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## Visit of the Magi

Three Kings Celebration marks end of season

The seventh annual Three Kings celebration took place in the Musikfest Cafe at the ArtsQuest Center in South Bethlehem Jan. 7. The free, three-hour event includes live Latin music and food from a Holy Infancy Church concession stand. The highlight of the program features gift-giving from the three kings in colorful regal costumes who also visit with the children's families and encourage picture-taking. Many of the youngsters wear hand-crafted crowns in honor of the biblical wise men, or magi, the focal point of the festivities. This year's attendance was apparently not affected by the unseasonable frigid weather, according to Iris Cintron of the organizing committee. "The large crowd was our first standing-room-only," she said. The outdoor temperature was in the teens, according to Lehigh Valley AccuWeather.



**Iris Cintron of Bethlehem** adjusts her grandson Ryken's crown which was part of his wise man costume during the Three Kings Day celebration in the Musikfest Cafe. Ryken, son of William Cintron of Bethlehem, wore the homemade regal outfit for part of the three-hour event. More photos on page A2.

PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN



**Miss Lehigh Valley Puerto Rico Queen Yanalit Maldonado** visits the Three Kings celebration. The first-time visitor smiles as she holds a plate of Hispanic food from the Holy Infancy Catholic Church concession in South Bethlehem.



**PEOPLE SAY**  
BY DANA GRUBB

After Oprah Winfrey's Golden Globes speech, some people are mentioning her as a candidate for president. What do you think are her chances of running?

"I think it's less than half, but I would be glad if she ran because she's compassionate and informed."  
**Annmarie Drury**  
Hellertown



**Jailani Lopez** watches her older sister Julia cut out a hand-colored paper crown. The arts and crafts session was held at the start of the three-hour program. Their mother, Aracelys Lopez of Bethlehem, said, "We try to come every year."



"Given how wild the last rat race was, anything can happen. I'd give it a 50/50 chance."  
**Jake Ruziecki**  
Bethlehem

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## Governor declares war on drugs Pa. implements measures to fight opioid addiction

BY BRIAN MYSZKOWSKI  
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"While we have made progress in combatting the heroin and opioid abuse crisis and drastically expanded Pennsylvania's response, we are still losing far too many Pennsylvanians."  
Gov. Tom Wolf

In the first effort of its kind in the state, Gov. Tom Wolf declared the opioid crisis a statewide disaster emergency in order to fight the scourge of addiction. According to Wolf, Pennsylvania's rate of drug overdose is 36.5 per 100,000, whereas the national average is 16.3 per 100,000. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program cites that opioid overdose-related emergency room visits have climbed 82 percent from the third quarter of

2016 to the third quarter of 2017. The Drug Enforcement Agency reported 4,642 fatal drug overdoses in the state in 2016, a 37 percent jump from the previous year. "While we have made progress in combatting the heroin and opioid abuse crisis and drastically expanded Pennsylvania's response, we are still losing far too many Pennsylvanians," Wolf said. "I am taking this step to protect Pennsylvanians from this looming public health crisis, and I am using every tool at my disposal to get those suffering from substance use disorders into

treatment, save more lives and improve response coordination." The declaration, traditionally reserved for natural disasters, will make Pennsylvania the eighth state to pursue such a strategy. A collaboration of all the state agencies, including the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Pennsylvania State Police, the measure contains 13

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"If Donald can run she can certainly run."  
**Kate Wehr**  
New Tripoli



"I would say slim. I don't think she would run. She's involved in too many things to give up all of that to run."  
**Diane Melnyk**  
Bethlehem



"I think the odds are low to medium. The world doesn't need another celebrity President, but I like her message."  
**Brian Smocovich**  
New York City



"I don't think the chances are that great. She's a billionaire already, doesn't need the stress, and wouldn't want to put her life under that kind of public scrutiny."  
**Brian Costabile**  
Forks Township

**THREE KING'S DAY MARKS END OF HOLIDAY SEASON**



**Sisters Amanda and Angelique Roque** wear paper crowns they made for the Three Kings celebration as they pose with Gaspar (Ramon Rodriguez), Melchior (Nelson Matos) and Balthazar (William Cintron). Mother Michelle Roque of Bethlehem Township said it was the family's third time attending the Christmas season's final event.

**GUEST VIEW**

**Existence of local newspaper at stake**

BY MARK COHN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The viability of local newspapers, including the one that you are reading now, is being challenged by the proposed newspaper tariff on the import of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada — the type that is used to print this newspaper and others across Pennsylvania.

Simply put, newspapers in the commonwealth cannot absorb the additional financial burden this proposed tariff is sure to create. If passed, the resulting hardship could lead to thousands of job losses in the newspaper industry. We are at an important juncture right now, and our role of getting real news to you on a daily or weekly basis matters more than ever. A credible news source that has a vested interest in community-based news and information is the bedrock of our principles as a free nation.

Pennsylvania is home to 76 daily newspapers and more than 150 nondaily newspapers — many of which serve small, rural communities. We are you. We are Pennsylvania. We are local businesses.

As president of the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, I am reminded time and time again about the important and vital impact newspapers have on the communities they serve. Readers rely on newspapers to provide credible information about what matters most to them — news about local people, local government, local happenings, local businesses and important public notices that can impact a community.

Newspapers and newspaper associations are uniting against newsprint tariffs. This is not only a print industry concern but could ultimately affect other business segments in the United States.

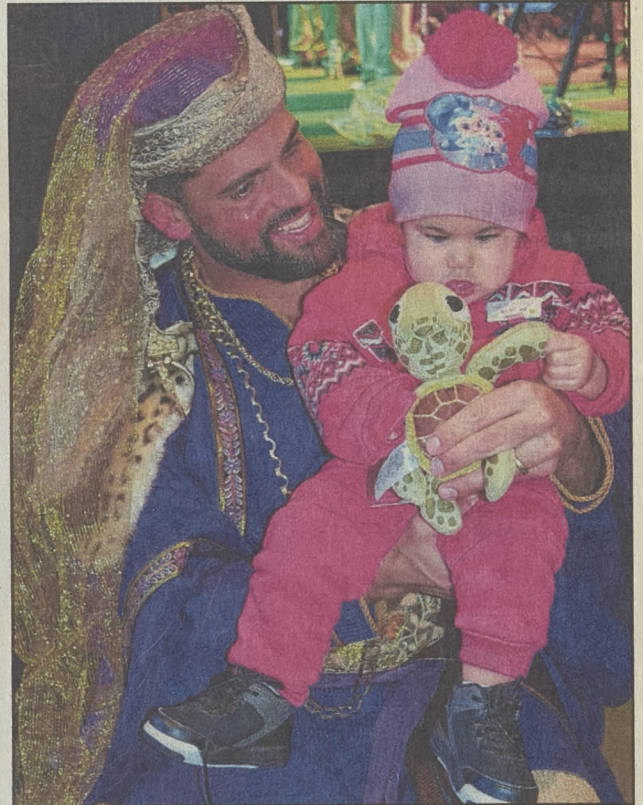
Please help us protect the future of newspapers by contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce, Sen. Bob Casey, Sen. Pat Toomey or your local U.S. Congress representative and letting them know that you oppose the proposed newsprint trade tariff.

A free press is more important than ever, and newspapers have always been at the forefront of serving our communities. We remain steadfast in our commitment of continuing to do so.

*Editor's note: Mark Cohen is the president of the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association.*



**Izabella Heras** plays with her doll after the Kings Day gift-giving session. Her mother, Janet Heras of Allentown, said it was their second year at the Three Kings celebration.



**King Gaspar**, portrayed by Ramon Rodriguez of Bethlehem, holds a bundled up Xaivelys Segarra, who was with his mother, Yajaire Rivera.



**Carla Zanate** dances with her grandmother Cony Rivera of Bethlehem.



**The Bethlehem-area band Herencia Jibara** performs during the celebration.



**King Melchior**, played by Nelson Matos of Bethlehem, holds brothers Jacob and Jeremiah Martez, who open their gifts during the Kings Day celebration. The boys were with their mother, Lydia Martez of South Bethlehem.

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**Bethlehem City Hall Rotunda:** Marianne Knipe, pastel paintings. Opening reception: 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 21. Exhibit: Jan. 21 - March 1. City Hall complex, 10 E. Church St. Visit <http://bfac-lv.org/>.

**Bethlehem Area Public Library:** Call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610-867-7852 (Southside); Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) (main) or [www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm](http://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm) (Southside); newsletter: <http://bit.ly/2bTtCeZ>.

**Free homework help:** All subjects. Drop in 4 to 6 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. and 400 Webster St. Check schedules at [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org).

**The Cancer Support Community of the Greater L.V.:** Free education/support for cancer patients and their caregivers. Call 610-861-7555 or visit [www.cancersupportlv.org](http://www.cancersupportlv.org) for schedules.

**Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and other days. Room 403, Fowler Center, NCC, 511 E. Third St. Call 610-861-5526 or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).

**Great Decisions series:** sponsored by the Bethlehem YWCA. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7 to March 28. Kirkland Village auditorium, 1 Kirkland Circle. Visit [www.ywcabethlehem.org](http://www.ywcabethlehem.org) or call 610-867-4669, ext. 103.

**Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites:** Call 1-800-360-TOUR; visit <http://historicbethlehem.org>.

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

**National Museum of Industrial History:** Visit <http://nmih.org>; 610-694-6644. 602 E. Second St.

**Penn State Lehigh Valley: Exhibits:** Visit <http://lehighvalley.psu.edu/gallery> or call 610-285-5261.

**Salvation Army:** Call 610-867-4681 for schedule.

**Steelworkers' Archives:** Trestle tours, 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays. [www.steelworkersarchives.com](http://www.steelworkersarchives.com).

Wednesday, January 17

**Beginning Windows** 10 a.m.; Knitting and bridge, 1 p.m.; Lower Saucon Township Senior Center, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Thursday, January 18

**Wesco Foundation Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group,** 2 p.m. St. Luke's University Health Network, Hurd Education Center, Fountain Hill.

RTOrchestra, 7 p.m. Kirkland Village. 1 Kirkland Circle.

**Valley Community Orchestra** free holiday concert, 7 p.m. Foy Hall, Moravian College, 342 Main St.

Friday, January 19

**Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace** community discussion, 6 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [ww.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://ww.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

**Lehigh Valley Underground music scene** birthday spectacular, 7:30 p.m. Blast Furnace Room, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Visit [www.steelstacks.org](http://www.steelstacks.org).

Sunday, Jan. 21 through Saturday, Jan. 27

**Southside Bethlehem Winter Restaurant Week,** Visit [www.facebook.com/southsideartsdistrict/](http://www.facebook.com/southsideartsdistrict/).

Sunday, January 21

**Marianne Knipe, pastel paintings.** Opening reception: 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 21. Exhibit: Jan. 21 - March 1. City Hall complex, 10 E. Church St. Visit <http://bfac-lv.org/>.

Monday, January 22

**Bethlehem Food Co-op mixer.** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. free 20 minute yoga demo at 6 p.m. Visit [www.bethlehemfood.coop/](http://www.bethlehemfood.coop/).

Tuesday, January 23

**Rock and Roll Up Your Sleeve** blood drive, Miller-Keystone Blood Center, 9 a.m. 1465 Valley Center Parkway. Call 610-691-5850 for information.

Wednesday, January 24

**BAPL book sale:** books, movies, CD's, DVDs, comics, graphic novels and music. Noon to 8 p.m. Main Branch, 11 W. Church St. Most credit and debit cards accepted. Visit [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 235.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, January 17

**Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority,** 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

Thursday, January 18

**BASD board Finance & Human Resources,** snow date, 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.

Bethlehem Redevelopment, 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Northampton Co. Council,** 6:30 p.m. 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, January 22

**BASD regular board,** 7 p.m. East Hills auditorium, 2005 Chester Road. (snow date: Jan. 24)

Bethlehem Twp. Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

Tuesday, January 23

**Hanover Twp. Supervisors,** 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m., Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

Wednesday, January 24

**BASD regular board,** snow date, 7 p.m. East Hills auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

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

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St.

**Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority,** 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

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First book sale of 2018 opens Jan. 24



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Vanessa Good and her six-year-old daughter Elena shop for children's books at the September book sale. Elena's favorite topics are cats and other animals. They reside in Easton and visit the sales regularly.

The Bethlehem Area Public Library's first book sale of the New Year will be held Jan. 24 from noon until 8 p.m. and Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Parking is available in the garage after 5 p.m. Wednesdays and all day Saturdays. Most major credit cards are accepted. Additional information about book sales is available at [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org) or by calling 610-867-3761, ext. 235. All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

WAR

Continued from page A1 initiatives in the war on heroin and opioids.

The initiatives are:

- Enhancing coordination and data collection to bolster state and local response.
- Improving tools for families, first responders, and others to save lives.
- Speeding up and expanding access to treatment.

Coordination

One key move involves the establishment of the Opioid Unified Coordination Group, consisting of the heads of, or representatives from, the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania State Police, and any other executive branch agency the governor designates.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director Richard D. Flinn Jr. will oversee a command center to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies.

Secretary of Policy and Planning Sarah Galbally said the addition of more voices will allow for better strategies.

Tools for families

State agencies will be offered more access to medications like naloxone and equipment used for treatment and law enforcement.

"We know those individuals who are revived have the potential of OD'ing again in a short period of time, and they also begin to go through withdrawal symptoms,

Enhancing coordination and data collection to bolster state and local response

- Establishes an Opioid Command Center located at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- Expands access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to other commonwealth entities for clinical decision-making purposes
- Adds overdoses and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome as reportable conditions

KEY INITIATIVES

- Authorizes emergency purchase under procurement code for hotline contract.
- Improves tools for families, first responders and others to save lives
- Enables Emergency Medical Services providers to leave behind naloxone
- Allows pharmacists to partner with other organizations to increase access to naloxone
- Allows for the immediate

- temporary rescheduling of all fentanyl derivatives to align with the federal DEA schedule, speeding up and expanding access to treatment
- Waive the face-to-face physician requirement for Narcotic Treatment Program admissions
- Expand access to medication-assisted treatment
- Waive annual licensing requirements for high-performing drug and alcohol treatment facilities

making it more likely that they will use again, and again, suffer another overdose," Galbally said. "While our ideal process is to get someone into treatment, we want to make sure that those who refuse transport through a warm handoff will have life-saving medication on them."

Pharmacists will also be able to partner with outside agencies, such as prisons or treatment programs, to provide naloxone after a person leaves a program.

A measure allowing for temporary rescheduling of fentanyl derivatives, with options to pursue permanent rescheduling, will help combat the increasingly present and potent opioid.

"One of the great outcomes in rescheduling is that it gives law enforcement more tools when they are cracking down and finding fentanyl derivatives mixed in with other drugs," Galbally said.

Access to treatment

Officials are hoping loosening conditions could motivate more people to seek treatment.

Those interested in joining a narcotics treatment program can now have an initial intake re-

view conducted by a certified registered nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.

"It doesn't negate the need for a clinical examination once the admission has occurred, but it definitely insures that there isn't a lapse in time to get somebody into a treatment facility," Galbally said.

Counseling for narcotic treatment programs will remain at a central base, but medication-assisted treatment can now be administered at satellite facilities, making treatment more convenient for patients, and freeing up time at the main facilities.

Annual licensing requirements for high-performing drug and alcohol treatment centers will be reset to once every two years, allowing staff to serve patients without being buried in paperwork.

Funding

Outside of specific notes for increased spending found in the declaration, the initiatives are intended to be funded with budget money that was set aside specifically for some programs, along with available state and federal funding.

While most emergen-

cy declarations are focused on weather, and will often be lifted after a certain amount of time, the ongoing fight against heroin and opioids is sure to take longer than a few months. Galbally said that the declaration will serve as a starting point, and decisions to continue or adjust the strategy will be made as needed.

"Our goal is to continually process outcomes relative to the disaster declaration, and the governor will be briefed regularly relative to what needs to happen within 90 days and beyond 90 days, and we'll keep our eye on that," she said. "I think that one of our goals in identifying regulations that can be suspended is 'Where can we make changes that will last beyond just a time-locked period?'"

Wolf and his cabinet hope that the changes will make a dent in the harrowing opioid problem.

"As we see additional reports coming out from the Coroner's Association, from the DEA, relative to overdose deaths in Pennsylvania, we can't leave any stone unturned," Galbally said.

"This is another set of tools in his toolbox that will help his administration further address this epidemic."

Boscola: \$4M in state grants for local projects

State Sen. Lisa Boscola announced Dec. 22 a total of \$4 million in state grants for four local development and infrastructure projects.

"These funds will be used for key land development, infrastructure work, building development and parking improvements," Boscola said. "I will continue to seek state support for

local efforts that spur economic development, investment and create jobs."

The projects include:
• \$1 million to the Bethlehem Parking Authority to build a 585-space, seven-story parking garage at Third and Polk streets in South Bethlehem. The proposed project will include site preparation

and site clearing; earthwork and all utilities, sidewalk and infrastructure; reconstruction; and building the parking garage.

• \$500,000 to Northampton Community College (NCC) to help construct a bridge from the Fowler Family Southside Center to Bethlehem's Polk Street Parking Garage. When

completed, the NCC Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, located in the Fowler Center, will provide education, training and technical support for students and citizens interested in starting their own businesses. The center will include a new and improved entrance to the building to allow for expanded operational hours, replacement of the west

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**Ann A. Diehl**

College Hill Moravian Church member

Ann A. Diehl, 90, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 30, 2017, at Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Fountain Hill. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Esther (Wisser) Arnold. She was the wife of Robert H. Diehl Jr. for 69 years.

She belonged to College Hill Moravian Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Linda D. Magee of Marlton, N.J.; two grandchildren, Jonathan and Stephanie of Marlton; and a sister, Dorothy Schleicher.

Contributions may be made to the church, 72 W. Laurel St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Arrangements were made by Weber Funeral Home Inc., Allentown.

**Dan T. Yochum**

born in Fountain Hill

Dan T. Yochum, 57, of Lehigh, died at home on Dec. 25, 2017. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of Betty (Riebman) Yochum of Bethlehem and the late Richard Yochum.

He was a Lincoln Tech graduate.

He worked for a number of companies; most recently for Lineage Logistics, Allentown.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three children, Jayleen and her husband Derek Solt, Alyssa and her husband John Fisher and Joshua, all of Lehigh; and seven grandchildren, Emma, August, Isabella, Tret, Brok, Rylee and Logan.

He was predeceased by a brother, Ted.

Contributions may be made to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 67 W. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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**Boris Stoiancheff**

steel engineer

Boris Stoiancheff, 88, of Allentown, died Dec. 28, 2017, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township. Born in Steelton, he was a son of the late George and Constance (Taleff) Stoiancheff. He was the husband of Vera (Stojkovska) Stoiancheff for 57 years.

He graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and from Lehigh University with a master's degree in structural engineering.

He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a civil and structural engineer for Bethlehem Steel Corp. and for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia.

He was a member of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church since 1960. Very active in the church, he was a past president of the Federated Russian Orthodox Club. He was a member of the Bethlehem Jaycees and of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Belinda and Maria; and a brother-in-law and sister, William and Mildred Trayer.

Contributions may be made to St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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**Trevor Logan Massey**

2013 LHS wrestler, soccer player

Trevor Logan Massey, 23, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 24, 2017. Born in Allentown, he was a son of C. David and Michele (Kehley) Massey.

He was a 2013 graduate of Liberty HS, where he was a member of the wrestling and soccer team. He attended Penn State Lehigh Valley.

He was a material handler for XPO Logistics. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Allentown.

He was an athlete at Midway Manor, having played soccer, kickball and baseball. He played football for the Bethlehem Steelers.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Kyle and his wife Nicole of Catasauqua and Taylor of Bethlehem; maternal grandmother, Phyllis Jordan of Bethlehem; paternal grandparents, Charles and Linda Massey of Easton; three aunts, Denise Kehley Stahl of Center Valley, Cyndi Clapp of Easton and Diana and her husband John Drosch of Easton; two nephews, Ryker and Gage Massey; four cousins, Emily and Olivia Stahl, Matthew Drosch and Jennifer Hart; and many family members.

Contributions may be made to the Hurricane Wrestling Club, c/o Jody Karam, 1115 Linden St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 for a scholarship in his name.

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**H. Ralph Koch Jr.**

office manager

H. Ralph Koch Jr., 76, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 26, 2017, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Howard R. Sr. and Dorothy M. (Abbott) Koch. He was the husband of Theresa "Terri" (Heller) Koch for 55 years.

He was a 1960 graduate of Liberty HS.

He was a motor inspector for 31 years for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. until he retired. He later worked for Bethlehem Forge.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, was on the board of trustees for many years, was a member of the building committee and ran the soundboard.

He was a member of the United Steel Workers Union and was a trustee and part of the grievance and safety committees. He was a founding member of the Saucon Valley Conservancy and was the second president for several years.

In addition to his wife Terri, he is survived by a daughter, Melissa Jo and her husband Jeffrey Shafer of Fountain Hill; a son, Michael R. and his wife Christa of Bethlehem; three siblings, Dorothy M. and her husband David Mulcahy of Coplay, Sarah Anne and her husband Wayne Williams of Bethlehem and Robert T. Koch of Fogelsville; five grandchildren, Rachel Pacheco, Sarah Shafer, Elizabeth Shafer, Haley Koch and Alexander Koch; six great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the church, 3245 Oakland Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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**Mary Thiel's family gathers** recently for a celebration marking her 100th birthday. Back row, from left, Andrew Kearney of West Reading, Adam Dunnick of Cranford, N.J., Coy Stampone of Bethlehem; James Thiel of Bethlehem; second last row, from left, Terri Schaffer of Annapolis, Md., Tom Thiel of Salisbury Township, Cathy Stampone of Bethlehem; Matt Risser of San Diego, Calif., Carlos Lopez of Jonestown; second row, from Joy Thiel of Salisbury Township; Emily Thiel of West Reading, Barbie Dunnick of Mendham, N.J., Jami Johnson of Dallas, Texas, Carol Lopez of Jonestown; Alicia Cressman of Bethlehem; first grouping, from left, Thomas Kuntz of Parkland; Peggy Risser of Virginia Beach, Va., Mary Thiel of Allentown, Liese Johnson and Lauri Johnson, both of Dallas, Texas.

**Bethlehem native celebrates 100 years**

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Mary Elizabeth Thiel celebrated her 100th birthday recently with her family.

Thiel was born Nov. 18, 1917 on Vine Street in Bethlehem to parents Thomas Eddinger and Irene Paul. She was the eldest of four, including siblings Doris, Sara and Alvin.

She graduated from Liberty HS and went on to St. Luke's School of Nursing, where she graduated in 1941. She married Paul Thiel and

together they had two children - Margaret "Peggy" and Thomas "Tommy." As a family, they lived on Delaware Avenue, Fountain Hill, before moving to New York Avenue, Salisbury Township in 1954. Thomas was in the second graduating class of Salisbury HS, graduating in 1966.

As a nurse, Thiel worked in private duty at Grace Mansion, caring for Eugene Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Throughout her career, she worked at the Pennsylvania State Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, and Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. After her retirement, she continued to volunteer at Holy Family Manor and Good Shepherd.

Thiel is a lifelong member of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, where she volunteered with the thrift shop for many years.

She has four grand-

children; Matthew Risser, Lauri Johnson, Emily and James Thiel and four great-grandchildren; Jami and Liese Johnson and Noah and Quinn Risser. Until recently, Thiel loved to read novels and biographies, make needlepoint crafts, knit and enjoy playing cards with friends and family.

She is a previous resident of DevonHouse Senior Living, Salisbury Township, and currently resides at Phoebe Home, Allentown.

**Jeanne McNeill takes oath of office**

In a special ceremony at the state Capitol Jan. 2, state Rep. Jeanne McNeill of Whitehall Township was sworn in to represent the Lehigh Valley's 133rd Legislative District.

McNeill won a Dec. 5, 2017, special election to complete the term of her late husband, Dan, who died Sept. 8, 2017.

The oath was administered by state Supreme Court Justice Kevin Dougherty as family and friends looked on.

McNeill becomes the 48th woman currently serving in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

"It's still a shock that we lost Dan, but I'm ready to continue his legacy of bettering the lives of the residents of the district. I will continue his fight for working families, seniors and women's rights, against discrimination of any kind and the right for the physically and mentally challenged to have the same opportunities as the rest of the residents of the commonwealth.

"I'm also committed to addressing the opioid crisis that is plaguing our state and taking more lives, young and old, every day," McNeill said.

The 133rd Legislative District office remains at 1080 Schadt Ave., Whitehall, and is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mon-



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF MCNEILL OFFICE

**State Rep. Jeanne McNeill**, standing with family members, is sworn in Jan. 2 to represent the 133rd Legislative District.

"I will continue [Dan's] fight for working families, seniors and women's rights, against discrimination of any kind and the right for the physically and mentally challenged to have the same opportunities as the rest of the residents of the commonwealth."

**Rep. Jeanne McNeill**

day through Friday. The phone number is 610-266-1273.

"I'm fortunate to have knowledgeable staff staying on board who are eager and willing to help people with all of their

state-related concerns, whether they are simple or complex," McNeill said.

The 133rd Legislative District includes Catasauqua, Coplay and Fountain Hill bor-

oughs, as well as the Lehigh County portions of Bethlehem and Hanover Township and parts of Salisbury and Whitehall townships.

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**GRANTS**

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side ramp and entrance with a bridge to the new parking garage. The center will also include shared workspace for early stage start-ups and an expanded "Fab Lab" to support inventors and manufacturers looking to improve product development and marketplace strategies.

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renovate its existing municipal complex and make infrastructure improvements. The existing facility is more than 40 years old and is functionally obsolete. The structure will be updated to provide for use and storage of equipment, including fire trucks police cars, snow removal equipment and related storage.

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ditions of firefighters, police, other emergency responders and administrative staff. A new computer and communication equipment will be installed for operations and emergency management.

There will also be facility sustainability, including energy efficiency and handicapped accessibility for employees, volunteers and the public.

The RACP (Redevel-

opment Assistance Capital Program) is used for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects. Qualifying projects have a regional or multi-jurisdictional impact, help create or maintain jobs, and generate economic activity.

The grants were approved in Harrisburg.

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# Project's height concerns commission

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Dallas Basha of Lehigh Properties found his proposed five-story, residential over retail project again rejected by the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission at the Dec. 18 meeting in the Rotunda. This latest application was tabled, as it had been at two previous hearings. The height of the new construction for Basha's vacant lot at 13 W. Morton St. was still an issue for the board and area residents.

Accompanied by consultant Andrew Twigg, Basha proposed stepping back the top story from the front of the building to make it less visible from the street. Chairman Philip Roeder replied, "You have addressed many of the concerns we had from the previous meetings. However, I have to say, that we are still at a stalemate with the height."

The board voted to limit the height of any new construction on the lot to three or four stories. To achieve this, they suggested purchasing the detached garage next door to the property to provide horizontal expansion room, reducing the size of the retail space on the first floor to make room for an apartment, and screening the fourth floor with a mansard roof.

Roeder invited Basha to accompany him to the city permit office for a free consultation on his building plans in regards to zoning requirements.

Seth Cornish recused himself from this discussion as he had been an instructor in real estate

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**Architect Robin Reshetar** (foreground) describes a proposed residential high rise to be constructed next to the Grace Mansion at 114 W. Fourth St. Behind Reshetar, also representing the project, is attorney Brad Lahr.



**Chris Ussler** holds up the "Proclamation of Appreciation" awarded to her by BHCC Chairman Philip Roeder at the end of the Dec. 18 meeting.

courses for Basha's business partner. Christine Ussler sat this one out as well, as she had been involved with the project at an earlier time. George Donovan took over as historic officer again for this one agenda item.

A proposed high rise for 114 W. Fourth St., was also met with resistance from BHCC. Represented by attorney Bradford Lare and ar-

chitect Robin Reshetar, the proposal included the renovation of the historic Grace Mansion and plans to erect "President's Place," a five-story apartment building on the property. The board welcomed the proposed restoration of the home of former Bethlehem Steel Corp. President Eugene Grace that was later occupied by the Anna Mia Restaurant. BHCC had no qualms with the

demolition of a modern-style side addition to the circa 1880s mansion. But some balked at the proposed demolition of the two-story rear porch and a one-story detached garage on the lot as both dated back to the early 1900s. All expressed concerns about the height and width of the new structure that would face Martel Street on the corner lot.

Lare and Reshetar, both experienced in projects located in historic districts, described the new high-end apartment building as an economic asset to the neighborhood that would provide funding to maintain the Grace Mansion. Reshetar said, "This apartment building is the steward of this house."

Bethlehem resident Kim Carrell-Smith returned to oppose both proposed high rises. "We're tired of coming back again and again with the same things, that we just have to repeat on every building," said Carrell-Smith. "We're back to square one with our problem of trying to define things like height," she said, adding, "We need some ordinances."

The proposal was tabled, with the applicant to return with revised plans incorporating suggestions made by the board for setback of the new construction and height. BHCC concluded that the new construction as presented was, "Overwhelming for a historic district."

One applicant scored a certificate of appropriateness that evening, for proposed signage for Domaci, a retail home décor shop, at 21 E.



**Andrew Twigg** (left) makes a point as he assists Dallas Basha (right), in an effort to persuade BHCC to approve a proposed five-story residential over retail building for a vacant lot at 13 W. Morton St.



**Chairman Gary Lader** and board member Beth Starbuck weigh in on a proposed five-story building for a small lot at 13 W. Morton St.

Third St. Derrick Clark, who sits on Bethlehem's Historical and Architectural Review Board, received approval for a 42-inch by 120-inch storefront sign with the company logo mounted on a composite panel of a graphic print of wood. White die-cut window vinyl graphics of the logo and "Furniture | Décor" and "Objects | Gifts" were also approved by the board for the building owned by John Sar-

aceno. Before adjourning, Philip Roeder presented retiring historic officer Chris Ussler with a "Proclamation of Appreciation" for her 30 years of service to the board and community. Board member Tony Silvoy, owner of Goosey Gander, provided refreshments for the occasion. Ussler plans to focus more of her time on her work as an architect and teaching at Lehigh.

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**Northampton County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Stephen G. Baratta** swears in Eric Evans as Mrs. Evans watches.



**Northampton County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Stephen G. Baratta** administers the oath of office to Bryan Callahan as Callahan's son watches.

## City Council begins a new year

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Four incumbent Bethlehem City Council members reaffirmed their oaths of office Jan. 2 after their November 2017 election wins allowed them to continue their duties on the Council.

District Judge Nick Englesson officiated for the swearing in of Councilwoman Olga Negrón, who was accompanied by her friend Dr. Paige Van Wert.

Northampton County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Stephen G. Baratta swore in Eric Evans, Adam Waldron and Bryan Callahan in short, separate ceremonies before a small crowd that included family members, council members and city administration members to include Mayor Robert Donchez.

Donchez, who was also re-elected in November, had been sworn in for a new term earlier in the day.

Negrón has been a member of council since 2016. She has served as chair of the Public Works Committee, as a member of Human Resources and Environment Committee, and as a member of the Public Safety Committee. She is the community liaison for the HGSK law firm. Negrón has an associate's degree from Austin Community College.

Negrón, who lives on the South Side, is a lead-

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**Northampton County Court of Common Pleas President Judge Stephen G. Baratta** swears in Adam Waldron as Waldron's wife watches.



**District Judge Nick Englesson** swears in Olga Negrón as her friend Dr. Paige Van Wert watches.



**Robert Donchez** was sworn in earlier in the day as the re-elected Mayor of the City of Bethlehem.

er in the Hispanic community and has been active in relocating Puerto Rican families from Hurricane Maria-ravaged Puerto Rico.

Immediately following the swearing-in ceremony, council elected Negron vice president.

Eric R. Evans, who has been a member of city council since 2010, is an American history teacher at East Hills MS. He is a Liberty HS graduate, has a B.S. in economics and finance from the University of Pittsburgh (1991) and an MBA from the University of Scranton (1997).

Evans said in an interview that he had been offered a position as Bethlehem's business manager and was considering the offer, pending discussions with his current employer. The appointment was confirmed in later news reports.

He has served as the chair of the Parks and Public Property Committee, as a member of the Public Safety Committee and as a member of the Human Resources and Environment Committee. Evans also served as president of city council from 2012-2013.

Adam R. Waldron, the owner of Adam Waldron Painting, is a Liberty HS graduate; he has a B.S. in business management from West Chester University (2006). He has served as vice-president of council (2016-18), as chair of the Human Resources and Environment Committee, as a member of the Community Development and Public Safety Committees, served as a Redevelopment Authority Liaison, and served on the Blighted Property Review Committee.

Following his swearing-in ceremony, council elected Waldron president, replacing William Reynolds, who said, "I would like to thank my colleagues for their time and cooperation in 2017. I look forward to continuing to serve the council, the administration, city employees, and the residents of the city of Bethlehem." Reynolds will continue to serve on council as a member.

Bryan G. Callahan has been a member of council since 2014. He is the department chair of the Health and Physical Education department at Freedom HS and is also the owner of Bryan Callahan's Driving School and co-owner of Fancy Sports Photos.

He has served as chair of the Finance Committee, as a member of the Community Development Committee, and as a member of the Public Works Committee.

Callahan is a Liberty HS graduate, has a B.A. from Lock Haven University in journalism and public relations (1985), has attended East Stroudsburg University, where he studied health and physical education (1994), and has an M.S. in education from Wilkes University (1999).

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Freedom and Becha play in boys basketball action.

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Freedom boys pick up two victories in the pool.

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**"I'm a senior, and I know I can speak for all the seniors when I say this was a very good win, and I'm so happy we got this, and I'm overwhelmed with how great I feel right now."**

Kyra Jefferson

Freedom girls basketball player

▼ **BRIEFLY**

**PATRIOTS SEEK PLAYERS**

The Allentown Patriots Red Team is seeking players for a senior men's (62 and over) slow pitch softball old timer's team.

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The Freedom girls celebrate after defeating Bethlehem Catholic on Friday night.

# FHS knocks off BC

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom did Freedom last Friday night, and they did it just fine.

That was the plan, going into their home girls' basketball game against Bethlehem Catholic, where the Patriots came up with a 66-59 victory over the Hawks.

"I'm a senior, and I know I can speak for all the seniors when I say this was a very good win, and I'm so happy we got this, and I'm overwhelmed with how great I feel right now," said Kyra Jefferson. "Yes, doing Freedom. This is definitely one of our high points in the season, and I'm excited to see more."

Jefferson scored the first two of her 28 points of the game, but by the time the Hawks scored seven straight points among Talayah Medina, Abby Brown, and Natalie Rhine in the first quarter, the Patriots had had enough and started their full court press.

A huge three pointer by Hailey Silfies in the second quarter cut the Hawks lead to three, and with Jefferson on fire, and Carissa Norder hitting her free throws, the halftime score was 29-29.

"I was definitely nervous because they were my first points for the game, but once I made the first one, the second one, I was like, all right, I can do this. My nerves went away instantly," Norder said.

Two big blocks, one by Jennifer Kokolus and another by Rachel Sanchez in the first half, brought Patriot fans to their feet.

"Kyra, I thought, was phenomenal. It was great to see senior leadership. Hailey, Carissa, they all played really well, and it was a team win," said Freedom coach Dean Reiman. "It was really important to win coming out of the locker room in the third quarter, and that was a great start for us in the second half."

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Kyra Jefferson of Freedom looks to secure the ball as Becha's Briana Barnard tries to make a play.

# Hurricanes looking to grow from loss to Becha

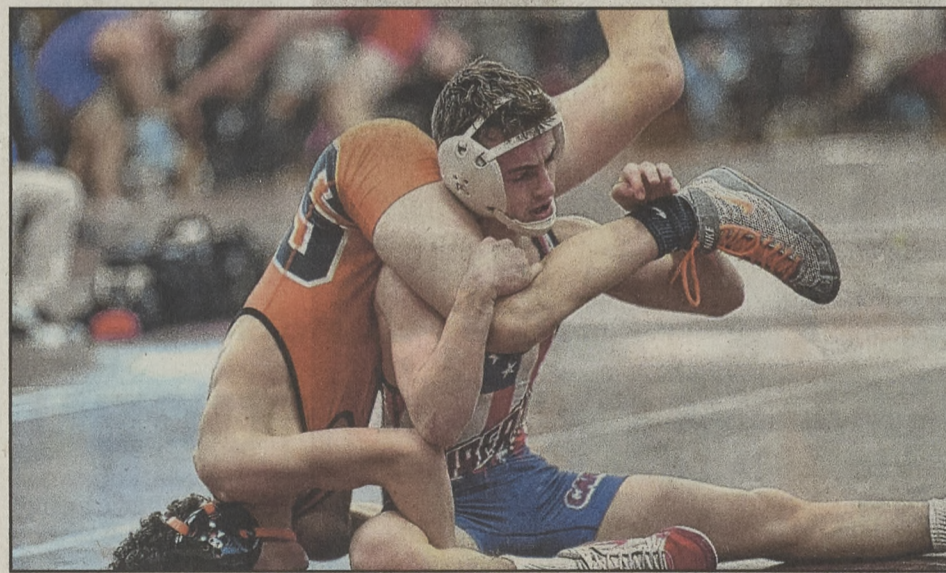
BY PETER CAR  
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On the surface of Liberty's 41-9 defeat to Bethlehem Catholic last week, it looks like the Hurricanes might be far off the Hawks path, but Liberty head coach Jody Karam likes to think they're just a step behind.

Last week's defeat was the first for the Hurricanes (14-1) this season and likely will be their last dual meet defeat heading into the post-season, but it wasn't a giant step backward for the blue collar bunch, rather an opportunity to restore some hunger as they move forward this winter.

"I feel the match was closer than what the score indicated," said Karam. "I think there were six matches determined by one-to-three points. We are just a half a step behind them at this point. But considering where we started, and where we are, I am pleased with the progress. It's nice to see where you stand relative to other teams at this point."

Liberty actually lost seven bouts within the point range Karam referenced and if you want



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Matt Maloney, shown here against Northampton, picked up a victory against Becha.

to throw in Damen Moyer's 7-3 defeat to Robert Spezza at 195, you'd add an eighth within close range.

However, Karam and everyone knows that close losses still count as defeats and if the Hurricanes want to close the gap heading into districts, they'll need to improve on the little things.

"The message was clear to the team," Karam said. "The progress has been consistent, we like what we see. There is no need to throw out our plan

and start over. The type of changes needed are small adjustments, not radical. It's easy to look at that score and say, oh no, we are doing things wrong. But anybody who knows, who truly knows, realizes that it's only minor adjustments needed to go to the next level."

Liberty followed the Becha loss with a 64-9 win over Pleasant Valley and a 51-18 victory over Emmaus last week.

They now head into this week with a match against Stroudsburg (7-2) on Wednesday night.

"We've met every challenge so far," Karam said. "After the Becha loss, the message is the same, the season certainly doesn't end with a loss to Becha."

Freedom (6-4) got back in the win column with a 67-12 defeat over Allen last week. The win snapped a three match skid with losses to Easton, Nazareth and Parkland.

The Patriots take on East Stroudsburg South and Dieruff this week before heading to the Clearfield Bison Duals this weekend.

# Hawks win Escape the Rock

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic won another Escape the Rock title over the weekend and they did it without any of their wrestlers winning titles.

The Hawks squeaked out a 173-171.5 advantage over Cincinnati La Salle (Ohio) for the team title, as Ryan Anderson (138), Cole Handlovic (145), Luca Frinzi (152) and Robert Spezza (195) each found themselves in the finals but all came home with silver medals.

"I thought we performed very well in a tournament with nationally ranked teams," said Hawks head coach Jeff Karam. "There were a couple of teams ahead of us on the final day but we were able to come out on top. Most of our kids exceeded their seeds, but the unfortunate part was that we didn't come away with any champs."

Anderson had the highlight bout of the finals, as he fell 3-2 in an ultimate tiebreaker to Kingsway's Quinn Kinner, a match that featured the No. 1 (Kinner) and No. 3 (Anderson) wrestlers in the country according to InterMat.

Handlovic lost a tough, 1-0, decision to Delbarton's Travis Tavano, while Frinzi was dealt with a 3-1 defeat to William Evanitsky of Scranton.

Spezza lost by a 9-1 major decision to Michael Beard of Malvern Prep to round out the Hawks finals' contingent.

"We might not have the big names we've had in the past, but these guys are making names for themselves," said Karam. "This is a very well balanced team. We have depth that comes in handy, but the big thing is staying injury free, which is something we struggled with last year. We changed our approach in the room this year and we haven't done as much live wrestling. I think that's helping us right now."

Other Becha wrestlers that placed over the weekend included: Jarred Papsy (third at 132), Nate Lackman (fourth at 106), Kenny Herrmann (fifth at 126) and Jase Crouse (eighth at 285).

Becha (6-0) faces Whitehall on Wednesday night before a premier showdown at Wyoming Seminary on Saturday.

Seminary is ranked third in the country by InterMat and the Hawks come in ranked 13th.

Both teams competed in a fierce battle last year in Bethlehem, as Becha fell 34-27. Seminary will pose the greatest challenge the Hawks may have on their schedule all season and it's a matchup that Karam and company are certainly looking forward to.

"We're never going to shy away from competition," said Karam. "We'll see what happens in the match. Our guys are just excited to wrestle against a team that's ranked in the top five in the country."

## Patriots are searching for more consistency

BY PETER CAR  
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If there's one sentiment that Freedom players should have taken away from their 81-76 loss to Bethlehem Catholic last Friday night, it's that they can compete with anyone.

The Patriots (6-7) became the first team in the Lehigh Valley to push Becahi (10-1) to the limit in last week's affair, but just as 10 other teams have tried this season to knock off the Hawks, Joe Stellato's bunch came up on the wrong side of the box score in the defeat.

"The Beca game confirmed to the locker room that we can play with anyone," said Stellato. "We just need to continue to work on executing. We need to improve on executing in half court offense. We are working on it and

are getting better."

Dylan Arnold led the Pates with 19 points, hitting five threes in the loss to the Hawks, while Chrystian Simmons and Caleb Mims each added 12 apiece.

What the Pates couldn't deal with was the combination of Justin Paz and Ryan Young for Becahi, as Paz scored 24 and Young had a game-high 31 points, going 12-of-14 from the free throw line.

Freedom led 58-56 heading into the fourth quarter, but saw the Hawks close out the fourth with a seven-point advantage for the win.

The Pates haven't been able to string together consecutive wins since beating Southern Lehigh and Dieruff just before Christmas and consistency is one big area of focus that Stellato is harping as they

head into an important week with Allen on Tuesday night, followed by East Stroudsburg South on Wednesday and Pocono Mountain West on Friday.

"Consistency is key and we need to continue to stress taking good shots the entire game," Stellato said. "High percentage shots. It is important for us to game plan for one game at a time. Tuesday's game with Allen is the most important game of the year."

Liberty (6-7) has started the new year 4-1 with their first loss coming last week in a 67-66 defeat to Allen.

The Hurricanes took on Easton Tuesday night in a pivotal division showdown and then have contests with Stroudsburg and Quakertown on Friday and Saturday.



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

The Pates Dylan Arnold (3) looks to defend Becahi's Ryan Young last Friday night.

## Hawks stay hot; win 8th straight

BY PETER CAR  
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Even a dynamic shooting display wasn't enough to extinguish Bethlehem Catholic last Friday night.

Freedom nailed 15 three-pointers against the Hawks, but couldn't pull out the victory, as Ryan Young scored a game-high 31 points to help lead Becahi to an 81-76 win over the rival Patriots.

The win pushed the Hawks mark to 10-1 on the season, winners of eight straight and Friday's contest was the closest anyone in the EPC has pushed them this season.

"Freedom plays a style that bothers teams," said head coach Ray Barbosa. "Freedom played well and they made 15 three-pointers. It was good for our guys to be able to win a tight game. We kept our composure by executing on both ends to be able to win the game."

Justin Paz added 24 points in the win, as Becahi held off a 19 point effort from Dylan Arnold and his five threes that kept Freedom in the ballgame.

Young, though, followed up his 33-point effort against Stroudsburg last week with another 30-plus game against the Pates, showcasing why he's the top big man in the area.

It's part of the reason the team has been so tough to beat this year.

"Rebounding and sharing the ball has been huge for us," said Barbosa. "We average 13 assist per game and almost 30 rebounds. Our transition offense has been better throughout the season. Pushing the ball for easy opportunities has created extra possessions for us on offense."

That continues this week with games against Dieruff, Pocono Mountain East and Northampton.

No matter who is put in front of the Hawks, it seems like beating them might take more than a hot shooting effort from the floor.

"10-1 is a good accomplishment for the start of the year," Barbosa said. "We still have things to work on but we are making progress. I felt looking at the schedule it was possible for us to have our record we do now. Guys have worked hard to this point. Hopefully we can continue to have success."

## FHS boys swim team gets two wins

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's boys' swim team scored two victories last week, one against Pocono Mountain East 106-63, and another against Pocono Mountain West 107-62.

In the meet against Pocono Mountain East, Colin Burnette, Grayden Hogan, Spencer Smith, and Jack Rosen won the

200 medley relay with a time of 1:51.05.

"The relays are pretty good. We try and mix it up so everyone gets their chance," said Freedom junior Al Bell. "Everyone is dropping time. We train differently now so this is the high point of the season for training. We try and focus on technique so that will help us drop more time."

Bell took first place in the 200 free with a time of 1:44.07 and in the 100 fly in 52.28. "My fly is pretty good. I've done decent times."

"My main [event] is the 200 free right now. This is the third time I've gone 1:44," he said.

Burnette placed first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.49 and the 100 backstroke in 57.43, and

Shawn Higgins won the 50 free in 26.16.

Hogan won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:08.64.

In the meet against Pocono Mountain West, Burnette, Hogan, Bell, and Spencer Smith took first place in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:45.70.

Individual event winners were Danny Con-

nell in the 200 free with a time of 2:05.09 and the 500 free in 5:42.02, Bell in the 200 IM in 2:01.34 and the 100 backstroke in 55.24, and Burnette in the 100 fly in 56.69.

Burnette, Jack Runco, Hogan, and Bell combined to win the 400 free relay with a time of 3:40.68.

## Freedom girls fall to Pocono Mt. East

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's girls' swim team took a tough loss to Pocono Mountain East 94-86 last Tuesday at Freedom.

The Patriots were behind at the diving event, went ahead, but came up short in the end.

Pocono Mountain East scored 12 major points by taking first and second place in the 200 free relay.

Freedom's Linda

Mao and Abby Burnette won the 100 backstroke in 1:15.51 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.99, respectively, but the Cardinals' first and third place finishes in the 400 free relay sealed the win for Pocono Mountain East.

"I'll try and kick harder. My legs were not kicking during the medley," said Mao, before the backstroke event.

Mao, Burnette, Sage Hillier, and Alex Koehl opened the meet with a

victory in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:04.99.

"At first, the buzzer didn't work, so I thought, oh no," said Mao, who dove in first. "Abby [Burnette] caught up a lot."

Later in the meet, Hillier missed first place in the 100 butterfly by .58 seconds. Hallie Smith placed third in the same event. Smith also placed second in the 100 breaststroke.

Shannon Connelly

took first place in the 50 free with a time of 31.96.

Sarah Gill won the diving event with a score of 186.45, followed by Fallon Tatlow and Leigha Evans, all for the Patriots.

Erin Madden took second place in the 200 freestyle and the 100 free, and Burnette was second in the 200 IM, followed by Hillier.

Emily Justice finished second in the 500 free, and Grace Christiansen was third in the

100 backstroke.

Last Thursday, Freedom's girls lost to Pocono Mountain West 101-61 at Pocono Mountain West.

First place finishers for the Patriots were Hillier in the 200 IM with a time of 2:34.79, and Burnette in the 100 fly with a time of 1:05.82, and the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.59.

This Thursday, Freedom will host Stroudsburg at 4 p.m.

## Pate divers pick up key points vs. PME

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom divers Leigha Evans, Fallon Tatlow, and Sarah Gill scored 13 important points for the Patriots in their swim meet against Pocono Mountain East last week at Freedom.

Gill had the highest score of the day with 186.45 points.

"I think my best one was my reverse two because I just got it about a week ago, and I got

a higher score than I thought I would," Gill said. "With diving it's hard to tell where you land when you go into the water, so you don't know if it's really good or kind of good."

Tatlow was just returning to the diving board after injuring her heel during warm-ups at the Patriots' first swim meet of the season.

"It's been kind of hard, but I'm getting back into it," said Tat-

low. "I still have some dives to learn, but the dives I have, I feel pretty good about."

One dive Tatlow is happy with is her reverse dive.

"I've had a lot of fear with my reverses but I'm getting over it. It's kind of scary because I see the board as I'm going into the water," she said.

Evans dove all summer with coaches from Nazareth and Easton,

and the time spent has paid off.

"It was an awesome thing I did. It helped me stay in shape and up to my level of dives. I feel really good, better than I did last year, and I really like Mrs. Young. She's awesome," said Evans.

Lisa Young is Freedom's new diving coach. "My back one-and-a-half, I've been working on that a lot lately," Evans said. "I think it's a fun dive. It's pretty dif-

ficult."

The Patriots were looking forward to more practice time last week before the EPC diving meet, in which each diver will perform 11 dives instead of the usual six.

"I'll be able to figure out what dives I have and what dives I'm going to do, and what dives I'll be able to do, and then practice those, and I'll be trying some new ones," said Gill.

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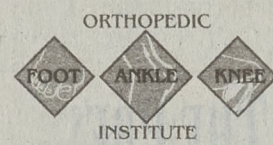
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### STEEL OPENER

The United Soccer League today announced that Bethlehem Steel FC will host the Richmond Kickers in the club's 2018 home opener. Steel FC will kick off the season at Goodman Stadium on the campus of Lehigh University on Sunday, March 18. Kickoff of the club's third USL season is scheduled for 2 p.m.

### TROUT UNLIMITED

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited will present a program: John Mouser speaking on "Conservation Proj-

ects and Fishing Opportunities in the Marshalls Creek Area." The event will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Catawqua High School,

Steel FC will be part of another home opener in March as Steel FC will visit the Tampa Bay Rowdies. The two clubs will square off the following week at Al Lang Stadium on Saturday, March 24. The young series is still in search of its first victory, as the two clubs battled to a pair of draws in September last year.

Rm. C219, located at 2500 Bullshead Rd., Northampton. The public is invited to attend. Questions, call 610-262-7598.

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each month and can be arranged with a band member to be delivered. Please email buy-

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# Outdoors: ice fishing at early season high

BY NICK HRONIAK  
Special to the Press

According to Chris Mohry, owner of Chris's Outdoor Sports Shop in Mertztown, this is the best early ice fishing season he's seen in many years.

Said Mohry, "I cannot remember any year that has been better than this, thanks to the early frigid temps we've had." And his ice fishing report is enthusiastic.

Mohry says the ice at Ontelaunee Reservoir in upper Berks County located off Route 222 in Evansville, was loaded with ice anglers, despite the freezing temperatures we had. The ice there he reports is running 6-8 inches and anglers are catching pickerel, bass and crappies, predominantly on minnows. And since he's the only tackle shop in the area selling suckers, he's been selling them

to anglers who are after muskies both at Ontelaunee and at Leaser Lake in upper Lehigh County that has 4-6 inches of ice.

Speaking of Leaser, Mohry said the guys buying suckers are hitting big muskies there, one reportedly was 43 inches. Of course the toothy critters have to be released plus other fish other than trout. Unfortunately, no one is catching trout as it's thought the muskies devoured them.

Willie Marx from Willie's Bait & Tackle in Cementon has similar reports from both waters but adds one customer came back from Ontelaunee and said he caught 16 white perch plus some panfish and one Leaser angler pulled up a 32-inch musky.

Willie also reported a couple regular customers went to Mauch Chunk Lake and pulled



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
This ice saw can make much larger holes than an auger as shown in the comparison chunk of ice.

panfish, a few pickerel and some nice bass from there. He thinks ice fishing will get even better after Friday's rain and warm temps as another cold front is oncoming.

But he's puzzled because he hasn't received

one report from Shohola, Promised Land lakes or Pecks Pond in the Poconos.

As for bait, Marx said he's sold 7,000 wax worms so far as that seems the bait of choice with minnows second

and mousies third in ice angler preference.

I visited Leaser and Ontelaunee last Sunday and counted 20 ice anglers far off the shore of Leaser. The dam area, where the fishing pier and kayak launch ramp is located, only had seven anglers.

At Ontelaunee, there were at Least 30 anglers on the ice at Evansville and Peters Creek Cove. The cove, incidentally, has some open water. I could also see a few anglers far off in the distant where they may have entered the lake from the other side. Ice there was a solid seven inches and several anglers were using ice fishing tents to cut the frigid wind at the time to make conditions more tolerable.

For those who want to try make larger ice holes, Fish's Folding Ice Saw takes the place of an auger or spud bar to

cut holes in the ice. This novel tool can cut round or square holes and big holes for two anglers to fish at. And if you're after big muskies, a larger hole the saw can make would insure not losing it by trying to pull it through a small auger hole.

The saw, designed and built by Wayne Benbo (aka 'Fish') of Winger, MN, measures 42 inches folded and 80 inches long unfolded. The saw has a pointed tip to start an ice hole and the large toothed saw does the cutting. It's a manual operation but effective and the exercise it gives could warm the angler in the process.

To see a demonstration of his saw visit the company's (Fish's Sporting Toys) Facebook page "Fish's Folding Ice Saw" or check info@icesaw.com.

# Freedom girls blow out Emmaus 53-15

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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How do the Freedom Patriots keep up their intensity when they have a 30-point lead by halftime?

"You just have to run your stuff, and play them like you would play Beca or Easton," said Freedom senior Kyra Jefferson. "You want to improve with every game."

The Patriots hosted Emmaus on Jan. 9 and scored a 53-15 victory over the Hornets.

"We kind of knew they weren't as strong," said Freedom senior Hailey Silfies. "I think you have to be more disciplined on offense because you don't want to shoot the first open shot you get when you're up by a good amount. So when you get to a game that's close, you don't

want to be throwing up shots you might have been throwing in that game that wasn't as intense."

All Freedom players scored against Emmaus with Silfies leading the Patriots with 10 points. Jennifer Kokolus scored nine points, and Yasmine Herrera scored seven, including a three-pointer from way beyond the three-point arc at the buzzer to end the third quarter.

"I just saw the clock running down, and I saw that Rachel Sanchez had the ball, and she and I made eye contact, and then once I saw the clock I just turned and shot it. There was really no more time," Herrera said. "I kind of knew it was going in. I was really excited, and then when I looked at Kyra [on the sideline], her water fell

all over the floor."

Jefferson and Corrin Gill had six points each, Brenna Ortwein scored five points, including a three-pointer, Christina Wahba had four points, and Carissa Norder, Hope Dunfee, and Sanchez scored two points each.

"We're gelling a lot better as of now, and we've been playing together for awhile now, so it's become instinct," said Jefferson, regarding finding the open players.

The Patriots will have hosted Bethlehem Catholic on Jan. 12 before traveling to Pocono Mountain West on Jan. 19.

"We're really excited about playing Beca," Jefferson said. "We've seen them. We just have to compete and be Freedom."

## GIRLS

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Corrin Gill put the Pates in the lead on foul shots, and Jefferson dribbled around the Hawks' defense to score two more. Silfies scored on a putback, and Brenna Ortwein scored on a turnover.

"Coach said we're here to score baskets," said Jefferson. "At first it was a little tough, but just knowing my personnel and who's guarding me, I was using my speed as an advantage against it."

Silfies had a steal, resulting in a layup for Jefferson, and Kokolus scored from underneath on a pass from Silfies. Then, Norder hit a three that brought the house down.

"It was great, and it was a great momentum swing for the bench too because as soon as I made it, I heard everyone. I saw everyone get up and cheer. It was amazing. This is one of the only wins I wanted my entire high school career," Norder said.

The Hawks put on the pressure in the fourth

quarter, creating a turnover and a bucket by Brianna Barnard, a steal and a basket by Solei Rodriguez, and Morgan Orloski's three pointer with 2:18 left made the score 55-53 Freedom.

The Patriots answered with deep inbounds passes from Brenna Ortwein to Silfies that resulted in points for Freedom.

"Freedom, they've been playing some good basketball. They came out. They made plays," said Beca's coach Jose Medina. "I thought we did a good job in the first half, but then we kind of got away from our identity a little bit, and that was surprising to me, but hey, it's good we find out about it now, so we'll make the adjustments, and we'll see them again in less than two weeks, so we can't hang our heads. We've got to be ready to go."

Gill, whose sore ankle did not prevent her from playing scrappy all night, scored the last point of the game on a foul shot.

"I rolled my ankle, but I kind of just played through it, and my

team, the energy that our bench brought, and the fans just kept me going. Even if I missed, I knew we would get the rebound," she said.

The Patriot win was a pretty big deal in more ways than one.

"Yes. It's big to validate the hard work, number one team in the state at their level, a really good team in our league," said Reiman. "We had Easton a few weeks back and couldn't kind of finish that, so to actually get over the hump and to finish the game was really important, and it's a Bethlehem city game, so that makes it a little bit more important."

"We were in the game with them two times last year, and just couldn't get over that hump. It's mental toughness and let's give them their credit. They're a great program and they've had a lot of success, so they know how to win. We didn't do everything right down the stretch, but to find a way was really important, a really important part for us to take the next step."

## HUNTEBRINKER MAKES ALL-STAR TEAM

Reading Royals forward Michael Huntbrinker has replaced forward Alex Krushelnyski on the North Division roster for the 2018 CCM/ECHL All-Star Classic, to be hosted by the Indy Fuel on Monday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. ET at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum and telecast

in the United States on NHL Network. Additionally, Huntbrinker will participate in the Rapid Fire Shootout Challenge as part of The 2018 Blue Indy/ECHL Skills Competition. Krushelnyski was recalled on loan to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms Thursday. Huntbrinker has 11

goals and 19 points in 30 games this season, the club's top rookie scorer. The St. Louis, MO native leads the Royals with eight goals since Dec. 1. He was named Reading's Rookie of the Month in December with eight tallies, 11 points and a plus-eight rating in 14 games.

## DARTS, TRAPSHOOTING

DARTS			Suburban Dart League Standings	
Salem Luth	34	11	.756	
Christ UCC	28	17	.622	
Bath Luth	23	19	.548	
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Dryland	22	20	.524	
Emmanuel	19	23	.452	
Messiah	18	24	.429	
St. Stephen's	18	24	.429	
Salem UCC	16	23	.410	
Ebenezer	15	24	.385	
Farmersville	17	28	.378	
St. Paul's (10-6, 4-3)	at Salem UCC (3-1)			
SP - Joe Stevko 6-13, 5-13: Paul Slimmon, Brian Gross, Brett Remel, Amber Gross HR.				
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at Messiah (6-5 16in, 3-2)				
M - Andy Mickelson 6-14, Norm Schoenberger 5-14 GWHR, Rich Hasonich 5-16, Ryan Jones 4-13.				
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vitch 4-15.				
Salem Luth at				
Christ UCC (8-7 11in, 3-2, 7-4)				
C - Joe Hunsicker 7-13, George Gasper 6-12 HR, Garry Hunsicker 5-13, Mark Fujita 5-14, Jason Pokorny 5-14.				
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F - Wade Chilmonik 4-10, Keith Campbell 4-13, Luke George 3-9.				
Emmanuel (6-4)				
at Bath Luth (10-3, 2-1)				
BL - Scott Henninger 6-13, Marissa Griffith 5-13, Dan Stillwell 5-13 HR.				
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24's Diane Arner, Colton Card,				
Irvin Dennis				
23's Bill Arner, Lorren Livingston, Stephen MacNeal, Katie Thomas				
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25's Adam Kast				
24's Roger Muschlitz, Glenn Wesco				
23's Travis Foose, Harry Gochenauer, John Manning, Bryan Noble, Joe Panto, Bob Ruth, Jack Thomas				
Ranger Lake - 116				
24's Matt Grollier				
23's Dennis Cacciola Sr., Dennis Cacciola Jr., Allan Hunter, Evan Karpyn, Daniel Kunkle				
Blue Ridge - 119				
25's Gavin Oplinger				
24's Dave Schwartz, John Yar-sevich				
23's Corneil Makovsky, Don Nelson, Craig Peischler, Rich Trumbauer				
Standings				
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Blue Ridge	1220			
Ranger Lake	1219			

# Phantoms win after 'embarrassing' loss

BY CHUCK HIXSON  
Special to the Press

The Phantoms reached the halfway point of their season with what Phil Varone called an "embarrassing" performance in a 6-2 loss to Springfield Saturday night. Lehigh Valley came out with a good first period, but that was about all it was able to put together as the Thunderbirds scored four unanswered goals to waltz out of the PPL Center with a win.

Varone scored his 100th career AHL goal in the game, but was more focused on the weak effort that the team put on the ice.

"A lot of self-inflicted mistakes," said Varone. "To be honest with you, I'm embarrassed we left Al [goalie Alex Lyon] out to dry, giving up point-blank shots, making mental mistakes. We're not doing the right things, we're not winning enough battles. I'm embarrassed. I've got to be better and as a team, we've got to be a lot better."

Varone said that he hasn't really noticed little problems with the team that could have led to this type of performance, but did allow that perhaps the team was relying too much on their high-powered offense to win games.

"We're not going to score five goals every

game, but I don't think it was building, I just think we took this team lightly, because we've pretty much handled them before this," said Varone. "You can't take a night off in this division. There's probably going to be a 45-25 team this season that doesn't make the playoffs out of our division and it's games like this that you're going to look back on and say 'that was it, right there.'"

Maybe it was coming off the embarrassing loss, or maybe Varone just didn't want to play up his milestone of reaching the 100-goal plateau in the AHL, but he talked like a guy who wasn't impressed with himself.

"It's 100 goals in 400 games," noted Varone. "That's not anything special."

THE GOULBOURNE SHUTTLE ... For the second time this month, Tyrell Goulbourne was recalled by the Flyers. In his first stint with the team - January 3-7 - Goulbourne played in two games. He was recalled again on Friday and saw time on the ice Saturday night in the Flyers 5-3 win against New Jersey.

UNDER THE KNIFE ... Coach Scott Gordon confirmed that Dan-ick Martel underwent surgery after taking a vicious hit to the head

from Hershey's Colby Williams in the second period of Saturday night's game. Reportedly, the blow broke Martel's jaw and required surgery to repair the damage. Williams was given a match penalty for the game and missed Sunday's game because of the ensuing automatic suspension. There is no time frame for Martel, who is tied with Greg Carey for the team lead in goals with 17.

A BIG DOSE OF CHOCOLATE ... The Phantoms must have taken Varone's advice to take a look in the mirror after Friday night's embarrassment. They responded with a 2-1 win over Hershey at home on Saturday and then won a 2-1 game in overtime in Hershey on Sunday.

OUTDOORS WITH THE BEARS ... Hershey and Lehigh Valley meet again Saturday in Hershey, but this time they'll play outdoors at Hersheypark Stadium. Hershey last played outdoors in 2013 when they hosted Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and the Phantoms last game outdoors came in 2012 when they were the Adirondack Phantoms and hosted Hershey in a game played at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia in front of a crowd of 45,653. The Phantoms won that game 4-3 in overtime.

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# Emeril's Chop House gets fresh cut

Emeril's Chop House at the Sands Bethlehem Casino has been renovated with a new and cozier seating layout, new wall treatments, new carpeting and new menu items. The revamped 180 seat restaurant, which is rated among the top 13 casino restaurants in the country by Wine Spectator Magazine, was closed and remodeled for two months prior to its reopening on Thanksgiving. The price point remains the same, according to head chef Victor Bock, who said standard steaks and chops remain the hallmark at the restaurant, but that new items have been added and others modified to keep the menu interesting and fresh. Bock said the improvements to both the dining area and menu have received a very positive response from customers. Emeril's Chop House is open daily on Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 5 to 11 p.m.

The newly remodeled Emeril's Chop House at the Sands Bethlehem Casino seats 180 and includes new carpeting, chairs, wall treatments and several cozy banquettes. Head Chef Victor Bock said the changes were coordinated with Chef Emeril Lagasse's Homebase.

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## Jacqui Armbruster

LV Charter HS for the Arts

Grade: 12

**Family members:** Mother (Kerrie), father (Joe), older brother (Kyle), older sisters (Jessica and Kiersten)

**Favorite subject:** Music theory. I love the analytical side to music and gaining a deeper understanding of how and why musical happenings sound the way they do.

**Activities:** Orchestra, jazz ensemble, advanced jazz combo, treble choir, touring choir, Instrumental Club (vice president), Tri-M Music Honors Society (president)

**Next steps:** I plan to attend a conservatory to study viola performance.

**Career goals:** I hope to one day be part of a professional orchestra such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York Philharmonic or Boston Symphony. I also would love to start my own string quartet and tour!

**Heroes:** My number one hero is George Harrison because he never let fame and fortune get in the way of his heart and his search for happiness and truth.

**Hobbies:** Drawing, photography, and adventuring in nature

**Current job(s):** Freelance musician

**Volunteer/community**

**work:** I have performed at many benefit concerts and fundraising



events in the Lehigh Valley, both solo and with my peers.

**Likes:** Baby's breath, avocados, sunrises and sunsets, and birds

**Dislikes:** Ignorance and hate

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** Making it into the PMEA All-State Orchestra

**Advice for peers:** Stay small! It is so easy to inflate your hardships and feel like the entire world is crashing down due to your struggles. Try to focus on being light, no matter how dark your days may seem. Every individual ray keeps the sun shining.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY KATYA HRICHAK

"There's just so many interesting kids at Liberty," said social studies teacher Adam Reitz, who created the Humans of Liberty HS Instagram account to promote understanding through the sharing of student stories.

## Humans of Liberty HS

'Our stories ... make us who we are'

BY KATYA HRICHAK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When Liberty HS social studies teacher Adam Reitz noticed how many different types of students walked Liberty's halls, he knew he wanted to find a way to highlight this diversity. Inspired by the Humans of New York Instagram account that features interviews collected on the streets of New York, he decided to create his own: Humans of Liberty High School.

"There's just so many interesting kids at Liberty," Reitz said. "You hear about the same kids over and over again, the kids who are involved in sports, kids who are involved in the arts and things like that, and when you think about it, there's a lot of interesting kids sitting in your classroom that have things going on that you would never even know."

After coming up with the idea for the Instagram account, Reitz proposed it to Amanda Hinkel, LHS assistant principal. Although a separate initiative, she immediately made a connection between the aims of the account and the No Place for Hate program. She submitted the idea to the Anti-Defamation Project and they granted it approval.



"I think if everyone just stopped and listened to everyone's story, maybe we wouldn't live in a world with such hatred and divisiveness and misunderstandings and misconceptions," says Liberty HS social studies teacher Adam Reitz.

The Instagram account has since become a collaborative effort. Reitz emails guidance counselors for suggestions of students to feature, and other teachers, including those from the English as a Second Language (ESOL) program, email their suggestions to Reitz.

Other faculty members have been involved since the account's beginnings, but now

students have begun to take notice. The newly formed LHS Photography Club approached Reitz about helping take pictures of students for the account, which he hopes to coordinate as the project continues.

In addition to featuring students, the account also highlights faculty members and alumni with interesting stories, including a band director who was formerly a Marine, a teacher who recently

celebrated Hanukkah and an alumna who heads Project Lead the Way.

Both Hinkel and Reitz agree that the goal of this account is to promote understanding and acceptance through the telling of individuals' stories.

"I think it showcases how incredibly unique every individual at Liberty is and how it illustrates basically the city. We have kids that come from so many different backgrounds that have so much going on in their lives," Hinkel said.

"Everyone's got a unique story, and we all have our stories that make us who we are," Reitz said. "I think if everyone just stopped and listened to everyone's story, maybe we wouldn't live in a world with such hatred and divisiveness and misunderstandings and misconceptions. I think if you know why someone is the way they are, it's much easier to communicate with each other and understand each other."

The Humans of LHS account can be found @HumansofLibertyHighSchool on Instagram or on LHS's web page, [basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/liberty/](http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/liberty/).

## CHARTER ARTS HS NOTES

By Jordynn Gernerling

### Winter events begin

Preparation for showcases and performances in the remainder of the school year have officially begun at the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts. Students and faculty in each department work diligently toward all that is in store in the new year.

The Music Department hosted Jazz Cafe Jan. 6 in the Charter Arts theater.

Beginning Jan. 19 at 7 p.m., the Charter Arts Theater Department will present its production of "Lovers: Winners and Losers" The performance is inclusive of selected theater majors of all grades who have dedicated many months to auditioning and rehearsing. Additional performances will take place Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. and Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. in the Charter Arts theater. Purchasing tickets in advance is suggested and can be done on the Charter Arts website.

On Jan. 26, and 27, the Dance Department will host Dance Soup in the Charter Arts theater at 7 p.m. The performance includes of selected pieces choreographed and danced by students of all grades. Purchasing tickets in advance is suggested and can be done on the Charter Arts website.

The instrumental music department will be presenting its Wanda and DeLong Honors Piano Recital Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. The performance will take place in the Corpora Art Gallery, located inside the school, and includes selected piano students from Charter Arts. Purchasing tickets in advance is suggested and can be done on the Charter Arts website.

The First Friday Art Reception: Celebrating 15 Years will be hosted in the Corpora Art Gallery Feb. 2, from 6-9 pm. This is a free event hosted by the Visual Art department. The public is greatly welcomed and may enter from 3rd Street.

On Feb. 9, the Literary Arts department will be hosting a showcase of original poetry, songs, and scripts by students. The event is free and will take place at Cafe the Lodge in Bethlehem from 6-8 pm.

On Feb. 27, the Black History Show will be presented in the Charter Arts theater. This event was originally created by students who collaborated to celebrate the art of many African Americans throughout history. The performance will include song, dance, music, and poetry written inspired by influential African Americans. The event will take place from 7-9 pm and tickets can be



Gernerling

## FREEDOM HS NOTES

By Carson Swick

### Spotlight on the Pats

January marks the beginning of a new year, and it is a month of wishful thinking. Young and old alike set goals for themselves, while schools hope to improve upon the previous year for their students. In Bethlehem, the new year marks a new opportunity for success at Freedom HS.

The new year is just one cause of the inspiration that sweeps across Freedom HS in January. Because of the block scheduling, the first semester is drawing to a close. Eager students prepare for their exams and their new classes, while administrators hit the drawing board to brainstorm new ideas for the second semester.

One such idea is a dance for students known as "winter formal." After its successful turnout last year, members of Freedom's student council hope to follow up with another enjoyable dance. However, scheduling conflicts have limited possible dates for the dance.

"The only available date for the dance is Feb. 10. The student council has tossed around the idea of combining Freedom and Liberty for the winter formal," said Deanna Webb, student council adviser.

According to Webb, Freedom Principal Michael LaPorta had plans to attend a meeting this week regarding the dance. Even though the student council works tirelessly on planning school dances, there is much more in the works.

The Winter Special Olympics is a tradition at Freedom. During the competition, students in special education classes compete in winter sports such as basketball. The event is planned by the student council, but any student can sign up to volunteer.

"Organizing and participating in community activities is my favorite part of being in student council," said Rachel Black, senior class president.

No matter who is competing, sports remain a huge hit among the Freedom community. The winter sports include basketball, swimming, wrestling, and rifle. Of the four, basketball is most

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Participating in the grant presentation are Laura Bennett Shelton, R.K. Laros Foundation vice chair; Larson Shelton, great-grandson of R.K. Laros; Debra Storm, Charter Arts director of institutional advancement; and Robert Bilheimer, R.K. Laros Foundation trustee.

## Charter Arts receives R.K. Laros grant

Representatives from the R.K. Laros Foundation recently presented a \$15,000 check to Debra Storm of the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts (Charter Arts) to be used for the establishment of an ensemble practice room in the school's music department and

to support the final stage of the Charter Arts Foundation's capital campaign, which funded the construction of the school's current facility at 321 E. Third St. in Bethlehem. "The arts are something that our foundation has always supported; and we are thrilled, for the first time, to

award a grant to Charter Arts," says Laura Bennett Shelton, vice chair of the R.K. Laros Foundation. This grant was one of 12 awarded recently by the R.K. Laros Foundation, established in 1952 by Laros Silk Mill founder and owner R. K. Laros and his wife, Helen.

### YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

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### FHS

Continued from page A11 popular with the students, especially the girls' varsity team. The girls' basketball team is led by seniors Hailey Silfies and Kyra Jefferson. This season, Silfies hopes to score her 1,000th point as a Patriot before continuing her career at Long Island University. Jefferson, another standout player, hopes to play basketball at West Chester next year. The entire school looks forward to watching the

girls play against other local schools. "Games against Liberty and Bethlehem Catholic are big for our community. Hopefully Freedom is city champs in all sports," said Nathan Stannard, athletic director. Whatever happens in the coming months at Freedom, students will surely have a lot to look forward to. Check back in the spring for another update on the Patriots.

## BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP New commissioners take their seats

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

One incumbent and two newly elected Bethlehem Township commissioners were sworn in on Jan. 2 by Magisterial District Judge Pat Broscius. They are Mike Hudak, John Gallagher and John Merhottein. Hudak was also re-elected president of the board in a 3-2 vote, with Malissa Davis and Tom Nolan dissenting. Nolan was unanimously elected vice president.

Gallagher is a retired architect who became interested in Bethlehem Township government when developer Traditions of America sought approval of a senior community at Green Pond. He is a Democrat.

Merhottein, who started his campaign early and ran hard, is one of the few Republicans to withstand a blue wave that swept the GOP away in many other local races. His secret weapon was his 5-year-old son, John Jay. The youngster came to the swearing-in ceremony in a suit and tie to make sure his Daddy remembered to say, "I do."



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Magisterial District Judge Pat Broscius administers the oath to a nattily attired Mike Hudak



John Jay Merhottein is on hand in case his daddy, John Merhottein, needs help.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Toomey's response 'cowardly and spineless'

To the Editor:  
Another day, another opportunity for Senator Toomey to show us his true colors. In response to President Trump's blatantly racist remarks about immigrants from Africa and Haiti, Senator Toomey produced yet another cowardly and spineless response. Rather than outright condemn President Trump's remarks, as anyone with some integrity would do, Senator Toomey writes how he "hopes" the president will retract the statements "attributed to him" about countries of which "he was accused of describing disparagingly." Could Senator Toomey have produced a more passive statement? Let this serve as yet another reminder of the reasons Senator Toomey runs for office. He does not have his constituents' interests at heart; rather, Senator Toomey's primary interest is in obtaining and keeping power, even at the expense of his own integrity. Let us as Pennsylvanians remember this and seek to elect people who place values above politics and power.  
Regina Lea Clark  
Bethlehem



After the ceremony, Judge Broscius notarizes the oaths.



John Gallagher takes the oath of office. Gallagher is a retired architect who became interested in Bethlehem Township government when developer Traditions of America sought approval of a senior community at Green Pond. He is a Democrat.

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#### Yungay's Final Warning!

A magnitude 8.0 quake off the coast of Lima on May 31, 1970, triggered one of the most cataclysmic avalanches in history—wiping out the entire highland town of Yungay, Peru and most of its 25,000 inhabitants! Assemblies of God Missionary Juan Romero had conducted a series of evangelistic meetings there and had been invited to preach over the town's only radio station. The owner of the station had asked, "Have you ever preached in a place where every single person listened to you?" "Not that I remember," replied Rev. Romero. "Well, today, you'll have that opportunity," declared the owner. The local government had placed loudspeakers throughout the town in such a way that the people were obliged to hear the broadcast, whether they wanted to or not. Rev. Romero felt awed by the responsibility, and in recalling it he said, "I believe I preached my very best that day."

A few days later, the quake destabilized a glacier on Mount Huascarán, causing 350 million cubic feet of rock, ice and snow to break away and tear down its slope at more than 120 mph! As it thundered down toward Yungay, 11 miles away, it picked up much more debris. Within three minutes, the 3,000-foot-wide landslide reached the valley and buried Yungay and its 25,000 inhabitants! Only 350 people survived, including those who were able to climb to the elevated step-like cemetery. They said that after the quake they heard a rumble from the Huascarán and saw a giant cloud of dust coming. Reports are that many rushed into the church to pray for salvation. God had granted Rev. Romero the privilege of giving Yungay's final warning and only He knows how many of the 25,000 who heard the salvation message responded before it was too late! The Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). I urge you to go to [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm) and read about Jesus—The Only Way to heaven. Then pray and accept Him as your Savior. Do it now! This could be your final warning to "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12).

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## 'Follow your dreams'

### York skater followed hers to 'Disney on Ice 'Frozen''

BY CAMILLE CAPRIGLIONE  
 Special to The Press

"Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen'" is an ice-skating extravaganza based on the Academy Award-winning 2013 animated feature film that captivated fans the world over and continues to be a favorite among audiences.

"Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen'" is presented at 7 p.m., Jan. 17-19, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Jan. 20 and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Jan. 21, PPL Center, 701 Hamilton St., Allentown.

"Frozen" is the story of Anna and Elsa, two royal sisters. Anna, a girl with an extraordinary heart, embarks on an epic journey to find her sister, the magical Elsa, who is determined to remain secluded.

Anna encounters rugged mountain man Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven, and the lovable and hilarious snowman, Olaf. The mystical adventure of Anna is a heart-warming story of sisterly love and conquering one's fears.

Audiences can sing along with the masterpiece "Let it Go," a song which reached the Top Five on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, and received the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 2014 for its songwriters, husband and wife, Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez.

In a phone interview with figure skater, Adriene Ott, who plays "The Little Mermaid's" Princess Ariel and others in the show, says she's been touring with "Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen'" since its inception: "I started with the show when it opened in 2014. This is our fourth year on the road."

Ott was born and raised in York, York County, and started skating at the age of 10. She volunteered at the Special Olympics at age 12. Ott is a double gold medalist in U.S. Figure Skating "Moves in the Field" and "Freestyle" categories.

Ott met her husband, Will Ott, on the ice, and their nuptials took place in the rink, as well.

"He's from the Harrisburg area. He was a hockey player," says Ott. "I was an ice-skating guard working at the York City Ice Arena. He was skating with his friends and I went up and introduced myself because I thought he was cute. And that's where it all started. He proposed [to me] on the ice."

Ott tried her hand at ice hockey, playing for a Reading team for two



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Adriene Ott (Princess Ariel, The Little Mermaid) and Will Ott (Prince Eric), "Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen,'" Jan. 17 - 21, PPL Center, Allentown.

years. Figure skaters perform with no protective equipment, making it the more dangerous venture, in Ott's opinion.

Ott and her husband are ensemble skaters in "Disney On Ice." With more than 40 skilled skaters performing in the show, the national tour runs from September through May.

"Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen'" directors Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee say, "Seeing audiences around the world embrace 'Frozen' has been the experience of a lifetime. And to now have the chance to consult with the talented team at Field Entertainment and watch their creation come to life on ice is thrilling."

Says Ott, "We have this really great opening where it's all your favorite Disney characters: Minnie and Mickey, Donald and Goofy, Timon and Pumbaa. There's lots of [Disney] princes and princesses, so it's really fun."

Families will experience trekking up the North Mountain of Arendelle with Anna, Kristoff and Sven. Elsa's magic is enhanced by state-of-the-art special effects.



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Olaf, right, takes to the ice in "Disney on Ice Presents 'Frozen,'" Jan. 17 - 21, PPL Center, Allentown.

There are dazzling costumes, superb figure skating and beautiful songs.

In the spectacular finale, dozens of Disney characters skate onto the ice, "It's so much fun. The kids go crazy when they see us come back out."

"Frozen" the movie is perfectly suited to be replicated and per-

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## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Kings of Sing:** The King's Singers bring their 50th anniversary world tour to Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, at 8 p.m. Jan. 20. The King's Singers, a British cappella vocal ensemble, is named after King's College in Cambridge, England, where the group was formed in 1968 by six choral scholars. The repertoire encompasses Renaissance madrigals, Gilbert and Sullivan, and the Beatles. The double Grammy Award-winning artists were honored for "Simple Gifts" (2009) and contributions to Eric Whitacre's "Light and Gold" album (2012). "Their vocal production was effortless, stylistically varied and beautifully blended, even in the most complex polyphony," stated The Washington Post. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715

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**Off to see:** "The Wizard Of Oz," the stage musical, whizzes into the State Theatre for the Arts, Easton, for three performances: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20. The spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film, "The Wizard Of Oz," travels down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto and their friends, the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in the lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography and Harold Arlen's classic songs, including "Over the Rainbow," "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" and "If I Only Had A Brain." Tickets: State Theatre Center for the Arts box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org; 1-800-999-7828; 610-252-3132

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**January jazz:** The Laurence Hobgood Trio performs at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 in the "Jazz Upstairs" series, Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. Hobgood, above is a contemporary jazz piano virtuoso, composer, arranger, producer, lyricist and educator. Perhaps best-known for his 20-year collaboration with vocalist Kurt Elling, Hobgood has had a varied and dynamic career. In addition to Hobgood's prowess at the piano, he's identified by many as a key player in updating the "American Songbook," particularly his arranging for vocalists. "Hobgood is one of the best pianists of his generation," stated Mojo Magazine. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715

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## 13th annual Student Poetry Project announces 2018 call for entries

Submissions are now being accepted for the 13th 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 and published in the April 25 and April 26 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and web sites.

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.

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 16, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, 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.

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 16.

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 web sites.

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

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## ENGAGEMENT

### Grumbine Giunta-Foulk

Couple to wed on May 18

Butch and Janie Grumbine of Phillipsburg, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Grumbine Giunta, to Austin Foulk, son of Thomas and Faye Foulk of New Tripoli.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Phillipsburg High School and DeSales University.

She works for Dun & Bradstreet, Center Valley.

Her fiance is a graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School, New Tripoli, and Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre.

He also works for Dun & Bradstreet.

The couple is planning a May 18 wedding.



Angela Grumbine Giunta and Austin Foulk

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

### Young Artist contest

The video auditions and applications deadline is Feb. 28 for the Friends of Music of Bethlehem "Outstanding Young Artist Competition" for Lehigh and Northampton counties voice students up to age 20 and instrumentalists up to age 19.

The winner will receive a recital, 3 p.m. April 29, Wesley United Methodist Church, Bethlehem, and \$600.

Performers must present a 25-minute recital of music from the standard repertoire. Competitors provide their own accompanists.

Information: friends-of-music.org; Sara George: george@cscinc.org; 610-437-6000, ext. 2101

## 'How to fight' is worth knowing

As I was leaving the library after my weekly visit, I was laden down with books. Mostly I take out four at a time. This time I had five, in addition to the three used paperbacks I bought for an upcoming trip.

No way was I going to take another book. But then an intriguing book caught my eye. The slim volume was simply labeled "How to fight."

I glanced at it, then walked away. Before I got out the door, my curiosity brought me back to examine the book.

Years ago I lamented how library shelves and bookstores are filled with all sorts of "how to" books about marriage. I never saw one about fighting.

Knowing it would be a good topic for a column, I took the little book home. It's always been my contention you can't have a happy marriage until both spouses know how to fight in a way that won't critically wound each other.

Oh, are you sitting there thinking, "People who love each other don't fight." The truth is, we all think that. Yet, eventually every one does. The essential thing is HOW you fight.

I have observed many marriages that failed because the spouses gave each other gaping wounds with each fight. Not physical ones, of course. But emotional wounds can be fatal, too.

I do have to admit when I was preparing for marriage I didn't think we needed lessons on how to fight because we loved each other. We would never fight. Of course not.

Fortunately, the required marriage preparation course we took taught us a little bit about how to resolve conflicts.

As I recall the most often used word of advice was "communicate." Most of us know that turning communicate from a word to an everyday practice is not as easy as one would think.

Experts tell us couples that feel free to share their feelings with each other stand a better chance at a successful marriage. But sharing is more than talking. It's knowing when to talk and when to listen.

Some of us are much better at talking. Others are better at listening. Striking a balance where both share is essential, experts say.

Most of all, it's letting your partner know you can be trusted to respect his or her expressed feelings.

When we took our marriage preparation class two facilitators told us they had a successful marriage because of one main practice: They never went to bed angry. They claimed they made sure to resolve their differences before they went to sleep. That way, when they got up the next day there were no lingering bad feelings.

It sounded good. Plus, it's a biblical concept, too.

After marriage many of us learn that not all issues can be resolved so readily. And if we followed the rule of not going to sleep angry, it might sometimes mean

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By Pattie Mihalik  
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staying awake for days at a time.

In other words, not every piece of advice works in every situation for every couple.

In my own marriage when we had an unresolved issue, we found the important thing that worked for us was to keep communicating our feelings in an open but nonconfrontational way.

Marriage counselors say seething in silence rather than talking about an issue is a major pitfall to avoid. Hurts that are locked inside fester like an infected wound.

Comedians make jokes about it.

What's wrong, one partner asks, knowing "the silent treatment" means there is a problem.

"Nothing" the other partner answers, continuing to stew in silence.

I went into marriage with another big rule: No yelling. No raising your voice. We both stuck to that, resolving conflicts by talking at the kitchen table.

My brother-in-law and his wife weren't marriage counselors but they taught us quite a bit about marital conflict.

They taught by example, a real-life example of what not to do if you want a happy marriage.

They had their first fight on their honeymoon in Chicago. And through the years, every time they had a fight they went over every past conflict they ever had, starting with their Chicago honeymoon.

The "How to Fight" book I picked up in the library was written by Thich Nhat Hanh, a well-known Zen teacher. He starts off by proclaiming that never before in history did we have so many means of communication, yet we remain islands without any real communication between us.

It's a small book with some mighty big Zen ideas. He talks about our desire to hurt the one we believe has hurt us. We want to punish the other person. Instead, he suggests increasing our own understanding of our self as well as the other person.

He makes the point that often when we think another person is the problem, the real problem is within us.

Those who understand a bit of the Zen philosophy know that it believes we all carry the power of peace within us, a peace that can be achieved through mindful practice such as breathing and self control.

While the book has some good, practical advice, it isn't a cure-all. Nothing is.

My own thinking is to fight less, love more. Love yourself. Love those around you. Love life. Love each moment too much to let negative emotion steal it away.

It's my own Zen philosophy. What's yours?

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## Not too late to write that thank-you note

Dear Jacquelyn, I am embarrassed to admit it, but I am terrible about writing thank-you notes. I am inconsistent about this basic rule of etiquette. I mean well, but I always end up putting it off or forgetting. When should you write a thank-you note? Or is this practice outdated?

Dear Reader, Thank-you notes show appreciation for a thoughtful act or gift, and are absolutely necessary.

Sitting down and writing a thank-you note is a warm, sincere gesture. If you've been on the receiving end of a meal or a gift, writing the person a thank-you note is definitely in order.

However, there are

### RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



away in today's fast-paced society, and sending a thank-you note will make you stand out from other candidates.

Keep each note brief. Three or four sentences is fine. Write something personal and be sure to be specific when you mention the gift or how much the gesture means to you. Don't worry if your note seems short. The only rule is that it be sincere.

You can also express your thanks through social media or the telephone. But it is inadequate. Nothing beats a handwritten thank-you note.

If months have gone by and you still haven't gotten around to sending a thank-you note, it is perfectly acceptable to send one late. Be honest and apologize for the delay instead of ignoring the situation.

Buy a pack of thank-you cards and postage stamps and keep them on-hand. That way you don't have to rush out and buy cards or stamps when you need one.

All in all, it's not a hopeless disaster, so long as you handle it with grace.

Written notes are always appreciated, so, when in doubt, write a thank-you note.

Gratitude: Never underestimate its power.

**Respectfully Yours,**

**Jacquelyn**

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## Daughter's social media upsets parent

Q. My 19-year-old daughter went away for the weekend with some friends. Someone posted photos on social media sites, and they include my daughter drinking and engaging in unacceptable behavior. One photo is definitely of her drunk. She is very upset and realizes that she made a few bad decisions. Should she be worried that someone could see these social media postings? She is applying to colleges.

The panel of experts first addressed the issue of photos on social media. "If the family has some means, there are services out there that can go into the web site and can erase them to the extent that they can," claimed panelist Mike Daniels. "If you Google the 19-year-old's last name it [the photos] will come up."

"She could go to whomever posted them and ask them to take them down," panelist

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By Carole Gorney



the parents concerned about the behavior, or the behavior being documented?" panelist Chad Stefanyak asked. "That's a great conversation to have," Daniels said. "What's the problem? You're breaking the law."

"If she were my daughter, I would be concerned about her underage drinking," panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo said. Daniels countered, "I wouldn't make an issue of the behavior unless it represents a pattern."

As for consequences of the web postings on the girl's college applications and future career, Daniels urged, "Be prepared to be honest with college and job recruiters."

Mercado-Arroyo called the incident a "teachable moment" that can be used to provide a lesson not only for the 19-year-old, but for others. "It provides a chance to consider actions and consequences."

Wallace observed that "we live in a society

where we feel we have to document everything we do all the time. Every time we go someplace, we have to take a picture. We need to develop a mindset that we don't have to always show people what we are doing."

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, Program Coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefanyak, School Counselor; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo; Denise Continenza, Extension Educator, Food, Families and Health, Penn State Extension; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist, CTS, and Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh County Children and Youth Casework Supervisor.

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## BAUM SCHOOL Duo exhibition

"Assembled Curiosities" at the Baum School of Art, 510 Linden St., Allentown, features Domenick Naccarato's mixed-media assemblages, Lindsay Woodruff's photographic works, and a collaborative project.

The opening reception, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Jan. 18, is part of "Destination Arts: Third Thursday," Downtown Allentown's monthly arts-focused evening of

opening receptions and gallery events, meet-and-greets, and happy hour and restaurant specials. Exhibitions and receptions are free and open to the public.

"Assembled Curiosities" continues through Jan. 31 in The David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries. Presenting Sponsors are Janet and Malcolm Gross. Gallery Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

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### Three from e-mail bag

**Q. Are there different forms of urinary incontinence?**

There are several types of urinary incontinence:

- If urine leaks when you sneeze, cough, laugh or put pressure on the bladder in other ways, you have stress incontinence.

- When you can't hold urine, you have urge incontinence.

- When small amounts of urine leak from a bladder that is always full, you have overflow incontinence.

- If you have normal bladder control, but have difficulty getting to the bathroom in time, have functional incontinence.

There are ways to treat urinary incontinence. You can train your bladder with exercises and biofeedback. You can also chart your urination and then empty your bladder before you might leak.

Your doctor can recommend urethral plugs and vaginal inserts for women with stress incontinence. For men, there is medicine to relax muscles, helping the bladder to empty more fully during urination.

Others tighten muscles in the bladder and urethra to cut down leakage. Surgery can improve or cure incontinence if it is caused by a problem such as a change in the position of the bladder or blockage because of an enlarged prostate.

**Q. Who is at risk of getting colon cancer?**  
Colorectal cancer, which is cancer of the colon or rectum, is the

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second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. Early detection of colon cancer is especially important because, if it is found in its early stages, it can be cured nine out of 10 times.

The chances of getting colon cancer increase with age. Other risk factors include: polyps, your history, diet and whether you've had ulcerative colitis.

Polyps are benign growths on the inner wall of the colon and rectum. Not all polyps become cancerous, but nearly all colon cancers start as polyps.

Colorectal cancer can be prevalent in families. Someone who has had colorectal cancer may develop the disease a second time. Greater vigilance is a good idea if you or your relatives have had colon cancer.

Colon cancer is more likely among people on a diet high in fat, protein, calories, alcohol, and red and white meat. Low-fat, high-fiber diets seem better for the colon.

Ulcerative colitis is a condition in which there is a chronic break in the lining of the colon. Having this condition increases a person's chance of developing colorectal cancer.

**Q. Fair complexions are typical in my family. We are vigilant about checking for dangerous moles. But older people tend to have lots of little things growing on their skin. What are some of the harmless growths?**

The following are some common and benign growths you may find on your body:

**Keratoses.** Seborrheic keratoses are brown or black raised spots, or wart-like growths that appear to be stuck to the skin. Actinic keratoses are thick, warty, rough, reddish growths. While these are harmless, they may be a precursor to skin cancer.

**Liver spots.** The official name for liver or age spots is "lentiginos" from the Latin for "lentil." These are flat, brown with rounded edges and are larger than freckles.

**Cherry angiomas.** These are small, bright-red raised bumps created by dilated blood vessels. They occur in more than 85 percent of seniors.

**Skin tags.** These are bits of skin that project outward. They may be smooth or irregular, flesh-colored or more deeply pigmented. They can either be raised above the surrounding skin or have a stalk so that the tag hangs from the skin.

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### Straight outta Cambridge: King's Singers' 50th tour

BY MAKENNA MASENHEIMER  
Special to The Press

Grammy and Emmy awards-winning British a cappella group, The King's Singers, celebrates its 50th anniversary with the "Gold" concert tour, stopping at 8 p.m. Jan. 20, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

The group, which originated at King's College, Cambridge, is made up of countertenors Patrick Dunachie and Timothy Wayne-Wright, tenor Julian Gregory, baritones Christopher Bruerton and Christopher Gabbitas, and bass Jonathan Howard.

"Like everyone who comes to the King's Singers, you don't really know it's happening. I had just graduated from university in 2009. I didn't study music. I had studied classics, which is like Latin, Ancient Greece, ancient history, philosophy. But, I'd been a choral scholar, as well."

"I got a call one day that I'd been recommended by my former choirmaster, a guy who was in the group who also happened to be in my university years ago," says Howard in a phone interview.

"It's always like this, where you get a call out of the blue because someone recommended you,



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Jonathan Howard, bass, The King's Singers, 8 p.m. Jan. 20, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

and you didn't know it happened. I was pretty shocked. I thought, 'Why not? This'll be fun.'

"I never thought I'd get it. Then somehow within three months, I'd been appointed. I've survived into my 30s with the King's Singers, which is amazing."

Now in his eighth year, Howard enjoys the freedom and camaraderie within the group.

"Because we're in our 50th year, we are able to plan our own schedule a bit better than maybe some other groups can. So, we have good amounts of time at home and then good blocks

touring away. It's never too crazy. You get quite good at learning your own rhythms and routines in order to be able to do the job as well as possible," Howard says.

"We're so used to touring with each other. I've never had any brothers, but I think it's exactly like having brothers. The other guys know everything about me and I know everything about them."

The King's Singers performs entirely unaccompanied and covers a variety of music styles.

"The King's Singers have always tried to sing

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## Dorothy actress travels back to 'Oz' at State

BY MAKENNA MASENHEIMER  
Special to The Press

Kalie Kaimann is heading down the Yellow Brick Road again as Dorothy Gale.

The national tour of the musical version of the beloved 1939 film, "The Wizard of Oz," stops for performances at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

"This is my second time playing Dorothy. I had the honor to play [the role] last year with The Children's Theatre in my hometown of Cincinnati," says Kaimann in a phone interview.

The musical and movie are based on the book by L. Frank Baum with music by Harold Arlen, lyrics by E.Y. Harburg and background music by Herbert Stothart.

Dorothy is a wistful Kansas girl who is whisked away to the magical Land of Oz. Along the way, she teams up with the Tin Man (Christopher Russell), Cowardly Lion (Victor Legaretta) and Scarecrow (Chris Duir). They embark on a journey to reach the mysterious Wizard of Oz (Kirk Lawrence) and defeat the Wicked Witch of the West (Emily Perzan).

Kaimann's favorite part of the show is the Jitterbug Scene, which was cut from the original movie.

"There's this big dance number that we get to feature our company in. It's just another trick of the Witch that is kind of neat. We get to dance and have fun. I love that piece," says Kaimann.

In a phone interview, Russell says he enjoys the moment his character, the Tin Man, receives a heart.

"[The show] is very fast-paced, but that moment I can actually sit

into and relate very closely with this one character," Russell says.

The Reading, Berks County, native says that getting involved with theater at a young age changed his life.

"I did a lot of work at Genesis Theatre [in Reading] when I was a preteen and teen. I was sort of an outsider kid and had I not found that I don't know that I would have made it through high school. It was a life-changing experience to find that group [Genesis Theatre]," says Russell.

"I've done a few things with Bill [Sanders, artistic director] at Civic [Theatre in Allentown]. I love working with Bill. I did his 'Christmas Carol' a few years ago, as Scrooge, which was an amazing experience."

Russell has watched "The Wizard of Oz" since childhood but had not been in a production before the tour.

"Frank Morgan was amazing in the movie. None of us are doing carbon-copies, but I think we all infused our characters with that flavor. I think an audience walking in and seeing a totally different interpretation of the character would be jarring," Russell says.

Kaimann looked to Judy Garland's original portrayal for inspiration.

"I think since the movie's so iconic, it's kind of what people are expecting. So you have to pay respects to the movie a little bit. I try to emulate a little bit of what Judy Garland gave. I try to capture her innocence and try to emulate the style of speaking they had back then. I think we've all kind of come to our own in our roles as well," says Kaimann.

The actors praise the excellent cast, crew and production team.

"We have the most amazing crew, first off. We travel with about seven people who come in, set the thing up before we get there, break it down and leave while we're sleeping. They are amazing to work with."

"They, of course, wrangle all the local crews that we come into. They are the real rock stars of this work. It's a really good group of people to live with for nine months," Russell says.

Kaimann agrees that the touring company works well together.

"We got really lucky. We have a really good cast. Everybody is just really positive and really great, really talented. We've definitely created a little family," Kaimann says.

Kaimann and Russell believe that the colorful, imaginative production which features classic songs including "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "If I Only Had a Brain" and "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," will captivate audiences.

"I hope they're transported for a little bit. It's kind of nice to have at little fantasy, a little heart-warming adventure. [I hope that] they breathe a little," Russell says.

Says Kaimann, "When you go to see a show, it's a getaway for two or so hours. You get to go on this trip. 'Wizard of Oz' is a show that relates to people of all ages and backgrounds, which is really great. I think that there's a lot to get out of the show but I just hope that they're enjoying themselves for a little bit."

**Tickets: State Theatre Center for the Arts box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org; 1-800-999-7828; 610-252-3132**

## Jazzman Laurence Hobgood hears a melody in his music

BY GEORGE VANDOREN  
Special to The Press

Laurence Hobgood and his trio brings an innovative, engaging brand of jazz to Allentown Symphony Hall, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, in the "Jazz Upstairs" series in the Rodale Community Room.

Hobgood is noted for his near 20-year collaboration with singer Kurt Elling, a combination that garnered 10 Grammy nominations. He's also a top-notch jazz pianist, composer, arranger, and producer as well as a Yamaha artist and Grammy winner for his 2009 CD, "Dedicated To You: Kurt Elling Sings The Music Of Coltrane And Hartman."

Hobgood, both with his own groups and with Elling, has performed in numerous prestigious settings, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Sydney Opera House, and at top-of-the-line jazz festivals such as Montreaux, North Sea, Monterey, Spoleto USA, Newport, among many others. He also performed with Elling at a 2009 State Dinner given at the White House by President Barack Obama.

Hobgood also paired with bassist Charlie Haden for the CD, "When The Heart Dances," in 2009. His 2013 CD, "Christmas," was said to be one of the best holiday CDs of that year by the New York Times and Chicago Tribune. The CD is primarily a solo affair with two cameos by Elling.

In a phone interview, Hobgood talks about "the snowballing energy of my writing, arranging, composing" balanced with working "to maintain a very high level of playing" as keep-

ing him quite busy.

That includes Hobgood's ongoing collaboration with three-time U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky. The pair has produced two CDs to date, "PoemJazz" (2012) and "House Hour Poem Jazz II" (2015), and has performed together in concert. Hobgood says there will be more projects for them.

A string quartet venture, Tessereta, is "front and center right now," according to Hobgood.

"The recorded string quartet project got to a whole different level. They're all arrangements of iconic pieces."

The repertoire ranges from Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Hoagy Carmichael to Sting, Joni Mitchell, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Stevie Wonder, among others. The recording has been completed and is set for mastering.

Another recent project is a CD with vocalist Arianna Neikrug, winner of the 2015 Sarah Vaughn International Jazz Vocal Competition. The recording is set for a spring 2018 release on Concord Records.

"Another finished [but unrecorded] project is a classic jazz quintet with Ernie Watt, sax, and an as-yet-to-be-named trumpet player," says Hobgood. He's looking for a player whose "sounds and style match with Ernie. My writing style is intricate. It's got to be the right person." The new CD will be of Hobgood compositions.

A recent project that should be of most interest to those in the audience at the "Jazz Upstairs" concert is a 2016 trio CD, "Honor Thy Fathers," that features bassist John Patitucci and trio drummer Kendrick Scott.

Says Hobgood, "The

focus [of the January 19 performance] is the 'Honor Thy Fathers' CD plus a few things couldn't fit on the CD. There will be a lot of standards. I believe in a recognition and celebration of song mentality."

"A lot of jazz right now is almost math-based, pattern-oriented. I'm kind of old-school. I just like recognizable melody. What I like to convey to audience members is that this show is fun. We're playing to a very high level, but it's very engaging."

Joining Hobgood in the Rodale Community Room concert in Allentown will be bassist Matt Clohesy. The Australian-born Clohesy has recorded and-or toured with such notables as Kurt Rosenwinkel, Geoffrey Keezer, Ingrid Jensen, Donny McCaslin, Sean Jones, Eric Alexander, and Maria Schneider, among others.

Maintaining the drum chair will be Jared Schonig. As with Clohesy, he's played with his share of top jazzers, touring and-or recording with Nicholas Payton, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Donny McCaslin, Darcy James Argue & Secret Society, Fred Hersch, Wycliffe Gordon, Ernie Watts, and more. He also co-leads The Wee Trio, an up and coming group with five CDs to its name.

The trio is slated for a European tour in April.

Hobgood puts it succinctly, "If people aren't coming to hear me, they should just come to hear these guys play."

**Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715**

## Climb on 'Billboards'

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" is a difficult movie. Uncomfortable as it is, it's a film that should be seen, and can be viewed as a cautionary tale for all, not only residents of Ebbing, nor billboard companies.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
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"Three Billboards" got four Golden Globe awards Jan. 7: Drama, Screenplay (Martin McDonagh, who directed), lead actress, drama (Frances McDormand) and supporting actor, drama (Sam Rockwell); received People's Choice Award at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival; is an American Film Institute Top 10 film of 2017, and a multi-category Oscar nominee contender.

This movie review won't reveal much of the grueling and gruesome plot because there are so many unpredictable twists and turns on the road to and past the "Three Billboards" (one reason it deserved a

screenplay kudo).

Suffice it to state, there are three billboards rented by Mildred (Frances McDormand), who has placed on them huge accusatory statements intended to shame Ebbing Sheriff Bill Willoughby (Woody Harrelson in another fine performance) concerning the unsolved rape-murder case of her daughter, Pamela (Kerry Condon). The chief is sympathetic to Mildred's plight. Ebbing Police Officer Jason Dixon (Sam Rockwell) becomes Mildred's nemesis.

Each character has a back story, edgily etched in behavior, dialogue and attitude that will make you want to run screaming from the theater before the film concludes. Mildred has unresolved

guilt concerning her daughter. She taunts her son, Robbie (Lucas Hedges). The chief is battling cancer.

Director McDonagh ("Seven Psychopaths," 2012; Oscar screenplay nominee, "In Bruges," 2008) struck a nerve, in this midwestern gothic tale of revenge gone horribly awry (can it go any other way?).

McDormand is at her deer-in-headlights best, with nary a smile and a mouth spewing profanities rivaling Eagles NFL players in the Linc field tunnel before the Falcons' playoff game.

Rockwell portrays a repugnant racist so convincingly the role has been attacked by some.

Mildred seems to have taken to heart the quote from a page in French author Eugene Sue's novel, "Memoirs of Matilda," which was translated into English by D. G. Osbourne and published in 1846: "And then revenge is very good eaten cold, as the vulgar say."

Keep your eye on

"Three Billboards." You won't be rewarded with a Burma Shave sequential jingle on highway signs, but you may discover a redemptive quality. And that's quite a roadside attraction.

"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," MPAA Rated R (Restricted Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for violence, language throughout, and some sexual references; Genre: Crime, Drama; Run time: 1 hr., 55 min.; Distributed by Fox Searchlight Pictures.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" was filmed in and around Asheville, N.C.

**Box Office, Jan. 12:** Freedom High School graduate Dwayne Johnson was like a rock at No. 1, two weeks in a row after two weeks at No. 2, with \$27 million, \$283.1 mil-

lion, four weeks, keeping "The Post," director Steven Spielberg's yarn about Watergate, at No. 2, with \$18.6 million, after wide release, and \$23 million, four weeks, and derailling Liam Neeson's starrer, "The Commuter," opening at No. 3, with \$13.4 million.

4. "Insidious: The Last Key" slipped two places, \$12.1 million, \$48.3 million, two weeks; 5. "The Greatest Showman" stumbled down one spot, \$11.8 million, \$94.5 million, four weeks. 6. "Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi" zoomed down three slots, \$11.2 million, \$591.5 million. 7. "Paddington 2," \$10.6 million, opening; 8. "Proud Mary," \$10 million, opening. 9. "Pitch Perfect 3" keyed down four notes, \$5.6 million, \$94.6 million, four weeks. 10. "Darkest Hour" lit down two notches, \$4.5 million, \$35.7 million, eight weeks. 16. "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" went up four places, \$2.3 million, \$28.5 million, 10 weeks.

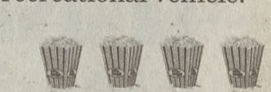
**Unreel, Jan. 19:**

"12 Strong," R: Nicolai Fuglsig directs Chris Hemsworth, Michael Shannon, William Fichtner, and Elsa Pataky in the War Drama about a Special Forces team in Afghanistan after 9/11.

"Den of Thieves," R: Christian Gudegast directs Gerard Butler, Jordan Bridges, Pablo Schreiber, and Evan Jones in the Crime Drama about the robbery of a Los Angeles Federal Reserve Bank.

"Forever My Girl," PG: Bethany Ashton Wolf directs Alex Roe, Jessica Rothe, John Benjamin Hickey, and Abby Ryder Fortson in the Romance Drama about a country star returning home to his girlfriend.

"The Leisure Seeker," R: Paolo Virzì directs Donald Sutherland, Helen Mirren, Kirsty Mitchell, and Janel Moloney in the Comedy Romance about an elderly couple on the road in a recreational vehicle.



## TOUR

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music from a wide range of music traditions and backgrounds. I think what defines it is that it can't be pigeonholed.

"We aren't a group that just does religious music and we're not a group that just does contemporary pop a cappella. We're a group that tries to do all of them with integrity. The King's Singers have always been known for being fun and entertaining and I hope that we all embody that," says Howard.

The group has crafted a set list that highlights their range and

generates a reaction from their audience. The concert will feature pieces from the three CD, 60-track 2017 album "Gold," which includes "And So It Goes" by Billy Joel, "Die Nacht" by Franz Schubert, "All of Me" by John Legend, "Scarborough Fair" arranged by Christopher Gabbitas, and "This Marriage" by Eric Whitacre.

"The really important question when you're putting a program together is 'How do I want people to feel?'"

"One thing which I really like is to encourage people to feel quite unexpected things next to each other. Music and

singing have incredible power to make people feel lots of emotions," Howard says.

"One of the ways that you can do that well is by putting really contrasting pieces next to each other. You put them side by side where there's some kind of link so it doesn't seem completely random, but also encourages people to go from gasping in awe to crying to belly-laughing because of the emotional depth."

**Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715**

## DISNEY

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formed on ice, perhaps more so than any other Disney film. Ott believes this allows for the production to be incredibly creative.

"It brings the whole film to life," says Ott. "It really snows, and transforms the entire arena into a magical kingdom. You actually feel like you're there. It gives me chills how amazing it is."

Ott's fellow performers are as enthusiastic as she is. "Everyone here is so passionate about what they do," Ott says.

She enjoys hearing the audience sing along to the music and seeing the children dressed as "Frozen" characters.

In her free time, Ott enjoys yoga and spending time outdoors. Hiking in areas around different cities al-

lows her to explore while on tour.

Ott has advice to children who want to skate for fun or professionally.

"I would say, follow your dreams," says Ott. "When I was [young], I used to work at the Hershey Arena, the Giant Center. I worked in one of the food stands. I would sneak out and watch some of the 'Disney on Ice' shows. I always knew that was something that I wanted to do."

"My best advice would be, whatever it is that you have a passion for, follow it."

And Ott has no desire to leave the ice. "We love it. We'll probably do this as long as we're healthy and happy to do it."

"It gives you a sense of pride being involved in something that's so magical."

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 9, 8, 4, 3, 6, 4, 3, 8, 7, 1, 9, 4, 7, 6, 4, 3, 3, 1, 1, 3, 9, 2, 6, 2, 8, 5, 7, 5, 3, 6.

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

Answer to previous puzzle

Answer grid: 6 1 9 8 3 4 2 7 5, 7 3 8 1 5 2 6 4 9, 4 2 5 6 9 7 3 8 1, 1 9 6 5 4 8 7 2 3, 8 5 3 7 2 6 1 9 4, 2 7 4 3 1 9 8 5 6, 3 4 2 9 7 1 5 6 8, 5 6 7 4 8 3 9 1 2, 9 8 1 2 6 5 4 3 7.

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Friday, Jan. 19: Baked meatloaf with gravy, oven-browned potatoes, seasoned roasted carrots, wheat bread with margarine, fresh fruit cup.

Monday, Jan. 22: Fresh crab patty with tartar sauce, roasted rosemary potatoes, grilled fresh vegetables, wheat bread with margarine, strawberry rhubarb pie.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Roast beef with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, roasted green beans, mushrooms and onions, wheat bread with margarine, Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Lasagna soup, fried chicken breast on bun with lettuce, tomato and mayo, red skinned potato salad, fresh seedless grapes.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Salisbury steak with gravy, au gratin potatoes, seasoned roasted broccoli, wheat bread with margarine, blushed pears.

Friday, Jan. 26: Potato cheese soup, hot dog with kraut on bun, baked beans, fresh watermelon, iced brownie.

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Friday, Jan. 19: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, vegetable medley, pineapples.

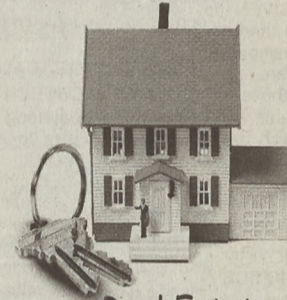
Monday, Jan. 22: Chicken a la king, whole wheat pasta, carrots, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Three cheese ziti with meatballs, spinach, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, banana.

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"GKN VK JKD OXIR YGRZ TZCKDORB?"

See solution on page B7

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals N

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

THE LATEST FASHION

ACROSS

- 1 Stuff pumped into a 747
8 Bracing devices
14 Teeny bit
20 "Stephen," to the French
21 Rip into
22 Untrue rumor
23 Start of a riddle
25 "Ironic" singer Morisette
26 Enzyme name ender
27 Solo for a 41-Across
28 Not feeling well at all
30 Set aflame
31 Riddle, part 2
39 Shar-
40 No, to Burns
41 Certain opera singer
42 Actress Joanne
43 Bit of slander
44 Neighbor of a Croat
46 The, to Josef
48 Apt rhyme of "grab"
50 -O-Fish (McDonald's sandwich)
52 Riddle, part 3
59 Very pungent
61 Certain opera singer
62 Adders, e.g.
63 Most blaring
66 Sculling tools
68 As blind as -
69 Elegant tree
72 Pharmacy amount
73 Riddle, part 4
76 Blackthorn
77 Fire residue
78 Lady Grey
79 Sauce brand since 1937
80 Stays away from
82 Total or Life
84 Neighbor of a Swede
86 Goes fast
87 Riddle, part 5
93 NATO part
94 Mineo of "Tonka"
95 Knighted one, e.g.
96 Pleasant
99 "The Beatles" "Loser"
100 "Citizen X" actor Stephen
103 Equine noise
107 Do a lawn chore
109 Relo vehicle
110 End of the riddle
115 Dir. from Del. to Vt.
116 Busy mo. for a CPA
117 Big particle physics lab in Switz.
118 "Hail, Nero!"
119 Big name in sneakers
121 Riddle's answer
128 Lenient
129 Beethoven's Third, familiarly
130 Mark Antony's wife
131 Local lingoos

19x19 crossword grid with numbers 1-133.

- 132 Wet slightly
133 Wee baby
DOWN
1 Seder celebrant
2 Ordinal number ender
3 Carrere of "True Lies"
4 Beyond embryonic
5 Oneness
6 Baja California resort port
7 Permit to
8 Biblical angel
9 Chicana, e.g.
10 Many flying creatures
11 Got together
12 Compadre
13 "Shrek!" author William
14 Like time, speed and temperature
15 Bad, to Luc
16 Including everything
17 Author Steel
18 More sandlike
19 MS markers
24 "Yuk" relative
29 PC screen variety
31 Special - (mil. group)
32 Toll, for one
33 Atomizer for spraying paint
34 Turned right on a horse
35 Has no life

- 36 - Ark (biblical boat)
37 With 57-Down, supporter for a caterer's dishes
38 Pets' docs
45 Groom's partner
47 Microwave brand
49 Unoriginal
51 Indefinite things
53 Keats verse
54 Gobs
55 Railing locale
56 Hurricane relative
57 See 37-Down
58 Green-lights
59 Alan of "White Mile"
60 Doves' calls
64 Horrify
65 Reasonably muscular
67 Lactose, e.g.
69 Unrequired course
70 Rob of the Brat Pack
71 Disorder
74 Gets close
75 Mom or dad's sister
76 "Da Doo Ron Ron" singer Cassidy
78 - Tull (rock band)
81 - Magnon man
82 Persian, e.g.
83 Country singer Rimes
85 Suffix with lion
87 Army group
88 Ball of perfume in a closet
89 Exhausting
90 Urged in defense
91 Intentions
92 Close friendship between guys
97 "Wheels"
98 Nav. officer
101 Expunges
102 African viper
104 Implant that helps in returning a lost pet
105 Athens' land
106 Husband of Lily Munster
108 Greet with a hand motion
111 Resulted in
112 Followed a curved path
113 Hit skit show since '75
114 "- & Kel" (1990s teen show)
119 - Khan
120 Height fig.
122 Hunters' gp.
123 - de plume
124 Cyclotron bit
125 Actress Longoria
126 Apt humor
127 Letter encl. to facilitate a reply

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See solution on page B7

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