New York City which is a private, non-partisan think tank. With its roots in the League of Nations, the association has been dedicated for 107 years to developing informed opinions among Americans through discussions of U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Noel V. Lateef, president and CEO of the association, notes that civic and civil dialogue is especially important today with a polarized America.

"Civil society also has a role to play in shoring up a consensus on the important of civil discourse to a vibrant democracy," he notes in the forward.

THE DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE MOST DELICIOUS WEEK OF THE YEAR

HISTORIC BETHLEHEM RESTAURANT WEEK

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Malak Sherif
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Grade: 12th
Family members: Mona Youssief (mom), Amro Shrief (dad), Youssief Hussain (older brother), Saifeldien Hussain (younger brother), Farah Hussain (younger sister), and Shady Shrief (baby brother).

Favorite subject(s): Two of my favorite subjects truly would be history and health careers. First, I say history because I love knowing what goes on in the world and what had happened in the past. Secondly, I enjoy health careers, because I'm really into knowing things about how the human body is made up. Additionally, I enjoy how the new technologies effect health care and learning about the cures and medications that are being used and will be used in the future.

Activities: Playing on the Freedom HS soccer team as mid field and forward and assisting children with their homework after school.

Next steps: My next steps after high school will be attending college to study to become a general surgeon. I plan to attend community college, which would allow me to finish all my credits and then join a university. After finishing at the university I plan on entering the Army in the health care field. From there I'll see where my life leads me in the future.

Career goals: Being able to obtain experience in the health care field. Hoping to obtain a high place in the profession and, lastly, loving it.

Heroes: My heroes would be my parents because they always find a way to make things happen no matter what the circumstances are. They also never give up on their hope and dreams. They showed me to never give up on whatever I'm doing. They have also taught me to never doubt myself with anything no matter how small or big it may be. I just have to keep on going. One of my other heroes would be my health careers teacher, Mrs. Stilgenbauer, because she always goes above and beyond for her students. She doesn't give up easy on getting to know her students well. Though she always fends for her students, she will correct them if they're in the



wrong. She shows me how to have power as a woman and how to keep on going and moving on with life due to the things that happen in life.

Hobbies: Going out with friends, playing soccer, spending time with family, and sometimes having alone time.

Current job(s): I work as a PCA (patient care assistant) at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Volunteer/community work: I help out in the community as much as I can when I am available. I helped little kids with their homework and other things at the 'Immigrants Ed' program in Allentown for several years. I have enjoyed helping the kids and it's also fun!

Likes: I like to cook for family and friends and I also like getting more experience in the health field.

Dislikes: I really dislike problems and immaturity from people surrounding me. I also dislike unorganized things.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): I have made honor roll for most of my high school years and got a head start in health care before graduating.

Advice for peers: Just do whatever you want to do. Don't hold back on anything because you're afraid of what people are going to say about you; just go for it. Most importantly, stay to yourself, humble yourself. Having friends is a great thing in high school, but be careful who is around you. Personally, I suggest you have a small friend group; the smaller the better. Lastly, have fun, enjoy high school, experience as much as you can because high school only comes around once.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY JENN RAGO

"Second Parent" by Jadalize Lamboy, a three-dimensional drawing; and the medium is crayon.

Liberty student art on display

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Liberty HS students and their teachers were present Thursday evening, Jan. 12, to display their creative works. Traditional mediums such as ceramics/clay, pencils, charcoal and oil paints only be seen incorporated with more modern mediums such as crayons, feathers and plastics. Photography and digital arts were also displayed.

Several students were on

hand to talk about their art.

Senior Jadalize Lamboy eagerly explained the motivation behind her art. She works in several different mediums, including oil paints, pencil, ceramics and even crayon. Lamboy communicates through her art in a way that gives visual meaning to her feelings. Lamboy has applied to Moore College of Art and Design and would like to be an art teacher, like her role model, Mrs. Landis.

Lamboy explained, "At first, I wanted to be an artist and just focus on making art, but Mrs. Landis showed me that teaching art is a great way to share artistic passion."

Fellow senior Taya Scott was available to show and talk about her ceramics. Scott, too, is planning to go to school for art.

Liberty plans to hold its spring art show at the end of the second semester.

More photo coverage on A12



Junior Isabella Cannan shows her work at Liberty HS winter Art Show.



Senior Taya Scott plans to study art after high school.

FREEDOM HS NEWS

By Jonathpn Chiu

Same semester, different year

It's January, and while many may be looking ahead to the challenges of the new year, we must also not forget the major events that closed out the year for Freedom HS.

From Nov. 18 to 20, the theater company performed their fall musical, "Schoolhouse Rock Live," with concessions and a basket raffle held outside of the auditorium as the theater company brought characters such as Tom, George, Schullie, and more to life.

School was closed Nov. 23 to 29 for Thanksgiving break.

Course selection for grades 9 through 11 took place Dec. 1 to 13, with juniors choosing their senior year classes Dec. 1, 2 and 5. Sophomores chose their junior year classes Dec. 8, 9, 12 and 13 while freshmen selected their sophomore year

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Chiu



Liberty HS senior Jadalize Lamboy stands near an assortment of her art, including a self-portrait in oil, a pencil drawing and a 3D crayon drawing.



Taking it all in. Students and family members admire the student art at Liberty HS art show.

Girl Scouts kick off cookie sales with new company

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania officially kick off the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Season, where people can support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs by purchasing their favorite cookies.

The Girl Scout Council has a new cookie baker, ABC Bakers, to bring customer-focused responsive service, innovative products, and effective training and digital tools to GSHPA's Cookie Program.

The new partnership will also provide a new online cookie selling platform in Smart Cookies that will help girls take their business beyond the booth through personalized cookie sites. Girls will hone

their online business skills through the platform, where they will email, accept and manage cookie orders, set goals, manage inventory, and more.

With a new baker comes a few new cookie flavors for customers to enjoy, including Lemonades, French toast-inspired Toast-Yay!, and gluten-free Caramel Chocolate Chip. Additionally, girls will sell the new Girl Scout Cookie Raspberry Rally, an online exclusive product that gets shipped directly to consumers' doors. Customers will be able to order these diverse flavors alongside other favorites like Thin Mints, Caramel deLites,

Adventurefuls, and more.

Cookie are on sale through March 19. Consumers can support Girl Scouts by purchasing cookies in a few different ways:

Contact a registered Girl Scout and help support her business.

Beginning Feb. 17, order online from a local Girl Scout troop by entering your Zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder. You can have your order shipped directly to you or donate cookies to local causes.

Contact GSHPA Member Services at MemberServices@gshpa.org or call 1-800-692-7816 to be connected with a Girl Scout near you.



PRESS PHOTO BY JONATHON CHIU

Members of the FHS Theatre Company performing their fall musical, "Schoolhouse Rock Live," which ran Nov. 18 to 20.

LIBERTY HS ART SHOW



Ceramic bowl made by Isabella Cannan.



A ceramic basket made by Taya Scott.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Snow Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
	36 / 28 2-19 mph E	41 / 23 19-23 mph WSW	35 / 24 8-14 mph WSW	43 / 26 9-16 mph SW	44 / 28 6-10 mph S	42 / 24 2-3 mph ESE	40 / 25 2-16 mph W

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of snow, high of 36°, humidity of 82%. East wind 2 to 19 mph. New snow accumulation of around three inches possible. The record high for today is 64° set in 1967. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 28°. Southeast wind 10 to 21 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°. The record low for tonight is -4° set in 1945. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 41°, humidity of 68%. West southwest wind 19 to 23 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy, overnight low of 23°. West wind 11 to 19 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 35°, humidity of 60%. West southwest wind 8 to 14 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy, overnight low of 24°.

Weather Trivia

In which direction do tornadoes usually move?



Answer: Southwest to Northeast



Liberty HS Art teachers Heidi Landis, Nancy Lewis, Beth McFadden and Kim Tanzo.

FHS

Continued from page A11 courses Dec. 13 and 14.

The FHS chorus, directed by Ms. Volpato, performed its holiday concert Dec. 9. The orchestra also presented its concert Dec. 16.

The National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual blood drive with the Miller Blood Bank Dec. 14 in the aerobics room. A number of shifts were available for current NHS members to volunteer for during the school day. Members had to receive permission from their teachers beforehand in order to miss class and work their shifts. Forty-eight appointments were available for anyone 17 years or older and weighing over 110 pounds to donate blood upon presenting a valid student ID or driver's license. Anyone 16 years old as also able to donate upon receiving parental permission.

An art show also took place Dec. 16, with art pieces made by several students on display.

School was dismissed early Dec. 22 due to a teacher in-service and school was closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 for winter break.

Keystone testing took place Jan. 9, 10 and 11 for students who had to take either a biology, algebra or literature Keystone exam. Students who were not required to take the tests performed asynchronous work at home.

On Jan. 11, parents of incoming ninth grade students were invited to attend an orientation meeting in the auditorium, where they were informed of what the next generation of freshmen will be able to do while at Freedom, the requirements to graduate, and more.

21st annual Freddys

29 area high school musicals get in the act

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Twenty nine schools in Lehigh and Northampton counties and Warren County, N.J., have been announced as participants in the 2023 Freddys program.

The 21st annual "Freddys Awards Show," 7 p.m. May 25, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, will be broadcast live on WFMZ-TV and streamed at www.wfmz.com.

Look for the "High School Musicals" series that previews shows in the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and the Press website LVPnews.com

Here is the list, in chronological order, of participating schools, musicals and performances being presented for the 2023 Freddys:

Easton Area High School, "Once Upon a Mattress," 7 p.m. March 2, 3, 4; 1:30 p.m. March 5
Northwestern Lehigh High School, "Disaster!," 7 p.m. March 2, 3, 4; 2 p.m. March 5



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21st annual "Freddys Awards Show," 7 p.m. May 25, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, broadcast live on WFMZ-TV and streamed at www.wfmz.com

Moravian Academy, School, "Pippin," 7:30 p.m. Musical," 7 p.m. March 9, 10, 11; 2 p.m. March 12
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 5
Northern Lehigh High School, "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson See **FREDDYS ON** Page B2

8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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The Flying Karamazov Brothers, 7 p.m. Jan. 27, State Theatre Center For The Arts, Easton. The Flying Karamazov Brothers is a juggling and comedy troupe performing since 1973, beginning as sidewalk performers in Santa Cruz, Calif. The "brothers" (none are related) took the act's name from the Fyodor Dostoevsky novel, "The Brothers Karamazov." The troupe is led by co-founder Paul David Magid (Dmitri), director, producer and the only original member. The Karamazovs incorporate narratives, juggling and old and new elements from their repertoire in performances. They were in the film, "The Jewel of the Nile" (1985), sequel to "Romancing the Stone" (1984); appeared as the Flying Sandos Brothers in a "Seinfeld" episode "The Friars Club" (1996), and performed on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" (2010). The Karamazovs incorporate music into their performances. The group has added technological components to the repertoire, with the help of the MIT Media Lab. The Karamazovs are expected to perform their off-Broadway "4 Play." States a New York Times review: "100 minutes of cleverness and comedy that go by in a flash." Tickets: State Theatre box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; 1-800-999-STATE (7828); <https://statetheatre.org>

'Our Lady' in Playhouse premiere

CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

A primarily Latino cast will present the Lehigh Valley premiere of Luis Santeiro's "Our Lady of the Tortilla," Jan. 27 - Feb. 12, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem.

The 1987 comedy about a Latino family revolves around the revelations that ensue when a pious aunt sees the face of the Virgin Mary in a tortilla while cooking.

The play is described as "a story about family and how, despite differences, love is the most important thing of all."

In "Our Lady," over a weekend, the Cruz family threatens to burst at the seams. Nelson, youngest



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY KIM CARSON PHOTOGRAPHY
From left: Lana Brucker, Dave Donado, Andrew Maldonado, Sonia Strockyj, Tamara Decker, Gloria Millheim, "Our Lady of the Tortilla," Pennsylvania Playhouse.

son and a college student, returns home in a panic to hide religious relics from the sight of his WASP-y girlfriend, who is visiting for the weekend.

The real pandemonium occurs when mother Dahlia's sweet old-maid sister, Dolores, sees the face of the Virgin in a tortilla, turning the family's New

Jersey home into a suburban Lourdes.

As the family struggles with their beliefs and conflicts, the endurance of family love is revealed to be the real miracle.

Kathy Pacheco will make her Playhouse debut as director of the comedy-drama.

The six-person cast includes Sonia Strockyj (Dolores Cantú), Gloria Millheim (Dahlia Cruz), Dave Donado (Nelson Cruz), Andrew Maldonado (Eddie Cruz), Lana Brucker (Beverly Barnes) and Tamara Decker (Valerie Spinetti.)

"Our Lady of the Tortilla," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 - 28, Feb. 3 - 4, 10 - 11; 3 p.m. Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, The Pennsylvania Playhouse, 390 Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem. Tickets:

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Neko Case, Indigo Sparke, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25, Musikfest Café presented by Yuengling, Bethlehem. Case's latest release, "Wild Creatures," a retrospective album of 22 tracks released in 2022, includes a new song, "Oh, Shadowless." Case's debut record was "The Virginian" (1997). Her studio albums include "Furnace Room Lullaby" (2000); "Blacklisted" (2004), with the song, "I Wish I Was The Moon"; "Fox Confessor Brings the Flood" (2006), with the song, "Hold On, Hold On"; "Middle Cyclone" (2009); "The Worse Things Get, the Harder I Fight, the Harder I Fight, the More I Love You" (2013), with the songs, "Man" and "Night Still Comes," and "Hell-On" (2018). Case was born in Alexandria, Va. Case's parents are of Ukrainian ancestry. Case has appeared on "Austin City Limits," "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" and NPR's weekly news quiz show, "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me." Tickets: ArtsQuest Center box office, 101 Founders Way, SteelStacks, Bethlehem; 610-297-7100; <https://www.steelstacks.org>



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Lori Patrick with "Natura, Naked In Nature" 2023 calendar.

'Natura' calendar in 10th year

"Natura, Naked In Nature" is a fine-art photography calendar produced by Urszula Prezdzik Abolik and photographed by Lori Patrick.

Patrick, a Lehigh Valley-based professional photographer and journalist, took photos in Havana, Cuba, for the 2018 calendar. Patrick is a contributor to Lehigh Valley Press. She received a first-place 2022 Keystone Media award.

Abolik owns Amber Connection, Emmaus. She is a pedagogist, fashion artist, travel expert and art project navigator. "Natura, Naked In Nature" is now in its 10th year.

"The calendar is celebrating the human body, no matter what shape



By Ed Courrier

you're in. And it's relating it to the beauty of nature, because we are all individuals of nature," says Patrick at the 2023 calendar release reception Dec. 22 at Arthaus, Allentown.

Abolik's partner, Emmaus-based artist Dr. Barnaby Ruhe, assists with the calendar project. Ruhe and Abolik posed for photos in the calendar. At the reception, Ruhe painted impressionistic portraits of attendees in gouache on copies

of the 2023 calendar.

While most of the images in the 2023 calendar are from Marrakech and Essaouira in Morocco, a few were taken in Pennsylvania, featuring Moroccan fabrics and objects.

The woman on the January page works on an organic farm. Maya, the cover model posing with sunflowers, is from Ukraine. Maya's mother was in Kiev when the War in Ukraine began Feb. 24, 2022.

"Urszula always wanted the calendar to support life and water," says Patrick, adding, "She has donated to water situations throughout the world with proceeds from the calendar."

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Martin Guitar remembers folk-rocker David Crosby

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Martin Guitar remembers David Crosby. And, for Crosby, a folk-rock legend who died Jan. 19 at age 81, Martin Guitars were his acoustic guitar of choice.

"We were saddened to hear of David Crosby's passing. David wrote and performed some great music on his Martin Guitars," said C.F. Martin & Co. Executive Chairman Christian Frederick Martin IV.

"We worked closely with him on several Artist Signature models as well as the 'Rock the Vote' guitar that included David's image and his famous quote 'Democracy works if you work it,'" said Martin

in a press release statement.

Martin Guitar issued the D-12 David Crosby in 2009 with Crosby's signature between the 16th and 17th frets.

Crosby performed a solo concert July 5, 2015, at Musikfest Cafe, SteelStacks, Bethlehem.

In an interview and accompanying video for Acoustic Guitar magazine, Crosby extolled the virtues of Martin Guitars. The interview with Crosby, republished and the video reposted Jan 19, was originally in the January 2017 issue of Acoustic Guitar.

Crosby told Mark Kemp for Acoustic Guitar that he bought his first Martin Guitar, a D-18, when he was a



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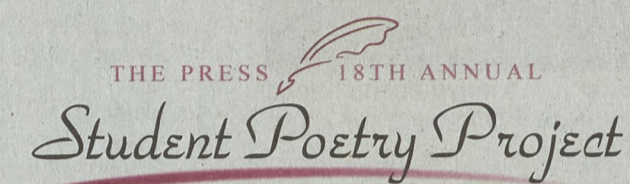
Artist works on image for David Crosby "Rock the Vote" Martin Guitar.

Enter Lehigh Valley Press 18th annual Student Poetry Project

Submissions are being accepted for the 18th annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories. The first, second and third place selections in each category will be published in the April 26 and April 27 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and on the website.

The student in each of the three categories whose poem is selected for publication on the front page of the Focus section may have his



or her photo published, with the permission of the student's parent or guardian, published in the Press Focus section.

Three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be interviewed on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon," 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. April 24, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, www.wdiy.org.

The entry guidelines:

1. The Student Poetry Project is open to

Lehigh Valley elementary school, middle school and high school public, parochial, private, charter, cyber and home-school students in the circulation areas of the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers: Salisbury Press, East Penn Press, Parkland Press, Northwestern Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press, Catasauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press.

2. Poems are to be submitted in PDF form and

should not exceed one page in length using a font no smaller than 10 point. No illustrations will be accepted.

3. On the same page as the poem, include student name, age, grade, school, district, telephone number and email of parent or guardian for contact information only. The phone number and email will not be published or shared. Poems missing this information may not be considered.

4. Each student may submit up to three poems, which must be his or her original composition. Each poem should be a separate entry. Individual poems should be at least 10 lines in

length. However, students may submit up to three shorter poems on a single theme with a title, on a single page. Single poems shorter than 10 lines will not be accepted.

5. E-mail poems and/or questions to George VanDoren, Student Poetry Project coordinator: georgevan@me.com

6. Hand-written or printed versions of poems may be mailed to or dropped off to: Student Poetry Project, care of Lehigh Valley Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104. Teachers may submit multiple class poems in a single envelope as long as they are on separate pages and contain the required

student information.

7. Entries must be received (by U.S. Mail or email) by 5 p.m. March 15.

8. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for a student's photo to be taken and published in the Focus section in the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and websites.

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

10. For ideas on teaching poetry, go to: facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest/

Please follow the Poetry Project facebook page for a "Poem of the Week" and other information about poetry: https://www.facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest

FREDDYS

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March 12
Belvidere High School, "Urinetown," 7 p.m. March 10, 11; 1 p.m. March 11
Salisbury High School, "9 to 5," 7 p.m. March 16, 17, 18; 2 p.m. March 19
Warren County Technical, "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," 7:30 p.m. March 16, 17, 18; 2 p.m. March 19
Catasauqua High School, "Pippin," 7 p.m. March 17, 18; 2 p.m. March 19
North Warren Regional High School, "Anastasia: The Musical," 6 p.m. March 17, 18, 24, 25; noon March 19, 26

Southern Lehigh High School, "Rock of Ages: Teen Edition," 7 p.m. March 22, 23, 24, 25; 2 p.m. March 26

Northampton Area High School, "Chicago: Teen Edition," 7 p.m. March 23, 24, 25; 2 p.m. March 26
Notre Dame High School, "Guys & Dolls," 7 p.m. March 24, 25; 2 p.m. March 26

Emmaus High School, "Fiddler on the Roof," 7 p.m. March 29, 30, 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 1, 2
Allentown Central Catholic High School, "Godspell: 2012 Revised Version," 7 p.m. March 30, 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 1

Liberty High School, "How to Succeed in Busi-

ness Without Really Trying," 7 p.m. March 30, 31, April 1; 1 p.m. April 1

Warren Hills Regional High School, "Anastasia: The Musical," 7 p.m. March 30, 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 1

Whitehall High School, "9 to 5," 7 p.m. March 30, 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 2
Bangor Area High School, "Anastasia: The Musical," 7:30 p.m. March 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 1, 2

Phillipsburg High School, "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy," 7 p.m. March 31, April 1; 2 p.m. April 2

Parkland High School, "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma!," 7:30 p.m. April 12, 13, 14, 15; 3 p.m. April 16

Nazareth Area High School, "Bye Bye Birdie," 7:30 p.m. April 13, 14, 15; 2 p.m. April 16

Bethlehem Catholic High School, "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," 7 p.m. April 14, 15, 21, 22; 3 p.m. April 16

Freedom High School, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," 7 p.m. April 20, 21, 22; 1 p.m. April 22, 23

William Allen High School, "Little Shop of Horrors," 7 p.m. April 20, 21, 22; 2:30 p.m. April 23

Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," 7 p.m. April 22; 1 p.m. April 22, 23

Dieruff High School, "Seussical," 7 p.m. April 27, 28, 29

Hackettstown High School, "Pippin," 7 p.m. April 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. April 30

The Freddy Awards program recognizes and rewards exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater in local high schools.

The three-hour broadcast includes an opening number, performance by nominated musicals, actors and actresses, and presentation of the 2023 Freddy Awards in 23 award categories.

It is estimated that the Fredmys program involves more than 2,900 students in the region annually.

The State Theatre's Freddy Awards is the

only high school musical awards program in the United States that produces a live television show.

The telecast has received broadcast awards, including Mid-Atlantic Emmys in 2005, 2011 and 2019.

The 2008 Freddy program was subject of a feature documentary, "Most Valuable Players," by Canyon Back Films, Los Angeles. Released in 2010, the documentary is part of Oprah Winfrey Network's (OWN) documentary film club, which premiered it in 2011.

Tickets for high school musical performances: <https://freddyawards.org/>

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610-865-6665; <http://www.paplayhouse.org/>

Audience participation mystery: The Pines Dinner Theater opens its 2023 season with a new, original audience-participation mystery, "Summer Lovin': The Rodewell High Comedy Murder Mys-

tery Parody," Jan. 27 - April 29.

"Summer Lovin,'" written and directed by Pines Dinner Theatre Artistic Director Oliver Blatt, is a parody of 1960s high school movie comedies.

In the comedy, it's time for the talent show at Rodewell High. Things don't go as planned. It's up to the audience to help figure it out.

Dinner and performance happen concurrently. Theatergoers are to arrive at least 15 minutes before showtime.

"Summer Lovin,'" 7 p.m. Friday, 4, 7 p.m. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Sunday. The Pines Dinner Theatre, 448 N. 17th St., Allentown. Food and beverages are a la carte. Tickets: 610-

433-2333, <https://www.pinesdinnertheatre.com>

"Curtain Rises" is a column about the theater, stage shows, the actors in them and the directors and artists who make them happen. To request coverage, email: Paul Willistein, Focus editor, pwilistein@tnonline.com.

'NATURA'

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The first "Natura, Naked In Nature" calendar, photographed by Slovenian-born, Brooklyn-based photographer Jaka Vinšek, premiered in 2013. The images were taken at Ruhe's farm atop South Mountain in the Emmaus area.

The 2023 edition is dedicated to women of Ukraine, Iran and in similar challenging situations in other nations.

The 2023 "Natura, Naked In Nature" calendar can be purchased at Amber Connection, 226 Main

St., Emmaus; <http://www.amberconnection.org/>; 484-225-1382

Arthaus, a partnership between RE:find and the Allentown Arts Commission, 645 W. Hamilton St., Allentown. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Closed Sunday, Monday. allentownarts.com; 610-841-4866

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No sweats for comfy attire on game night

Dear Jacquelyn,
My husband and I are invited to a social gathering and the host suggests comfy-casual attire. The evening is going to be a relaxing night that includes pizza and some game playing. My husband insists on wearing khakis and a button-down. I said comfy-casual was sweats or maybe jeans but definitely not khakis and a button-down. This is causing a slightly heated debate. He is not comfortable heading out to meet friends in sweats. What is the difference between ca-

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By Jacquelyn Youst



sual and comfy casual attire?

Dear Reader,
In social circles, the difference between casual and comfy casual is entirely up for interpretation.

Dress code terminology is merely a tool used to provide us with guidelines so we can dress appropriately for particular situations.

When the term "comfy-casual" is used, it is a safe bet that you can wear

pretty much anything because it is a term that has no formal meaning.

Comfy-casual is not a style. It is a wardrobe choice. You have the liberty to decide how casual you want to be.

Comfy is how you dress after work or on the weekend when you are watching television. To be more specific, comfy-casual is what you wear at home on your own sofa.

Casual attire, similar to comfy-attire, is relaxed and informal.

However, it's typically what you wear out in public versus on the sofa in the privacy of your own home. Casual for men could be jeans combined with a polo or T-shirt.

Your husband is not necessarily wrong wanting to wear khakis and a button-down shirt. If that is his comfort zone, then that's his take on comfy-casual. As long as the interpretation of comfy-casual is not dumpy and sloppy, it's fine to wear whatever is most comfortable.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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Don't make an allowance for children's chores

Editor's Note: The "Family Project" resumes twice per month on the Lifestyle page of the Focus section in Lehigh Valley Press.

Q: How should I handle giving my son an allowance? Is it better to make him do chores to earn his allowance or should he just get an allowance and have the chores be a separate matter?

Children need to become comfortable with making basic money decisions and an allowance is the perfect way to start, the "Family Project" panel agreed.

Use an allowance to teach about money and making good financial decisions.

It is not recommended that allowances be tied to chores, good behavior or getting good grades, said panel member Denise Continenza.

"You can start giving an allowance to a child as young as age five. Then he has money when he wants something. It builds financial literacy," Continenza said.

Although some basic chores, such as clean-

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ing his room, should be expected and not tied to money, the panel suggested allowing a child to earn additional money by doing extra chores.

"There are so few ways a child can earn money before he's old enough to work. All he can do is wait for birthday and Christmas gifts. This gives him the opportunity to earn money and learn all the things that go with it like budgeting and saving," added panel member Chad Stefanyak.

"Allow him to earn extra money by doing extra chores. However, there are always things that are expected with no pay. Make a list of chores for which he can be paid with the price next to them. This creates a work ethic and the idea that hard work brings rewards," agreed Continenza.

Money can be given for grades, but it should be separate from the allowance, said panel member

Teri Haddad. "You never know what will work for kids," Haddad said.

It may even be somewhat different between siblings, the panel added.

"You can't be lost in 'equal is fair.' Jobs and money will be different for different kids," Stefanyak said.

"There are always different circumstances. Kids like to say, 'It's not fair,'" Haddad said.

Other tips for giving a child allowances include:

- Give the same amount at the same time every week.

- Allow the child to decide what to do with the money.

- Increase the amount as the child gets older.

- Encourage the child to save by opening a savings account.

This week's panel: Chad Stefanyak, school counselor; Denise Continenza, extension educator;

Teri Haddad, Community Services for Children's vice president community initiatives & advancement; Kaitlyn Kelly, Community Services

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'Long in the tooth' may lead to more cavities

Q. I seem to be getting more cavities in my teeth as I get older. Is this another part of the aging process?

Tooth decay and gum disease are caused by plaque, a layer of bacteria.

Plaque can build up quickly on the teeth of older people. In addition, seniors have a greater tendency to get decay around older fillings. Seniors have more fillings than younger people because of not growing up with fluoride.

Cavities in the roots of teeth are also more common among older adults because the roots are exposed when our gums recede and we become "long in the tooth." The root surfaces are softer than tooth enamel and decay more easily.

Dry mouth, which is a lack of saliva, promotes tooth decay. Saliva is needed to neutralize the cavity-causing acids produced by plaque.

Most dry mouth, a condition known as xerostomia, is related to

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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. Some over-the-counter medications often cause dry mouth.

Dry mouth can be caused by cancer treatments 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.

Despite all of the dental problems related to age, seniors are holding onto their teeth longer than they used to. One reputable survey

showed that the rate that seniors lose their teeth has dropped by 60 percent since 1960. This improvement has been attributed to advancements in treatment and better oral hygiene.

Cleaning your teeth is especially important as you age. Dentists advise that you brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and clean between your teeth with floss or other interdental cleaner.

Gum disease is common among seniors because it develops painlessly over a long period of time. It is caused by plaque, but it can be aggravated by smoking, ill-fitting dentures and poor diet. Symptoms include bleeding, swollen or receding gums, loose teeth, a change in your bite, and persistent bad breath or taste.

Another change as you grow older is the difficulty of keeping your teeth white. Plaque is to blame. Because plaque can build up faster and in greater amounts as we age, older people have a hard time maintaining a bright smile.

Changes in dentin, the bone-like tissue that is under your enamel, may also cause your teeth to appear slightly darker.

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Winning the lottery

If you won the lottery, how would your life change?

How would you spend the money?

Whether it's just wishful thinking in your own mind or your answer to a "what if" conversation, most of us give at least a fleeting thought to the question of what we would do if we won the lottery.

It's one thing if it's all make believe.

But if you really won the lottery and it was no longer make believe, how would your life change?

Some say their life wouldn't change in a significant way. They think the only difference would be that they could buy more and do more.

Yet, past lottery winners say their life changed in significant ways they never imagined.

Reporter Brent Gallagher did a most comprehensive investigative study into how the lives of lottery winners changed.

He looked into what they did with their lottery winnings and what changes it brought.

One surprising fact he found is that 70 percent of lottery winners lose all their money within a few years. He claims that even some millionaires that won the lottery went bankrupt.

But perhaps the most astonishing story behind a past lottery winner was that of Mark Hill and his wife Cindy.

In November of 2012 the Dearborn, Missouri, residents won a staggering \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot. They were one of two Powerball winners. The odds were one in 300 billion that one winner would take home the whole pot. Two winners split the \$587.5 million Powerball jackpot.

At the time 52-year-old Mark and 51-year-old Cindy were struggling financially. Mark worked as a factory machinist. Cindy was laid off from her job as an office manager and was working part time as a waitress.

With three grown sons, they had just adopted a daughter from China.

According to the reporter, in their small town of Dearborn, Missouri, most residents lived on around \$22,000 a year. The Hills were making slightly less because Cindy wanted to adjust her hours to take care of her newly adopted daughter.

Cindy admits that the night before the Powerball drawing she talked with her daughter about how nice it would be to be able to take family trips. She had purchased five lottery tickets.

When she went to the convenience store the next day to check the winning ticket, she called her husband to say she thought she was having a heart attack because she might have the winning lottery ticket.

She called her mother-in-law, Shirley, to check the ticket.

When it was determined Cindy and her son would take home \$192,750,000 in a lump-sum payment, Shirley Hill had one wish for her son.

"I hope he stays grounded, stays humble and doesn't forget who we are," she said.

Like other lottery winners, Cindy and Mark Hill had people

WARMEST REGARDS
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wondering how their lives would change with their winnings.

The answer: Not at all.

Mark always said if he won the lottery he would buy a red Camaro.

He never bought the car.

Instead he bought a sewage treatment plant for his hometown. With a population of under 500, the working class community of Camden Point, Missouri, could never afford the needed plant.

Instead of buying luxuries for themselves, Mark and Cindy opted for projects to help their community.

In addition to giving \$50,000 toward the sewage plant, they donated \$5 million dollars to the Dearborn Fire Department to build a new fire station and buy a new ambulance.

Mark said his parents were saved twice by the firefighters and moving the fire station and ambulance would enable responders to provide help faster service to the community.

They also paid for a new ball field for the community and established a fund for lunch money and college scholarships at their high school.

What they didn't do was to change their lifestyle. Mark continues to drive a pickup truck and meet his longtime buddies for morning coffee at the local convenience store.

Mark passed away several years after winning the lottery but his legacy lives on.

OK, here's a lottery related question.

If you made an off-hand promise to a friend to share any lottery winnings would you honor that promise decades later?

Thomas Cook told his fishing buddy, Joe Feeny, he would share any lottery winnings with him.

When Cook won \$22 million in a Powerball lottery two years ago, he called his fishing buddy to say he was sharing his winnings, as he promised. Each got \$5.7 million.

Coincidentally, the week I read about this there was an Associated Press story about a lawsuit because a woman refused to share her lottery winnings, as promised.

I don't know the particulars but I do know people like Mark and Cindy Hill and Tom Cook aren't all that common.

So, what would you do with the money if you won a big lottery?

I would start a charity to help feed and house the poor, naming my daughter Maria to head the charity.

The money wouldn't last long because Maria is fast to give everything away. She can't walk by a homeless person without emptying her wallet.

My lottery dream could never happen. I will never win a lottery for one simple reason: I never play.

So, what's your lottery dream?

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The Neffs National Bank participating in fundraising for nonprofits

The Neffs National Bank, its employees, and customers are participating in a yearlong Dress Down Day initiative to raise funds for local nonprofits.

Each month, a local nonprofit is selected to receive funds raised by employees during their casual dress down days and customers via collection at both the Neffs and Walnutport branches, according to a news release. Funds raised are then matched by The Neffs National Bank, limitations apply.

These organizations were selected for providing invaluable support to the local community and surrounding areas, as well as, having personal value and connection to The Neffs National Bank employees. The 2022 drive raised more than \$5,900 for local organizations.

This support is raised in addition to The Neffs National Bank annual giving policy.

The Neffs National Bank is proud to continue support to the local community in 2023 as the bank

celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The following nonprofits were selected to benefit from the 2023 drive:

- January: Northern Valley EMS;
- February: Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America;
- March: Walnutport Diamond Fire Company;
- April: Neffs Volunteer Fire Co.;
- May: D&L Heritage Trail;
- June: Schnecksville Fire Company;
- July: PA Outdoor Veterans;
- August: Carbon County Environmental Center;
- September: Let's Build Camp for Girls;
- October: Bloom for Women;
- November: Lily's Hope; and
- December: Ruff Life Animal Rescue.

Community members are invited to support these nonprofits and offer support by visiting the lobby of the Neffs or Walnutport branch offices of The Neffs National Bank to contribute a donation.



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Jason Breininger, teller/bank associate, Candice Phillips, receptionist/loan support specialist, Jill Roth, loan support specialist, Alista Borowski, marketing and public relations coordinator, Mark Stewart, retail lender, (back) Kevin Schmidt, president/CEO, and Jessica Kesack, teller/bank associate, announce the initiative to raise funds for local nonprofits.

'M3GAN': Bot gone bad

AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein
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The evil doll has a long-running role in the horror-film genre.

The latest entry is "M3GAN," as in Model 3 Generative Android, who though facially resembling one of the Olsen Twins (I say Ashley Olsen) is at her heart a droid full of wires, circuit boards and computer chips.

M3GAN somehow avoided the supply-chain shortage.

A combination of actor motion-capture, puppets and computer-generated imagery makes the evil dolls of contemporary cinema more and more believable and scary.

Take a look at "Child's Play" (1988), "Puppet Master" (1989), "Dolly Dearest" (1991), "Bride of Chucky" (1998) and "Annabelle: Creation" (2017).

"M3GAN" advances the manic Muppets genre even more.

We've come a long way from the days of Buffalo Bill and Howdy Doody (TV's "The Howdy Doody Show," 1947-1960), Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Mortimer Snerd (movie roles, 1938-1979), Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney, Knucklehead Smiff ("The Paul Winchell Show," 1950-1961). They were creepy in their own wooden way (I am referring to the puppets, not the puppeteers).

And there's "Pinocchio," but that's a whole other story ("The Adventures of Pinocchio," 1883, by Italian writer Carlo Collodi).

"M3GAN" takes the deadly doll to even scarier, more socially-relevant heights and absurdly-dark comedic depths.

She's a robot, engineered to be a toy-doll companion. Inbued with Artificial Intelligence, she develops a mind of her own. She's not about to pick up a broom and help sweep the floor, pitch in to make the bed or help bake Toll House cookies.

With M3GAN, it's computer chips ahoy.

We've come a long way from the friendly, helpful robots of "Short Circuit" (1986) when Johnny 5 befriended Ally Sheedy, and "Forbidden Planet" (1956), with Robbie the Robot, who, as with many movie stars, made the transition to TV on "Lost In Space" (1965).

M3GAN is more "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" (2001), the legendary Stanley Kubrick film that languished before director Steven Spielberg, finally brought to the big screen.

In "M3GAN," Gemma (Allison Williams) is a robotics engineer who heads a project development team at a fictional Seattle, Wash., toy company that has created M3GAN (Amie Donald; voice by Jenna Davis), a doll so lifelike it's taken for a real girl. The company's head, David (Ronny Chieng) wants to market the doll in time for the holiday season.

When her sister and brother-in-law die in a car crash, Gemma becomes guardian of her eight-year-old niece, Cady (Violet McGraw). To provide the bereaved girl with a playmate, Gemma brings home M3GAN, who bonds quickly and becomes very protective of Cady.

An annoying neighbor, a barking dog, and a school bully soon learn how protective M3GAN is. The local police and toy company officials learn, too.

"M3GAN," a nifty horror film with a touch of a



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M3GAN's neighborhood: "Won't you be my neighbor?" From left: M3GAN (Amie Donald; voice by Jenna Davis), Cady (Violet McGraw), "M3GAN."

Hitchcockian psychological thriller, merges the concept of a possessed doll and bot gone bad.

It's quite a clever "screamplay" by Akele Cooper (screenplay, "Malignant," 2021) from a story by Cooper and James Wan (producer, "Annabelle," 2014; director, "Furious 7," 2015; director, "Insidious," 2010; director, "Saw," 2004) with economical direction by Gerard Johnstone (director, "Housebound," 2014) and excellent cinematography by Simon Raby, editing by Jeff McEvoy and soundtrack by Anthony Willis.

Allison Williams is terrific as Gemma, a workaholic who comes to rue some of her lifestyle choices. Williams ("The Perfection," 2018; "Get Out," 2017; TV's "Girls," 2012-2017) conveys the arc of her character from cool professional to worried mother, anchoring the film with an empathetic and believable performance.

The actor (Amie Donald), voice actor (Jenna Davis) and animation, special effects and technical crew behind the character of "M3GAN" have done incredible work.

Horror films are cau-

tionary tales. "M3GAN" is no different. It's "Annabelle" meets "A.I. meets "Frankenstein."

"M3GAN" infers that we should not depend on technology to solve our personal problems.

We've come a long way from children pulling the string on Mattel's Chatty Cathy doll (1959 - 1965).

Or have we?

"M3GAN," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned: Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.) for violent content and terror, some strong language and a suggestive reference; Genre: Horror, Science-Fiction, Thriller; Run Time: 1 hr.; 42 mins. Distributed by Universal Pictures.

Credit Readers

Anonymous: The "M3GAN" end credits include the song, "Silicon Chip," written and sung by Basil Kirchin. In the movie, M3GAN sings "Tell Me Your Dreams," written by Anthony Willis and Gerard Johnstone and sung by Jenna Davis. Filming took place in place in Los Angeles, Calif., and Auckland, New Zealand. A sequel, "M3GAN 2.0," is scheduled for released in 2025.

At The Movies:

"M3GAN" was seen in the standard format at AMC Center Valley 16.

Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office, Jan. 20 - 22: "Avatar: The Way of Water" continued at No. 1 for six weeks in a row, \$20 million in 3,790 theaters, \$598.2 million, six weeks.

2. "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" moved up one place, \$11.5 million in 3,611 theaters, \$126.4 million, six weeks.

3. "M3GAN" dropped one place, \$9.8 million in 3,628 theaters, \$73.2 million, three weeks.

4. "Missing," opening, \$9.3 million in 3,025 theaters.

5. "A Man Called Otto" dropped one place, \$9 million in 3,802 theaters, \$35.3 million, four weeks.

6. "Plane" dropped one place, \$5.2 million in 3,060 theaters, \$19.4 million, two weeks.

7. "House Party" dropped one place, \$1.7 million in 1,400 theaters, \$7.1 million, two weeks.

8. "That Time I Got Reincarnated as a Slime the Movie: Scarlet Bond," opening, \$1.4 million in 1,473 theaters.

9. "The Whale" dropped one place, \$1.2 million in 1,591 theaters, \$13.1 million, seven weeks.

10. "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" dropped three places, \$1.2 million in 1,591 theaters, \$451.7 million, 11 weeks.

Movie box office information from Box Office Mojo as of Jan. 22 is subject to change.

Unreel, Jan. 27:

"Maybe I Do," PG-13: Michael Jacobs directs Emma Roberts, Luke Bracey, Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, William H. Macy, Diane Keaton in the Romance Comedy. A young couple decides it's time to meet the parents, who already know each other.

Movie opening date information from Internet Movie Database as of Jan. 22 is subject to change.



David Crosby "Rock the Vote" Martin Guitar. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

CROSBY

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teenager in Chicago. Crosby played the guitar as a member of the folk-rock group, The Byrds in 1964.

According to the Acoustic Guitar article, Crosby purchased not one but three Martin D-45s in 1969, for himself and Stills and Nash as part of the super group Crosby, Stills & Nash, which became Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. Crosby continued to play the D-45 in concerts. According to Rolling

Stone magazine, Crosby's last public concert appearance was a guest spot with Jason Isbell, Feb. 26, 2022, Arlington Theatre, Santa Barbara, Calif., and before that, Crosby last performed a public concert in 2019.

A theatrical movie documentary, "David Crosby: Remember My Name," narrated and produced by Cameron Crowe, was released in 2019.

Acoustic Guitar magazine David Crosby interview and video: <https://acousticguitar.com>

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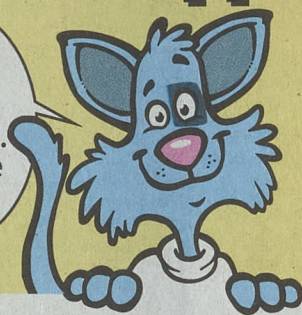
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Cause and Effect Matchup

Work with a family members to draw lines to connect each CAUSE with its EFFECT.

What Happened and Why: Cause and Effect

One event makes something else happen. That's cause and effect!



News articles tell about the cause and the effect of things that happen. News articles report on something that happened and explain why. The headline tells what happened — or the effect. The article gives more details

and tells why it happened — or the cause. A good headline sparks your curiosity and makes you want to read the article to learn more.

Caution! This article is not real news! It is just for fun!

Discovering Cause and Effect

Read this silly article to answer these questions.

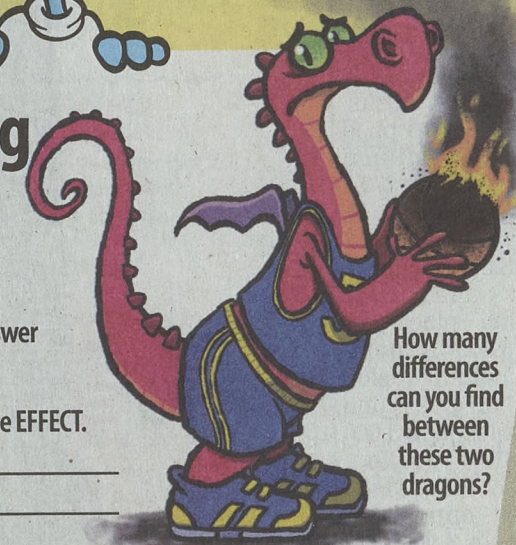
WHAT happened? This is the EFFECT.

WHY did it happen? This is the CAUSE.

Think about something that happened at your school this week. What was the CAUSE and EFFECT?

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____



How many differences can you find between these two dragons?



Dragon Burp Burns Ball

BLAZETON — Karly Kindling sparked surprise in the people watching last night's basketball game between the Southside Scorchers and the Eastside Embers at Flaming Torch High School.

"I ate a burrito just before the game," said Karly. "I overdid it with the hot sauce I added. The burrito caused my stomach to be a bit upset when I started the game."

The burrito caused stomach gas to form in the belly of the star forward for the Eastside Embers. Just as she caught the ball from a teammate, she burped.

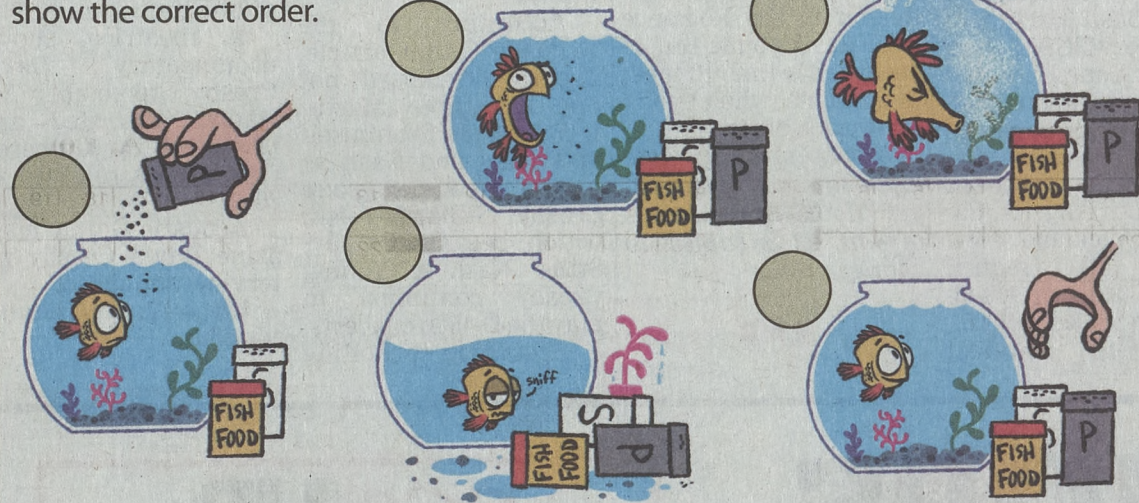
The burp caused a burst of flame to shoot out of her mouth, burning the basketball to a crisp.

"Karly took it well. She took a big breath and got right back in the game, shooting a three-pointer with a new ball moments later," said coach Coalsworth.

"But from now on," said Coalsworth, "our players will be sticking with orange slices and ice water before a game!"

Scrambled Story

Look at the pictures below. They tell a silly story of cause and effect. But they are out of order. Number the pictures to show the correct order.



Extra! Extra!

Before and After

The cause of something happens before the effect. Look at a photograph in the newspaper. Try to imagine what happened before the picture was taken. Why do you think that?

Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Dragon Doubles

Only two of these dragons are exactly alike. Can you find them?



Double Double Word Search

- BASKETBALL
- BURP
- CAUSE
- DETAILS
- DRAGON
- EFFECT
- EMBERS
- FLAMES
- HAPPEN
- NEWS
- ORDER
- READ
- THINK
- WATER
- WHY

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SCOOP**

The noun **scoop** means being the first to publish information that is of high interest and importance.

Carol got the **scoop** about the new stadium before all the other sports reporters.

Try to use the word **scoop** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

News Cause and Effect

Select an article in the newspaper. After reading the article carefully, write a summary of the effect or what happened. Then write the cause or why it happened.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Summarize main ideas in writing.



What really frustrates a dragon on its birthday?

ANSWER: Trying to blow out the candles on the cake!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 Airport Road, Bath, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.
Gertrude Schwarz #217
Jan. 25 Feb. 1

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Alvin Wright, Sr. #1247
William Kelsor #1272
Jan. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinances at its February 6, 2023, Council Meeting:

ORDINANCE NO. 1237
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §403, §404.1, §406, §407, §602.2.A, AND §602.3 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMMAUS PARKING REGULATIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 1238
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §602.3.A OF THE EMMMAUS BOROUGH CODE, ADDING RESIDENTIAL DISABLED PARKING SIGN AND ASSIGNING PERMITTED PARKING SPACE ON A PUBLIC STREET LOCATED IN FRONT OF 106 S. 12th STREET WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF EMMMAUS

The Council Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM at the temporary Borough offices, 420 South Tenth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinances are available for inspection at the temporary Borough offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Shane M. Pepe
Borough Manager
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Borough of Emmaus Council meetings will be held at 6:00PM at the temporary Borough offices, located at 420 S 10th Street, Emmaus PA 18049 and via zoom. This is an update to the previously advertised meeting schedules. The public is invited to attend.

Meeting ID: 830 4088 3584
Passcode: 792226

February 6, 2023	May 1, 2023	September 18, 2023
February 21, 2023	May 15, 2023	October 2, 2023
March 6, 2023	June 19, 2023	October 16, 2023
March 20, 2023	July 17, 2023	November 6, 2023
April 3, 2023	August 21, 2023	November 20, 2023
April 17, 2023	September 5, 2023	December 3, 2023
		December 18, 2023

Shane M. Pepe
Borough Manager
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

Notice is hereby provided pursuant to Section 302(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code that the Board of Supervisors of North Whitehall Township ("Township") will hold a public hearing on February 6, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building located at 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of taking public comment and input concerning the adoption of the new 2022 Comprehensive Plan and 2022 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

The Board of Supervisors intends to consider passage of Proposed Resolution 02-06-23, accepting and adopting the 2022 Comprehensive Plan and to consider passage of Proposed Resolution 02-06-23A, accepting and adopting the 2022 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan at a public meeting to be held on February 6, 2023, commencing upon conclusion of the above-noted public hearing. Said public meeting shall take place at the Township Municipal Building located at 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, Pennsylvania.

Copies of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan and 2022 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan may be examined and/or obtained at the Township Municipal Building located at 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, Pennsylvania, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jessica Koenig, Secretary
North Whitehall Township
Jan. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF EMMMAUS HEATING OIL, KEROSENE, UNLEADED FUEL, DIESEL FUEL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA, will receive sealed bids for purchase of the following:

- 3,000 gallons of Heating Oil per year - (9,000 gallons over 3 years)
- 1,000 gallons of Kerosene per year - (3,000 gallons over 3 years)
- 24,000 gallons of Unleaded Fuel per year - (72,000 gallons over 3 years)
- 20,000 gallons of Diesel Fuel per year - (60,000 gallons over 3 years)

Bids shall be made upon Bidder's Forms supplied by Emmaus Borough and must be in accordance with the Bid Specifications. Copies of the Bid Forms and Specifications can be obtained through the Borough Manager's office, located at the temporary Borough Hall, 420 S 10th Street, Emmaus PA 18049 at no cost of \$10.00 per set if mailed.

Bids shall be labeled "Heating Oil, Kerosene, Unleaded Fuel, & Diesel Fuel" and must be received in the Borough Manager's Office by 10:30 A.M., Thursday, February 16, 2023, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read.

Bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days. The Borough of Emmaus reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject, any and all bids, and to enter into such a contract as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Borough of Emmaus.

Borough of Emmaus
Shane M. Pepe
Borough Manager
Jan. 25, Feb. 1

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of JENNIE CLARA TIFFANY aka Jennie C. Tiffany. Deceased, late of the City of Allentown, 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:

PAMALA RIOVO WHEELER
Administrator
c/o her attorney
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406

Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH

Notice is hereby given that the following Ordinances will be considered for adoption at the meeting of the Borough Council on February 6, 2023:

ORDINANCE #873, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, SECTION 302 (c)(3), TO DELETE/ADD CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES: ADD: 1235 Russel Ave, Front; 922 Delaware Ave, Front; 1109 Stanley Ave, Front.

A Public Hearing will be held on ordinance #873 on February 6, 2023, at which time the Ordinances will be considered for adoption. Upon adoption, said ordinance will become effective in accordance with law.

A complete copy of the text of the proposed Ordinances are available for examination without charge in the office of the Borough of Fountain Hill, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA 18015, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Eric C. Gratz
Borough Manager
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice

The 6-township meetings for the year 2023 which include the townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Washington and Weisenberg will be held at 8:00am as follows:

- Monday, 3/13/23 at Lowhill Township, 7000 Herber Road, New Tripoli
- Monday, 6/12/23 at Lynn Township, 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli
- Monday, 9/11/23 at North Whitehall Township, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay
- Monday, 12/11/23 at Washington Township, 7951 Center Street, Emerald

Janice M. Meyers, Heidelberg Township Administrator
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE BIDS WANTED

Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., February 20, 2023, for the following:

Science Supplies

All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the ESM Source application process at www.esmsolutions.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Andrew Barnett at 610-769-4111, ext. 1682 or barnetta@clju.org. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2023.

Holly Keller, LCSJPB Board Chairperson
Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm, at the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, PA 18104, for the purpose of voting on whether or not to enact a proposed ordinance. The proposed new Ordinance, of which this Notice is a summary, includes the following:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL, COUNTY OF LEHIGH, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART I ("ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION"), CHAPTER 17 ("BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND DEPARTMENTS"), ARTICLE II ("PARK AND RECREATION BOARD") OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO AMEND AND RESTATE IN ITS ENTIRETY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ORDINANCE OF SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Thomas Petrucci
Township Manager
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that it is their intention to consider and act upon proposed Ordinance No. 170 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 126, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS "UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2010", AS AMENDED, DELETING THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN, MODIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF FARM AND FARM-BASED BUSINESS, ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS, AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND COMMERCIAL STABLE OR RIDING ACADEMY, CHANGING ALL REFERENCES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, CHANGING ALL REFERENCES OF AGRICULTURAL BARN TO AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, REDUCING THE MINIMUM LOT AREA FOR A FARM-BASED BUSINESS, CHANGING THE MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR A FARM-BASED BUSINESS, AND CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS DEALING WITH MANURE STORAGE" at a public meeting to be held on February 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building located in Old Zionville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Briefly summarized, the proposed Ordinance deletes, adds, and/or modifies definitions of the Upper Milford Township Zoning Ordinance of 2010, as amended, to bring that Ordinance into compliance with the Pennsylvania Right-to-Farm Act, reduces the minimum lot area for a farm-based business, changes the minimum setback for a farm-based business, and changes requirements for manure storage to be consistent with the Nutrient Management Act.

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

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire
Solicitor for Upper Milford Township
Jan. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on February 8th, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville 18031, to hear the following appeal: #02 23 002 The Zoning Appeal of Joseph Balbi, 7637 Longwood Drive, Orefield, PA 18069; for a variance from Section 27-307 to allow the expansion of the principal structure by adding an addition that would encroach on the side yard setback. The property is located at 7637 Longwood Drive, Orefield, PA 18069.

The property is situated in the R1 Zoning District. The Parcel Identification Number is 545669229777 1. Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Kyle Kuester
Zoning Officer
Jan. 25, Feb. 1

Public Notice

Sealed bids for a Farming Lease for approximately 127 acres of Township land located at multiple locations throughout the Township will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, PA. Bids will be accepted at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Rd. Macungie, PA 18062 until 9 AM on February 22, 2023. At that time, they will be opened and read. The bid packet and lease agreement template may be obtained at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building (address detailed above) between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Those who wish to submit a bid must do so by using the template included in the bid packet. No other forms will be accepted. All envelopes must be sealed and marked "SEALED FARM LEASE BID". Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Bruce Beitel, Township Manager
Jan. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on February 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, on the conditional use application of Fire-Fly Technologies, Inc., who is seeking approval pursuant to Chapter 27, § 27-1003 of the Township Zoning Code to permit ultra-light manufacturing at the property located at 6265 Hamilton Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18106; PIN 547513420268. The property is located in the C-Commercial Zoning District. The public hearing is conducted pursuant to Section 27-2403 of the Township Zoning Code. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance. Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners
Jan. 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Emmaus Borough Council Community Relations, Planning and Development Committee has rescheduled their January meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 4:30PM** via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 821 4926 9795
Passcode: 703033

The Emmaus Borough Council Public Safety Committee will hold a Special Meeting on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9:00AM** via Zoom to discuss parking and other Committee related business.

Meeting ID: 884 0502 2850
Passcode: 872036

Shane M. Pepe
Borough Manager
Jan. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE HANOVER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

CONDITIONAL USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of Hanover Township will hold a public meeting on **February 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 2202 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109, to hear the following conditional use appeal:

CU # 1-2023 - Sysco Corporation Attn: Michael Schonberg - 20 Theodore Conrad Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305. **Location: 800 Willowbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18109, PIN 640942782479**, the subject property is located in the PIO - Planned Industrial - Office Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a conditional use pursuant to Sec. 27-409 of the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the increase height above 50 foot for structures, above 20 foot for accessory structures, and above 8 feet for doors as permitted conditionally in the PIO Zoning District. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The decisions of Hanover Township are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status and disability status of the Applicant. The Hanover Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact the Township Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

Melissa A. Wehr
Zoning Officer
Jan. 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
RAYMOND HARK**

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF Raymond Hark, deceased, late of Emmaus Borough, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to Barbara Hark, 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: Barbara Hark, Administrator, c/o CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ELSIE J. KARDOS, a/k/a ELSIE KARDOS**

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF ELSIE J. KARDOS, a/k/a ELSIE KARDOS, deceased, late of Upper Milford Township, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Craig B. Neely, 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: CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
BERNARD A. BUHOSKY, a/k/a BERNARD BUHOSKY**

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF BERNARD A. BUHOSKY, a/k/a BERNARD BUHOSKY, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Susan M. Roth, 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: Susan M. Roth, Esq., c/o CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
JOSEPH J. ONCHECK, JR.,**

ESTATE OF JOSEPH J. ONCHECK, JR., deceased, late of the Lehigh Township, Walnutport, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Jennifer L. Hugo c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esquire Steckel and Stopp LLC 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slattington, PA 18080 Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
JEFFREY T. TEETS,**

ESTATE OF JEFFREY T. TEETS, deceased, late of Coplay Borough, 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 the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Executor: Mary Ann Kneas c/o David B. Shulman, Esquire SHULMAN LAW OFFICE PC 419 Delaware Avenue P.O. Box 157 Palmerton, PA 18071 Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
DOROTHY E. ASHCRAFT**

ESTATE OF DOROTHY E. ASHCRAFT aka Dorothy Ashcraft, aka Dorothy Emily Ashcraft, Deceased, late of Lower Macungie 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 to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III
Executor
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE
Attorney
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406

Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
SHARON L. GIOVATTO,**

ESTATE OF Sharon L. Giovatto, deceased, late of 4461 W. Mountain View Drive, Walnutport, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18088. 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:

Helen M. Vincenzi
c/o Linda S. Luther-Veno, Esquire
2204 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RODNEY O. MUMMEY,**

ESTATE OF RODNEY O. MUMMEY, deceased, late of Allentown, 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:

CHERYL L. SEMMEL, ADMIN.
c/o KEITH W. STROHL, ESQ.
Steckel and Stopp, LLC
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210
Slattington, PA 18080.

Jan. 11, 18, 25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF CHARLES S. INHOFF,**

ESTATE OF CHARLES S. INHOFF, Deceased, late of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh, 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 Charles M. Inhoff, Executor, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF KATHRYN M. STAUFFER,**

ESTATE OF Kathryn M. Stauffer, deceased, late of Macungie, 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:

Timothy S. Smith, Executor
c/o Emily A. Zettlemoyer
53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
or to his attorney:
Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq.
53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
CHRISTEL A. BENEVENTO,**

ESTATE OF Christel A. Benevento, deceased, late of 2810 Windy Hill Road, Salisbury Township, 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 David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF HONOR FULOP,**

ESTATE OF Honor Fulop, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jeanie Smock, 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 Jeanie Smock, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 18102 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18 25 Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF SHERWOOD L. ALBERT, SR.,**

ESTATE OF Sherwood L. Albert, Sr., late of Nazareth, 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 Sherwood L. Albert, Jr., Executor, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. 4355, Allentown, PA 18105 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. 4355, Allentown, PA 18105. Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF JUNE OLEKSA,**

ESTATE OF June Oleksa, late of Allentown, 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 Mark Oleksa, or to Carol Misus, Co-Executors, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DONALD V. SEIPT,**

ESTATE OF DONALD V. SEIPT, deceased, late of 95 Buttermilk Road, Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Kathryn B. Hlavaty, Donald A. Seipt, or William D. Seipt, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARION L. BOHUNICKY,**

ESTATE OF Marion L. Bohunicky, late of the Township of Lehigh, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Trustee, Brian Bohunicky, requests all persons having claims or demands against the Trust or the Settlor to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make payments without delay to Brian Bohunicky, Trustee, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RENEE D. GITTLER,**

ESTATE OF Renee D. Gittler, Deceased, Late of S. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/3/22. 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 Jeffrey S. Gittler and Mitchell G. Gittler, Executors, c/o Edward H. Butz, Esq., 1620 Pond Rd. Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104. Or to their Atty.: Edward H. Butz, Lesavoy Butz & Seitz, 1620 Pond Rd. Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF GREGORY S. EPLER,**

ESTATE OF Gregory S. Epler, Deceased. Late of Upper Macungie Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/6/22. Letters of Administration 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 Sarah M. Epler (a/k/a Sarah Marie Epler), Administratrix, c/o Philip G. Curtin, Esq., 1231 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312-1244. Or to her Atty.: Philip G. Curtin, Phillips, Curtin & DiGiacomo, 1231 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn, PA 19312-1244

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARY ANN DUNN,**

ESTATE OF Mary Ann Dunn, Deceased. Late of Lower Macungie Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 11/8/22. 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 Samantha Elizabeth Coleman (a/k/a Samantha E. Coleman), Executrix, c/o Edward H. Butz, Esq., 1620 Pond Rd. Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104. Or to her Atty.: Edward H. Butz, Lesavoy Butz & Seitz, 1620 Pond Rd. Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JOHN R. MCCLELLAND,**

ESTATE OF John R. McClelland a/k/a John Rowen McClelland, Deceased. Late of Center Valley Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 9/20/22. 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 Elizabeth McClelland Lutostansky (a/k/a Elizabeth M. Lutostansky), 2100 Augusta Dr., Center Valley, PA 18034 and John Douglas McClelland (a/k/a John D. McClelland), 608 N. Wakefield St., Arlington, VA 22203, Executors. Or to their Atty.: Matthew P. D'Emilio, McCollom D'Emilio Smith Uebler LLC, 2751 Centerville Rd., Ste. 401, Wilmington, DE 19808

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF JANICE HELM,**

ESTATE OF Janice Helm, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Susan L. Denny, 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 L. Denny, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355 Allentown, PA 18105 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355 Allentown, PA 18105. Jan. 11, 18, 25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF BARBARA J. RICE,**

ESTATE OF Barbara J. Rice, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Paul E. Rice, Executor, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. 4355, Allentown, PA 18105 or his attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. 4355, Allentown, PA 18105. Jan. 18 25 Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF JAMES F. BORNEMAN,**

ESTATE OF James F. Borneman, deceased, late of 1034 Hawthorn Road, 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 payments without delay to James F. Borneman, Jr. or Jeffrey S. Borneman, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF WALTER H. SNYDER, SR.,**

ESTATE OF Walter H. Snyder, Sr., late of Germansville, 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 Sharon L. Bagens-tose, or to Walter H. Snyder, Jr., Co-Executors, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF GLORIA L. MADTES,**

ESTATE OF Gloria L. Madtes, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jeffrey D. Madtes, 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 Jeffrey D. Madtes, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105. Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF DIANNE BUFFINGTON,**

ESTATE OF Dianne Buffington, deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, 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 Anitra D. Winkler, Co-Administratrix Lisa S. Sikes, Co-Administratrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF FAY L. HELFRICH,**

ESTATE OF Fay L. Helfrich, deceased, late of Fountain Hill, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARY T. FICHTER,**

ESTATE OF Mary T. Fichter, 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 Mary E. Deppen, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF JAMES J. DOHERTY, JR.,**

ESTATE OF James J. Doherty, Jr., a/k/a James Joseph Doherty, Jr., 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 payments without delay to Rachel A. Oehmke, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF NONPROFIT INCORPORATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No. 177, as amended, by the following nonprofit corporation:

Kalm Foundation
The corporation is organized for charitable purposes.
Attorney's name
Timothy J. Duckworth, Esq.
Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C.
Address: 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Jan. 25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF LIBBY GOLOMB,**

ESTATE OF Libby Golomb, deceased, late of Upper Macungie 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 payments without delay to Judith N. Lasker Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ZONING HEARING BOARD
SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AT 7:00PM**

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Ave, Allentown, PA 18103. The meeting will be held to hear the following cases:

- APPEAL NO. 23-0009 - 3425 EISENHOWER AVENUE**
Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Co. requests special exception approval in accordance with §27-807.2 and §27-807.3 to erect a 50'x40' temporary structure on the property at 3425 Eisenhower Avenue for up to 365 days (30 days max permitted) to store fire trucks and equipment. The property is located within the R3 Medium Low Density Residential zoning district.
 - APPEAL NO. 22-0306 - 832 EAST WAYNE AVENUE**
Octavio Pena requests variance relief from §504.2 to construct a two-story addition to the rear of the residence at 832 East Wayne Avenue (75' setback from top edge of waterway required; 65' proposed). The property is located within the R4 Medium Density Residential zoning district.
- All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests to review the files in advance should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.org or 484-661-5825. Jan. 25, Feb. 1

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Estate of **Pauline I. Young**, late of the Borough of Slatining, 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:

**THOMAS E. YOUNG
CYNTHIA L. YOUNG**
ICO 305 Center Street
Slatining, PA 18080
or their Attorney
John L. Obrecht, Esquire
1731 Main Street
Northampton, PA 18067-1544
Jan. 11, 18, 25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

ESTATE OF **WILLIAM CLARK** a/k/a WILLIAM J. CLARK, Deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Stanley Mesuch, Executor
c/o David B. Schwartz, Esquire
514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2
Whitehall, PA 18052
or to: David B. Schwartz, Esquire
514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2
Whitehall, PA 18052
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Charles F. Zavec, deceased, late of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Dennis Patrick Snell, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.
Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Barbara A. Roper, a/k/a Barbara W. Roper, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Michael A. Santanasto, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Thomas A. Nemeth, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Dino P. Cantelmi, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ESTATE OF Elizabeth A. Messina a/k/a Elizabeth Messina, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration C.T.A. 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 Anthony Messina, Executor C/O Robert N. Rust III, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate, 4461 Kohler Drive, Allentown, PA 18103.
Jan. 11, 18, 25

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

ESTATE OF Harry T. Deisroth, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual 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 payment to:

Amy D. Scott, Executrix
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.
2610 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF RICHARD ERWIN MEYERS, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Executrix or her attorney named below:

Executrix: DENISE HYACINTH CLARK
c/o Samuel F. Feldman, Esq.
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
2310 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, Esquire
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
2310 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF PETER J. KLINGMAN, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the Executrix or her attorney named below:

Executrix: KELLY GERENCHER
c/o Samuel F. Feldman, Esq.
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
2310 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, Esquire
Feldman Law Offices, P.C.
2310 Walbert Avenue
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Responsibilities of various members of a wedding party

Participating in a wedding party is an honor. Couples invite many people to their weddings, and the select few asked to be in the party are typically those individuals with whom the couples share a strong and special bond.

The role of the wedding party is not merely symbolic. Though it's up to the happy couple to determine how involved they want their wedding party to be, individuals asked to be in the party should know that their acceptance of these roles carries with it a certain level of responsibility.

Maid of Honor

The maid of honor may bear the most responsibility of any wedding party member. Maids of honor typically help with the planning of the wedding, offering advice and opinions on everything from the bride's gown to the bridesmaid dresses and anything else a couple might need help with. If the bride asks, the maid of honor may be asked to organize dress fittings and attend them as well. A maid of honor typically plays an active, and often the lead, role in planning the bachelorette party. Come the day of the wedding, the maid of honor helps the bride prepare and may organize the bridesmaids to ensure everyone stays on schedule. A maid of honor typically toasts the happy couple during the reception as well.

Best Man

Like the maid of honor, the best man has some extra responsibilities before

the wedding and during the festivities. A best man may organize tux fittings, plan the bachelor party, help make arrangements if the groom requests help, and be asked to hold the rings on the day of the ceremony. A best man toast is common during the reception, and some grooms ask their best men to distribute tips to vendors at the end of the night.

Bridesmaids

Bridesmaids often help the maid of honor plan the bachelorette party, and they also help to organize the bridal shower if the bride chooses to have one. Bridesmaids can offer input on wedding planning, particularly if they're already married, though that is not necessarily required. Bridesmaids also can help relieve stress on the bride by being as agreeable as possible when scheduling dress fittings.

Groomsmen

Groomsmen help to plan the bachelor party and may be asked to provide some support prior to the ceremony. For example, on the day of the wedding, groomsmen can be asked to show guests, particularly elderly friends and family of the couple, to their seats. Like their bridesmaid counterparts, groomsmen can be especially helpful by doing what's asked of them without resistance. Arriving on time to tuxedo fittings and offering insight when they think it might help are some sim-

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Did you know?

Getting engaged is an exciting moment in the lives of a couple. One might think that excitement would lead to couples hurrying their way down the aisle to tie the knot, but studies have shown that couples spend a significant amount of time between getting engaged and saying, "I do." According to The Knot 2021 Real Weddings Study, the average engagement length among couples in the United States is 16 months. Though those figures are likely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which undoubtedly contributed to longer engagements as couples waited to get married until large gatherings were deemed safe, it's worth noting that lengthy engagements are not specifically a COVID-related phenomenon. In fact, The Knot reports that the average length of engagement in 2019 was 14 months. Taking more time to get to know one another also seems to be a popular approach among modern couples, as The Knot Jewelry and Engagement Study found that three-quarters of all couples who wed in 2021 had dated for two or more years prior to getting engaged.



MEMBERS

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ple ways groomsmen can pitch in.

Flower Girl/ Ring Bearer

Often reserved for children, the roles of flower girls and ring bearers only require some simple participation during the ceremony. Flower girls drop petals as they precede down the aisle ahead of the wedding party, while the ring bearer carries the ring down the

aisle. If these roles will be filled by especially young children, couples may choose to have them walk down the aisle together.

Parents of the couple

Parents of the bride and groom typically play supportive roles but may be asked to give speeches during the rehearsal dinner or the reception. The father of the bride typically walks her down the aisle, while the mother will likely spend the day of the ceremony at the bride's side as they get ready. Parents of the

groom do not have any traditional responsibilities, though the groom and his mother customarily share a mother/son dance during the reception.

Couples need not feel compelled to assign bridal party members these duties if they don't feel comfortable doing so. However, sharing some of the responsibilities of wedding planning can help couples enjoy the process more and keep party members engaged.



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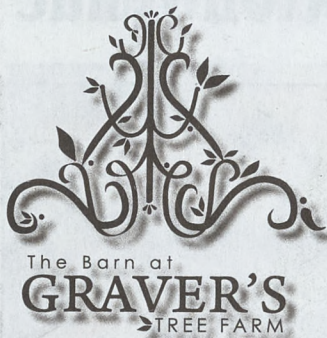
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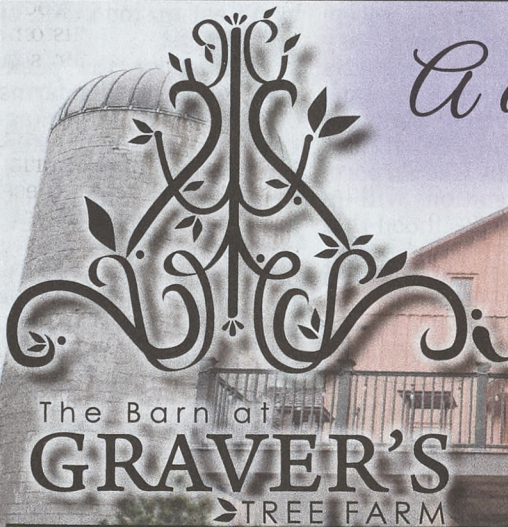
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Finding the right wedding reception venue

Every decision engaged couples make in regard to their weddings is significant, but some may affect the day more than others. Perhaps no decision will help couples set the tone they hope to establish more than their choice of reception venue.

Reception venues are where couples and their guests will spend the vast majority of their time on the wedding day, which is why choice of venue bears such significance. With that in mind, couples can consider these tips as they look for the perfect place to host their receptions.

- Decide what you want out of a venue. Prospective brides and grooms may have vastly different ideas regarding how they want their weddings to go, and it's imperative that couples discuss their ideal weddings prior to looking for a venue. Do you want to get married in a place of worship? Or do you prefer a venue that can host both the ceremony and reception? Do you want an indoor, outdoor or hybrid ceremony and reception? Define what you both want before looking for a venue and make the necessary concessions if you have different ideas in mind.

- Consider picking a venue before setting a date. It can be wise to



- pick a reception venue first and then choose your wedding date based on the availability of the venue. This is especially important for couples who already have an ideal venue in mind, and it also provides some flexibility as couples search for the venue. For example, couples working within a strict budget may not be able to afford a preferred venue during the height of wedding season, but that venue could be less costly during slower times of year. By waiting to pick a date until you've chosen a venue, you're increasing your options.

- Consider your guests. Though couples, particularly those footing the bill on their own, should prioritize their desires when choosing a reception, it's important they also consider their guests before making a final decision. A venue that's accessible and located near transit hubs like airports and train stations will increase the likelihood that more people can attend. In addition, if children will be invited, a venue that includes family restrooms, including at least one with a changing table, can make parents' nights much easier.

- Consider your budget. The Knot 2021 Real Weddings Study found that couples typically spend around 30 percent of their overall budget on the venue, which makes this decision the biggest one in terms of the financial commitments a couple will have to make. Couples may be tempted to choose an awe-inspiring, costly venue for their reception, but they should consider how de-

voting so much of their budget to the venue will affect the rest of their big day. The best reception venue might be one that won't eat up too much of your budget.

- Consider the package. Venues vary in terms of their reception packages. Some may offer catering, including beverages, with each of their packages, while food and beverage might not be part of other venues' offerings. If you find a venue you love but it doesn't offer catering services, seek estimates from area caterers to determine how much it will cost to feed and serve your guests. Many couples find it more convenient and less stressful to pick a venue that offers on-site catering, though plenty of others have had no trouble after choosing a venue and separate caterer.

The bulk of a couple's wedding day and night will be spent at the reception, making choice of venue one of the more fun and important decisions they'll have to make.



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How to curate your reception playlist



After a formal wedding ceremony, complete with processions and “I dos,” comes the part of a wedding that enables the happy couple to brush off the last vestiges of jitters and celebrate. A wedding reception marks the culmination of months or even years of planning. Oftentimes a hundred guests or more gather to dine, dance and toast to the prosperity of the newlyweds.

Certain components of a reception will prove more memorable than others. Food is one such element. The other component that tends to make a lasting impression is the music, which means couples curating reception playlists should do so with care and consideration.

Deejays and live bands can help couples choose music that fits the mood.

But couples also can consider these tips when curating their reception playlists.

- Calculate your needs. Couples may wonder just how many songs they need for a standard reception. Unless you’re working with extra-long songs, like “Paradise by the Dashboard Light” or “Bohemian Rhapsody,” most songs are around three minutes long. That means for a four-hour reception you’ll need roughly 80 songs. However, plan for moments such as speeches/toasts and other breaks.

- Pair songs with key elements. Traditional weddings have certain mini-events within the receptions. Music enhances these moments. Jot down ideas for the following components:

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How to tame wedding-related jitters

Nerves are to be expected when getting married. It is exciting to be engaged and realize you have met that special someone with whom you want to share the rest of your life. But anxiety may creep in as the big day draws closer.

A lot of planning goes into a wedding, and often the pressure that comes with trying to create the perfect day can overshadow feelings of love and excitement. That is when wedding jitters may crop up. Couples must recognize they're not alone if they feel a little uneasy as their wedding day draws closer. However, there are ways you can address and tame jitters both before and during the wedding.

Step away from wedding-related tasks

Chances are you have spent months with the wedding on your brain. In fact, it likely has consumed your daily life. Take a day or two to do something unrelated to the wedding, whether you're alone, with friends or with your future



spouse. Attend a fun event, go out to dinner, queue up several movies for a night in, or take a small trip. Keep wedding details out of the picture while you're enjoying yourself.

Forget about being perfect

Wedding jitters often stem from being nervous about everything going to plan. You may put undue pressure on yourself to ensure everything is perfect. But perfection is impossible, and the sooner you accept that a thing or two will likely not work out,

the less stressed you may feel. You'll be surrounded by family and friends who will help you roll with the punches, whether that's a torn hemline or a missing buffet item. Guests are here to celebrate you, not pass judgment.

Discuss large changes to come

Some couples feel jittery because they haven't spoken about all of the changes ahead. These can include relocation, merging of finances and whether or not children are in your future, among other things.

Stress can be tamed if you take a break from wedding planning and discuss these important topics.

Learn relaxation techniques

Learning to relax is important when dealing with anxiety. There are many different relaxation techniques to explore. Some include meditation, yoga, deep-tissue massage, exercise, or immersing yourself in a peaceful spot outdoors. Some people turn to reading or other hobbies to relax. Do not look to alcohol or medication as an outlet to alleviate stress.

Talk to someone

If anxiety about the wedding is eating you up, consider speaking with a professional therapist or even a close friend or family member. Sometimes a new perspective is all you need to calm the jitters.

Nervousness when planning a wedding is understandable. However, couples can take steps to tame jitters so they enjoy all that goes into tying the knot.

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- Bridal party entrance
- Couples' entrance
- First dance (wedding song)
- Mother/son, father/daughter dances
- Cake cutting song

- Garter/bouquet toss songs
- Spotlight dance
- Any other special element
- Select calm dinner music. After a day rushing around, most guests are looking forward to sitting down, conversing and, of course, eating. Cocktail

hour and dinner music should be at a low volume and not too fast-paced. It certainly shouldn't drown out conversation. Musician Peter Lee Johnson performs violin covers of popular Top 40 songs, and his music may be an option when choosing songs to accompany food service. Postmodern Jukebox is a group of musicians who take modern songs and give them a bygone flair. Their tunes also can be fitting.

• Tie the music to the theme. Weddings that follow a specific theme, such as a beach wedding, can be enhanced by music that coordinates to that theme. Think steel drum bands, Hawaiian stylings or even Beach Boys surfing songs.

• Be mindful of older

guests. Some seniors may appreciate modern music, but they also may want to hear songs from the era when they were growing up. Pepper the song list with options across various decades to keep as many people on the dance floor as possible.

• Select a classic first dance song. Some couples opt to go trendy when selecting their wedding songs. However, certain songs have withstood the test of time. Such options include "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You," "Here and Now," "Stand by Me," "Amazed," or "Just the Way You Are."

These tips can help any couples put together a wedding reception playlist that will help to create a memorable celebration.



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A guide to wedding day floral arrangements

Various elements come together to complete a wedding day visual. Floral arrangements are one such component that can create a special and awe-inspiring ambience.

Flowers appeal to at least three of the senses. Their delicate aroma can help a venue smell fresh and inviting. And it's hard to deny the visual appeal of a stunning floral arrangement. There are colors, sizes, textures, and much more that can cater

to any theme. In addition, flowers can add a tactile element, even if guests do not going around touching the blooms.

Flowers convey so much during weddings that it's important to make finding a florist a priority, according to the wedding resource The Knot. The following is a guide to understanding floral arrangements that may be included in a wedding.

Bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres

The wedding party, bride, groom, and parents of the couple are set apart from others at the wedding ceremony by the special flowers on their attire and in their hands, among other indicators. Boutonnieres are a single bud pinned to the left side of a gentleman's jacket. Corsages can be attached to a dress, but are now often worn on the wrist. Bouquets are held in hand. They can be a few flowers gathered together, or more extensive dis-

plays. Bouquets may feature bare stems, or stems may be bound and hidden beneath ribbon and fabric.

Some couples also have a small tossing bouquet to use later in the day. Flower petals for a flower girl to drop down the aisle also may be part of the floral plan.

Ceremony flowers

Guests often are first introduced to floral arrangements at the wed-

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Novel gifts for bridesmaids

Brides- and grooms-to-be select people who are near and dear to their hearts to be special parts of their momentous days. So the chance to participate in a friend's or family member's wedding is a great honor.

A wedding party plays a key role in both the ceremony and reception. Participants do everything from helping couples make decisions to addressing invitations to providing emotional support. As so much

is asked of the wedding party - particularly the maid/matron of honor and bridesmaids - it's customary to bestow gifts on those people who devoted so much time and effort to the wedding. These potential bridesmaid gifts can serve as a thoughtful and unique way to thank bridesmaids for all that they've done.

• **Photo books:** Gift the bridesmaids with photo books of carefully curated photographs taken throughout the wedding

planning experience. Pepper the books with other photos, such as images of you with the bridesmaids at fun moments throughout your lives together.

• **Portrait wine or champagne glasses:** Beverage glasses customized with the bridesmaids' likenesses painted or printed onto them make for great gifts. Bridesmaids will enjoy sipping their favorite drinks in special glasses for years to come.

• **Personalized phone cases:** Who doesn't rely on their mobile phones these days? Treat your bridesmaids to something special with colorful phone cases with their names embossed or printed on the outsides.

• **Wellness or spa gift card:** After all of the running around for the wedding, bridesmaids may need a little extra pampering. Gift cards to a local spa can fit the bill.

• **Birthstone jewelry:**

Necklaces, rings or earrings become that much more special when they're customized to the recipients. Purchase jewelry with your bridesmaids' birthstones so they'll be as unique as each woman.

• **Friendship bracelets:** Gift each bridesmaid with beaded friendship bracelets that features all of the ladies' initials. Be sure to keep one for yourself, and you all can enjoy nights on the town showcasing your special bracelets.

• **Monogrammed robes or purses:** A customized pocketbook, robe or another item bridesmaids will use every day can make for an extra-special item that will serve as a daily reminder of how much you appreciate them.

Bridesmaid gifts are a great way for brides to thank their bridesmaids for all that they've done to make a couple's wedding day special.

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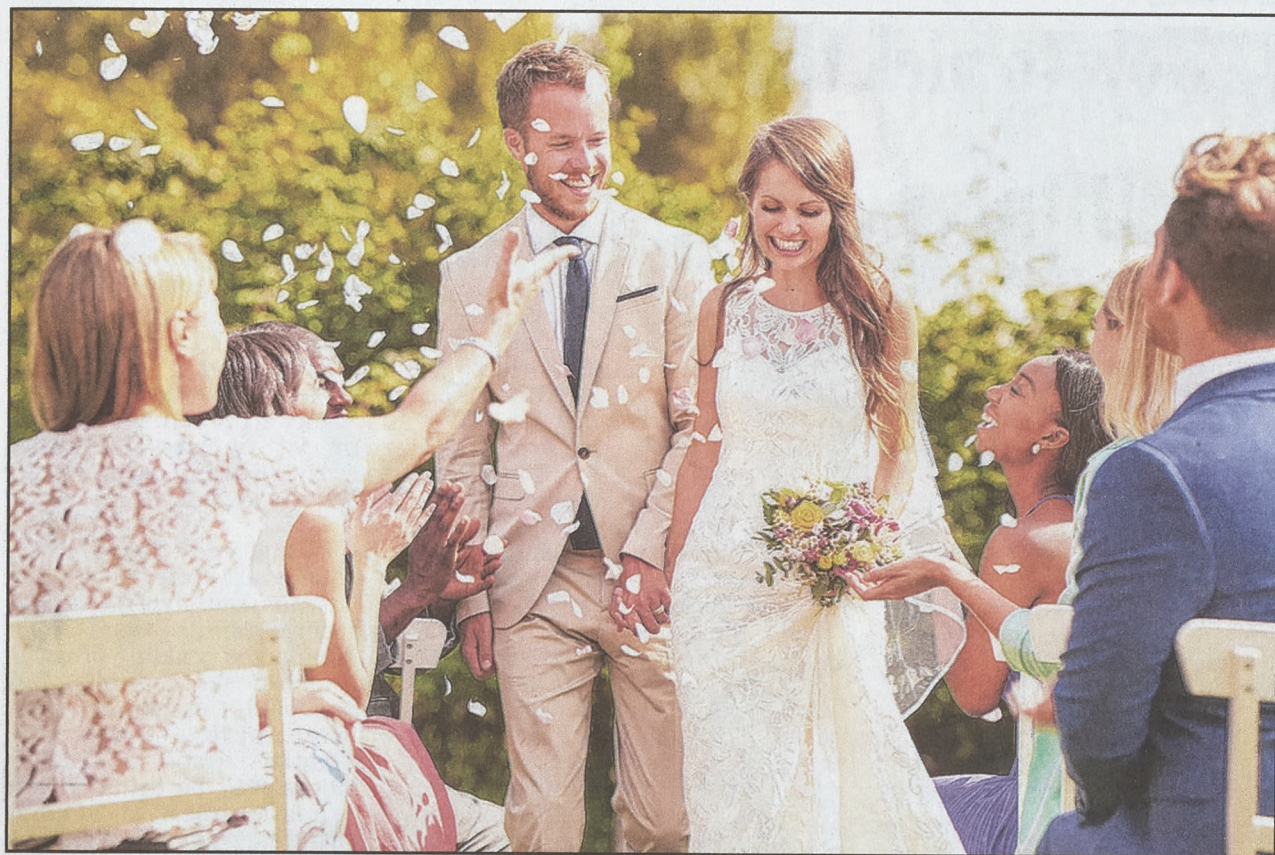
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3 tools for keeping wedding guests informed

Weddings give couples an opportunity to share the joy of joining their lives together with a host of friends and family members. Guests liven up the party and help make the celebration that much more memorable.

According to The Knot 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average wedding in the United States hosts 131 people. Data indicates this number has been slowly decreasing

over the years, after the average wedding size reached an all-time high of 153 in 2007. No matter how big or how small the guest list, keeping guests informed of what's happening regarding the upcoming nuptials is a courteous couples can provide. Couples can explore various avenues for keeping guests informed and ensuring they'll be able to take part in the festivities.

Save-the-date announcements

Save-the-date announcements have become an increasingly popular component of wedding planning. Instead of waiting on the wedding invitation, which traditionally arrives one or two months prior to the wedding itself, save-the-date cards provide guests with an advanced advertisement of the celebration to come.

According to the photo and invitation specialists at Shutterfly, it's customary to send save-the-date notes around six months before the wedding. For a destination wedding, which will require extra travel plans, an eight- to 12-month advance can be helpful.

Save-the-date cards generally have basic information, including the

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How to pick the perfect wedding dress



Planning a wedding requires making many different decisions. The choice of wedding attire is among the most crucial decisions that couples must make. Whether the wedding is traditional or customized to suit couples' personalities, brides and grooms want to look their best when they say, "I do."

Many brides-to-be spend a significant amount of time looking for their ideal wedding dresses. What defines the right gown depends on personal preference and is unique to the person doing the search.

For example, a dress that sets a fairy tale scene for one bride may not necessarily align with the tastes of another. According to Bridal Atelier, the average bride-to-be tries on try three to seven dresses before finding the right one. The following tips can help those shopping for dresses find a look that makes their big day even more special.

1. Don't get hung up on perfection

Many brides get caught up as they search for one dress they consider perfect. No dress is likely to check every box. Getting hung up on a desire to find a dress that has it all may make it hard to see the beauty in other dresses. Remember, with the talents of an experienced tailor or seamstress, most dresses can be tweaked to suit your vision of the

ideal gown.

2. Consider the season

Getting married during the hazy and humid days of summer is an entirely different experience than tying the knot during the heart of winter. The fabric of the wedding dress should complement the season, whether it's lightweight and breezy for a warm day, or more substantial and cozy when darting to the ceremony in snowfall.

3. Flatter your figure

Chances are brides-to-be know which cuts and styles are most flattering. Mimic those style choices in the wedding dress. If you want to take focus off of full hips, choose a basque or asymmetrical waistline. Gowns with substantial straps or higher necklines may be better if you have a larger chest. Sheath and mermaid style gowns are options if you are confident with your figure and want to show off your curves.

4. Try a bit of this and that

Don't go into a wedding dress appointment with firm parameters. Although you may have a ball gown style in mind, after trying on other options something with a less voluminous silhouette may actually catch your eye. Many brides also automatically defer to strapless gowns, when various straps and sleeves can be very appealing.

5. Arrive with a firm budget

Weddings can be costly. It's important to set a budget for the wedding dress just as you will with other expenses. There are plenty of dress designers across a wide spectrum of price points. A willingness to consider and ultimately purchase a less costly dress can help you stay on budget.

Browsing through magazines and looking online can provide wedding dress inspiration as well. Also, when in doubt, defer to the experts at bridal shops who have experience choosing dresses that brides are inclined to love.

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Build a wedding budget without breaking the bank

Wedding planning is a unique experience unlike any endeavor most couples will ever encounter. Much effort goes into planning a wedding, and that includes building a budget that ensures the big day will be fun without breaking the bank.

Most couples planning a wedding have never tied the knot before, so it can be difficult to determine a reasonable amount

to spend. It's easy to go overboard when planning a wedding, and couples may find their list of wants and, consequently, their expenses, growing as they get into the weeds of wedding planning. Though it might require some difficult decisions, couples can keep these tips in mind so they can build a wedding budget that won't land them in debt after saying, "I do."

Determine funding. The days when a bride's parents would finance the wedding entirely on their own are largely a thing of the past. According to a recent WeddingWire Newlywed Report, parents now pay for 52 percent of wedding expenses. As couples begin establishing a wedding budget, it's imperative that they first determine who, if anyone, will be helping

them finance the big day. Fifty-two percent of wedding expenses is a significant amount of money, but in that scenario, couples will still need to come up with roughly half of the money needed to fund their weddings. Couples without substantial savings may be forced to cut back in order to avoid beginning their life as a married couple in debt.

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ding ceremony. Potted or vase-encased flowers may bookend the couple at the altar. Seats or pews may be adorned with flower sprays to draw attention to the aisle, known as aisle markers. These are subtle choices that enhance the ceremony space.

Reception components

Flowers may truly

shine during the reception. They're one of the most important components when decorating the space. Flowers serve as centerpieces, so the guest list and the number of tables will dictate how many centerpieces are required. These centerpieces can be elaborate or simply a few loose flowers in vases. Florists can customize the look depending on couples' budgets. Some additional reception flowers can include

installations on arches or on anything hanging like a floral backdrop for photo opportunities.

Tips and tricks

Couples should create a list of everywhere they would like to use flowers and present it, along with magazine clippings or planning boards, to show florists what they have in mind when shopping services, according to Hummingbird Wedding Advice. A 2021 survey from The Knot reported that

the average cost for wedding flowers was \$2,300. It's important to set a strict budget so florists can present ideas that are in line with what couples can spend. Many expensive looks can be replicated with in-season flowers or less costly alternatives.

Flowers are an important part of the wedding day and should be incorporated into couples' budgets.

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wedding date and the venue. Many will feature a photo of the couple as well. If you're planning on sending save-the-date announcements, coordinate with your photographer to have a photo taken exclusively for these cards.

Wedding website

Couples are increasingly embracing technology as they plan their weddings. Brides magazine

states that, during the typical 15-month engagement period, 48 percent of couples will launch a wedding website. A wedding website is a versatile tool that can help answer questions that guests may have. The website can spell out specifics, including dress code, whether children are invited, the names of wedding party participants, overnight accommodations, transportation providers, and even restaurants near the hotel for a quick bite between ceremony and

reception.

Wedding websites also can be used as fun ways to keep guests engaged. "Throwback Thursday" photos or funny memories and anecdotes can be included.

Video conferencing apps

As the world continues to adapt in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, video conferencing applications like Facetime, Zoom and Microsoft Teams enable people involved in the planning process to routinely "gather" and

go over details about the wedding, helping to limit in-person meetings as much as possible. These apps also can prove invaluable when conferring with wedding vendors, such as florists or musicians.

You also can schedule smaller meetings with specific guests who may be playing key roles in the wedding, such as those giving speeches, doing readings, escorting guests, or serving in other capacities.

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Make a list of potential expenses. Location will be a significant factor when determining potential expenses. For example, a 2022 ValuePenguin analysis of data from The Wedding Report found that the average wedding in Massachusetts cost roughly \$30,500 in 2020,

while couples tying the knot in Arkansas spent around \$12,500 on their weddings. With such wild fluctuations, it's important that couples get an accurate estimate of how much it may cost them to get married in a given city. Couples who met in a city and still live in a city but grew up in a suburb might save a considerable sum by getting married in their hometowns. Com-

pare and contrast prices in locales you're considering, and then build your budget accordingly. This can help you avoid sticker shock and going over budget. Notable expenses to budget include the venue, attire (i.e., wedding dress and tuxedo rental), hairstyle and makeup, entertainment, photography, and transportation, among others.

Make a list of what's most important. Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings. An earnest discussion about what's most important to each person can ensure you both get what you want. Each person can make a list of their priorities, ranking them from most important to least important. Once lists are shared, couples can see

where their priorities converge and where they diverge. Any items that rank low on each person's list of priorities can be afforded less funding, while those that are high on each list can take up more of the budget, if necessary.

Commit to a limit before spending a dime. Committing to a limit before spending a dime can help couples keep wedding costs more manageable. Once that number is defined, couples can then work within its parameters, which can make potentially difficult decisions a little easier by narrowing options at a time when options can seem endless.

A well-planned budget can be just what couples need to begin married life on strong financial footing.

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