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Inflation, gas costs will limit Thanksgiving gatherings

While COVID changed how we celebrated the last two Thanksgivings, it appears that a return to a more normalized holiday celebration may have to wait another year. That is, according to a poll of 7,233 Americans by Gunther VW Coconut Creek, a Florida-based car dealership, which revealed that millions of people will be scaling down their Thanksgiving plans this year due to the rise in inflation, and gas prices in particular.

The study found that the average Pennsylvania family is only prepared to travel just 67 miles to visit friends and family

TALKING TURKEY

- 1 in 5 would suggest friends or family contribute to their travel costs.
- Half admit that they would prefer to stay home this Thanksgiving to use the saved gas money on Black Friday deals.

this Thanksgiving. This is compared to a national average of 82 miles. Anything further than that distance,

then they will opt for a more low-key celebration in their own homes. Broken down by state, Vermonters are the most unwilling to travel – they are only prepared to travel 21 miles, in an attempt to save money. However, anyone with family living in Rhode Island or North Dakota would be more likely to receive a visit, as people in both states were willing to travel the furthest, at 150 miles.

The survey also revealed other interesting results about how inflation will

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What is your reaction to the Philadelphia Eagles 8 and 0 start?



“Awesome!”
Steve Haag
 Stroudsburg



“I have a brother-in-law, Rick Druckenmiller, who passed away last year. He was a huge fan and ticket holder, so this season is for him.”
Mike Picucci
 Bethlehem

VALLEY Readers invited to give

Annual Stockings for Soliders campaign seeks donations

BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH
 dgalbraith@tnonline.com

The Lehigh Valley Press invites readers to share some of the warmth of the yuletide season with Keystone Military Families and their Stockings for Soliders program.

Keystone Military Families' mission is to provide caring support for deployed military service members of all branches no matter where they are stationed in the world. “Our troops give us the freedom to be safe in our homes,” a spokesperson said.

Keystone Military Families provides care packages, special holiday packages, letters, cards and more to raise the spirits of service members with some comforts of home.

Founder Kyle Lord began the program in 2002 when her son's unit was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lord created a website where friends and family could keep in touch with their loved ones overseas, and soldiers could see things were being taken care of at home. By 2003, military families were asking Lord for help shipping basic essentials to their loved ones.

All requests come directly from the troops, their families or someone who knows a military member who could use some support from home.

Cindy Mellinger, Blue Ridge Communications marketing/community relations coordinator, is handling the donations for the Pencor family of companies, which includes The Lehigh Valley

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Using scaffolding, construction workers put the finishing touches on the new Wind Creek Casino Hotel tower.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Wind Creek Spacious new facilities open

BY DANA GRUBB
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Local media toured the new Wind Creek Foundry Ballroom at the Wind Creek Hotel Oct. 27, the first to observe the 23,000-square-foot ballroom,

a 7,000-square-foot Moravian room, and a 3,000-square-foot Monocacy room. These will provide meeting and event space for weddings, trade shows and conventions.

Director of Corporate Communications Julia Corwin said

Wind Creek wanted to “solidify itself as a destination” in light of New York casino development. A second hotel tower will also be planned, bringing Wind Creek's hotel capacity to 500 rooms. Corwin said the existing hotel

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Work continues on the new hallway constructed between the existing event center and new ballroom.

PEOPLE SAY

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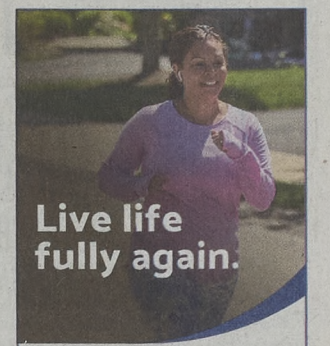
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What is your reaction to the Philadelphia Eagles 8 and 0 start?



"I'm happy for all of the Eagles fans. It's good year to be a Philadelphia sports fan."
Barbara Kovacs
Lower Saucon Township



"Unexpected, but totally welcome. I think Jalen Hurts is the guy. I'm excited. We're going to the Super Bowl."
Matt Gwinn
Collegeville



"We're Giants fans, so they do have a good team, but will probably not go undefeated the rest of the year."
Ray Lacerna
Bethlehem



"Very optimistic. It's the beginning of a magical run. I think they have a chance to go undefeated."
Mike Stevens
Danielsville

HEALTH NEWS

Lehigh Valley Health Network

Pediatric flu shot clinics available

Cases of influenza are already rising throughout the area. Parents can protect their child with a free flu shot at one of Lehigh Valley Health Network's pediatric flu shot clinics. The vaccine is available to children over the age of 6 months. No appointment is needed. Masks are still required at all LVHN health care facilities.

LVHN is offering several pediatric walk-in flu shot clinics. You do not need to be an LVHN patient, and no appointment is necessary. There also will be a limited supply of adult vaccines and vaccines for those 65 and older.

Those with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, regardless of symptoms, should postpone getting a flu shot until they have met the criteria to discontinue isolation. This protects health care professionals and others who are receiving their flu shot from contracting COVID-19.

For dates and locations, stay tuned to LVHN social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, as well as the LVHN blog at LVHN.org/healthy-you.

Hecktown Oaks now a trauma center

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hecktown Oaks is now a Level IV Adult Trauma Center approved by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation. It is the fifth Lehigh Valley Health Network hospital to receive trauma center accreditation.

Trauma centers treat patients injured in falls, motor vehicle crashes, industrial accidents and other situations that produce life-threatening injuries. Level IV centers provide enhanced care to emergency department patients and focus on stabilization and quick transfer to a higher-level trauma center.

"Achieving Level IV Trauma Center accreditation is a great milestone for this facility, which has been open for less than two years. We're providing trauma care, close to home, when it's needed most," said trauma center President Luis Puentes.

LHV-Hecktown Oaks has a helipad. The trauma bay features specialized equipment along with the latest technology, including indigo lighting, which helps to prevent infections and hospital-acquired illnesses.



Wind Creek Casino staff take questions from local media on the tour.



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has been running at 92-93 percent occupancy, but added that area hotels would also see increased demand.

Wedding Sales Coordinator Jennifer Bender said an upcoming bridal show Nov. 15 will have 20 vendors in the existing Vision Nightclub and that tours for couples who would like to visit the new ballroom facilities would be available.

Corwin described the new facilities as "flexible." The Foundry Ballroom can be divided into nine separate meeting and event rooms. Hallways surrounding the room are spacious to allow for socializing, lobby bars and cocktail hours and a large kitchen will help expand food preparation capacity to meet the demand of large and multiple events.

The new 23,000-square-foot ballroom is one of three new venues in the new hotel complex and can be divided into nine separate rooms.

Sales manager

Jennifer Bender guided the media tour and said she was "excited to get wedding underway."

LIMIT

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change this year's celebrations. Should they have to travel far to visit friends and family, 19 percent said they would suggest friends or family to contribute to their travel costs (gas essentially). And perhaps the high cost of gas is the reason two-fifths of respondents say they are more likely to spend

Thanksgiving with local friends and neighbors this year, rather than family who live further away.

Perhaps an indication of how priorities have changed in recent years, half of people surveyed admit that they would prefer to stay home this Thanksgiving to use the saved gas money on Black Friday deals! Encouragingly though, 1 in 5 said that even if they can't see

family face-to-face this year, they will have a virtual Thanksgiving to make up for it.

And has been widely reported, food has also been significantly affected by price rises. Twenty-one percent of survey respondents stated that the higher cost of ingredients would impact on their plans. They said they are prepared to cancel the traditional Thanksgiving menu of turkey

and all the trimmings, and opt for a cheaper and low-cost meal instead. Which would also explain why over a third of those hosting Thanksgiving this November plan to invite fewer guests, and of those who are cooking, a whopping 68 percent say they expect to have less leftovers available, given the high price of food.

Contributed article

Budget to address homelessness

BY MARIEKE ANDRONACHE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A proposed 2023 budget amendment on job classification and pay plans led to a discussion amongst Lehigh County Commissioners

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on how to best address the homelessness issue during their Nov. 9 meeting.

Homelessness has become key issue in the

last few weeks across the region, with a task force proposed in the City of Bethlehem last month.

Commissioner

Jeffrey Dutt, who sponsored the budget amendment resolution, said, "We can make at least a dent in the issues we see with homelessness, and I think if we address at least some See **LEHIGH** on Page A3

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Former city councilwoman Olga Negron was parade marshal and rode with her husband, Nick Englesson, a district magistrate.



Cub Scout Pack 146 won third place in the scouting category.

BETHLEHEM HALLOWEEN PARADE

Ghouls and goblins, oh my!

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem's 101st Halloween parade was held on a bright sunny Oct. 30 afternoon, with six divisions marching on West Broad Street to Main Street and down to Spring

Street. The 2022 Halloween parade Marshal was former City Councilwoman Olga Negron. Schools, scouting troops, businesses, community organizations and many others participated. First place winners were Spring Garden ES, Cub Scout Pack #368,

The Puppy Palace, Bethlehem Carriage Company, and Liberty HS Theatre Company. Special award winners were William Penn ES (Mayor's award) and Marvine and Freemansburg elementary schools (Committee Award).



Gizmo, from the movie "Gremlins," passes by on West Broad Street.



Taj Auto Mall contributed this antique roadster which looks like some cobwebs had to be dusted off.



Bethlehem Carriage Company's Grim Reaper and hearse carriage took a first prize in the small marching group category.



Nitschmann MS twirlers spin their flags. All four BASD middle school bands marched.



Bumble bee Brenda Sciascia was part of the hive in BASD transportation's second place



The Liberty HS Theatre Company promoted their 2023 spring musical "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" and took home first place in the floats category to boot.



Dancers from Valley Dance perform on their way to a third place finish in the floats category. Their theme was "Alice in Wonderland."



Calypso ES was one of the 16 BASD elementary schools participating in this year's



The Bethlehem Saints youth sports cheerleaders and players parade down West Broad Street.

Justina Estrella

Holy Infancy R. C. Church parishoner



Justina Estrella, 94, of Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Fountain Hill, died Oct. 29, 2022. She was the wife of the late Pio Jose Camilo.

Born in LaJaquita Tenares, Dominican Republic, she was a daughter of the late Manuel Estrella and Conrada Tejada.

She was a homemaker most of her life and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing and making deserts.

She was a parishoner of Holy Infancy R.C. Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by three children, Josefina Diaz (Felix) of N.Y., Pedro Estrella (Maria) of Brooklyn and Justina Parra (Luis) of Bethlehem; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by 11 siblings, Maria, Tive, Flora, Louisa, Delfina, Bartola, Felipe, Carlos, Marino, Juan and Ramon.

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

Rosemarie T. Kovacs

Holy Ghost R.C. Church secretary



Rosemarie T. Kovacs, 91, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 4, 2022, in the Moravian King's Daughters Home, Bethlehem. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Rose M. (Kniess) Philippi. She was the wife of the late Stephen R. Kovacs.

She was a 1949 graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS.

She was an operator for Bethlehem Steel Corp. for several years. Later she was the parish secretary for Holy Ghost R.C. Church, Bethlehem, and then was the parish cook and housekeeper for many years until she retired.

She was parishoner of Holy Ghost Church and was active on many parish committees.

She is survived by a daughter, Terri Kovacs and a son, Michael Kovacs, both of Bethlehem; a daughter-in-law, Kathleen Kovacs of Harrisburg; and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Mark Kovacs; and a brother, Robert Philippi.

Contributions may be made to Holy Ghost R.C. Church, 417 Carlton Ave., Bethlehem

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

Edward Senick

excavating company worker



Edward Allen Senick, 63, of Bethlehem Township, died Oct. 6, 2022. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Edward and Sandra (Walk) Senick.

He was a 1977 graduate of Freedom HS. and Bethlehem Vo-Tech, where he was awarded first place in the Pennsylvania state-wide welding competition.

He was an U.S. Navy veteran. He served on an LST in the Persian Gulf in 1979 during the Iranian Hostage Crisis and was awarded the Shellback designation.

At an early age, he was employed at the family business, Senick Inc., Bethlehem Township. He worked later for other excavating companies throughout the Lehigh Valley.

He was a former member of East Hills Moravian Church.

He drove solo across the country in the 1990s and practiced his photography at the Grand Canyon. He raced dirt bikes at motocross competitions in his late teen years.

He is survived by a daughter, Juliet; a sister, Linda Serfass; and a nephew, Gregory Serfass, all of Bethlehem Township.

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

Jacquelyn Ann Malik

Rosemont Lutheran Church member

Jacquelyn Ann Malik, 87, of Bethlehem, died in her home Nov. 2, 2022. Born in Marion, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late A. Jack and Claudia (Sims) Hewitt.

She was a journalist and market analyst for many years until she retired.

She was a member of Rosemont Lutheran Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by two daughters, Deirdre Sumpter (Christopher Jones) of Bethlehem and Elisa Jarrell of Durham, North Carolina; a sister, Rachel Bockert of Wilmington, North Carolina; and two grandsons, Ryan and Dylan Jarrell.

She was predeceased by two brothers, A. Jack Hewitt and Thomas Hewitt.

Contributions may be made to Rosemont Lutheran Church, 1705 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

Ronald K. Raymond

musician; DLARC member



Ronald K. Raymond, 80, of Bethlehem Township, died Oct. 29, 2022. He was the husband of Beverly J. Raymond for 49 years. Born in Oak Park, Ill., he was a son of the late Ruth (Lefebvre) and Keefe H. Raymond.

He was a member of the U.S. Army. He graduated from RCA Institutes and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University.

He was an electrical engineer, working mainly with semiconductors. He played the trombone in many local bands including the Municipal Band of Bethlehem, Moravian Trombone Choir, Dave Neith Orchestra and the Liberty HS Alumni Band. He participated in TAPS Across America.

He was a member of Mountain View Moravian Church and sang in the church choir.

He was a member of the Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club and of the Masons. He flew planes and operated ham radios. He helped others by fixing anything that he could.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Raymond; a brother, Timothy Raymond; a sister, Diane Raymond; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Sandra Widdop. Contributions may be made to the Tri-State Baset Hound Rescue, P.O. Box 471, Deepwater, N.J. 08023; or to Mountainview Moravian Church, 331 Constitution Ave., Hellertown, PA 18055.

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

Kelly A. Kaiser

of Bethlehem

Kelly A. Kaiser, 54, of Bethlehem and formerly of Wellsboro, died Oct. 23, 2022. Born in Williamsport, she was a daughter of Gloria (Rutkowski) Bartholomew and the late Duane Kaiser.

She was a 1986 graduate of Wellsboro HS.

In addition to her mother and her mother's husband Larry Bartholomew; a sister, Tonya Morgenweck and her husband Glenn; a brother, Daniel Kaiser and his wife Shara Goolsby; a niece, Allison Morgenweck; and companion, Jeff Saul.

Arrangements were made by Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Emmaus.

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that formal applications required to be completed in order to apply for an entry level position of Police Officer in Northampton Borough are now available at the Northampton Borough Police Department, 1401 Laubach Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

This position is governed by Civil Service Rules and Regulations of Northampton Borough. Starting salary is contractually set at approximately \$60,958.

- (1) Act 120 certification not needed at time of test but must be certified before being a Police Officer.
- (2) Must have reached his/her 21st birthday before the deadline for submitting completed applications.
- (3) Must be a resident of Pennsylvania and live within a 25-mile radius of the Borough.
- (4) Must possess a high school or equivalent diploma.
- (5) Must possess a valid Pennsylvania driver's license when applying and at time of employment.
- (6) Must be a United States citizen.
- (7) Must be physically and mentally fit to perform the full duties of a police officer.
- (8) Must be able to speak, write and read the English language.
- (9) Must complete an application form, which must include a non-refundable check or money order for \$50.00 to cover processing costs. Check should be made payable to "Northampton Borough."

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Assisted living facility help available

For years, local self-defense expert Bob Hollinger has volunteered his time to empower Lehigh Valley seniors through self-defense seminars. Today their families also turn to him to be an advocate and help them choose the right assisted living facility for their loved one.

Hollinger said, "Families need information and tools to fight for their loved one to receive the care they need, but it

can be overwhelming. As a certified dementia and assisted living expert, I've personally visited and vetted the assisted living facilities in the Lehigh Valley. I can help with the whole process: from answering basic questions, to financing options and scheduling and accompanying them on tours if desired. All my services are free of charge to the family."

His quest to become a Certified Senior Ad-

visor and Dementia Practitioner started when there was a need in his own family. "I know firsthand how difficult and stressful it is to make the decision for a loved one to move to a senior care facility here in the Lehigh Valley. In 2010 my mother was stricken, and my Marine and WWII veteran father struggled with dementia. I needed the help of a senior care facility, but no one was there to guide or ad-

vised us. So, we ended up making mistakes that we could have avoided," said Hollinger.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, about 70 percent of adults older than 65 will need long-term care at some point in their lives. This care comes at a price with an average cost of \$4,30 per month.

Choosing the right facility as well as how to pay for it results in a bewildering number of decisions that a family must make.

If you have questions, Hollinger invites you to contact him to get your questions answered and learn more about his free service. There is no charge or obligation. For more information, go to AssistedLiving-Helpline.com or call Bob's helpline at 610-850-6733.

Contributed article

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Anastasia is an office cat who likes to help the business manager, but this 5-year-old beauty is ready for a home office and would love to help someone who works from home. Ana takes time to warm up to new people and would do best in an adult-only home with someone who understands her boundaries and handling sensitivities.



Toby is a sweet, goofy 2-year-old boxer/hound mix. He loves playing with other dogs and is our dog play group All-star. Toby requires a fenced yard as he is known to be an escape artist. He can be a little shy with new people and has separation anxiety, and hopes to find a loving family who can spend lots of time with him.

ELECTION BOARD MEETING

The Lehigh County Board of Elections will convene a meeting on Thursday, November 23rd, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Public Hearing Room, Government Center, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, for the purpose of First Certification of the 2022 General Election Results within Lehigh County and for general purposes.

The Lehigh County Board of Elections will also convene a meeting on Monday, November 28th, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room 43 A & B, Government Center, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, for the purpose of Final Certification of the 2022 General Election Results within Lehigh County and for general purposes.

Election Board of Lehigh County
By: Timothy A. Benyo

REUNIÓN JUNTA ELECTORAL

La junta Electoral del Condado de Lehigh convocará una reunión el jueves 23 de noviembre de 2022 a la 3:00 PM, en la Sala de Audiencias Públicas, Centro de Gobierno, 17 South 7th St, Allentown, con el propósito de la Primera Certificación de los Resultados de las elecciones generales de 2022 dentro del Condado de Lehigh, y para fines generales.

La junta Electoral del Condado de Lehigh también convocará una reunión el lunes 28 de noviembre de 2022 a la 3:00 PM, en la Sala de Conferencia 43A & B, Centro de Gobierno, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown, con el propósito de certificar finalmente los resultados de las elecciones generales de 2022 dentro del Condado de Lehigh, y para fines generales.

Junta Electoral del Condado de Lehigh
De: Timothy A. Benyo

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Freedom's Jalen Fletcher looks to make his way over the pile which includes Emmaus' John Wassel (25).

Freedom heading to finals

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom has enjoyed plenty of special wins during the Jason Roeder era, but last Thursday's 28-27 triumph over Emmaus in the District 11 6A semifinals will certainly go down as one of the best ones in Freedom history.

The Pates rallied from a 21-12 deficit early in the third quarter to score 16 unanswered points and stymie an Emmaus offense that was rolling to advance to their fourth District 11 6A championship in five years.

Freedom (10-2) gets a chance to win their

third district championship in school history and defend their crown from a year ago this Friday at Easton's Cottingham Stadium when they take on Parkland.

But last week's victory over an ultra talented Emmaus (10-2) team was bursting with emotion, as the black and gold knew they pulled off a special win.

"We've had a couple crazy wins over the years, but this one is definitely up there," said Roeder. "This is a special class for me and I'd be lying if I wasn't emotional coming into the game thinking it might be the last time I

get to coach this group. We just kept battling and I'm proud of our team and our coaches."

Emmaus took a 14-12 lead into halftime and built it to 21-12 when Jake Fotta threw an eight-yard score to Tylik Jarvis with 9:21 in the third quarter.

Freedom responded when quarterback Ethan Neidig led an eight-play, 79-yard drive to cap it off with an eight-yard TD with 5:45 in the quarter. Jalen Fletcher then took a handoff and scored from seven yards out just before the quarter was over, as Freedom converted two-point at-



Jiovanni Richardson and Antonio Solivan look to bring down an Emmaus ball carrier.

See FHS on Page A8

BC falls to Central in finals

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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By Katie McDonald
Bethlehem Catholic put up the first points in the District XI Class 4A final against Allentown Central Catholic, but the Vikings scored all the rest and were declared district champs in their 14-3 victory over the Golden Hawks on Saturday afternoon at Whitehall High School.

"They made some plays, and we left some plays on the table. That's the bottom line," said Beca coach Chuck Sonon. "Months ago, people counted us down and out, so to get to the championship game, it's a hell of an accomplishment, but it still stings."

Jeremy Fyrer's early field goal gave the Hawks a 3-0 lead and Beca's defense held the Vikings scoreless for the first quarter.

Robert Williams recovered a Central Catholic fumble for the Hawks, but Beca couldn't capitalize on the turnover.

After Central running back Caiden Shaffer scored the Vikings' first touchdown four minutes into the second quarter, Beca had an opportunity to answer with a fourth-and-one from Central's 34-yard line, but the Vikings ended up taking over on downs.

Central quarterback Tamlin Ferguson was sacked consecutively, however; first by Antonio

Ramos-Dobbins and then by Joshua Doane, setting up the Hawks on Central's 37-yard line with 2:28 remaining in the half.

Beca's quarterback Luke Thomas's pass to Jaiden Ellis-Lahey was dropped in the end zone, but Thomas connected with his wide receiver on the next play after a 15-yard penalty against the Hawks, who were unable to score before halftime.

After a 0-0 third quarter, Thomas completed a pass to Ellis-Lahey for 25 yards and a first-and-10 from Central's 20-yard line, but the Hawks were intercepted in the end zone on third-and-6, and with 3:48 remaining in the game, Shaffer made the interception count for Central to put the Vikings up, 14-3.

The Hawks rushed to make something happen with time winding down but were intercepted in the end zone by Travis Foster.

"They worked so hard and have had to overcome so much adversity. It's just a shame to end this way," Coach Sonon said. "It'll take a little bit of time. The sun will come up tomorrow. They worked so hard, and I was very, very proud."

Central Catholic will advance to the PIAA State football tournament on Friday night when they will face undefeated Jersey Shore at Williamsport High School.



Luke Thomas scrambles while looking to make a play during last



PRESS PHOTOS BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Jacob Sutton tries to keep his balance during the 5A District 11



PRESS PHOTOS BY JENN RAGO

Kristen Mears and Joe Huxta gather the Penn State Alumni, and Nittany Lion, prior to the benefit walk for the American Cancer Society.



The ladies of ZTA sorority at Moravian College cheered on the walkers.

PENN STATE LV ALUMNI

Keeping stride against cancer

BY JENN RAGO
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Penn State Lehigh Valley Alumni Association joined other organizations Oct. 15 in a benefit walk for the American Cancer

Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. LV Alumni Director Kristen Mears and LV Alumni Association Vice President Joe Huxta eagerly welcomed alumni to the event. Huxta has been ac-

tive with the association the last 5 years and Mears has been in her position since 2021. The walk was approximately 3 miles starting and ending at Steel Stacks/Artsquest.



And we're off.... The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk begins at Steel Stacks/Arts Quest.

Penn State Alumni Mike Turk and Rob Soha help the Nittany Lion display the school banner.



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Jon Chiu
Freedom HS



Grade: 11
Family members: Mom Julie and Dad David
Favorite subject: U.S. Government and Economy. I like learning how the country works and the history behind it.
Activities: Playing guitar, spending time with friends and family
Next steps: Go to college and enter a career in journalism
Career goals: To experience new things and gain new knowledge
Heroes: Luz Noceda; her persistence and ability to inspire me to overcome my challenges
Hobbies: Reading, watching TV shows, playing video games
Volunteer/community work: ArtsQuest, FEAT and other school clubs
Likes: The Owl House, The Unwanteds, 1984, Fahrenheit 451

Dislikes: Dorney Park's Halloween Haunt commercials, The Maze Runner, some adaptations
Greatest accomplishment (so far): Developing a system of completing assignments from high school and two college classes in a timely manner; still in use
Advice for peers: "Nada finclone givones que lo hegg-es finclone." (Nothing will work unless you make it work.)

FREEDOM HS NEWS
By Jon Chiu

Out with pumpkin, in with turkey

It's November and while the weather may become colder, it has not stopped students at Freedom from giving their all. With the second marking period in its second week, students have had time to adjust to their new classes and meet new people, teachers and students alike.

Ally week - a national effort in schools K-12 in supporting the LGBTQ community - commenced Oct. 17. The following week, Spirit Week began Oct. 24 and ended Oct. 28, with themes ranging from "Pajamas," "Anything but a Backpack," "Adam Sandler" and more. A hallway decorating contest weeks in the making also took place, with the freshman class winning with their hallway theme of "Avengers assemble."

A pep rally to celebrate the Freedom-Liberty game took place Oct. 28, with students from freshmen to seniors participating in activities such as a stretcher race, obstacle course and tug of war. Students who won a raffle before the pep rally also got the chance to participate in pieing selected teachers.

The football team has been on a roll as they achieve victory after victory. On Oct. 24, the team won 24-13 against Bethlehem Catholic and smashed the Liberty Hurricanes in a 38-7 victory Oct. 29 to claim the George Resetco trophy and end the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference (EPC) South Division.

This winning streak continued well into November. On Nov. 4, the team scored 38-0 against Hazleton. The team also narrowly won a 28-27 victory against the Emmaus Hornets Nov. 10.

The Freedom Patriot Band also played in tandem with the Liberty Grenadier Band during the halftime show of the Freedom-Liberty game, playing hits from the Beatles such as "Hey Jude" and "Can't Buy Me Love."

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance held its solidarity week starting Oct. 31 with the coffee shop handing out rainbow stickers with any drink order and students being able to sign a solidarity pledge at tables outside the cafeteria.

On Nov. 3, FHS held an induction ceremony to welcome the newest members of its National Honor Society chapter and celebrate their achievements. Bethlehem Mayor William Reynolds attended the ceremony as a keynote speaker.

Laurie Sage, Dr. Carla Krieger, and the officers of Freedom's NHS chapter also gave speeches before calling up the inductees to sign their names into the NHS's book of inductees and recite the oath of the National Honor Society to officially become members. A reception was also held following the ceremony where refreshments were served.

The softball team held a Bake & Bracelet sale from Nov. 7 to 11. Freedom was closed Nov. 8, Election Day.



Chiu



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Dori (Kiersten Rubery) performs "The Preamble" reminding us that "We the people" have the power.

Freedom HS Theatre Company presents 'Schoolhouse Rock'

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Freedom HS Theatre Company presents "Schoolhouse Rock Live" in four performances on Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. in the school auditorium.

As a young teacher prepares for a new school year, his emotions come to life through other characters who remind him that learning can be fun. Justin Amann directs and is assisted by Natalie Parker. Denise Parker (music director), Vanessa Ruggerio (choreographer), Chris Domanski (set designer), Adam Stoltz (sound designer) Priscilla Salazar (costumer



George (Edwin Feijoo) says "I'm just a bill stuck on Capitol Hill" as Tom (Quincy West) reacts during "Just a Bill."

and prop designer) and stage managers Emily Sheridan and Abigail Shapiro round out the production team.

"Schoolhouse Rock Live" is adapted and produced for the stage by Theatre BAM. It is from the series creat-



"Good morning class, I'm your new teacher," rehearses Tom Mizer (Quincy West) in anticipation of the first day of school.

Newall and Tom Yohe. Tickets are available by calling 610-867-5843 extension 80857 or by visiting Showtix4U.com/events/FHSTC.



Dori (Kiersten Rubery), Shulie (Marion Keller), Dina (Julia Ruhf), Tom (Quincy West), Joe (Connor McClure) and George (Edwin Feijoo) kick in line while the ensemble performed "Mother Necessity."

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From left: Renzo and Cindy Faggioli; Barnet and Lisa Fraenkel, Baum School of Art 2022 "Fall Gala."



Barnet and Lisa Fraenkel, at exhibition, "A Class Act, Works by Mentor & Mentee: Renzo Faggioli and Lisa Fraenkel," during Baum School of Art 2022 "Fall Gala."

Baum School of Art 'Fall Gala' back after two years; honors Lisa and Barnet Fraenkel, Renzo Faggioli

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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For the first time in three years, the Baum School of Art "Fall Gala" was held as an in-person event.

An estimated 200, according to Baum officials, attended the Nov. 12 event at the school in center city Allentown that honored Lisa and Barnet Fraenkel, Baum benefactors, and Renzo Faggioli, master ceramist and Baum arts faculty instructor.

The Baum gala was not held in-person in 2020 and 2021 because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"This is our first in-person gala and fundraiser event since 2019," said Baum School of Art Executive Director

Shannon S. Fugate.

The evening included a silent auction of fine art, events activities and other items. Hors d'oeuvres and food was by Karen Hunter. Music was by Roger Latzgo.

Among attendees: former Congressman Charlie Dent, and his wife, Pamela; State Sen. Pat Browne, and his wife, Heather; State Sen. Mike Schlossberg, and his wife, Brenna, and Allentown Mayor Mathew Tuerk, and his wife, Karen.

"Tonight, we are celebrating Lisa's [Fraenkel] mentor, and the mentor of students here at the Baum School, maybe thousands," Fugate said.

The exhibition, "A Class Act, Works by Mentor & Mentee: Ren-

zo Faggioli and Lisa Fraenkel," concluded Nov. 12, David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, Baum School of Art, Allentown.

"It speaks volumes to someone who can make mud the most exciting part of art instruction," Fugate quipped about Faggioli.

Said Faggioli, "I go back many years after Rudy Ackerman was the one who brought me to Moravian [University]."

"First at Moravian, and now at Baum since 1973," Faggioli continued.

Ackerman, professor and chair of the Moravian College (now University) Department of Art 1963 - 2002, was Baum School of Art Executive Director 1965 - 2006, and

Baum School Director of Exhibitions and Collections 2006 - 2015.

Faggioli has been on the Baum School faculty for nearly 50 years, the longest tenure of an instructor at the school, according to Baum officials.

"It gives me so much pleasure to see the students being taught at the Baum School," said Faggioli.

Fugate presented proclamations from the Pennsylvania legislature to Faggioli and the Fraenkels honoring them for their contributions.

Said Barnet Fraenkel, "There are those of us with no artistic talent. That's why those like myself fall in place to support the arts."

Said Lisa Fraenkel, "I've been a student at the Baum School for something like 30 years.

"Renzo, I never thought my work would be paired with yours. You have inspired students for 50 years here at Baum," Lisa Fraenkel said.

"Claymates," Lisa Fraenkel said to fellow art students among those in the audience on the third floor of the Baum School. "Wednesday is my favorite day at Baum."

Also speaking were the Fraenkels' children, Julie and Adam, and Lauren, who because of her pregnancy could not attend, via an email read by Julie.

Margo Wiener was chair of the gala com-

mittee that included Catherine Debbage, Pamela Dent, Arjana Etchason, Lauren Fauri, Lisa Fraenkel, Shannon Fugate, Holly Harter, Roberta London, Larry Miley, Laurie Siegfried and Shelbi Stoneback.

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State Rep. Mike Schlossberg, and his wife, Brenna



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\$1-million state funding for LVH-Muhlenberg imaging device

Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Browne (R-16th) announced Nov. 11 that \$1 million in state funding will replace imaging equipment at Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - Muhlenberg.

The funds allow Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) to purchase a new Medtronic O-Arm imaging device

for use in minimally-invasive spinal surgery. It replaces an older unit no longer in service.

Prior to surgery, the O-Arm takes a 360-degree scan of the spine, providing 3D images, allowing the surgeon to have enhanced and precise visualization of a patient's anatomy.

This gives a sur-

geon the most accurate anatomical road map possible for the precision insertion of medical hardware such as screws and rods.

"Funding like this allows us to spread resources even further in all areas of care," said Brian A. Nester, DO, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer,

LVHN. "We appreciate the support of Senator Browne and the Commonwealth for leading-edge technology that supports the great work of doctors, nurses and other health professionals across the state."

"We are fortunate to have outstanding health-care partners, like Lehigh Valley

Health Network, in our region," Browne said.

"This project is a prime example of LVHN's dedication to remaining on the leading edge of medical technology, which has translated into better outcomes for the patients they care for. I am proud to support their efforts in advancing the care options available to

our residents."

LVHN surgeons performed more than 2,000 spinal surgeries last fiscal year, including nearly 1,200 at LVH - Muhlenberg and LVH - Cedar Crest, where O-Arm units are located. "O-Arm imaging is an essential part of our success and great patient outcomes," Nester said.



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Walter Jean, MD, Chief of Neurosurgery, Lehigh Valley Fleming Neuroscience Institute, at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg Nov. 11 funding announcement.

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'PARADISE'

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friends Past" (2009), "13 Going on 30" (2004) and "Catch Me If You Can" (2002).

Lopez has starred in the rom-coms "Marry Me" (2022), "Second Act" (2018), "The Back-Up Plan" (2010), "Monster-in-Law" (2005), "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) and "The Wedding Planner" (2001).

Other noteworthy rom-comers include: Meg Ryan, "You've Got Mail," (1998), "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993), "When Harry Met Sally" (1989); Kristen Wiig, "Bridesmaids" (2011); Emma Stone, "Easy A" (2010); Amanda Seyfried, "Mama Mia!" (2008); Sandra Bullock, "The Proposal" (2009); Katherine Heigl, "The Ugly Truth," 2009; Drew Barrymore, "50 First Dates" (2004), and Kate Hudson, "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003).

And of course, there are the classic romantic comedies of the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Julia Roberts is noted for the rom-coms "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997), "Runaway Bride" (1999) and "Pretty Woman" (1990).

In "Ticket to Paradise," Georgia Cotton (Julia Roberts) and David Cotton (George Clooney) are divorced.

The two reluctantly, very reluctantly, agree to collaborate and travel to Bali, Indonesia, in an attempt to prevent the marriage of their daughter Lily (Kaitlyn Dever), a recent law school graduate, to a seaweed farmer, Gede (Maxime Bouttier), who she met while on vacation in Bali with her college roommate, Wren (Billie Lourd).

To complicate mat-

ters, Georgia's boyfriend, Paul (Lucas Bravo), a pilot, lands in Bali and proposes to Georgia.

"Ticket to Paradise" has a bright, breezy look as befits its locale. The setting is so beautiful and enticing, you may find yourself musing "I want to travel there" as you watch the movie. You may even find yourself contacting a travel agent after you leave the movie theater.

Julia Roberts and George Clooney are as easy on the eyes as the island vistas. They work well together as a team. Their love-hate, or perhaps better said, hate-love relationship of the characters they portray, is believable. Roberts and Clooney have, as it's said, chemistry.

"Ticket to Paradise" is a reteaming of Roberts and Clooney, who were in "Ocean's Eleven" (2001), "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (2002), "Ocean's Twelve" (2004) and "Money Monster" (2016).

In "Ticket to Paradise," Roberts and Clooney each have a casual charm that many will find irresistible. They are akin to the Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant ("Bringing Up Baby," 1938; "The Philadelphia Story," 1940) of the contemporary cinema era. Roberts and Clooney may be the last of the cinema's big-screen charmers.

Clooney (Oscar, best picture, "Argo," 2012; Oscar, supporting actor, "Syriana," 2005), now with gray-streaked beard and hair, is always interesting to watch on screen. His affability knows no bounds. He seems fearless in his self-deprecating willingness to engage in dialogue and

physical comedy to poke fun at his movie persona, as he does in "Ticket to Paradise."

Roberts (Oscar, actress, "Erin Brockovich," 2000) has a measured screen presence that she guards gently and effectively. As with Clooney, she commands every scene she's in. Roberts' charm seems boundless. Her good-naturedness hides, just barely, a sharp-edged strength of character underneath.

Neither Clooney or Roberts suffer fools lightly in "Ticket to Paradise," least of all each other. The characters they play clearly consider each other to be fools. Thus derives much of the wicked-wit comedy between Clooney and Roberts in "Ticket to Paradise."

Memorable in supporting roles are Kaitlyn Dever (TV's "Dopesick," 2021), as daughter Lily; Maxime Bouttier ("Seriendipity," 2018) as boyfriend Gede, and Billie Lourd (TV's "American Horror Story," 2017-2022) as Wren, Lily's college roommate.

"Ticket to Paradise" director Oliver Parker (director, "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" (2018); director-screenwriter, "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (2011)) has a casual way behind the camera. He gets in and out of scenes efficiently, letting the laughs develop quickly, without lingering, and is quickly on to the next visual or verbal quip.

Parker co-wrote the "Ticket to Paradise" screenplay with Daniel Pipski (his theatrical screenplay debut). The screenplay has an antecedent in "Father of the Bride" (1950), starring Spencer Tra-

cy, Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor; a 1991 remake starring Steve Martin and Diane Keaton, and a 2022 remake starring Andy Garcia and Gloria Estefan. Call "Ticket to Paradise" the "Father and Mother of the Bride."

If rom-coms are your thing and if you're a fan of Julia Roberts and George Clooney, we can report confidently that "Ticket to Paradise" could be just the ticket for you.

"Ticket to Paradise," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned: Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.) for some strong language and brief suggestive material; Genre: Romance, Comedy; Run time: 1 hour, 44 minutes. Distributed by Universal Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Stay for the "Ticket to Paradise" closing credits to see out-takes and bloopers from the movie. "Ticket to Paradise" was filmed in Queensland, Australia; Bali, Indonesia, and California.

At The Movies: "Ticket to Paradise" was seen in the Movie Tavern at Trexlertown, with food ordered in advance on the phone and delivered right to the reclining seats.

Theatrical Movie Box Office, Nov. 11-13: The sequel, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," opened at No. 1 with \$180 million, in 4,396 theaters.

It's the second-highest weekend box office opening for 2022, behind "Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," another Marvel Cinematic Universe movie, which grossed \$187 million in its May 6, 2022, opening

weekend. It's the biggest-ever November weekend box office opening, surpassing "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," which opened Nov. 20, 2013, with \$158 million.

However, it's less than the weekend box office of the original "Black Panther," which opened Feb. 16, 2018, with \$202 million.

2. "Black Adam" dropped from its three-week run at No. 1, with \$8.6 million, in 3,603 theaters, \$151.1 million, four weeks. 3. "Ticket to Paradise" stayed in place, \$6.1 million, in 3,640 theaters, \$56.5 million, four weeks. 4. "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" moved up two places, \$3.2 million, in 2,486 theaters, \$40.8 million, six weeks. 5. "Smile" moved down one place, \$2.3 million, in 2,271 theaters, \$102.7 million, seven weeks. 6. "Prey for the Devil" dropped one place, \$2 million, in 2,164 theaters, \$16.9 million, three weeks. 7. "The Banshees of Inisherin," \$1.7 million, 960 theaters, \$5.7 million, four weeks. 8. "One Piece Film: Red" dropped six places, \$1.4 million, in 2,213 theaters, \$12.7 million, two weeks. 9. "Till" dropped one place, \$618, 254 in 1,358 theaters, \$8 million, five weeks. 10. "Armageddon Time" moved up two places,

\$352,000, in 981 theaters, \$1.5 million, three weeks.

Movie box office information from Box Office Mojo as of Nov. 13 is subject to change.

Unreel, Nov. 18: "Poker Face," No MPAA rating: Russell Crowe directs Liam Hemsworth, Lynn Gilmartin, RZA and himself in the Action Crime Thriller. A tech billionaire hosts a high-stakes poker game.

"The Menu," MPAA rated R: Mark Mylod directs Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Fiennes and Nicholas Hoult in the Comedy Horror Thriller. A young couple dines at an exclusive island resort restaurant.

"She Said," MPAA rated R: Mark Schradler directs Carey Mulligan, Zoe Kazan, Patricia Clarkson and Andre Braugher in the Drama. It's based on the New York Times investigation and book by Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor about their reporting about allegations concerning movie producer Harvey Weinstein that helped begin the "MeToo movement."

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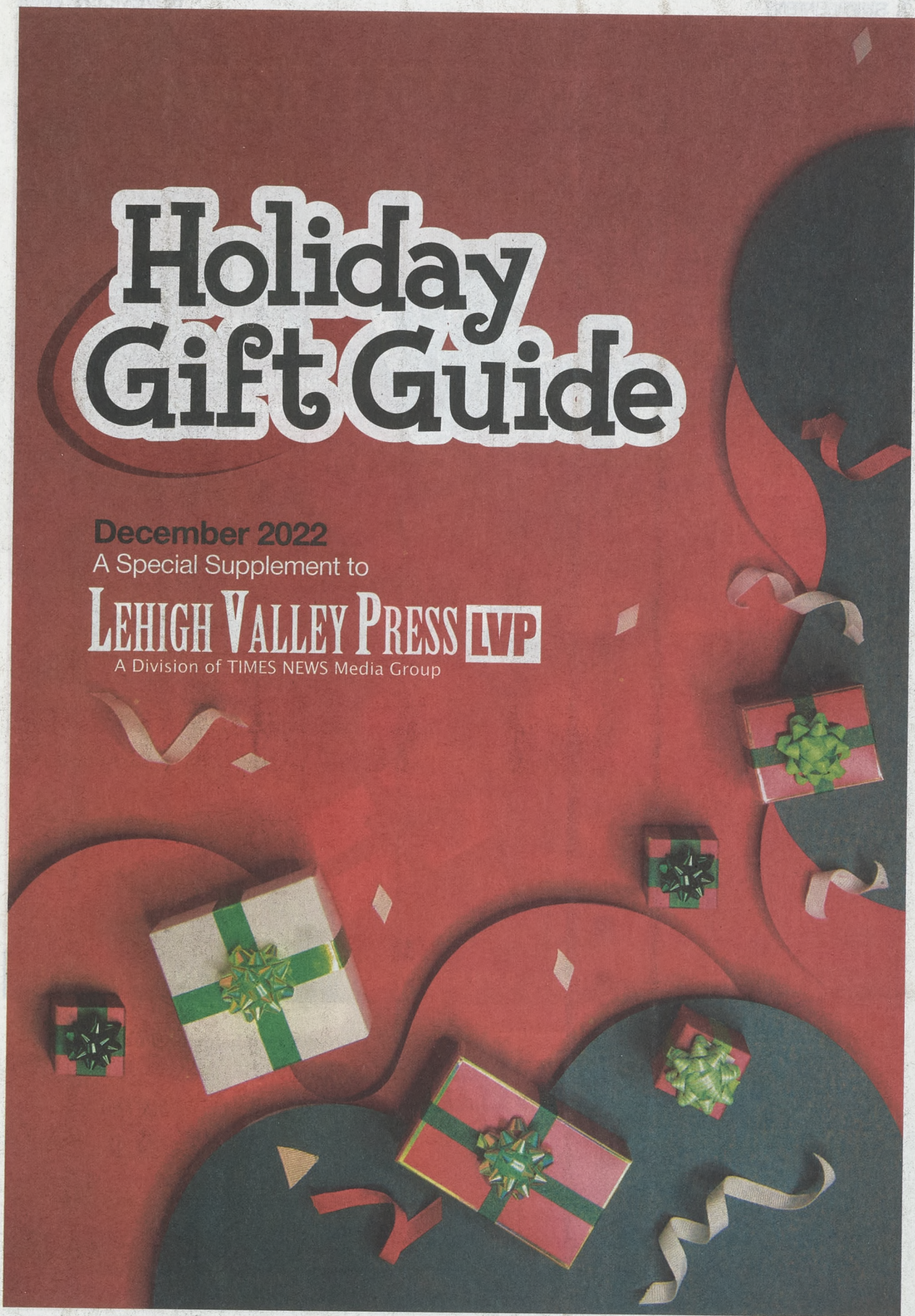
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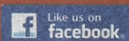
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Simple ways to involve kids in holiday decorating

Millions of people across the globe feel that the holiday season is a magical time of year. Though those people come from all walks of life, it's likely that no group is as taken by the unique spirit of the holiday season as much as children.

Whether they're looking forward to Santa's arrival or preparing for a school holiday pageant, kids have much to be excited about come December. Parents can channel that enthusiasm by involving kids when decorating around the house this holiday season.

Make homemade ornaments. The options are limitless when making

holiday ornaments with children. From simple ornaments made from pine cones picked up outside to more complex projects designed for children nearing adolescence, parents can look to the internet to find design ideas and directions for hundreds of ornaments.

Let kids lead the way when decorating the tree. Families that celebrate Christmas can let kids lead the way when decorating their Christmas tree. Kids are likely to spend the weeks leading up to Santa's arrival gazing in awe at the tree, and knowing they decided where to place the various ornaments on it might make the season



even more special for youngsters.

Take kids along when choosing lawn ornaments. It's not safe to involve children when installing lighting displays, but kids will get a kick out of choosing inflatable lawn decorations and other items to place around the yard. Take kids along when buying new items and then seek their input when placing Frosty, Santa and his reindeer friends around the yard.

Include kids in culinary decor. Many celebrants cannot imagine a holiday season without gingerbread houses and cookies. These traditions provide another great opportunity to involve chil-

dren in holiday decorating. Set aside some time to make homemade gingerbread houses, which can be used as decorations before they're ultimately eaten. Cookies may not have the shelf life of a typical gingerbread house, but kids can pitch in and decorate cookies prior to a holiday party or family meal.

The spirit of the holiday season can be seen on the faces of children each December. Inviting kids to pitch in when decorating for the holidays can make the season even more special for its youngest celebrants.

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Pet gifts are popular this time of year, ensuring all members of the family have a treat to open.

Holiday gifts for four-legged family members

Holiday shoppers who are busy making lists and checking them twice should make sure they don't overlook the family pet. Christmas has gone to the cats and dogs, as a greater number of people include their companion animals when selecting gifts each year.

A study by OnePoll conducted by Rover.com, the nation's largest network of dog sitters and walkers, found that 95 percent of pet owners have bought holiday gifts for their pets. Gifts can range from everyday needs, like food and treats, to more lavish extravagances like spa treatments.

Pet owners who plan to get their pets gifts this year may want to consider some of the emerging pet trends as they browse wares and services. The Balance, a business, career and in-

dustrial information site, says pet industry trends point toward these segments seeing growth.

Natural pet products

Just as people are interested in protecting the health of the planet and their own personal health, so, too, are they extending this concern to companion animals. Natural pet products, which can include natural flea and tick remedies, holistic foods, organic items, and all-natural grooming products, can make great gifts.

Specialty pet services

The American Pet Products Association says the demand for high-end pet grooming and other services is substantial. In addition, personalized training,

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5 candle scents that will enhance your holiday

(BPT) - "Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays," crooned Perry Como in the iconic 1954 classic Christmas song of the same name. That stirring sentiment, for many, rings particularly true this year as we look forward to once again hosting celebrations at home with loved ones. If you're planning to stay home for the holidays, now is the time to start thinking about how you can create a festive and joyful atmosphere for yourself and your guests.

Decorations, food and entertainment are

all important aspects of the holiday season, but another impactful way you can create a homey holiday feel is through fragrance. "Our sense of smell is our strongest sense," said Harry Slatkin, home fragrance expert and founder of Slatkin & Co. "It goes straight to your brain and can recall a memory and give you a sense of joy in an instant."

As you return home for the holidays this year, Slatkin, dubbed the "Candle King" by The New York Times, offers these five home fragrance tips to create

a festive and joyful holiday atmosphere with scented candles.

1. Scents to greet your guests

When your guests arrive, you'll want to have a scented candle burning that makes them feel relaxed and uplifted as soon as they walk in. In your entryway, light an aromatic candle with notes of pine or fir balsam to greet guests with a fresh, woody fragrance.

Even if you don't have a Christmas tree, a scented candle with notes of pine needles and juniper will have

guests believing that you brought one home that day. You can also opt for other evergreen candles with notes of white birch and crisp winter air to capture the scents of a snowy winter day in the woods.

2. Scents to gather around

No matter where you start the evening, chances are everyone will eventually gather and end the night in your living room. To create a cheerful and festive atmosphere, choose a candle with bright, invigorating notes like
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Christmas Joy. This lively fragrance blends sparkling citrus notes with a variety of holiday spices, fresh cranberries and blue spruce that will remind you and guests of cherished holidays spent sipping mulled wine in front of the fireplace.

3. Scents for the cooking and dining areas

Choosing a scent for spaces where you will be cooking or eating can be tricky because you don't want a candle fragrance to compete with the aroma of your holiday dishes. Likewise, burning a scented candle during dinner can interfere with the dining experience and take away the enjoyment of the meal

and ambiance.

Instead, after the cooking is finished, burn a gourmand-scented candle in the kitchen with notes of buttercream and brown sugar that will have your guests' mouths watering. Even if there is nothing cooking in the kitchen, the inviting fragrance will have them thinking you just took a tray of freshly baked sugar cookies out of the oven.

4. Scents for you

As a host, don't get so caught up in the party planning that you forget to enjoy the holiday season. Take time to take care of yourself by relaxing alone at home in your favorite spot with an aromatherapy candle. A scented candle with soothing notes of

geranium, frankincense and cedarwood can produce a sense of tranquility and calm to help you find a sense of inner peace during the busy holiday season.

5. Scents for the ones you love

Gift a sensory experience by buying scented candles for those near and dear to you. While the act of gifting scented candles may have served as a punchline on late-night TV in recent years, the \$23 billion U.S. home fragrance market is no joke. Americans love scented candles. For a wide variety of choices, check out the Homeworx by Slatkin & Co. collection of 4-wick candles. Whether your loved ones prefer warm, comforting candles with notes of cinnamon,

pumpkin and vanilla, gourmand and fruity scents or woody, winter-themed fragrances, you're sure to find options to satisfy them all. Best of all, they'll think of you every time they light their candles.

"There is no stronger connection between scent and feelings of peace and joy than during the holiday season," said Slatkin. "It is a special time when we create and celebrate memories with family and friends, and scent is the common thread that ties them all together."

Set the seasonal mood with scents that evoke warmth, relaxation and togetherness. Using these five home fragrance tips, you can create a holiday everyone is sure to remember.

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behavioral consulting, portrait photography, dog sitting, and upscale spa treatments like pet Reiki and massage are booming.

Mobile pet grooming

Mobile pet grooming

has become the norm in many areas. Mobile pet grooming can reduce the potential stress on animals, and tends to be very convenient for customers, particularly seniors and others who have mobility issues.

Beyond these growing trends, pet owners have a bevy of other ideas

from which to choose. Here are just a few different suggestions:

- Tests to detect pets' DNA and trace breed and ancestry,
- Interactive puzzles to keep pets engaged and banish boredom,
- Stylish storage baskets for pet toys,

• Hidden cat litter or dog crate items that camouflage commonly used pet items,

• Heated pet bed for cozy nights and mornings, and

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4 ways to gift experiences that make more memories

(BPT) - The holidays are approaching, which means it's time to start thinking about gifts for your loved ones. Gift-giving can be tricky, especially if it's not your strength. Finding the perfect gift that will thrill in the moment and last past the holiday season can be frustrating.

Instead of gifting the latest toy, fashion trend or home gadget, consider giving the gift of an experience. When you give the gift of an experience, you're providing opportunities for the recipient to make memories that will last longer than any fad or gadget.

Check out these four experiential gift ideas you can use to up your gift-giving game this holiday season.

1. Learn a new skill together

Have you always wanted to learn how to ski? Or have your kids begged for guitar lessons? Maybe your spouse is interested in learning pottery, or Grandpa has mentioned an interest in woodworking.

Try something new and take a class together this holiday season. If your family enjoys the activity, it could become a tradition you all look forward to each year. Even if you only try an activity once and decide it's not for you, you'll still have the memory of trying something new with the people you love.

2. Take a trip



It's fun to get away with the whole family during the holiday season, especially if you can head somewhere warm during the colder months. Once you find the perfect spot, you can turn a family trip into an annual holiday tradition where you continue to make memories year after year.

Need an idea of where to go? Check out Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, where there's something for everyone from ages 2 to 92, all under one roof. With four locations in Wisconsin Dells, WI; Sandusky, OH; Pocono Mountains, PA; and Round Rock, TX, you can easily find a resort within driving distance of your home.

Kalahari Resorts are home to America's largest indoor waterparks, the perfect place to make holiday memories with the whole family. While your kids are sure to have fun and tire themselves out, the older family members can enjoy the full-service spa, family entertainment center, nightly live

entertainment, on-site signature restaurants and unique retail shops.

3. Buy a family membership

If you've wanted to spend more time exploring local museums, zoos, live theaters or other attractions close to home, consider buying a family membership. Not only are you more likely to go if you've already paid for a membership, but you can use it immediately and start making memories during the holidays. Best of all, you can continue to visit throughout the year and make memories year-round.

Family memberships or family season packages are generally more affordable than buying individual tickets for each visit, and many families see savings after just one trip. Some memberships even include perks like discounts, member-only events and advanced ticket options.

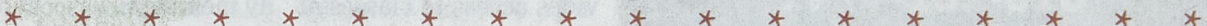
4. Encourage experiences with gift

cards

Gift cards don't need to be limited to retail stores and restaurants. Take note of your family members' interests and buy them gift cards that support and encourage exploration. For example, if your youngest is a budding film critic, get them a gift card to your local movie theater. Give Grandpa and Grandpa a gift card to the local museum or your spouse a membership to a yoga or Pilates studio.

Another great gift card idea is to gift a getaway the whole family can enjoy. Kalahari Resorts gift cards give younger family members a way to spend independently during their vacation. For parents and other adult family members, they can treat themselves to a relaxing spa treatment or add a private cabana to their trip. No matter how the recipient decides to spend a gift card to an experience, you're giving them the means to make more memories and add an extra special touch to an already memorable vacation. To learn more, visit KalahariResorts.com.

Elevate your gift-giving this holiday season. Using these four ideas, you can gift your family and friends experiences that create memories that will last a lifetime. After all, the holiday season is about spending time with our loved ones.

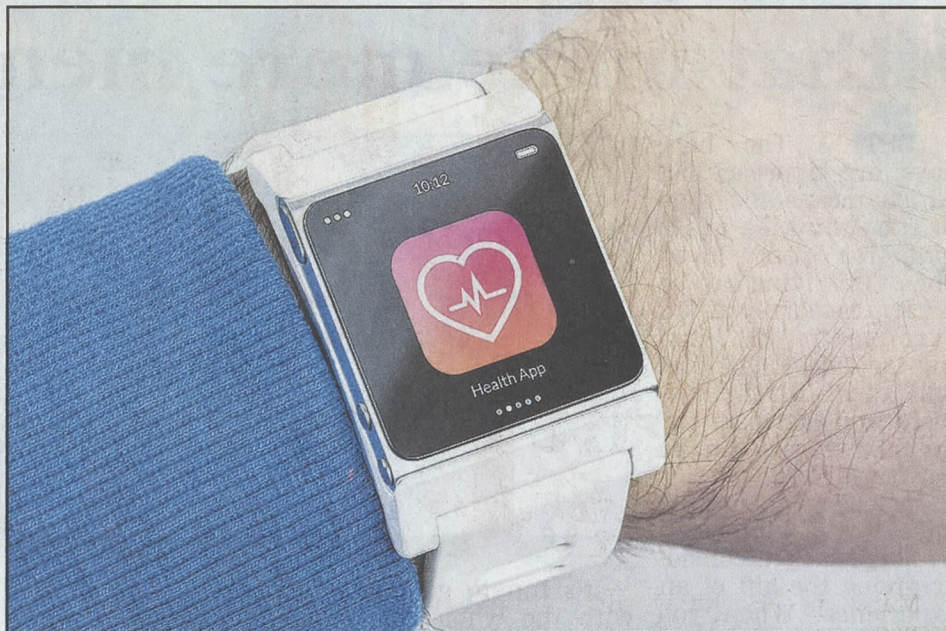


Gifts for physical fitness buffs

Holiday shopping is a fun way to show loved ones just how much they're appreciated. Though it's not always so easy finding the right gift, identifying a passion of each person on your holiday shopping list can make finding the perfect present that much easier.

No two families are exactly the same, but that doesn't mean they don't share similar characteristics and personalities. For example, many families have at least one person who qualifies as a physical fitness buff. A passion for fitness can serve as a great starting point when shopping for a loved one who can't wait to exercise each day. This holiday season, shoppers can stoke that passion for exercise with some gifts designed to help people reach their fitness goals.

• Insulated water bottle: On the surface, a new



water bottle might not seem like the most impressive gift. However, fitness buffs know just how much water bottles have changed in recent years and how invaluable it can be to have a good one at the ready. A high-quality insulated

water bottle can keep water cold for hours, ensuring endurance athletes accustomed to long runs or cycling sessions won't need to hydrate with warm drinks no matter how long it's been since they started their workouts.

• Fitness trackers: Fitness trackers run the gamut from low-cost options with useful yet limited capabilities to more expensive items that can seemingly give athletes all the information they need about variables such as their heart rate and performance metrics. If the fitness buff on your list has his or her heart set on an expensive device, speak to other family members about pooling your resources.

• Fitness app subscription/gift card: The popularity of various exercise apps spiked dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic because they made it easy to get professional fitness instruction at home. A subscription to a service like ClassPass ([classpass.com](https://www.classpass.com)) provides access to classes at

thousands of top-rated gyms, fitness studios, salons, and spas across the globe. This can help fitness buffs find new exercises if their existing routines have grown stale or simply stay in shape even if they don't always have time to get to the gym.

• Home exercise equipment: Though the darkest days of the pandemic might be in the rearview mirror, the world has grown accustomed to periodic spikes that could compromise workout routines. That needn't be the base for fitness buffs who keep some simple exercise equipment at home. A set of dumbbells, a new weight bench or even a new yoga mat can ensure fitness buffs won't miss a workout even if they can't get out of the house.

Exercise is an essential part of fitness buffs' daily routines. Holiday shoppers can keep that in mind as they look for gifts to make this season even more special for their fitness-focused family members.

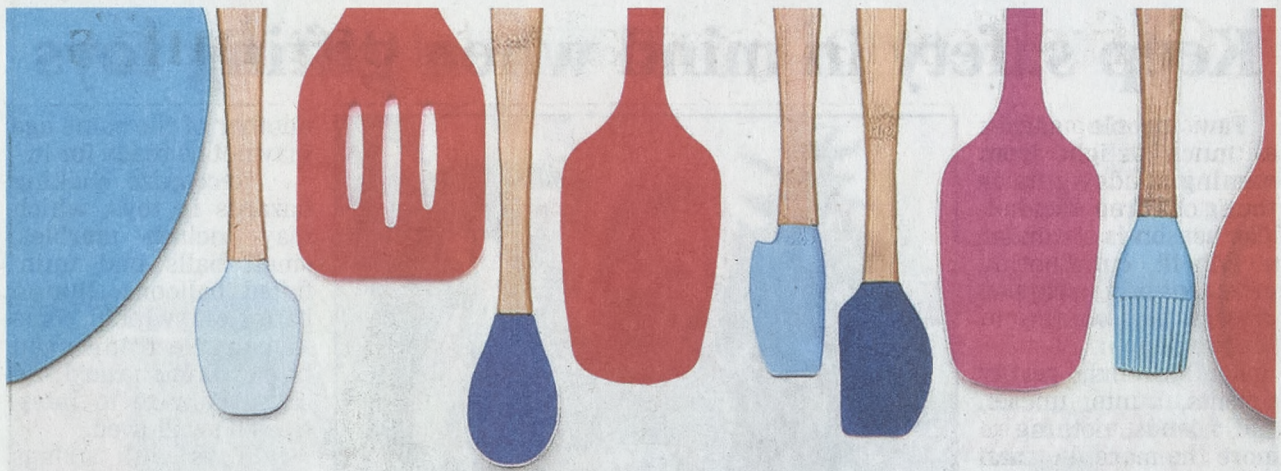
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10 gift ideas for people who love to cook

Many people know someone who loves spending lots of time in the kitchen. Certain home cooks may enjoy whipping up favorite recipes, while others might get excited about experimenting with new flavors and ingredients.

A love of cooking paves the way for many different gifting opportunities. Food-related gifts also come in a wide variety of price points, making it easy for shoppers to spend as little or as much as they want. Check out these 10 gift ideas for the foodie on your holiday shopping list.

1. Sheet pans: They may not seem like the most sexy or high-tech tools of the kitchen, but sheet pans are among the most versatile. They can be used for cookies, sheet pan cakes, oven-frying cutlets or fries, or even serving as the perfect bases for candy brittle.

2. Air fryer tool set: By now many people have hopped on the air fryer bandwagon, but they may not have all of the accessories to take

air frying to the next level. From spatulas to tongs to silicone brushes, an air fryer tool set can make meals even more delicious.

3. Dutch oven: You'd be hard-pressed to find a more hard-working tool in the kitchen than a Dutch oven. These heavy, often enameled cast iron vessels come in various quart sizes. They can be used to cook stews, breads, cakes, and much more.

4. Kitchen compost bin: Home cooks who want to cut down on waste will appreciate a countertop compost bin to gather food scraps.

5. Serving board: The rise in cheese and charcuterie boards means cooks will need something attractive to serve their spreads. Wooden and stone boards are attractive when serving sliced cheeses, crackers, chutneys, and other appetizer.

6. Electric wine opener: Wine is the perfect complement to many dishes, and what easier way to open bottles than with an electric wine opener? Many are com-

patible with almost any bottleneck and can open several bottles on a single charge.

7. Spiralizer: The trend for pasta alternatives continues, and having a spiralizer that can turn vegetables like

zucchini into spiraled "noodles" will be handy in most kitchens.

8. Apron and accessories: Home cooks need to protect their clothing in the kitchen. A fashionable apron and matching See **COOK** on Page 12



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Keep safety in mind when gifting toys

Few people garner as much delight from opening holiday gifts as young children. The holiday season is a wonder to behold, culminating with brightly wrapped presents just waiting to be revealed.

For parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, nothing is more memorable than watching the pure joy on a child's face when he or she opens a holiday gift. As a result, well-meaning gift-givers sometimes forget to consider safety when seeking out toys and games for kids.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says there were more than 250,000 toy-related injuries treated in American hospital emergency departments in 2017. Most of these injuries were attributed to nonmotorized scooters, toy balls and toy vehicles. However, any toy that is not age-appropriate has the potential to cause harm. That is why the organization Prevent Blindness America, which spearheaded the campaign to make December Safe Toys and Gifts Month, advises caution when gifting youngsters.

The following are some guidelines when gifting young kids, cour-



The holiday season is an exciting time for children eager to play with new toys and games. Ensuring those gifts are safe can make for a healthy giving season.

tesy of PBA, the CPSC and Kids Health® by Nemours.

• Always read labels to see if the toy is right for a child's age. Don't buy a toy that is too mature for a child even if

you think it would be a big hit.

• Consider a gift recipient's temperament and behavior before purchasing a toy. While one child may be mature enough to handle a toy,

another of the same age may not be ready for it.

• Recognize choking hazards in toys, which may include marbles, small balls and uninflated balloons. Button batteries, which come in many electronics, can be a choking hazard and cause damage to intestines if swallowed.

• Toys with strings and straps can strangle young children and should be avoided.

• Inspect all toys for sharp edges or points. Even stuffed animals with internal wires can stab, cut or shock.

• Avoid toys that have parts that fly off, as they can injure the eyes or other parts of the body.

• Look for nontoxic labels on toys, including crayons, markers and other art supplies.

• Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

• Painted toys must use lead-free paint.

• Look for the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) label, which signifies that the toy has passed the group's safety inspection standards.

• Monitor toy usage during play, and frequently examine toys to see if wear and tear has made them into hazards.



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10. New blender: Toasting oven mitts can make a statement and keep clothes clean.

9. Meat delivery: The number of direct-to-home meat shipping providers continues to grow. Have quality cuts of meat delivered right to a home cook's house so that he or

she can cut back on trips to the store.

10. New blender: Today's blenders can crush ice, process foods, puree, and chop foods. These versatile appliances make a welcome addition to any kitchen.

Stock up on food-related gifts now for those people on your holiday shopping list who love to cook.



It's that time of year for shopping and wrapping. Ensure it is a low-stress experience with some time-saving tips.

Tips to simplify shopping and wrapping

The holiday season is a busy time of year. People devote many hours to generating gift lists and planning their shopping excursions. Shopping can be all-encompassing during the holiday season, but it is only half of the gift-giving equation. After all of those toys, articles of clothing and other goodies are purchased, those items will need to be wrapped and hidden away. Gift-givers may be looking for ways to make these tasks just a little easier.

Shop early

The sooner you begin shopping, the more time you will have to purchase everything you need and then get it prepared for giving. While Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales feature great deals, there are discounts to be had

all year long if you keep your eyes open. Grab an item here and there when there is something that catches your eye and fits the needs of a gift recipient.

Shopping early also affords shoppers a greater buffer if they plan to do some of their shopping online. Shipping times have changed due to COVID-19, which has disrupted some supply chains and put added pressure on shipping companies. The U.S. Postal Service says products and packages may require more time to be delivered due to limited transportation availability, so shopping early can help ensure everything arrives on time.

Tackle the kids' gifts first

Watching children's

bright grins and all their excitement opening presents can make all the hard work worth it. Be sure that you shop for all of the gifts for children in your household first, especially if you play Santa's helper. Use opportunities when the kids are in school or at daycare to bring gifts into the house and then wrap them. Wrapping as you go can help to ensure there are no "spoiler alerts" prior to the holidays.

Create a wrapping station

A dedicated area for wrapping can streamline the process. Gift wrapping supplies can be tough to keep organized because they're usually awkward sizes and can eat up a lot of space. That's where a wrapping station can

come into play. It can be custom-made or you can use items already around the house. A laundry room or a large closet can be the ideal location for a wrapping station. Because wrapping paper rolls are the most cumbersome wrapping supplies, find a way to corral them. A tall laundry hamper works, or consider hanging wrapping paper rolls horizontally on thin curtain rods attached to a wall or the back of a door. Simply pull off the amount of paper you need and cut.

Organize other supplies in a nearby drawer or organizational caddy. Store gift bags and tissue paper in a fabric tote bag. Having everything within arm's reach cuts down on time spent searching for supplies.

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Holiday shopping strategies

It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday shopping season. The four- to five-week period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is one of the most frenzied times of year, especially for shoppers.

According to recent research from Needle, an advocate-powered e-commerce company, shoppers report feeling more stress from holiday shopping than they do from family obligations and holiday travel. Eighty-four percent of consumer respondents in Needle's survey stated that gift-giving caused them stress. Finding the right gifts for everyone can be particularly challenging.

While it may not be possible to remove all of the stressors surrounding holiday shopping, these tips may help make the job more manageable.

Outline everyone on your list. Santa has it right by making a list and checking it twice. Only by writing a list will you be able to ensure you do not forget anyone. Savings expert Lauren Greutman from Flipp, a Canadian savings app, suggests including teachers, co-workers and service people in addition to family and friends on the list.

Track deals and coupons. Sticking to a budget is easier when you utilize tools that help you save even more. Resources like Honey and Retail Me Not will automatically apply coupon codes at checkout to make sure you are getting the lowest prices possible online. Social

media, retailer websites and third-party apps also can be great places to find bargains.

Protect personal information. The Federal Trade Commission says to protect yourself financially by shopping only on secure websites with an "https" address. Stick with retailers that tell you what they do with your data and how they keep it secure. Consider creating a separate email address and/or account password for shopping retailers to reduce identity theft and other fraud.

Shop early. Bank of America says one of the easiest ways to overspend is waiting until the last minute to shop and then having to settle for what's available, regardless of prices. Spread out purchases and begin holiday shopping before prices increase.

Be wary of fake coupons. The internet has made shopping and researching easier but also more complicated at the same time. A deal that seems too good to be true may be just that. Counterfeit coupons are phishing scams that can end up compromising personal information when you click on them.

Take advantage of warehouse stores. Make the most of that membership fee by buying the bulk of your gifts at a warehouse store to save time and money. These retailers carry everything from jewelry to electronics to clothing. Also, they sell gift baskets or boxes around the holidays that can be divided into multiple gifts, saving you even more.



A few expert tips can make holiday shopping less complicated.

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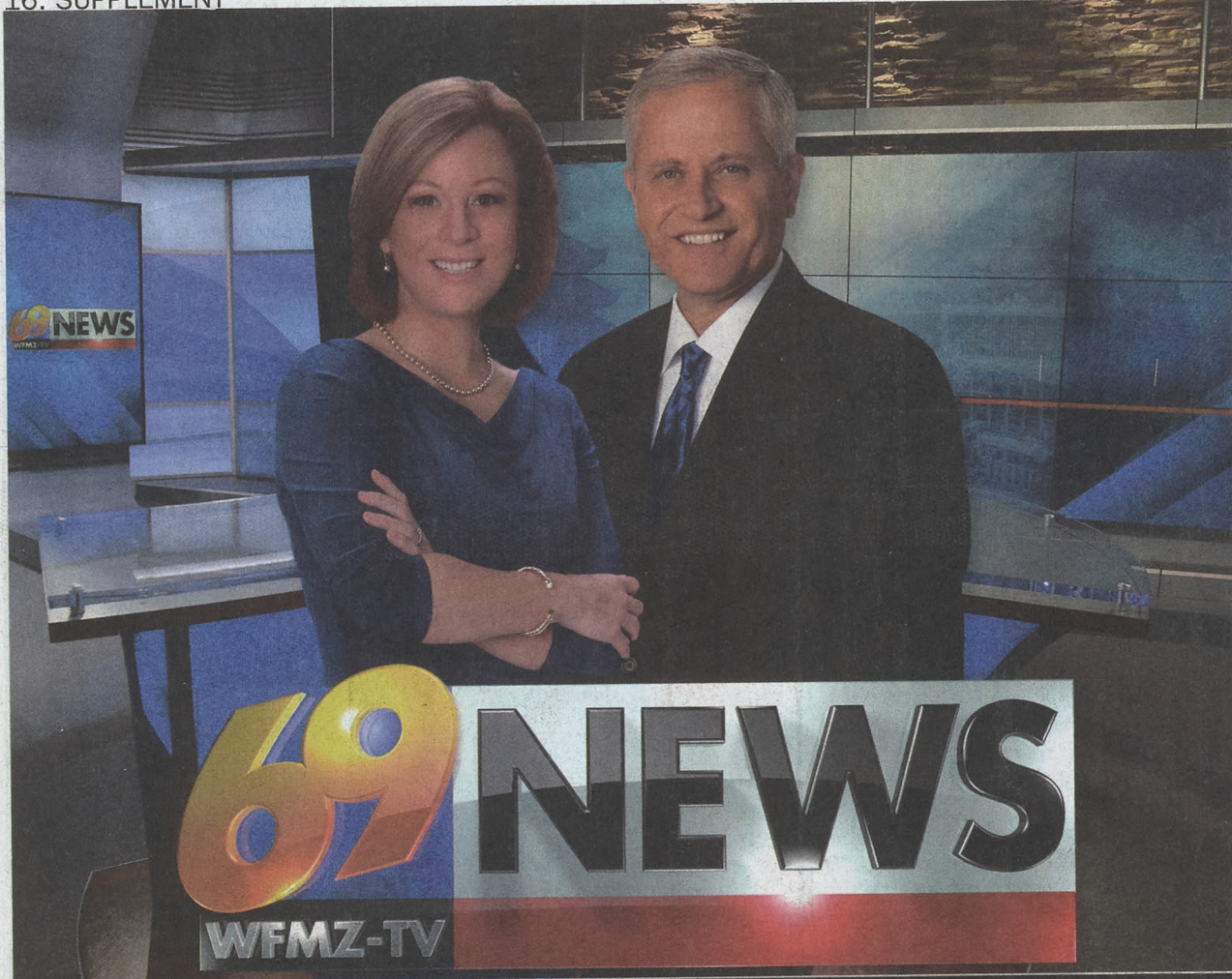
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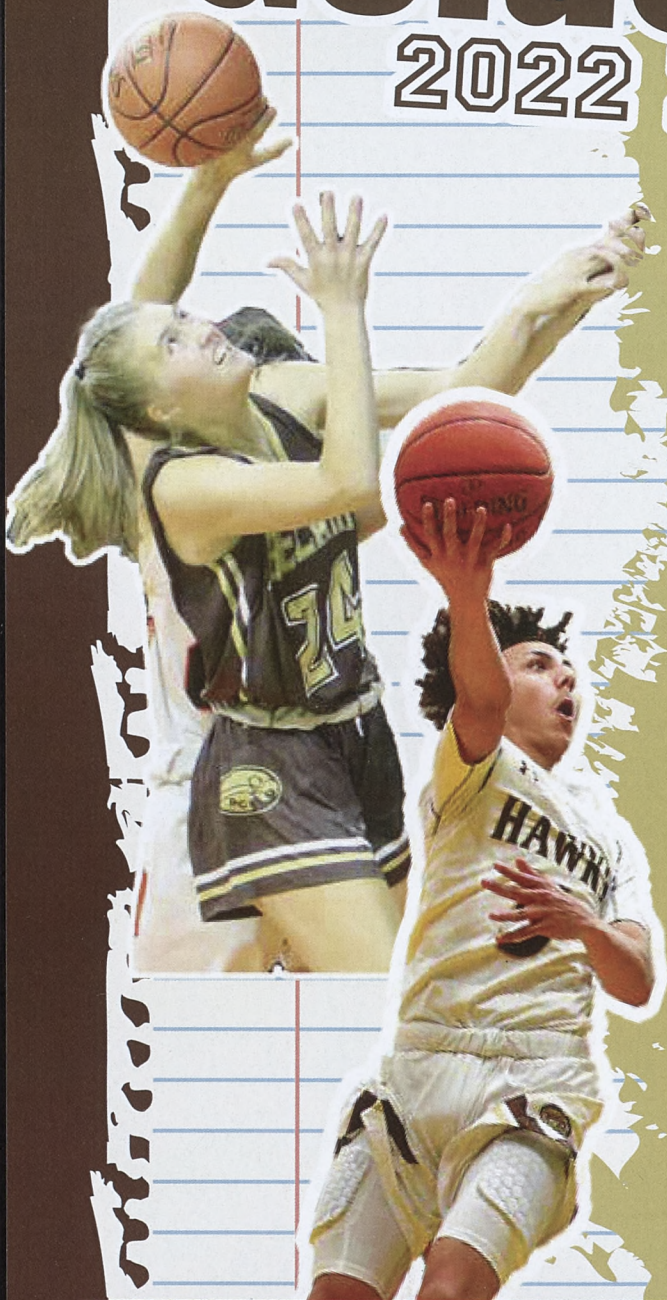
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2022 BASKETBALL



GIRLS

12/06 vs Freedom
 12/13 vs Pocono Mountain E
 12/16 at Easton
 12/20 at Northampton
 12/22 at Allentown Central Catholic
 01/03 vs East Stroudsburg N
 01/06 vs Liberty
 01/10 vs Nazareth
 01/13 at Dieruff
 01/17 vs Parkland
 01/20 at Stroudsburg
 01/24 at Freedom
 01/27 vs Easton
 01/31 at Liberty
 02/03 vs Dieruff
 02/06 at Nazareth

BOYS

12/06 at Freedom
 12/13 at Pocono Mountain E
 12/16 vs Easton
 12/19 vs Nativity BVM
 12/20 vs Northampton
 12/22 vs Allentown Central Catholic
 01/03 at East Stroudsburg N
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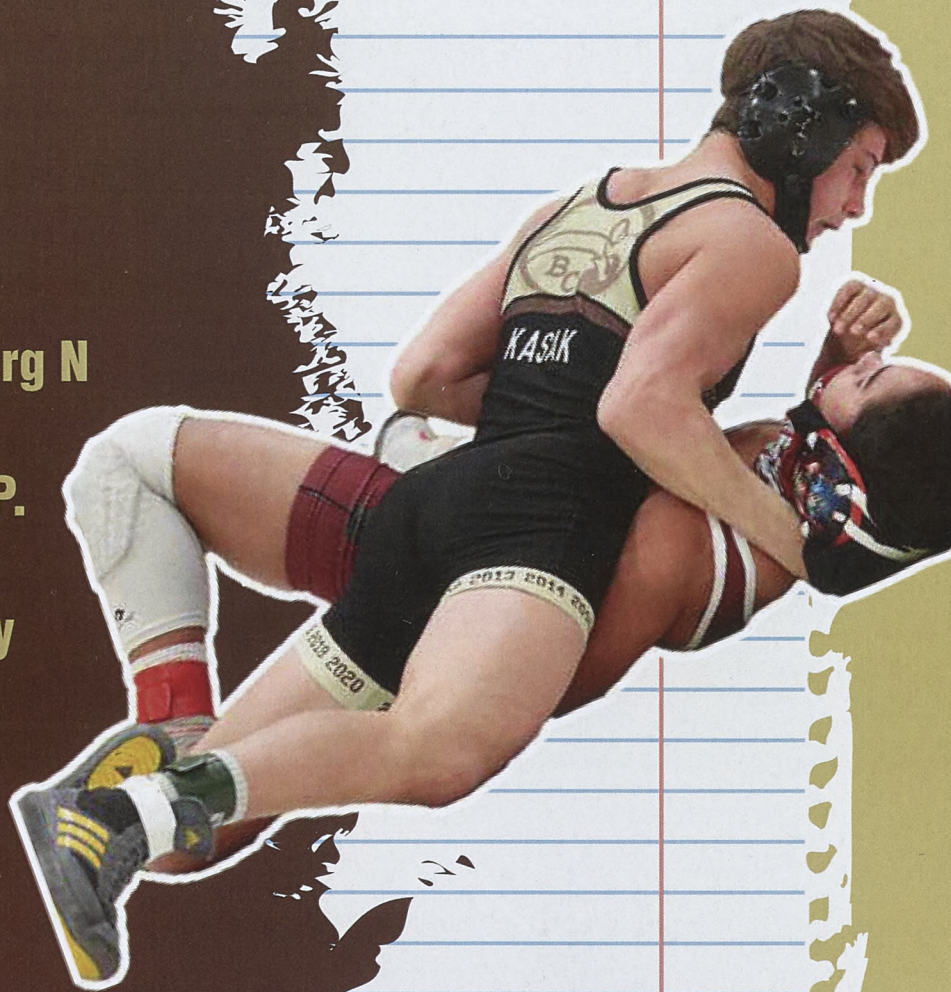


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Bethlehem Catholic Golden Hawks 2022 WRESTLING

12/07 vs Northampton
12/14 at Liberty
12/21 at Freedom
01/04 vs East Stroudsburg N
01/05 at Easton
01/07 vs Notre Dame G.P.
01/11 at Whitehall
01/18 vs Pleasant Valley
01/25 vs Dieruff
01/28 vs Malvern Prep
02/01 vs William Allen

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