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BASD

Language guides get raise

BY HEATHER NIGRONE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At the November BASD school board meeting, the board took a step to renew its commitment to the diverse student population within the district. In addition to traditional English as a Second Language staff, the district has intermittent need for specialized language support, in situations where as few as one student may speak a language not typically supported by ESOL programming.

The district decided to remain competitive by increasing the pay-rate for these intermittent language guides to \$15 per hour.

Board members questioned the educational backgrounds of the guides prior to considering the pay raise. It was pointed out that although most of the guides do not have Pennsylvania teacher certification, they all must pass an assessment of dual fluency in their teaching language, as well as English, and the average guide type.

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Partners sought to combat lunch debt

BY HEATHER NIGRONE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Community involvement was a primary focus of the November BASD finance committee meeting. The board took a moment to review progress on its new partnership with Kindness is Magic, a group aiming to assist the district with reducing student lunch debt and hunger issues at every school.

They noted the success of the ongoing shoe drive, and also discussed future plans for a dinner at Cactus Blue in Bethlehem, as well as a future event at Painting with a Twist. Impressively, they also mentioned that a recent spaghetti dinner generated \$3,000 for the purpose of taking a major bite out of the

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Over 600 bikers arrive at the St. Luke's Fountain Hill main campus to deliver toys collected in Tucker Stuart's memory. They had started out at the Tri-Boro Sportsmen Club in Northampton about 40 minutes before.

PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Tucker's Ride

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press



Mrs. Claus (Sarah Derr) and one of Santa's elves (Thomas Derr) assist motorcyclists with delivering the over 1,000 toys being donated for children who are patients at St. Luke's.

Over 600 bikers from the Lehigh Valley and beyond enjoyed a ride to the St. Luke's Fountain Hill campus for the eighth annual Tucker's Toy Ride on a breezy, sunny November day.

Delivering well over 1,000 toys, which are collected throughout the year, the event is run through the Lehigh Valley Community Benefit and it remembers Tucker Stuart, who died in a motorcycle crash in 2011.

St. Luke's patient care manager Pat Gubich said the donated toys are distributed to the 10 St. Luke's campuses, where they are given to children who visit clinics, emergency rooms, or spend time in the pediatric wards. "I can't tell you the number of smiles you put on patients' faces," said Gubich to event organizer Rick Nauman. "This is so close to our hearts," said Nauman. Tucker's Toy Ride begins at the Tri-Boro Sportsmen Club in Northampton and winds its way to Bethlehem, with public safety escorts in each community. Hospital employees and volunteers serve refreshments to the bikers and riders upon their arrival, as they line up to place donated toys into hospital cribs and buggies.



Members of the Leatherneck Nation's Belleau Wood Chapter supported Tucker's Toy Ride by riding and contributing toys. These self-described "inactive" Marines served at stations all over the world when they were on active duty. More photos on page A2.

PEOPLE SAY
BY DANA GRUBB

As we enter the December holiday season, what do you like or enjoy the most about this time of year?



"It's the Christmas spirit, because you don't get much of it the rest of the year. It's so uplifting with everybody trying to do the right thing and be good to each other."
Daria Okhritchouk
Bethlehem



"For me it's family. It's hard to get together throughout the year, so during the holidays being around the people you love is everything to me."
Trevor Verdonik
Bethlehem

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As we enter the December holiday season, what do you like or enjoy the most about this time of year?



"Being together with family, having a great dinner, and spending time with friends and family you don't see regularly."

Randy Ewing
Wilmington, Del.



"I like the spirit leading up to Christmas, because I'm a nurse and I work Christmas day. And, the decorations, how cozy it feels, and everything nostalgic that Christmas brings."

Samantha Toth
Columbia, N.J.



"The lights, the smells, and family."

Sue Cox
Bensalem



"I just like getting together with friends and family that you haven't seen in a while."

Ann Staranowski
Collegetown

CORRECTION

In the Bethlehem Press front page article on Nov. 21, 2018, entitled "Polka Mass and halupkies," the location of the event was incorrectly identified as Holy Ghost Church in South Bethlehem. The correct location of the celebration was Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, which was founded in 2008 as a merger of Slovak, Hungarian, Windish, Polish and Italian parishes.

Incarnation of Our Lord is a territorial parish serving the needs of all in the Southside Bethlehem neighborhoods in addition to the former members of the five merged churches. Holy Ghost Church is its sister parish.

We apologize for the error, and hope that it does not detract in any way from our efforts to recognize the admirable ministries of Incarnation of Our Lord and its parishoners.

PEOPLE

Norco Training Academy graduates 9

The Training Academy for Northampton County Department of Corrections graduated Class #61 Nov. 21 at the County Courthouse.

County Executive Lamont McClure, Training Officer Nathan Stahlnecker and Director of Corrections James Kostura presented the nine class members with their certificates and badges.

The new corrections officers are Daniel Castro, Noah Wilder, Aaron Arizmendi, Stanton Santos, Aiden Pfeiffer, Bryce Bohannon, Jeremy Walker, Tiffany Wilson and Cameron Wehr.

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TUCKER'S RUN



R.J. Boandl, Nancy Smith, Brian Smith and Jennifer Boandl supported Tucker's Toy Run. Nancy Smith says, "This is the kind of stuff we do to give back."



Volunteer Eric Gubich arrives with his two-year-old son Parker to welcome participants of Tucker's Toy Run.



Bikers mill around the hospital's parking lot as they enjoy refreshments provided by St. Luke's employees and volunteers.



Wearing a festive Santa hat, Emmaus resident Nancy Smith delivers coloring books for children.



Representing Pocono Mountain Harley Davidson, Chris Gehm and Robyn Cochran helped deliver toys that Cochran said are collected year-round.



Christina Snyder from Orefield delivers a stack of toys. "We do it every year," said Snyder.



"We do the best we can," says event organizer Rick Nauman alongside St. Luke's Patient Care Manager Patricia Gubich. Gubich said the toy donations are distributed to the ten St. Luke's campuses for to be handed out in emergency rooms, kids' clinics and pediatric wards.



This patriotic themed Mack truck delivers many of the toys as part of Tucker's Toy Run.

Pastor's Comments

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HIStory Includes You!

Someone said, "The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable." What a picturesque statement! History is primarily HIStory—the story of Jesus! It all begins with Him! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:1, 14). Could any fact of history be more significant than this—That God, the Creator, was "manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16) to bring us into fellowship with Himself? Human history began with God creating man to have fellowship with Him, but man's sin produced an impasse separating him from a holy God as Isaiah 59:2 declares, "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God." Was God prepared to deal with this dilemma? Absolutely! Before the first sin by Adam and Eve, God had devised the plan of salvation in which His Son would come into the world to redeem man from his sin. Isaiah prophesied about this plan of salvation 700 years before Jesus was born, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). The name reveals the divine purpose of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross whereby our sins can be forgiven by faith in Jesus, and we can be brought into fellowship with a holy God. The Apostle Peter proclaimed that Jesus "was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (1 Peter 1:20).

Yes, HISTORY includes you! Jesus was born to die on the cross to redeem you from your sins and bring you into fellowship with God. What have you done about it? The Bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Have you believed on and received Jesus as your Savior? It's the most important thing you can do in your life! I urge you to do it now!

Blue Christmas

A Service of Healing and Hope for Those Living With Loss

Sunday, December 16, 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
5th & Chestnut Sts., Emmaus

A time for those living with loss to gather with others and acknowledge the "blue" feelings they have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to our great sign of hope, the Christ Child.

Whether it is the loss of a loved one, the loss of a relationship, the loss of health, the loss of a job, or some other loss, everyone who seeks healing and hope in dealing with their loss is welcome to attend this service.

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Ongoing through December 7

The Recreation Department of the city of Bethlehem annual coat drive. Drop off in one of the bins located at city hall, 10 E. Church St. (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) and the Ice Rink is open most of the day since staff is there 8 a.m.-10 p.m. 359 Illick's Mill Road.

Ongoing through January 11

Lehigh County and VALOR new clothing and new critical necessities collection for male and female homeless veterans. Drop-off: Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St.; County Courthouse lobby, 455 Hamilton St., Allentown. Visit <https://www.lehighcounty.org/> or email JoshuaSiegel@lehighcounty.org for hours and list of items.

Wednesday, December 5

A Night in Paris - Liberty HS French Club, stories in French and English, French holiday songs, make a greeting card, build a LEGO Eiffel Tower. No registration required. All ages. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Youth Services, Bethlehem Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761.

Salvation Army, Women's Ministries, Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; program, 1 p.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules. Also on Decd. 13.

St. Anne Catholic Church Parish Mission: "Walking in the Dark, Living in the Light;" 7 p.m. Fr. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R., San Alfonso Retreat House director/rector. 450 E. Washington Ave. Visit www.stannechurch-bethlehem.org/.

Thursday, December 6

Salvation Army, seniors 50 and up; Tai Chi, 9:45 a.m. program, 10:45 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules.

Festivus; music, 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org/

Friday, Dec. 7 Sunday, Dec. 9

Annie - the Musical, with Pennsylvania Youth Theatre. Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday 1 and 5 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. Charles A. Brown Ice House, 56 River St. Tickets; visit <https://123pyt.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=745>.

Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9

Railroad Days model train display, Black Diamond Society of Railroad Engineers. 1 to 4 p.m. 900 E. Macada Road. Cost. Visit www.bdsme.org.

Friday, December 7

First Friday: "Home for the Holidays" Christmas tree lighting, caroling, cookie decorating, Santa. SouthSide arts district. Information, call 610-419-9180; <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/event/first-friday-home-for-the-holidays/>

Charter Arts Winter Student Exhibit opens. Works by Visual Art students, grades nine to 12. Through Jan. 9. 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Saturday, December 8

New Bethany Ministries holiday benefit: Cheek-2Cheek (Mike Dugan, Jenny McCracken), Dave Frey, Alex Radus, Jayden Kline. 8 p.m. Free. Godfrey Daniels, 7 E. Fourth St. Visit www.godfreydaniels.org; 610-867-2390. Please bring personal toiletry items to donate. Financial contributions welcome.

Sunday, December 9

Still life drawing sessions; every second and fourth Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. October through February, Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, 427 N. New St. Call 1-800-360-tour or visit <http://historicbethlehem.org>.

Monday, December 10

Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m. featuring "From Earth to Heaven" (Craig Courtney); Cantata BWV 36 (J. S. Bach). Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Tuesday, December 11

Salvation Army, Bridge players, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, December 5

Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

Thursday, December 6

Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Illick's Mill - second floor, 100 Illick's Mill Road.

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

Tuesday, December 10

Fountain Hill Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Pennsylvania Youth Ballet dancers brave the cold for the annual candy cane dance from "The Nutcracker" on the steps of the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

'Tis the season!

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
njastrzemi@tnonline.com

The Christmas City officially opened the season of holiday revels with its annual tree lighting festivities at Payrow Plaza Nov. 23. Administrators,

sponsors, performers, school students and thousands of residents braced the toe-numbing chill with free cookies and hot chocolate during performances and sing-alongs.

Mayor Bob Donchez said he is proud of a city

"that celebrates Christmas in a thousand ways with lights and goodwill."

Police Chief Mark DiLuzio, who acted as emcee, said the holiday is in the very fibre of the community. "Celebrating Christmas is

part of our culture and tradition," he told the chilly throng.

The Bethlehem Press offers listings of countless community events during the holiday season. See page A14



All eyes are on the mayor and his helpers before the crowd turns to see the tree finally alight.



Thousands of residents fill Payrow Plaza before the great evergreen tree is lit. This year's tree was donated by Michael and Serafina Lurski. More photos from the tree lighting ceremony appear on page A4.



The Orbital Drums, who formed after school out of a desire to continue drumming, beat out "All I Want for Christmas is You." They are Camryn Cobos, Matt Horvath, Jacob Mello, Jack Weikert and Jack Lewis.



Members of Bechahi's Patriot band perform under monogrammed holiday chimes - a recent addition to Bethlehem's many holiday traditions.

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Doris M. Hartzell

Notre Dame Church member

Doris M. Hartzell, 92, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 11, 2018, at Weston Senior Living, Emmaus. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy (King) and Albert Fritzing.

She was the wife of the late William Hartzell for 48 years.

She was a member of Notre Dame Church.

She was a member of the 55 Plus Club and the Senior Club at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Joanne B. Schuler; a son, David J. and his wife Betsy; former son-in-law Frederick Schuler; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Robert Hartzell; and a brother, Marvin Fritzing.

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

Barbara F. Peabody

worked in labor relations

Barbara F. Peabody, 87, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 24, 2018. Born in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late C. Leonard and Muriel (Sutcliffe) Fisher. She was the wife of the late Jack Peabody.

She worked for 30 years in the labor relations division of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. until she retired in 1982.

She is survived by a daughter, Beth and husband Powers Smith of Lexington, N.C.; a son, John E. of Bethlehem; five grandchildren, David and Joanna, Ben and Ashley, and Becky; and three great-grandchildren, Anna and Asia and Lily, on the way.

She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Jane Fisher.

Contributions may be made to Animals In Distress or the Christ United Church of Christ, 5050 Airport Road, Allentown.

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Ronald Walter Utley

Steel project manager

Ronald Walter Utley, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 22, 2018. He was the husband of Sandra (Holtz) Utley for 58 years.

Born Rutland, Vt., he was a son of the late Cecil and Laura Utley.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in mining engineering, from the University of Texas at El Paso and earned a master's degree in mineral preparation from Penn State University.

He was a project manager with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, a marketing manager for the Fuller Company and a general manager for FFE Minerals USA Inc.

He was a member of the American Institute of Mining, and published many technical publications.

He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, David A. and his wife Michelle of Temecula, Calif., and their children Shantille, Courtney and Jake; a daughter, Susan McKinney of Freehold, N.J., and her children Caleb and Payton; a brother, Gayl Utley and his wife Terry of St. Albans, Vt.; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen, 44 E. Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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

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Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. Monocacy Towers community room, 645 Main St. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Special Activity Meeting, special event Q&A to answer questions or address any issues about upcoming special events for the public, 2 to 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St. RSVP to 610-865-7079.

Bethlehem Area School District regular meeting, 7 p.m. East Hills MS, 2005 Chester Road.

Wednesday, December 12

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.

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

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RAISE

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ically has a form of masters degree in language. Board Member Tom Thomasik suggested that these important assets to the district should be strongly encouraged to seek certification to become substitute teachers, thereby becoming eligible to earn even more for their efforts.

Board member Eugene McKeon added that in reality, the district should be encouraging them to become full time teaching staff for any language where the student need is strong enough to justify it. This strong encouragement by the board continues to strengthen the BASD commitment to each and every student and culture in the BASD community.

DEBT

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debt. The district also reviewed a memorandum of understanding with the Bethlehem Health Bureau in regards to vaccination clinics and related programming. The Health Bureau and the district have been partnered for many years

in offering low cost and free vaccine clinics to students, teachers and families in need. While the programming itself is not new, the district and the health bureau signed the agreement to formally recognize these ongoing efforts to keep Bethlehem students, faculty, and the community healthy.



PRESS PHOTO BY ALLI POZAK

Jenny Pacanowski, sitting between Corinna Louise Brown (left) and panel host Tammy Barlet (right), explains her deployment and transition back home, which led her to establishing Women Veterans Empowered and Thriving.

Women's Veterans Empowered and Thriving

Steelstacks hosts nonprofit panel

BY ALLI POZAK

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Nov. 11 is a day we spend honoring our current and former Armed Service members in many different ways. This past Veterans Day, Jenny Pacanowski, U.S. Army, founder and director of the nonprofit Women Veterans Empowered and Thriving, did so by hosting a featured panel of women veterans sharing stories, experiences, and challenges faced during deployment and after returning home.

The panel was held at the ArtsQuest Center at Steelstacks and featured 3 women, Pacanowski, Corinna Louise Brown,

U.S. Army, and Cheryl G. Ites, U.S. Marine Corps. The Q&A panel was hosted by veteran Tammy Barlet, U.S. Coast Guard, featuring questions regarding the transition home, women in combat roles, advice for other military women, and more. Barlet opened the discussion with a few shocking statistics about the greater likelihood of homelessness and suicide in women veterans compared to civilian women. Each woman gave powerful statements about her experiences, unique successes and challenges,

and the vital importance of programming to aid veterans with the transition home.

Before the panel discussion was a screening of the movie Blood Stripe, starring Kate Nowlin and directed by Remy Auberjonois. Hand-picked by Pacanowski, the movie centers around a U.S. Marine who has just returned home from her third tour in Afghanistan. Struggling with the transition home and a mix of symptoms brought on by PTSD, she tries to seek refuge.

Events of the night

were presented by Embassy Bank and Phoebe Ministries in partnership with Women Veterans Empowered and Thriving, Lehigh University Veterans Association, and ArtsQuest. One of the goals of Pacanowski's nonprofit is to ease the transition from military to civilian life through ways such as creativity, storytelling, and empowerment. "We are told 'Thank you for your service' but I'm not done" notes Barlet as she and the other panelists explained their new roles of helping newly transitioning women veterans reconnect with their family, friends, and themselves.

CITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Mayor Bob Donchez introduces his helpers in activating the tree lights; Clearview and Thomas Jefferson ES students (in no order) Sabrina Castro, Franki Cobbs, Ariana Nesimi, Jeana James and Lorraine Schenkel.



The SwingTime Dolls, who harmonize old hits in the style of The Andrews Sisters, are Jillian Rossi (lead), Stacy Gabel (alto) and Lynn Mastio-Rice (soprano), who make the crowd sway along with "Step Into Christmas" by Elton John and "Last Christmas" by Wham!

The Holmes Family Singers sing a number of tremendous and touching melodies for the gathering.

CADCB briefs task force on projects

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Community Action Development Corp. of Bethlehem (CADCB) Director Anna Smith updated the Mayor's South Side Task Force members Oct. 30 on projects they are involved in for South Bethlehem. Smith explained during her presentation that CADCB operates under the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, a federally-funded anti-poverty organization. Their mission, she said, is to improve the quality of life in south Bethlehem by fostering economic opportunity, promoting community development, and empowering residents.

Their Start your Own Business program teaches local entrepreneurs business basics, marketing, small business finance, and sales. CADCB also provides one-on-one technical assistance to small businesses.

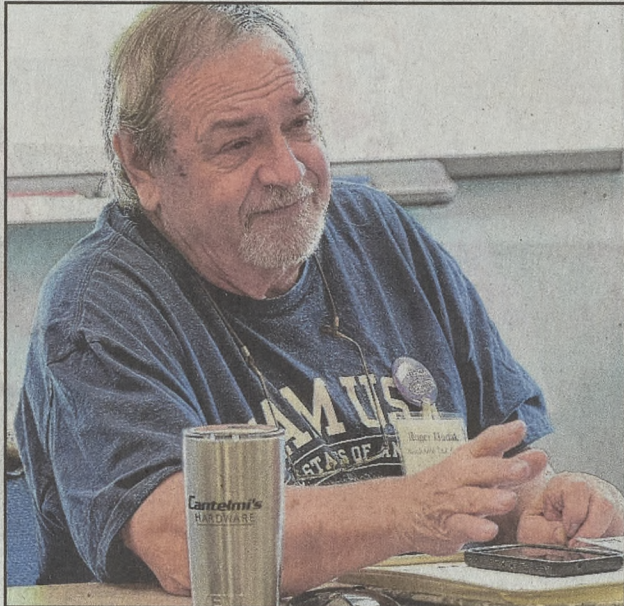
Smith said their Southside Vision 2020 goals, in partnership with the city, include promoting economic viability and sustainability, affordable housing, utilization of public spaces, safety and well-being, as well as community engagement and communication.

They are currently overseeing façade renovation projects for houses on Hayes, Fillmore and Fourth streets. Smith played a testimonial video of Hayes Street resident Jody Peterson describing how the projects have improved her neighborhood.

The CADCB development committee is working on new lighting for south Bethlehem and outdoor and wellness programs, according to Smith.

She went on to say they are making progress with the SouthSide Proud campaign.

Smith highlighted the organization's latest success story, a woman-owned tire and auto services business that started with an idea,



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER
Roger Hudak tells the task force that Mayor Donchez had talked him out of retiring from his position as chairman. He said he'll remain for another three years.



CADCB Director Anna Smith updates the Mayor's South Side Task Force members on projects CADCB is involved in for South Bethlehem.



Lehigh University students, from left, Hanna Yahraus, Emma Tao, Evan Mehok (red shirt), and Adam Finke speak about their involvement in "Southside Storygarden," the university's Capstone project for Lehigh's Global Citizenship Program.

then became reality as M&N Tire & Auto Services.

Seventy-five-year-old SSTF Chairman Roger Hudak had decided to retire from the chairmanship, but he said that after meeting with Mayor Donchez and seeing what the administration has planned for the city, he was persuaded to remain for another three years.

Adam Finke, Evan Mehok, Emma Tao and Hanna Yahraus, all students from Lehigh University, spoke about their involvement in "Southside Storygarden," the university's Capstone project for Lehigh's Global Citizenship Program. According to Mehok, the project goal is to promote storytelling through public spaces within the Bethlehem and Lehigh communities. He explained their vision is to beautify the Greenway by installing physical displays that relate to stories they have collected from area residents.

The young scholars also brought up their frustration with an email recently sent out from the university regarding the demolition of the Trembley Park apartment complex. This would eliminate on-campus student housing for the 2019-20 academic year for upper-classmen.

Janine Santoro from the Bethlehem Area Public Library, described several programs available at the Southside branch. One of the ongoing programs is homework help, with Lehigh students volunteering assistance.

City Planning Director Darlene Heller mentioned that proposed designs for the New Street



"We're okay so far," says Associate Dean of Community Education Gail Mrowinski about the parking situation for NCC students at their south side campus.




At right, Janine Santoro from the Bethlehem Area Public Library highlights homework help as one of the ongoing programs available at the South Side Branch. At left is City Planning Director Darlene Heller.

project will be forthcoming at a public meeting in the near future.

"We're okay so far," said Associate Dean of Community Education Gail Mrowinski when asked about the parking situation for NCC stu-

dents at their Southside campus.

The Mayor's South Side Task Force meets regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at Northampton Community College's East Third Street campus.



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Guest speaker Dr. Karen Dacey served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008.



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The new memorial on Stanley Avenue was given to Fountain Hill by American Legion Post 406.

Fountain Hill Veterans Monument Honoring those who served

BY TRACY RICE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fountain Hill American Legion Post 406 revealed a new Veterans Monument at the Stanley Avenue Memorial Plot during Nov. 11 ceremonies.

Guests attending and participating in the ceremony included Gerhart C. Bassett, commander Post 406; James B. Taglang, Post 406 finance officer; John L. Spadaccia, judge advocate Post 406; Jose Rosado, former Fountain Hill mayor; Mayor Carolee Gifford; Boy Scout Troop 146; Fountain Hill Borough Council members; Lisa Lynch, Fountain Hill ES principal; Ned Fink,



The Stanley Avenue monument is American Legion Post 406's gift to the borough.

Fountain Hill mayor from 2007-10; and Francis J. Ferrincen, Fountain Hill mayor from 1994-98.

The new memorial is given to Fountain Hill by the American Legion Post 406.

Fountain Hill is celebrating 125 years as a borough and the Veterans Memorial unveiling was just the start. The American Legion Post 406 is celebrating 88 years.

Guest speaker Dr. Karen Dacey spoke about her experiences in Afghanistan, where she served during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008.



Mayor Carolee Gifford welcomes attendees to the dedication ceremony.

The back side of the monument features emblems of the five military branches.



The ceremony features a moment of silence shared for all veterans.



Members of American Legion Post 406 unveil the new Veterans Memorial Monument.



Broughal MS Band performs the national anthem.



The Honor Guard from F.W. Johnson American Legion Post 379 participate in the ceremony.

Board approves Rotunda plaza sign

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM HARB

The City of Bethlehem received a certificate of appropriateness for proposed window signage for the outside plaza entrance to the Rotunda at 10 E. Church St. during the Historical and Architectural Review Board's Nov. 7 meeting in the Rotunda. The commission unanimously approved a four-panel perforated window overlay installed on the outside glass for the two windows flanking the plaza access doors and the two above the doorway. Representing the project were Barbara Fraust and Vince Gentilcore from the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission. They explained the material is similar to what is used to wrap buses with, and the graphics are needed to attract attention to the art gallery.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

From left, Barbara Fraust and Vince Gentilcore, both from the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission, propose window signage for the outside plaza entrance to the Rotunda at the Nov. 7 HARB meeting.

Hotel Bethlehem's Bruce Haines received a certificate of appropriateness (COA) for a two-sided hanging sign and a building façade sign for 531 Main St. Each panel reads, "Hotel Bethlehem Executive Conference Center" in gold metallic vinyl letters on a black back-

ground. The 2-inch thick fabricated aluminum building sign measures 197 by 28 and one-half inches fastens to the mortar joints on the second floor of the façade. It is illuminated by three black gooseneck lighting fixtures. Haines agreed to Fritz's suggestion for stepped corners instead of scalloped to reflect the art deco style of the building. He also agreed

to shorten the sign for a better fit. The two-sided, 42-inch by 15 and one-half-inch hanging sign is constructed of three-fourths-inch thick medium density overlay and hangs underneath the sign of another tenant of the building, owned by Buxmont Academy. The vote was unanimous.

Haines informed the board that the second floor is being renovated See HARB on Page A8



Mike Psitus from Express Signs seeks board approval for a hanging sign for Stark Financial Group, to be installed at 79 W. Market St.



At left, Bruce Haines fields questions from HARB members about proposed signage for the Hotel Bethlehem Executive Conference Center at 531 Main St. Commission members from left, are Connie Postupack, Diana Hodgson, Connie Glagola, and John Lee, sitting in as historic officer for George Donovan, who is on medical leave.



Representing 266 E. Wall St., Jenny Ramos presents requested revisions to the railings and guards for the rear side stairs of the house.



From left, Chairman Fred Bonsall with his architectural scale ruler, Vice Chair Philip Roeder, Beth Starbuck and Marsha Fritz determine measurements for signage proposals for the Moravian Book Store at 428-444 Main St. Representing the property is project manager Amber Donato from Moravian College at right.

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HARB

Continued from page A7 into six suites, including the "Churchill Suite" and five others featuring the names of other former guests of the Hotel Bethlehem. Included in the project is the "Schwab Café." Haines said, "It's really a great, great space for expanding our meeting space from 14,000 square feet with an additional 5,000 square feet of meeting space."

Mike Psitus from Express Signs, representing 79 W. Market St., scored unanimous approval for a 30 and one-half-inch by 12-inch wood hanging sign for Stark Financial Group. The two-sided panel is off-white with black and

green lettering, logo, and black pinstripe. It will hang from an existing bracket on the corner storefront structure owned by Rudy Amelio.

As instructed at a previous meeting, Moravian College project manager Amber Donato returned with a revised color choice proposal for the Moravian Book Store awning fabric for 428-444 Main St. The blue fabric that matched the college's logo had been considered too intense at the October hearing, although the color scheme for the building itself was approved. A COA was issued to Donato for her proposed powder blue for the fabric, with "Moravian Book Shop" in 6-inch powder blue-coated metal letters installed above each of

the four awnings. Signage was approved for the arched area above the main entrance for "Moravian" in 10-inch black letters over "Book Shop" in 8-inch dark gray letters. All words are to be in a serif font to match the college's logo. Since Donato had not provided measurements for the lettering, Chairman Fred Bonsall produced an architectural scale ruler to measure it on the scale drawing of the bookshop façade.

The vote was seven to one, with one abstention. "It was an incomplete application," said Gen Marcon regarding her no vote. Fritz agreed with her, but voted yes. Derrick Clark recused himself from this one agenda item.

A COA was issued to Samantha Fingerhut for installation of a 6-foot cedar plank and lattice fence around the sides and rear of her property at 30 E. Wall St. Approval was also granted for a steel Bilco double basement door unit to replace the wooden one behind the two-and-a-half story red brick house she and Christian Barrett own. HARB also gave the thumbs up for her choice of pewter for the basement unit, some of the porch trim at the side of the dwelling, and the shutters on the front façade.

Representing 266 E. Wall St., Jenny A. Ramos was given approval for the revisions made to the railings and guards for the rear side stairs. "This is much better," said board member Marsha Fritz. The commission had rejected the "modern-looking" railings and balusters at a previous meeting. The woodwork is to be stained beige to match the col-

or of the front window trim. The brick house is owned by John Zawarski and is on a corner lot with the stairs visible from Linden Street.

Eileen Serratelli, representing the property she and husband James own at 403 Center St., was approved to continue replacing the deteriorating roofing with GAF Camelot II dimensional "antique slate" shingles. Serratelli explained that they had experienced major leaks during the last few heavy rain storms and needed to proceed quickly. Although the roofer had not installed the board-recommended Antique Slate GAF Slateline materials, the commissioners were impressed with the high quality slate-like shingles he had chosen. All agreed with Beth Starbuck, who said "Looks pretty good to me." Vice Chair Philip Roeder suggested Camelot II dimensional "antique slate" shingles should be added to the board's list of approved materials.

Roeder volunteered to contact the roofer to remind him to use copper or lead coated copper open valleys and flashings and discuss other concerns.

The vote for the last three proposals was unanimous.

The Historical and Architectural Review Board meets the first Wednesday of every month to review all exterior changes proposed to buildings in the Bethlehem historic district north of the Lehigh River. When a proposed project receives a certificate of appropriateness from the board, applicants must wait for city council to vote on it before proceeding.

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Tavion Banks
Becahi junior football player

▼ **BRIEFLY**

BASEBALL

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Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to seven players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and baserunning. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.

WHITEHALL FOOTBALL COACH

As has been the plan since June, Whitehall High School has posted its head football coach position.

Coach Kondikoff took on this untimely opening on an interim basis after the resignation of coach Brian Gilbert in June. We are very thankful to Coach Kondikoff and his staff for keeping things together for the student-athletes who participate in football at Whitehall. They all had the best interests of the players in mind.

Interested candidates can send resumes to Athletic Director Bob Hartman at hartmanb@whitehallcoplay.org.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Matt Stianche tries to stay on his feet against Imhotep during last week's game.

Hawks fall to Imhotep to end 2018 season

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic was full of hope heading into their third straight PIAA 4A semifinal with Imhotep last Friday night, but the hope turned into reality quickly in Northeast Philadelphia, as the Panthers jumped ahead early and never looked back in a 43-6 rout.

It was the third straight year Becahi fell to Imhotep at this stage of the state tournament, but this year's result was the most convincing score in the recent series.

The Hawks (11-4) fell behind 21-0 at halftime and got their only points in the third quarter when Zamar Brake found Tavion Banks on a 39-yard TD throw with

7:00 left in the quarter to pull within 21-6 (failed PAT), but all that momentum was zapped on the ensuing Imhotep drive, when Jalen Sutton-Christian tossed a 30-yard TD to Yusuf Terry with 4:09 in the third to cap a six-play, 65-yard drive.

Sutton-Christian would score from two yards out just before the third ended to put Imhotep (11-2) comfortably ahead 34-6 heading into the final frame.

"My hats off to them [Imhotep] because I didn't see this game being like this," said head coach Joe Henrich. "We had opportunities to make plays early on and penalties hurt us and we just weren't good enough tonight. I think we had some momen-

tum after we scored, but they came right back with a touchdown and that certainly hurt."

Imhotep established their dominance early, showing their speed and physicality on both sides of the ball. One of the keys for the Hawks coming into the game was not giving up big plays, but that sentiment didn't last long, as star running back and West Virginia recruit, Tykee Smith, took a handoff early in the second quarter and raced 93-yards to put the Panthers up 13-0. He finished the night with 181 yards and two scores.

Turnovers also downed Becahi's cause, as Brake fumbled late in the second quarter as the Hawks were driving at the Imhotep

34-yard line. The Panthers took the ball and worked their way down field, scoring from two-yards out on a Terry run with one second left before the halftime buzzer to put them up three scores.

"That score didn't help the cause for sure," Henrich said of the TD just before halftime. "I think they got the ball back with 1:30 left and they had guys that made plays in critical times and again, my hats off to them because they executed better than we did."

Brake finished the night 11 of 19 for 134 yards and a TD. Becahi's vaunted rushing attack only produced 147 yards on the night, while the Panthers churned See **LOSS** on Page A11.

Becahi hurt by penalties

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

Tavion Banks was confident it would be different this time around against Imhotep Charter.

Unfortunately for Banks and his Golden Hawks teammates, it wasn't.

Now, the Becahi junior vows to play his role in his final crack to get to Hershey next season after Becahi dropped a 41-6 to Imhotep Charter in the PIAA Class 4A semifinal at Charles Martin Memorial Stadium in northeast Philadelphia Nov. 30.

The Golden Hawks dropped a 24-13 decision in 2016 and suffered a 34-14 defeat last season to the Panthers.

"They closed ground quick on both sides of the ball," said Banks about the noticeable speed of their opponent. "Penalties killed us and we couldn't get any momentum going."

"We had a great season and I love my brothers. I wish we could have gotten it for the seniors. But the war is not over. We still have more football to go. We have to keep pushing and keep our heads up. Our major goal is to make it to Hershey next season."

Banks already has his sights set on next season. The Golden Hawks finished with an overall 11-4 record.

"I'm going to improve on everything," said Banks. "Getting bigger, faster, stronger, smarter, having a better football IQ. This team has heart. We don't quit, we don't stop. We definitely have heart."

Banks, who entered the game with 1,558 yards and 30 touchdowns this season, was contained all night by Imhotep, as he rushed for 45 yards on 15 carries. Over three years, Banks has rushed for 2,500 yards and has 46 career touchdowns.

His lone score was a 39-yard reception on a beautifully developed wheel route from quarterback Zamar Brake that closed the gap to 21-6 midway through the third quarter.

Brake, a senior, had a solid night throwing the ball, completing 10 of 18 passes for 123 yards and he also ran for 43 yards on 12 carries. He topped the 2,000-yard mark for the season the previous week against Pottsgrove and moved into sixth all-time overall for yardage during the season.

The Golden Hawks had posted 216 points in their previous four playoff games. But, they were again plagued by penalties. See **BC** on Page A11.



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Tavion Banks, just a junior, is already eager to get back at it and return to the field next season for the Hawks.



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Zamar Brake had a solid day throwing the ball for Becahi and also added rushing yards, but the Hawks fell in the state semifinals.

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Spencer addresses youth sports topic

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Dr. Jarrod Spencer, founder and president of Mind of the Athlete, a sports psychology company based in Bethlehem, has been traveling the country speaking to athletes, coaches, parents, students, athletic directors, health care professionals, and business leaders with his signature message of clearer mind, better performance.

Recently, Spencer has addressed the topic of parents in youth sports on WFMZ TV and at Grace Church Bethlehem, adding that the central point he makes is controversial, but that Generation X, of which Spencer is part, has wrecked youth sports in America.

"The emotionality from parents on the sidelines, the pressure from parents for their children to excel, and how sports have taken over family schedules have wrecked youth sports," Spencer said.

Spencer has even invited his audiences to accompany him to see what goes on on the sidelines with the parents and coaches of youths in sports.

Spencer once coached an 8 & Under soccer game where the opposing coach ran up the score, 10-0, knowing he would receive a letter of reprimand from the league.

Spencer also coached a 10 & Under basketball game in which his team was getting beat by 30 points. Spencer asked the opposing coach if he could stop pressing, and the coach refused.

"As soon as you bring this topic up, everyone has a story," he said. "I don't think it will change unless there is a generational change. As Millennials start becoming coaches, you'll see changes."

Of course, Spencer is well aware of the criticism toward Millennials of having a supposed weaker work ethic, but on the other hand, Millennials have made it clear they don't want to be like Generation X.

So what do parents of youths in sports do to combat what youth sports have become?

"One, don't sit by the crowd of parents at games. Two, don't talk about the game to your children during the car ride home. Three, talk to

your child only after they are showered, changed, they ate, and they are rested (S.C.A.R.). Four, don't make your social media pictures your kids' athletics because that is too much pressure on them. And five, stop overscheduling your kids," Spencer said.

"My generation is very performance-driven, but what a lot of people don't know is that there are 10 times more academic scholarships out there than athletic scholarships, so if you really want your child to succeed, they should probably be in the chemistry club."

Two years ago, Spencer authored the book "Mind of the Athlete, Clearer Mind, Better Performance" which is another way Spencer has been able to reach athletes, coaches, and parents.

"We are reactive, and we need to be proactive," said Spencer. "The real passion I have right now is that we have got to educate, educate, educate our high school and college students with mental health skills. It's no longer optional because the mental health crisis is significant and there is little if any funding

for addressing it."

The other problem is the number of children, young and old, who go to bed with their phones in hand.

"There is a mental health epidemic because there is a sleep epidemic, and there is a cell phone addiction," he said. "This is a big one."

Spencer polled 100 fifth graders and found that half of them lie in bed playing with their phones. He also says that kids are giving themselves a dose of depression, scrolling through social media sites incessantly.

On Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m., Spencer will take part in a panel discussion on various parenting topics, including youth sports, at Grace Church Bethlehem, 521 E. Locust St. The discussion is free and open to the public.

In addition, more information on Dr. Spencer, the topic of youth sports in America, and other topics regarding clearer mind, better performance can be found at www.mindoftheathlete.com.

This is only the beginning

I admit, I've only dipped my toes in the water when it comes to youth sports.

My twin 7-year-olds have been playing sports since they were 4-years-old. Sports is already a huge part of their lives. Our living room is more a combination soccer, football and hockey arena than it is a living area. In fact, this is the first Christmas where there really aren't any toys on their list, it's all sports related items.

Recently, while watching 69 News one morning, I saw Dr. Jarrod Spencer, founder and president of Mind of the Athlete, a sports psychology company in Bethlehem, take part in a conversation about youth sports. And, I was taken back a little when he said - frankly - that parents have wrecked youth sports in America.

I've read many of the extreme horror stories over the years about parents at youth sports events, and the fights they get into, and I've always thought the same thing.

But, it's not just the extreme cases of parents throwing fists with one another or attacking refs or insulting young kids from the opposing team. It's the little things that can add up, and, probably a lot of parents - myself included - don't realize.

For the most part, my youth sports experiences have been pretty good - so far. I've always been on the sidelines or have volunteered to help coach most of the teams they've been a part of. But I sure have seen the signs with regard to what Spencer talked about on television, and then points out again in the article by Katie McDonald (see above left).

Even before I started my kids in sports, I told myself I never wanted to be a parent who lives through his kids' sports success, due to my own failures in athletics.

That doesn't always seem to be the case with others, though. More times than not, it's the parents who care the most about wins and losses. I've seen some pretty crazy celebrations and reactions by fans and coaches of kids who are 5-7-years-old.

I once had what appeared to be a grandparent yell "delay of game!" at me as we tried to line up 6-year-olds for a play in flag football.

Like Spencer said, every parent has a story about a lopsided loss. As an assistant soccer coach, I one time helped to lead my team to a 23-3 loss. While score technically isn't kept, the kids manage to do a pretty good job of remembering. The parents aren't bad either. And while there was no let up from the other team (and in fact they cherry-picked a kid in front of our goal to score more toward the end), and as frustrated as I was during and after the game, the one saving grace was as soon as the game was over the kids' conversation quickly turned to the snack they got, not the 20-goal thumping

See **KIDS** on Page A11



PRESS PASS

By Scott Pagel



Briana Barnard is one of the key, returning players for the Hawks this season.

BC has to replace scoring

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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There will be some familiar players on Bethlehem Catholic's girls' basketball team for the 2018-2019 season, but the Hawks' leader in all offensive and defensive categories, Taliyah Medina, will sit out for the season after tearing her left ACL this past June while playing with her AAU team.

"Having to replace her output will definitely be a priority," said Becahi coach Jose' Medina.

Key returners for the Hawks will be forward Briana Barnard,

forward Abigail Brown, guard Solei Rodriguez, center Julia Zambo, forward Taliyah Peterson, guard Jaleesa Lanier, and guard Isabelle Rosario.

"Our girls made the championship game of SportsFest 2018," Medina said. "We have also gone 6-1 playing in fall preseason tournaments. Our girls also did a great job participating in our fall strength and conditioning program."

The Hawks lost their top four scorers from last season that they will need to replace.

"Evident strengths are our team speed and athleticism," said Me-

dina. "The majority of our girls played AAU basketball and have all improved their play. We also have some talented freshmen who will definitely contribute to the varsity program this year."

Other players on the varsity roster are Yvonne Perez, O'nevia Scott, Kamryn Williamson, Kelby McNally, Kourtney Wilson, Stephanie Donato, and Keyara Walters.

Becahi will have three home games to start the season, hosting Cardinal O'Hara on Dec. 7, Freedom on Dec. 11, and Liberty on Dec. 14.

Pate girls aim to repeat

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Freedom Patriots graduated four players from their district championship season last year, but key returners, forward Jennifer Kokolus, guard Corrin Gill, guard/forward Brenna Ortwein, guard Yasmine Herrera, and guard Rachel Sanchez have plenty of experience for another suc-

cessful season.

"Our ball movement, at times, can be outstanding," said Patriot coach Dean Reiman. "We have multiple players who can drive, pass, and shoot, and play unselfishly."

What is missing for the Patriots this season is size and depth.

"We really need to develop our bench so we can get solid contributions from all members

of the roster, not just the starting five," Reiman said.

Rounding out the Patriots' roster is Kailey Turpening, a guard/forward, Kayla Jefferson, also a guard/forward, and guards Jewel Levy, Gabrielle Glick, and Elsa Martin.

The Patriots are scheduled to take on Bethlehem Catholic on Dec. 11 at Becahi.



Jennifer Kokolus is back for Freedom.



Kathryn Wescoe is a key returner for LHS.

LHS girls look to improve

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Second-year Liberty girls' basketball coach Andy Wescoe said the Hurricanes have shown marked improvement in their decision-making, handling pressure, and cutting down on turnovers, which helped them win the Catasauqua Summer League.

"But we aren't where I want to be in this de-

partment yet," Wescoe said. "Our weakness is lack of experience. We are young. We aren't the biggest team either so team defense, ball pressure, and ability to rebound misses will be key. Shooting must be improved."

On the plus side, the Hurricanes' willingness to share the ball, be accountable to their roles, and improve focus and movement off the ball has allowed them to score more.

"An improvement and focal point for us has been our team defense and something we must continue to improve on as the season progresses," Wescoe said. "Team speed is better and our younger players in the sophomore class pushing hard every day to earn minutes has also created a competitive environment and good practices."

Key returners for the Hurricanes are junior Kathryn Wescoe and senior Bridget MacDonald at guard.

Newcomers who

have shown well in summer league, workouts, and practice have been freshman Erin Eisenhart, junior Morgan Bokan, sophomore Samira Gonzalez, sophomore Leilani Boiselle, and sophomore Gabby MacTaggart.

"Macdonald, Wescoe, and Eisenhart should be our primary ballhandlers heading into the start of the season," said Wescoe. "Adding depth in the back court could be Bokan and Analyse Solomon with continued good play."

Junior Zoey Reifinger, MacTaggart, Boiselle, and Gonzalez have improved depth, interior defense, and rebounding strength for us. Small forwards Sarah and Julie Curti add experience in the frontcourt."

Destiny Deschamps is also on Liberty's roster.

The Hurricanes will open their season on Dec. 8 at Saucon Valley and then will travel to William Allen on Dec. 11, and Bethlehem Catholic on Dec. 14.

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LHS swimmers try to make up for losses

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's swimming team will have a smaller look this year, having graduated many seniors last year, but coach Reik Foust is very excited about the incoming freshmen and sophomores for the 2018-2019 season.

"The girls' team is fun to work with because everybody is trying to make everyone else better," Foust said.

Returning for the Hurricane girls are Kay Wetmore, Greta Stuckey, Natalie Richardson, Samantha Taylor, Abby Mack, Emma Reilly, Jackie Baker, and Molly Gray, to name a few.

Numbers on the girls' team are stable, but numbers on the boys'

team are only in the twenties.

Foust will be looking to district champion Jake Evert to cover in some areas where the Hurricane boys may not have as much strength as last year that they had with the quartet of Evert, Robert Negrón, Chris Chambers, and Jase Smith.

"Jake can swim everything and he can swim them really well," said Foust. "He's obviously fantastic in the free, and I think his 200 is his best, but he hasn't bought into that yet. He has set some lofty goals for himself, not as in place, but he put a time on it, and he has to work to get it."

Foust will also look to Sam Capwell, Danny Lader, and Ben Service,

who Foust said swam a great summer at Northwest Swim Club, for strong swims on the boys' side.

"Northampton should be good, and Nazareth should be good. Freedom has a new coach, and I think she'll do well there. And Parkland and Emmaus always come up with good teams," Foust said.

In fact, Liberty and Parkland have not competed against each other in a couple of years, but that changes when the Hurricanes host the Trojans on Dec. 11.

"With the first meets of the year, you really don't know what anybody has," said Foust, "but you can research stuff from last year and expect those swimmers to come back."



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Although it seems a bit early, snow geese have arrived in the Lehigh Valley.

Outdoors: Snow geese back in Valley area

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

The snows are back. No, not the slippery white stuff, but snow geese. And they substantially outnumber local Canada geese.

Local farmers detest snow geese because they can devour an entire winter wheat field, one of their favorite delicacies followed by corn.

Last week while driving on Mauch Chunk Road in South Whitehall Township, I couldn't help but see several huge flocks of snows circling the cut crop fields owned by Jeras Corporation (Trojan Powder Co.) in Meyersville. But traffic wouldn't allow me to pull over to see if they landed there. But feeding off in the distance of that field were a large flock of Canada geese. They were evidently eating the barely visible winter wheat that was planted there.

The week before I was in Northampton and saw other large, high-flying flocks of snows flying from West to East and my thoughts were that they may be en route to put down in a quarry on Route 329 outside Northampton, a place they've landed in past years.

Hunting snow geese is not easy. They're unpredictable and could be in one field on day and another the next day. One thing for sure,

waterfowling need a large supply of white decoys to lure them in. Some hunters use commercially made flexible sock-type decoys, while others employ white rags or even old diapers. So if you're new to snow goose hunting, or interested in picking up some tips, the Pennsylvania Game Commission offers these don'ts:

Don't leave your decoys out for extended periods of time. Pick them up daily in most circumstances. Decoys left out for days on end act as "goose repellent."

When hunting, stay in your blinds. Snow geese can be very hard to spot against the sky and are notorious for "just appearing out of nowhere."

Don't stand around waiting for birds; they will see you long before you see them and you will be busted before they even get to you.

Don't break the chain of birds off the roost. Snows tend to play "follow the leader" off the roost water and when they're coming to your spot, you can decoy and shoot flock after flock if you don't break the chain (typically three to four minutes between waves).

Hunters should take a mental note of numbers of birds shot and where birds fall, and do a pick up when there is a break in the action. If you don't

do this, you'll break the chain of birds and they will land somewhere off in the distance and take the remaining birds on the roost with them.

Don't have anyone call unless they sound like a greater snow goose. No calling is better than bad calling (the geese know the difference.)

There are others, including a lot of Doses, but these should help the cause.

Contrary to some, Snow geese make great table fare. I've talked to one hunter who said they taste from the Tundra grasses from where they come. He only smokes the meat, makes jerky or cooks them in a stew. But if prepared correctly, it's claimed they taste better than Canada geese.

Such delights as Barbeque Stuffed Snow Goose Breast; Grilled Caribbean Snow Goose; Skewered Snow Goose Breast; Snow Goose Fajitas/Jerky; Snow Goose Medallions; Snow Goose Cutlets; Stir Fried Snow Goose, or, how about Snow Goose Gumbo; Snow Goose Pie; Smoked Hawaiian Snow Goose and Snow Goose Wild Rice Casserole to name a few. All of these and others are offered in the Snow Goose Recipe Book at www.agiv.ca/images/stories/pdf/snowgoosecookbook.pdf.

FHS girl divers return, but currently no boys team

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Freedom's diving team, coached by Lisa Young, will return sophomore Sarah Gill and junior Fallon Tatlow, and will welcome sophomore Cailin Connelly and freshman Lillian Peterson.

The Patriots do not have a boys' diving team this season, but that does not mean they have stopped looking for male divers.

In the meantime, Young is looking forward to Gill and Tatlow's season, showing improvement from last year, and the potential of Connelly and Peterson.

"This weekend will be a good test," said Young,

referring to the Patriots' participation in the Cedar Crest Classic scheduled for Dec. 8.

"Sarah and Fallon have 11 dives, and Cailin got all the categories and she has six," Young said. "Cailin swims too, and she has no diving experience, but she works very hard, and she is the first one at practice every day."

Tatlow, who had a foot injury for much of last season, is fully recovered and ready to go.

"Consistency is her biggest thing," said Young. "We're upgrading Sarah's difficulty and making her more consistent too."

Young is hoping Gill will be able to break into a top five where Park-

land has four strong divers all ready.

"One disadvantage to the sport of diving itself is that our divers will only be competing in six dual meets," Young said.

That's because several of the high school swim teams do not have diving as part of their program, including all of the Pocono teams. So even though the Patriots will dive at home meets, even when their opponent has no divers, there will be no competition, which changes the dynamic.

Still, Young is looking forward to good things from all the Patriot divers and hoping there will be more interest from possible male divers at Freedom.

Kocis takes over LHS divers

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Liberty's diving team will be led by new head coach Emily Kocis, replacing Jeff Zettlemyer who recently retired from the Hurricanes.

Kocis is a 2002 Liberty graduate and dove all four years in high school.

"The [coach vacancy] was sent to me, and the more I thought about it, the more I thought it would be fun to do," Kocis said. "I taught swimming lessons at the Y, and I loved to see when it would click. And with diving being an integral

part of my high school career, I thought it would be rewarding to give back."

Returning for the girls' diving team are Cara Kuykens, Morgan Edwards, Maya Stoeckley, and Teegan Kunkle.

"Cara is very strong in somersaulting, and twisting, and both combined. Morgan is good with fronts and inward categories. I haven't seen Maya's except for her front dives, and she has nice-looking fronts. And Teegan is good with her fronts and inward too," said Kocis.

Diving for the Hur-

ricane boys will be Patrick Adams, Michael Vargas, CJ Van-Spanje, and possibly two Liberty wrestlers.

"Patrick is good at flipping, and he has a strong tuck," Kocis said.

Kocis's strength was inward diving while a student at Liberty, and she competed in the district diving meets at the time.

"I'm looking forward to working with the kids, helping them improve their basic skills to get into bigger dives, and strengthening them to get them jumping higher," she said.

KIDS

Continued from page A10 they were just forced to play through.

Life goes on. For as good as a youth parent and coach that I tell myself I am, I admit, I failed most of Spencer's five basic rules.

Spencer says:
1) Do not be in a group of parents that moves with the play on the sidelines. I've never done this, but I've seen it a few times and I see how this can put pressure on a kid.

2) Do not talk about the game on the car ride home. Guilty, but I will say we've only kept it positive, focusing on the good things they did along with the rest of the team, even in a lopsided loss. When your kid is ready to focus on his snack, this makes sense.

3) Only talk after they have showered, changed and were fed. Also Guilty. By the time we get home, conversations

eventually turns to the game before we get in the door.

4) Don't make social media posts about your kids' athletics. Guilty again. Fortunately, my kids don't know much about social media yet, so they don't see what I post anyway, but I do always try to keep it positive and express my pride, win or lose. But as my kids get older, I can certainly see how social media posts can bring added pressure.

5) Don't overschedule. Guilty. This past fall was the first time they played two different sports in the same season, and it took up five days of our week. While they never seemed to mind, we did have some cranky days that could have been from overdoing it - and so did the kids... As kids get older and have more school responsibilities, I can see how this could become a problem. My kids love their sports, but also love, and need, their downtime even has first graders.

Fortunately, we are lucky to be surrounded by parents and coaches of the same mindset, which has made our youth sports experiences to date pretty pleasant. We may not have followed Spencer's rules exactly to this point, but we all try to be positive and in the end make sure our kids are having fun and learning the correct way to play.

I realize things will probably not get better the more my family and I get involved, the older my kids get, and the deeper their sports careers go. In a day and age where mental health seems to be a hot topic, as adults we need to sometimes stop and think how our actions and reactions as fans and coaches before, during and after games can affect a young mind who looks up to us and takes in everything they see and hear.

After all, I'm having a lot more fun watching and coaching when I know my kids are enjoying playing.

LOSS

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out 316 yards. Becahi showed spurts of being able to run the ball, but weren't able to do it consistently throughout the night. Penalties also plagued the Hawks, as they committed 14 for 90 yards.

Despite their season ending in similar fashion for a third straight year, Henrich made

sure to remind his team and this senior group what they had accomplished over the past three years. Winners of three straight district titles, the Hawks have plenty to remember, but also have plenty of work to do if a fourth straight trip against Imhotep is in order a year from now.

"Tell me how many teams in the Lehigh Valley make it to three straight semifinals and

that's an accomplishment," said Henrich. "We've played 45 games in three years. That's a tremendous accomplishment to all the work these guys have put in. We just ran into the offseason with the mindset that this is where we want to be. We want an opportunity to play them because we're here."

BC

Continued from page A9 committing 14 of them for 90 yards.

"We were confident coming into the game," said Brake. "We knew we had to slow them down. The last two years we came up short and thought it would be different. They did a great job on defense against us."

Senior lineman and

Penn State recruit Dalton Daddona figured it would be a royal tussle. The senior had eight tackles and a sack.

"We made too many mistakes and had too many penalties," said Daddona. "They didn't do anything that caught us off guard. We had to play smart and the penalties killed us. We were moving up and down the field on them, but we couldn't finish our drives."

Daddona cherished his every moment in a Golden Hawks uniform.

"It went way too quick," said Daddona. "It seemed it was just two days ago when I was a little freshman."

"The things we have been able to do here is incredible. We all pushed each other to do the best."

"It was a blessing to play here and I am thankful for everything Beca has done for me."

DARTS

Suburban Dart League Standings

Star of Beth	28	8	778
St. Paul's	20	13	606
Christ UCC	21	15	583
Bath Luth	19	14	576
Emmanuel	18	18	500
Ebenezer	16	20	444
St. Stephen's	16	20	444
Dryland	15	21	417
Light of Christ	15	21	417
Salem UCC	12	21	364
Farmersville	12	21	364

Dryland (12-8 11in, 6-3) at Light of Christ (5-3)

D - Butch Silfies 9-13, Earl Sigley 7-14, Larry Golick 6-15 cycle 2HR, Al Gilbert 5-13.

LC - Dan Halteman 9-13 HR 8 RBI, Norm Schoenberger 5-13, Andy Mickelson 4-12, Rich Hasonich 4-13, Charlie Mann HR.

Christ UCC (4-2, 4-2, 6-4) at Ebenezer

C - Garry Hunsicker 5-13, 4-12; Eric Yocum, Garry Smith, Ed Yost HR, Donnie Laudenslager HR.

Eb - 5-12: Paul Yoder, Jim Voortman,

Frank Trovato, Carol Voortman HR.

St. Stephen's (9-6, 6-3) at Emmanuel (8-5)

SS - Jon Hoysan 7-13, Ed Wychock 7-15, Alan Beahm 6-15.

Em - Bob Bast 7-10 HR, Troy Haydt 5-12, Judy Hoffert 4-12, Jeff Hoffert HR.

Star of Beth (5-2, 7-3) at St. Paul's (4-3)

SB - Scott Hoffert 6-15, Bryan Kenfield 4-14, HR: Bill Hoke Jr., Bill Hoke Sr., Jason Biggs, Dave Dobraolski.

SP - Rich Kern, Dave Clark 5-12, Amber Gross HR.

Salem UCC (4-1, 3-1) at Farmersville (8-1)

S - Ed Taylor 6-13 HR, Fred Tonic 5-13.

F - Sue Grim 7-13, Gene Grim, Kyle Campbell 6-13.

Bye - Bath Lutheran

Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball League Standings Week 1-11

East Hills	23	7	778
Christ UCC	20	10	667
Star of Beth	20	10	667
College Hill	18	12	600
First UCC	18	12	600

Trinity UCC	15	12	556
Christ Lutheran	14	16	467
Bethany UCC	12	18	400
Schoenersville	12	18	400
St. Peters	12	18	400
Fritz Wesleyan	11	19	367
WS Edgeboro	11	22	333
Holy Cross	9	21	300

RESULTS 11/26

First UCC @ College Hill 1-3, 0-1, 1-1

Bob Turner 4-10 for First UCC; Tom Hartzell 6-12 and Tom Mosser 4-8 for College Hill.

East Hills @ Bethany UCC 2-1, 1-4, 4-2

Dan Sabetti 7-12 cycle and Steve Tarasuk 5-11 2HR for Bethany UCC.

Christ Lutheran @ Christ UCC 4-5, 0-3, 4-8

Norm Hein 4-10 for Christ Lutheran; Herb Gates 5-12, Paul Scheltzer 4-9, and Jane Fisher/Craig Ellis, Jr each 3-7 for Christ UCC.

Schoenersville @ St. Peters 0-4, 0-3, 3-0

WS Edgeboro @ Holy Cross 5-6, 3-0, 4-1

Fritz Dow 4-8 for WS Edgeboro for WS Edgeboro.

Fritz Wesleyan @ Trinity UCC PPD

Thanksgiving gifts



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HGSK law firm provides support to many community organizations through the year and decided to reach out to the families that left Puerto Rico after the hurricane. Working in collaboration with MEGA RADIO (Lehigh Valley Spanish radio) and the firm gave away 250 turkeys to families in Reading, Allentown and Bethlehem. **Above:** Gisselsy Rodriguez with her family, Attorney John Beichert (principal attorney for HGSK Allentown/Reading), Alfa Lopez (host from MEGA Radio) and Amantina Pena with her family. Both families moved to Bethlehem from Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria and have been getting help from the Hispanic Center case managers as they navigate their way in the new place they now call "home," Bethlehem.

TURNING POINT
Tree toss benefit set for Dec. 15

The Bethlehem Christmas Toss for Charity to benefit Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley will be held at noon Dec. 15 at More Miles Auto-

mobile, 1458 Steffo Blvd., in conjunction with Lehigh Valley with Love Media. There will be appearances by the Bethlehem Mounted Police, local dignitaries and Santa. The public is invited.

The original event was first held in 2002 when the then Meineke Car

Care owner, the late Peter Kearns, challenged Mike DeCrosta, currently of More Miles Automotive, to a contest.

The event, which ended in 2013 after Kearns retired, was revived in 2015.

There is a minimum suggested donation for the tree toss. There will

be prizes from Molly's Irish Grille & Sports Pub, Lehigh Valley Sports Tickets, Mach's Guts Pub, Lehigh Pizza, and others.

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- Read all warnings and instructions on the box. Before taking a toy to the check out line, give the packaging a thorough read-through, paying particular attention to product warnings and instructions. Such warnings are designed to keep kids safe. When buying toys online, only purchase toys that include the warnings within the product description.
- Purchase age-appropriate toys. Kids' toys come with age recommendations, which are typically listed on the front of the packaging. Stick to these recommendations. Kids might not have the ability to use toys designed for older children, and such toys might not be safe for them to use, so it's always best to stick to the age guidelines.
- Avoid certain toys. Toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods, or dangerous edges can pose a threat to youngsters. Avoid such toys, opting for toys with rounded and/or dull edges instead.
- Stick to sturdy toys. Kids do not often treat their toys delicately. Toys will be dropped or thrown, so choose sturdy toys that can withstand being dropped or thrown without breaking into tiny pieces. Tiny shards can pose a choking hazard to curious youngsters.
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When shopping for toys for children this holiday season, shoppers must consider safety first.

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LCCCC
Peace Pilgrimage set for Dec. 8
The open to the public, free annual Peace Pilgrimage walk with the Lehigh County Conference of Churches will be held Dec. 8. The pilgrim-

age route follows Pennsylvania Route 191 (Nazareth Pike to Linden Street). Participants will meet at the parking lot, 529 E. Broad St., in plenty of time to board the 10:45 a.m. bus to Nazareth Moravian Church. The approximate arrival time at Christ United Church of Christ, Market and Center Streets, is 5:30 p.m. There will be a light meal and talk by J. Jondhi Harrell. Persons may join at any point. Support vehicles will be available to assist those not able to walk the entire route. Dress appropriately for the weather. For information: call 610-433-6421, ext. 6422.

'Sheepdog Cigar Club' donates food police K9



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New Jersey correctional officer Brian Peck, president of "Sheepdog Cigar Club, Inc.," donated multiple large bags of dog food, multiple dog supplements, a K-9 vehicle ramp and dog toys to the Bethlehem Police Department Nov. 26 for Silver, the arson K-9. The K-9 ramp will be used to help save her joints from injury when jumping in and out of the police vehicle thus helping prolong her service life. "Sheepdog Cigar Club, Inc." raises funds through social events and meetings to support active duty combat troops while serving overseas and also recently donated over \$1,000 to the Bethlehem Township Police K-9 Fund for a new dog. The club's website is SheepdogCigarClub.org. Above: Brian Peck, with Silver, handler Doug Nothstein, and Chief Mark DiLuzio (far right).

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Central Moravian Putz/Star and Candle Shoppe, 1 to 7 p.m. Christian Education Bldg. 73 W. Church St. Thursday, Friday: 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. Closed Dec. 24, 25. After Christmas daily: 1 to 5 p.m. through Dec. 31. Showings every half hour. For information, visit www.centralmoravianchurch.org/whowere/the-christmas-community-putz-and-the-star-candle-shoppe/.

Edgeboro Moravian Putz and Christmas room. Group tours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hour, Monday through Friday, by appointment. Walk-in hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 3 to 6 p.m. through Dec. 22. 645 Hamilton Ave. Visit <http://edgeboromoravian.org/putz>.

East Hills Moravian Church putz, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 30. Closed Dec. 25. 1830 Butztown Road. Visit www.easthillsmc.org; call 610-868-6481.

Holiday Putz Trail. Begins at the Goundie House / visitor center, 505 Main St. Traditional Moravian Nativity scenes / displays at the Moravian Museum Gemeinhaus, Single Sisters' House, 1810 Goundie House and Central Moravian Church. For information, visit www.historicbethlehem.org or call 800-360-8687.

Live Advent Calendar, 5:30 p.m. through Dec. 23. Goundie House, 505 Main St. 15 minutes. Hotel Bethlehem, Dec. 5; Bone Appetit Barkery, Dec. 6; East Stroudsburg University, Dec. 7; Donegal Square, Dec. 8; Donegal Square, Dec. 9; Moravian Book Shop, Dec. 10; Bethlehem Steel Football Club, Dec. 11; Aardvark Sports Shop, Dec. 12. Information: visit <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/2016/10/21/historic-bethlehem-live-advent-calendar/>.

Doors and Windows of Bethlehem exhibit, through Jan. 1, 2019, North and South sides.

Christmas classic matinees, 12:30 to 3 p.m. through Dec. 22. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.steelstacks.com for titles and information.

Free Christmas City Trolley, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon to 6 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 23. Sponsored by Historic Hotel Bethlehem and ArtsQuest. Stops: Walnut Street parking garage; Main Street/Christmas City Village (stops at Sun Inn and Moravian Book Shop); Christkindlmarkt and Steel-Stacks; and Mechanic Street near New Street (at the exit from the Third Street parking lot).

Through Sunday, December 16

A Broadway Christmas Carol, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 3 p.m. Dec. 9 and 16. Cost. Pennsylvania Playhouse, 390 Illick's Mill Road. A cross between the classic Dickens tale and song parodies of 33 Broadway show tunes by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Sondheim and more.

Through Saturday, December 29

Historic Haunts - Ghosts of Christmas Past, 6:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Moravian Book Shop, 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravian.edu.

Thursday, Dec. 6 - Sunday, Dec. 23

Christmas City Follies, 8 p.m. Thursday - Saturday; and, 2 p.m. Sundays. 321 E. Fourth St. Visit www.touchstone.org/events/christmas-city-follies-xix/ or call 610-867-1689.

Thursday, December 6

Holiday bazaar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students can shop for free, with a valid NCC ID card, at the Fowler Family Southside Center. New and gently used items donated by faculty and staff, for students. Visit <http://northampton.edu/news/ncc-events-calendar.htm>. The Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St.

Winterfest multicultural holiday celebration. Goats, sheep and a donkey in the live Nativity scene, holiday traditions, activities, food from various cultures. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Main Campus Quad, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. Information, call 610-861-5000 or visit www.northampton.edu.

Friday, December 7

Build a gingerbread house, six to 10 years old with guardian, 5 to 6 p.m. Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road. Cost. To register: call 610-317-8701. www.hanovercommunitycenter.com.

Saturday, December 8

Annual Peace Pilgrimage, Lehigh County Conference of Churches. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at 529 E. Broad St. parking lot. 10:45 a.m. bus to Nazareth Moravian Church. Pilgrimage follows PA 191. Persons may join at any point along the way. Support vehicles available to assist those not able to walk the entire route. Arrive at Christ United Church of Christ, Market and Center streets, around 5:30 p.m. for light meal and talk by J. Jondhi Harrell. Information: call 610 433 6421, ext 6422.

Wesley Church Breakfast with Santa 2018, benefits New Bethany Ministries. 9 to 9:45 a.m. Cost. Tickets: visit https://wesley-church.ticketleap.com/breakfast-with-santa/dates/Dec-08-2018_at_0900AM.

40th annual Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant, 1:45 p.m. Band shell, Bethlehem Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and Broad Street. www.facebook.com/BethlehemNativityPageant/.

Music in the Park: Flutations, 1 p.m.; Lehigh Valley Italian Band, 2 p.m. Main St.

Sunday, December 9

40th Annual Live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant, 1:45 p.m. Band shell, Bethlehem Rose Garden, Eighth Ave. between Broad Street and Union Blvd. Visit www.facebook.com/BethlehemNativityPageant/.

Breakfast with Santa, Friends of Johnston. 9 - noon. Candy cane hunt, 10:30. Pine cone bird feeder, kids' crafts. Camel's Hump Farm, 1311 Santee Mill Road. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-tickets-52384319911.

Santa Cares: Special needs children and families visit with Santa. One ticket per family complimentary ticket: www.eventbrite.com/e/the-promenade-shops-at-saucon-valley-129-santa-cares-tickets-51366405301?aff=ebdssbdestsearch. 9 a.m. Promenade Shops at Center Valley, 2845 Center Valley Parkway.

Christmas House Tour - Bethlehem Garden Club, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kemerer Museum and six homes. Visit www.bethlehemgardenclub.org or email bgcofpa@gmail.com.

Lehigh Valley Youth Chorus Winter Concert, local boys and girls in grades three to 12, 3 p.m. Admission

See **HOLIDAY** on Page A16



PRESS PHOTOS BY STEPHEN ALTHOUSE

Santa Claus listens to gift requests from Clearview and Thomas Jefferson third-graders while Mrs. Claus looks on during the mayor's tree decorating event held Nov. 30 at Bethlehem City Hall.

Elementary school students help city usher in holiday season

BY STEPHEN ALTHOUSE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A total of 109 third-grade students from Clearview and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools may well have saved Christmas around Bethlehem City Hall this year.

Mayor Robert Donchez, who is busy running the city, didn't have time to make ornaments for his official Christmas tree. Thankfully, these youngsters stepped up and stepped in by creating their own ornaments for the tree decorating.

"They were given the responsibility of decorating an ornament that will represent them, their school and the city of Bethlehem," said Beverly Bradley, president of the Cop 'n' Kids Children's Literary Program, which sponsored the event.

The kids then ventured to city hall on Nov. 30 to present the



Members of the Liberty HS Grenadier Band provide Christmas music during the event.

ornaments, meet city officials and enjoy a tasty lunch and even a scrumptious holiday treat or two. While the weather outside was frightful, it didn't deter the children from having a good time.

Word about the kids' super save made it all the way to the North Pole and its most famous couple - Santa and Mrs. Claus. So

impressed by this act of generosity, in spite of rigorous schedules, Mr. and Mrs. Claus made a special trip all the way to Bethlehem to attend the event. Santa was introduced with much fanfare, including holiday music by the Liberty High School Grenadier Band. He then met personally with several children who made gift requests after informing

him that they, in fact, had been "nice" this year instead of "naughty."

Santa informed the audience that Mrs. Claus "has been getting on me about my weight" and in response, his cook intake has been curtailed. Hence, Santa said it would be all right by him if the children left him a few cookies on Christmas Eve.

Five students were selected from the two schools to be the mayor's assistants for the lighting of the Christmas City Tree Nov. 23. From Clearview the students were Sabrina Castro, Franki Cobbs and Ariana Nesimi, and from Thomas Jefferson, Jeanna James and Lorraine Schenkel.

Student-athletes from Moravian College and members of the Bethlehem Police Department also attended the event.



From left, Eric Evans, city administrator, Beverly Bradley, president of Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literary Program, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, during the mayor's tree decorating event Nov. 30 at city hall.



Free books for student participants were provided by the Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program and the Landis Family Foundation/Star.

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Isabella Trauger

LV Academy Regional Charter School

Grade: 12

Family members: Scott Trauger (Dad), Mirna Trauger (Mom), Scott Trauger Jr. (brother)

Favorite subject(s): My favorite subject is music because I love to express myself through every performance I have.

Activities: I am a member of my Student Council's newsletter, president of Tri-Music, secretary of Spanish Honor Society, member of National Honor Society, and secretary of Strategic Games Club.

Next steps (after high school): I would like to attend college to receive the doctorate degree in physical therapy.

Career goals: I would like to be a Physical Therapist or a Public Health businesswoman because I enjoy helping others.

Heroes: My mother is my hero because she survived the Lebanese Civil War and came to the United States from the perils of war, and was able to study in college and obtain her PhD. in philosophy.

Hobbies: I like to play the piano, draw comics, and I enjoy writing stories.

Volunteer/community work: I have been able to volunteer at Zoellner Arts Center as an usher for a few years now, and also bring my Music Honor



Society to Senior Life to perform for the members..

Likes: I enjoy making art and performing songs on the piano for my friends and family.

Dislikes: I dislike wooden pencils that break easily, and Fortnite.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): I won the poetry competition held by my grade in 2016, competing against 50 other students.

Advice for peers: No matter how tough an opportunity may seem, take it. And care for others, because you don't know what will happen tomorrow.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

In his typical humbug fashion, Scrooge (Ryan Hill) chases a group of carolers from the front window of his counting house.

FREEDOM HS THEATRE PRESENTS 'A Christmas Carol'

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Freedom HS Theatre Company presented "A Christmas Carol" at four performances Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. Adapted from the 1843

Charles Dickens novel by Charles Ludlum for stage, the production was directed by Justin Amann, who was assisted by Natalie Parker on production, Denise Parker on vocals, Daria

Hill with costumes, Christopher Domanski on set design, Priscilla Salazer on props and set painting, and Elliot Bond on special effects. A cast of over 50 students performed in

the Christmas classic that sees a miserly old Scrooge reverse his greed filled ways after visits by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future.

LV ACADEMY NOTES

By Isabella Trauger

Wintery activities

As winter rolls around, Lehigh Valley Academy students are busy preparing for seasonal projects for clubs and organizations, like the upcoming Winter Concert for grades K-12.

The fourth through sixth-grade band is performing instrumental holiday favorites, led by Music Director Monica Haywood. Join them at the Sands Shoppes Dec. 19 and sing along to the wonderful carols.

The middle and high school students will perform their winter instrumental and choral concert Dec. 12 at Saucon Valley HS. They will showcase songs such as "Once Upon a December," "In Dulci Jubilo," and a brand new millennial holiday song, "I Want to Stare at My Phone With You."

The Jaguars are preparing for a winter full of community activities, where clubs such as NHS and Tri-Music Honor Society are volunteering at local senior homes. The Tri-Music Honor Society will visit Senior Life Dec. 14 to perform winter holiday songs vocally and instrumentally as a way to spread holiday cheer.

National Honor Society is also planning to expand its outreach activities in a way to better serve local communities. Its members are coordinating ideas, such as creating holiday cards for seniors and collecting warm items of clothing in hopes of improving the city of Bethlehem through service, and in doing so, also instill a love for volunteerism in their members.

NHS President Fernanda Cuadro explains: "I feel it's important to create an understanding of why it is so necessary as young adults to become involved sooner rather than later!"

December is also a popular time for the LVA's Student Council to sell its annual Candy Grams, where candy canes are sold to students to give as heartwarming gestures before winter break starts. Every year, couples exchange the notes on candy canes, and friends write small jokes to each other with the help of the Student Council. The proceeds go towards the decorations for May's Glow Night Dance.

Although the 11th- and 12th-grade students have a lot of essays due in December, the month will be full of wonderful activities to do and service projects that will help to brighten the winter season.

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College

NCC Dance Showcase Dec. 6, 7

There will be a dance showcase at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6 and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Lipkin Theatre, main campus. It showcases student performances with choreography by NCC dance faculty, guest choreographers and students. Sponsored by NCC Theatre Department. For information, visit the website.

Holiday Bazaar opens Dec. 6

There will be a holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6 and 10 a.m. - noon and 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 11, 12, and 13. Students can shop for free, with a valid NCC ID card, at the Fowler Family Southside Center. New and gently used items will be donated by faculty and staff to help brighten the holidays for students. Visit <http://northampton.edu/news/ncc-events-calendar.htm>.

Youth concert Dec. 9

Lehigh Valley Youth Chorus Winter Concert, with local boys and girls in grades three to 12, will perform 3 p.m. Dec. 9. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the needy. Lipkin Theatre, Kopecek Hall, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. Information, call 610-861-5000 or visit www.northampton.edu.



Trauger



The Ghost of Christmas Past (Rachel Lutz) appears, as promised by Marley, to take Scrooge (Ryan Hill) on a journey to his Christmases past.



Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge refuses the invitation from his nephew Fred Holywell (Joel Hendricks) to join him for Christmas dinner.



Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his deceased business partner Jacob Marley (David Shively-Ertas), who warns him that he will be visited by three ghosts.



Unappreciated by his boss Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit (Jorge Bello) toils at his desk.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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	36 / 27 2-5 mph NW	37 / 30 3-8 mph WSW	38 / 25 6-13 mph WNW	36 / 23 5-7 mph WNW	37 / 24 2-5 mph N	35 / 26 5-10 mph NE	38 / 25 10-15 mph W

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 36°, humidity of 54%. Northwest wind 2 to 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 69° set in 2001. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 27°. West wind 5 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 23°. The record low for tonight is 15° set in 1966. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high temperature of 37°, humidity of 57%. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers, overnight low of 30°. West southwest wind 6 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 52%. West northwest wind 6 to 13 mph. Friday night, skies will be partly cloudy, overnight low of 25°.

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Bach Choir of Bethlehem, 2018 Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St. Tickets: <https://bach.org/event/christmas-concert-bethlehem/>.

Lehigh University Choral Arts annual Christmas Vespers, a gift to the community. 4 and 8 p.m. Steven Sametz, director. Visit <http://zoellner.cas2.lehigh.edu/season/music/all>.

Monday, December 10

A Contemplative Worship Service: Becky Lepore, piano and Chris Fiore, cello. 7 p.m. Chapel, Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church st. Visit www.central-moravianchurch.org.

Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m. featuring "From Earth to Heaven" (Craig Courtney); Cantata BWV 36 (J. S. Bach). Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Tuesday, December 11

Celebration Ringers hand bells of Wesley Church, free. 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library, 11 W. Church St.

Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m. featuring "From Earth to Heaven" (Craig Courtney); Cantata BWV 36 (J. S. Bach). Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Thursday, Dec. 13

Holiday bazaar, 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. Students can shop for free, with a valid NCC ID card, at the Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E. Third St. New and gently used items donated by faculty and staff to brighten the holidays for students. Visit <http://northampton.edu/news/ncc-events-calendar.htm>.

Wednesday, December 12

Finger foods, drinks, music, raffles and more at the offices of Ben Chunko, Liberty Wealth Management; Lindsay Albert, EA; and Josh Popichak, Saucon Source. 6-8 p.m. 656 Main St. Hellertown. RSVP: www.eventbrite.com/e/656-main-street-holiday-bash-tickets-52644991587?aff=ebdssbdestsearch.

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VOLUNTEERS

ARTSQEST, Bethlehem Christkindlmarkt is open six weekends now to Dec. 23. Volunteers (min. age 15 or 14 w/adult) are needed for various positions. Sign up at www.artsquest.org/volunteer or call Courtney Angle, 610-332-1354.

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY, Bethlehem, has opportunities for volunteers who love to wrap presents for shoppers at The Outlets at Sands, Bethlehem, on several dates and times in December. Contact Nancy Petiet, 610-861-7555, npetiet@cancersupportglv.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE, LCC, Schnecksville, needs experienced business people to provide confidential business mentoring services in person and online. Contact Tracy Damiani, 610-266-3000, tracy.damiani@scorevolunteer.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO, Schnecksville, is seeking volunteers to help with its Winter Light Spectacular. Contact Julia Bieski, 610-799-4171, ext. 248, jbieski@lvzoo.org.

THE CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, Easton, is seeking volunteers to walk dogs, assist with a.m. cleanings, attend off site events to promote the shelter, cat and dog enrichment and general shelter help. If interested in helping, please contact Walt Hoffman at 610-252-7722, ext. 4 or email cahwvolunteer-coordinator@rcn.com.

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Christmastime

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Not unlike a child on tiptoes taking a peek in wide-eyed wonderment at Santa's toys, Christmastime performances of the beloved classic, "Nutcracker," get ballet dancers en pointe. If you haven't seen the "Nutcracker" on stage, there are again several opportunities, including the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley's 50th anniversary performance (for that preview, see the Dec. 12 and 13 Focus section). See the previews here of Repertory Dance Theatre's 32nd annual "Nutcracker" at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, and Moscow Ballet's 26th annual "The Great Nutcracker" at the State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

'THE NUTCRACKER'

RDT's ballet grows with each passing season

BY CAMILLE CAPRIGLIONE
 Special to The Press

The beloved holiday ballet, "Nutcracker," will be performed by Repertory Dance Theatre of the Lehigh Valley, 2 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9, Miller Symphony Hall, accompanied by the award-winning Allentown Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Ronald Demkee, and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Choir, conducted by David Macbeth.

Audiences delight in the classic tale of young Clara, who receives a magical wooden nutcracker, travels to the "Land of Sweets,"

See **RDT** on Page B5



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Repertory Dance Theatre of the Lehigh Valley, "Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

Moscow Ballet promotes peace, harmony



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Moscow Ballet, "The Great Russian Nutcracker," 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 9, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

BY CAMILLE CAPRIGLIONE
 Special to The Press

Praised as a breathtaking and lavish holiday experience, the Moscow Ballet presents "The Great Russian Nutcracker," 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 9, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

The technically-superb dancers of the Moscow Ballet, trained in the Vaganova method, are hand-chosen from around the world. With 40 dancers, stunning choreography, beautiful hand-painted sets, a magical winged clock and 60-foot Christmas tree, the spectacular production is an event not to be missed.

The ballet, in two acts, follows Pyotr Tchaikovsky's See **MOSCOW** on Page B3

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Kenny G at Christmas: For the first time ever, Kenny G is in concert at the State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6. On his highly-anticipated holiday tour, the phenomenal saxophone instrumentalist performs some of his greatest hits, including songs from 1994's "Miracles: The Holiday Album." His two other holiday albums are "Faith," 1999, and "Wishes," 2002. The 16-time Grammy nominee received a Grammy in 1994 for Best Instrumental Composition for "Forever in Love." In a recording career that spans almost four decades, 23 albums and sales of more than 75 million records, Kenny G blends R&B, pop, Latin into smooth jazz with unparalleled instrumental chops and indelible melodies. 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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Bach at Christmas: The joy of the Advent season is celebrated by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem in its annual Christmas concerts, 8 p.m. Dec. 8, First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Crest Boulevard and Tilghman Street, Allentown, and 4 p.m. Dec. 9, First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St., Bethlehem. Artistic director and conductor Greg Funfgeld, the Bach Festival Orchestra and soloists perform Bach's Cantata BWV 36, "Schwingt freudig euch empor" ("Soar joyfully aloft"), Cantata BWV 63, "Christen, ätztet diesen Tag" ("Christians all, this happy day") and Ottorino Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity." The concert concludes with the audience singing carols with the Choir, including "Silent Night," in German and English. Tickets: Bach Choir office, 440 Heckewelder Place, Bethlehem; office@bach.org8018; 610-866-4382

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Lynn at Christmas: Lehigh Valley's own Broadway veteran performs "Come Spend the Holidays with Lynn Godfrey and the ACC," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 37 S. Fifth St., Allentown. In addition to singing favorite Christmas songs, Godfrey will introduce the 15-member Allentown Children's Chorus, funded through 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a federal grant program that helps communities provide enrichment activities, particularly for students in high-poverty areas. Godfrey has performed around the world, appearing on stage, television and film. "The holidays are a magical time of year," Godfrey says. "I'm honored to perform these cherished songs in a gorgeous church with the Allentown Children's Chorus." Tickets are expected to be available at the door. Information: lynniedgodfrey.com

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No strings attached: Pip the Mouse is back

BY ED COURRIER
 Special to The Press

"Pip: The Mouse Before Christmas" has returned to its vintage stage for the 15th season at Allentown's Liberty Bell Museum.

Pip and his holiday puppet show premiered at Hess's, Ninth and Hamilton streets, in 1962. After the iconic Allentown department store closed, puppets, props and stage found a home at the Liberty Bell Museum where the seasonal show has been going on since 2003.

The regional favorite continues through Dec. 31 in the museum in Zion's United Church of Christ, 622 W. Hamilton St. The Liberty Bell is said to have been transported from Philadelphia to the church where it was hidden from the British and saved from being melted into cannonballs during the Revolutionary War.

An exhibit in the museum lobby, "George Creegan: The Man Behind

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Liberty Bell Museum Manager Stephanie Burke, center, with Pip the Mouse hand puppet, and Pip the Mouse mascot (Elaine Charron), right, entertain for 15th season of "Pip: The Mouse Before Christmas Puppet Show," Zion's United Church of Christ, Allentown.

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Fun facts about friendships

How long does it take to make a friend?

When I read that headline, my first thought was that it depends on age.

Kids make friends in mere minutes.

One kid sees another kid about his age then soon asks, "Wanna play?" Off they go, two new friends.

For adults, new friendships don't generally start that quickly. Some do, but it's not the norm.

So how long does it take for an adult to make a friend?

Kansas professor Jeffrey Hall has a precise answer: He says forget about making fast friends.

He claims it takes 50 hours to go from acquaintance to casual friend; 90 hours to go from casual friend to friend and 200 hours to go from friend to close friend.

It was while paging through an airline magazine that I read about Hall's study on the time it takes to make a friend.

The subject of friendships must interest a lot of people because I saw that article repeated in three other magazines and in one scholarly journal.

All the articles were short and didn't tell me how the research professor determined the hours it takes for various levels of friendship to develop. So I went online to read the original article first published in the Journal Social and Personal Relationships.

The professor said his research involved two studies, one with 355 adults relocated to a new place and another with 112 college freshmen at the University of Kansas.

After I read the article I thought about my own friends. Some were years in the making, while others were the result of instant chemistry.

Fran is now one of my closest friends. We became close friends in just a few weeks, and the friendship itself developed instantaneously.

In fact, I watched her across a room as she was photographing a group of people and thought she looked like someone I wanted to know better.

When we ended up in the same discussion group, we discovered our first impressions were spot on. We have so much in common and always enjoy being together. After a few weeks of knowing her, I thought I knew her forever.

While I was reading the study on how long it takes to develop a friendship, I found some other related studies. Most were done by college professors who must need the publishing credits.

One study on friendship concluded the easiest way to make friends is to have a dog. Every dog owner knows the truth in that statement. Few need research to make that point.

A new couple with a dog just moved into our development. Within weeks they seemed to know the name of every pet and its owner in the neighborhood.

"For those dealing with loneliness and stress, a dog can be a source of emotional and social support as well as being the means of easy social contacts," not

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ed Dr. Stanley Coren. Maybe that's why so many people who lose a spouse buy a dog.

How many friends are "just what we need" and how many friends are "too many?"

Dr. Ronald Dunbar from the University of Oxford researched those questions.

He concluded: "We are usually closest to no more than five people, call about 15 people "good friends" and label about 50 people as friends."

His research also concluded 150 friends is roughly the limit to the numbers of meaningful relationships our brain can handle.

His study must have been done before the days of Facebook friends. Many of my own friends have hundreds of Facebook friends and a few have over a thousand.

Actually, a Facebook friend is in a class by itself because we often agree to friend someone on Facebook that we don't even know.

While it seems we're stretching a point to regard Facebook friends as true buddies, I'm told I'm wrong about that.

When my friend Jeanne mentioned on Facebook she was moving and was overwhelmed having to do it by herself, a couple she knew only from Facebook came along to help.

Another woman told me each and every one of her Facebook friends is important to her. "From the things they post each day, I know more about them than I know about my friends in town," she said.

When it comes to Facebook friends, many people believe, "The more, the better."

I have to admit I have limits to how many friends I can manage. There is no way I want to be Facebook friends with strangers.

On the other hand, on a person-to-person level, I thoroughly enjoy meeting and getting to know strangers. When you're with newcomers in social settings, it's a great way to make new friends.

I also found one friendship article that asked: "Do smart people make good friends?"

My answer: I certainly hope so.

I have always been drawn to smart people. They are interesting conversationalists and are enjoyable on many levels.

There is an extremely bright woman with two doctorates in my church who I wanted to know better. I asked if she wanted to meet for lunch, and that was the start of what is turning into a great friendship.

Sometimes, the best way to make a friend is simply to ask.

While not very attempt at making new friends works, the law of averages is on your side. So go ahead. Try it.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

Loch New Tripoli couple celebrate 62nd anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Loch celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Nov. 17.

Farmers all of their life in Loch Valley, they also owned a milk-hauling business, K&R Loch

Hauling, for 22 years.

They are members of St. Paul's Church, Seiberlingsville, Albany Township, Lehigh County.

The Lochs also are members of Weisenberg, New Tripoli, Kempton and Kutztown fire companies.

They were married at the home of the late Rev. William Wolford. They are both retired.

The gift is to the gracious re-gifter

Dear Jacquelyn, I'm not trying to take the easy way out, but I have received several gifts over the years that I have no intention of using. I am considering re-gifting them this year. When I ask around, I get mixed answers about this. What's your opinion on re-gifting?

Dear Reader, At one time it was considered poor taste to re-gift. Today, however, it has become widely acceptable.

There's nothing wrong with thoughtfully passing along an item that you yourself won't use to someone who will appreciate it.

That being said, there is an etiquette of gra-

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By Jacquelyn Youst



cial re-gifting. You lower your chances of committing a holiday faux-pas by keeping a few things in mind.

As a general rule of thumb, only re-gift an item that is something you would have purchased for that person.

For example, if you have a friend who is into candles, go ahead and give them the candle you have stashed away. Your gift should always be something that you know they genuinely want.

It's also very important to remember who

originally gave you the gift. You certainly don't want to re-gift an item from someone in the same social circle.

If a family member gave you the gift, then you shouldn't give another family member that gift. Give it to a friend who isn't in your family circle.

Avoid re-gifting anything that was handmade for you, monogrammed, or anything that's been opened.

Please, under no circumstances should you ever give a gift that was used. It's very important to check and remove any gift tags that might still be attached.

After you decide who is the perfect fit for your item, make an effort and rewrap it nicely. Wrap-

ping gifts yourself adds a personal touch.

As an added bonus, it gives the feeling that you put time and effort into the present, even if you didn't.

A gift that comes from your heart with good intentions and thoughtfulness is what it's all about.

Respectfully Yours, Jacquelyn

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Four-year-old's popularity, weight concern

Q. My pre-school daughter is always chosen last as a playmate. I think that she has good social skills for her age, but she is a bit overweight. Could this be a problem already at age four?

The panelists noted that there are two issues involved in this week's question: a concern that the daughter may not be popular as a playmate with other children, and the mother's linking of that concern to her assessment that the four-year-old is "a bit overweight."

Speaking of the first issue, panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo suggested that rather than assuming that the daughter has good social skills for her age, the mother should contact her daughter's pre-school teacher to help assess how well the child is playing with other children.

The mother could also invite playmates to her home to observe

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how the daughter interacts with them. "Playing is important in a child's development," Mercado-Arroyo said. "It teaches them all the skills they need to survive in life."

Panelist Chad Stefanyak suggested finding opportunities outside of school for the daughter to practice her socializing skills.

"It could be as simple as taking her to the playground," he said, adding that the parent is going to have to model behavior to help her daughter. For example, the mother could show the daughter "this is how you introduce yourself to someone new," or "this is how you ask if you can be part of a game."

In regard to the overweight issue, panelist Erin Stalsitz said, "When I heard this, I

wondered if it were a problem for the child or the parent."

Stefanyak added, "I'd be really surprised if that [being overweight] is the problem."

"Since the mother is addressing the weight issue, it is worth taking a look at it," panelist Pam Wallace said. She suggested the mother start with the family doctor for an assessment.

Stefanyak said involving the four-year-old in other activities outside of school, such as sports, addresses both issues. "She gets exercise to help her weight, as well as opportunities to practice her socializing skills."

The rest of the panel agreed.

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, Program Coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, educator and former school administrator; Chad Stefanyak,

school counselor, and Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh County Children and Youth.

Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildtv.org.

The Family Project is a collaboration of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.

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High-sodium diet can put you at risk

First of two parts
Q. I've noticed that food labels list sodium content, but the numbers mean nothing to me. How much is bad?

Diet experts recommend a daily consumption of less than 2,300 milligrams (mg), which is the amount of sodium in a teaspoon of table salt.

If you have high blood pressure, your doctor may advise limiting yourself to 1,500 mg of sodium a day. The average daily intake among United States citizens is 3,400 mg.

High-sodium diets are linked to increased blood

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pressure and a greater risk for heart disease and stroke. Reducing the amount of sodium you consume can help lower blood pressure or prevent it from developing. Less sodium also makes blood-pressure medications more efficient.

Table salt (sodium chloride) is not the only problem. The main sources of sodium in the average U.S. diet are: 5 percent added while

cooking, 6 percent added while eating, 12 percent from natural sources and 77 percent from processed foods.

Most of the body's sodium is in blood and other fluids. Sodium helps keep fluids in a normal balance and helps maintain normal nerve and muscle function.

The body gets sodium through eating and drinking, and loses it by sweating and urinating. Healthy kidneys maintain a consistent level of sodium in the body by adjusting the amount excreted in the urine.

Seniors have to be especially careful about sodium consumption because their bodies can't handle it as well as they did when they were younger. Here are some reasons:

Kidneys may not work as well as they did.

As we age, we are not as sensitive to thirst and may not drink fluids when we need them.

About 45 percent of body weight is fluid in healthy older people, compared with 60 percent in younger people. Even a slight loss of fluid and sodium in a senior

can cause health problems.

Some older people have physical problems that prevent them from getting something to drink.

Hyponatremia is a low-sodium level in blood. In seniors, this can be caused by water retention brought on by heart failure.

Hypernatremia is a high-sodium level in blood. This is common in older people. It is caused by dehydration from not getting enough fluid.

Symptoms of hyponatremia or hypernatremia are usually more severe in older people. For example, hyponatremia can cause confusion, agitation, or lethargy.

About nine of 10 U.S. citizens consume too much sodium. How can you cut down?

Next week: Tips to reduce sodium intake

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complete "Nutcracker Suite" score. It is the tale of young Masha, who receives a nutcracker doll from the mysterious Drosselmeyer. The nutcracker comes to life, turning into a prince who fights the Mouse King.

Masha journeys with her prince to the "Land of Peace and Harmony," where there are dances from around the world and a "Waltz of the Flowers." Masha and the Prince perform a "Grand Pas de Deux" in the final scene. Divertissements include the Trepak (Russian dance), Spanish, Chinese and the exquisite Arabian dance.

Alexandre Dumas Père's adaptation of the story premiered in 1892 in St. Petersburg, Russia. In the last 75 years, the ballet has become one of the most popular holiday performances. The Moscow Ballet has performed the Nutcracker in the United States and Canada since 1993.

"The Great Russian Nutcracker" promotes dedication to world peace and cultural and international unity, thus naming Act II "Land of Peace and Harmony." The Dove of Peace scene consists of two dancers who create a dove with a 20-foot wingspan. Ten-foot-high puppets and a Christmas tree that grows in place are a delight for children.

In a phone interview, ballerina Maria Morari says she is thrilled to perform in the Party Scene and the Snow Scene. Originally from Chisinau, Moldova,



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Moscow Ballet, "The Great Russian Nutcracker," 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 9, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

Morari has been with Moscow Ballet since 2017 when the company began its 25th anniversary tour of North America.

"I have been dancing since I was five-years-old," says Morari.

She began her professional career as a ballerina with the National Theatre for Ballet and Opera in Chisinau. She worked with Gedeminas Taranda in the Imperial Russian Ballet Company and toured with the Saint Petersburg Classic Ballet Theatre of Marina Medvetskaya.

Playing the role of the Nutcracker Prince is Mykhailo Shcherbakov, who says, "This is my third tour as a Moscow Ballet member and first year as audition direc-

tor." Originally from Kiev, Ukraine, Shcherbakov previously played Masha's brother, Fritz, and performed in the French dance in "Nutcracker."

Shcherbakov says the "Nutcracker" is a fairytale for everybody: "[It] has a lot of special scenes, which helps the

audience feel the beauty of this performance."

Student dancers audition to perform with the Moscow Ballet on its

tour. This provides exciting, once-in-a-lifetime experiences for ballet students who want to work with professional dancers.

This year, the host studio for the Moscow Ballet performance at the State Theatre is the Pennsylvania Classical Ballet Academy, Northampton. Auditions took place in September and 33 youths from the Lehigh Valley are to play roles such as party children, mice, snowflakes and snow maidens in the State Theatre "Nutcracker" performances.

"[The children] make shows more complete and add more atmosphere to the performance," says Shcherbakov. "They are nice and cute. I think it's a good opportunity for ballet students to perform with professional ballet dancers."

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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Repertory Dance Theatre of the Lehigh Valley, "Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

RDT

Continued from page B1 meets the Sugar Plum Fairy and watches the Prince's battle with the Mouse King.

RDT has performed the "Nutcracker" since 1987. Choreographed by RDT Artistic Directors Trinetta Singleton and Jennifer Haltzman Tracy, the holiday favorite presents superb dancing, beautiful costumes, a magical growing Christmas tree, sword fights and a snow scene.

RDT alumni dancers Felicia Victoria Cruz-Sharp, who is with DanceSpa, and Cainan Weber, a student at the School of American Ballet and 2016 Easton International Ballet Competition winner, return as guest artists to perform the Arabian and Trepak dances.

Professional guest artists include Elena Miettinen and Sean Stewart of the American Ballet Theatre. "They sound like the most delightful people," says Haltzman Tracy of Miettinen and Stewart. "True professionals who want to help the arts community."

Daniel Mayo, of Ballet X and who has performed the Arabian dance for RDT, will play the role of the Nutcracker Prince, with Nicole Kujas, of Macungie, and Lauren Lukachek, of Easton, alternating the role of Clara. RDT's pre-professional dancers, children and adults from the community round out the cast.

Haltzman Tracy says a hallmark quality of RDT's "Nutcracker" is how the dancers progress over the years. "It's incredible watching where these kids go, that this is a springboard for them."

"Nutcracker" provides RDT's young dancers and aspiring ballerinas an opportunity to dance with professionals. Haltzman Tracy says her students rise to the occasion with professionalism and poise.

"RDT is a place for them to learn, and to dance in front of their hometown, and learn from professional guest artists and even from people who aren't professionals. How exciting [for them] to say, 'Wow! That could be me.'"

The 32nd annual RDT "Nutcracker" cast includes 60 dancers ages 7-14, 20 high school dancers and five students from DeSales University. Trinetta Singleton, formerly with the Joffrey Ballet, is on the faculty of DeSales Department of Performing and Fine Arts.

The "Party Scene" performers enjoy coming back year after year. Eric Feinstein returns as Herr Drosselmeyer. The Chinese divertissement added two male dancers this year. "We tweak things to make the dancers shine," says Haltzman Tracy. There will be two school performances for area students.

Haltzman Tracy's father, Jay Haltzman, assists with stage lighting for the performances and has manned the spotlight for years.

"I think it [Nutcracker] has the whole holiday spirit," says Haltzman Tracy. "It's a lovely story. It has become a tradition. People go year after year, even though they've seen it."

"Different people have different reasons why they like it so much. The music is very pretty. Kids like the battle scene and the boom of the canon. It has something for everyone."

"We're looking forward to a beautiful show."

There's a "Land of the Sweets Party" after the Dec. 8 matinee, where children and adults can mingle and get autographs and photos with Sugar Plum Fairy and other characters. A separate ticket is required. There will also be a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

"Let's Go Nutz," now in its third year, 7 p.m. Dec. 8, is a variety show with jazz and tap dancing, featuring six professional musicians, RDT members and guest artists. Performances by community organizations include Tap Ties and the Community Music School Saxophone Ensemble.

"Let's Go Nutz" is a showcase of various dance forms. Skits poke fun at "Nutcracker" scenes and there will even be a Grinch. It's sure to provide an entertaining evening downtown. "It's a great date night," says Haltzman Tracy.

Repertory Dance Theatre, "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. "Land of the Sweets Party," 4 p.m. Dec 8, the Rodale Community Room, Miller Symphony Hall. "Let's Go Nutz," 7 p.m. Dec 8, Miller Symphony Hall. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-6715

Sales of houses in LV up slightly in October

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Closed sales for houses in the Lehigh Valley increased slightly in October.

Closed sales increased 0.4 percent to 718 houses sold, up from 715 houses sold in October 2017, according to the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR) October report, released Nov. 14.

For the year-to-date, the percentage of closed sales for 2018 is up slightly, by 0.1 percent, with 7,081 houses sold, compared to 7,077 houses sold year-to-date in 2017.

Pending sales were also up in October, by 7.8 percent, to 764, compared to 709 in October 2017. Pending sales for 2018 are up slightly, 1.1 percent to 7,535, compared to 7,455 year-to-date for 2017.

New listings were up

significantly in October, by 11.6 percent to 997, compared to 893 in October 2017.

Inventory levels again shrank in October, down 5.8 percent to 2,138 units, compared to 2,270 units in October 2017.

Days on Market was also down in October, 13.6 percent to 38 days in October, compared to 44 days in October 2017.

The Months Supply of Inventory was down 6.3 percent to 3 months in October, compared to 3.2 months in October 2017.

Market analysis
"Prices are still rising, and the number of homes for sale is still low, but there is a general shrinking of year-over-year percentage change gaps in sales, inventory and prices," said GLVR CEO Justin Poremba. The Median Sales

Price increased 3.9 percent in October to \$197,500, up from \$190,000 in October 2017.

The Average Sales Price increased 4.8 percent in October to \$225,825, compared to \$215,394 in October 2017.

The Percentage of List Price Received increased 0.3 percent in October to 98.1 percent, compared to 97.8 percent in October 2017.

The Housing Affordability Index again decreased, down 16.9 percent in October, compared to October 2017.

"Homebuilder confidence remains positive, homeownership rates have increased in the key under-35 buyer group and prices, though still rising, have widely reduced the march toward record highs," said GLVR President Sean LaSalle.

PIP

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the Mouse," celebrates the life and work of Dr. George Creegan (1936-2018). The Air Force veteran with a doctorate in education created Pip the Mouse and wrote the script for the show.

The fanciful stage was built in partnership with the Bliss Display Co. of New York. Props, early incarnations of the Pip puppet, Hess's memorabilia, and photographs, including one of Creegan teaching volunteers at Hess's "School for Puppeteers," are on view.

"He was the 'Renaissance Man' of Central Ohio," says Liberty Bell Museum manager Stephanie Burke, adding, "He was a puppeteer. He was an accomplished magician, a sleight-of-hand artist. He was an opera singer."

In 1964, Creegan and his wife, JoAnn, founded the Creegan Co. in Steubenville, Ohio. They produced and sold audio-animatronics, animation and costumes until the business closed in 2010. The Creegan firm's build-

ing was destroyed in a 2013 fire.

According to Burke, of the 15 department stores in the United States and Canada that had Pip's holiday puppet show, Allentown has the only surviving plywood and press-board stage, and possibly the largest collection of puppets and store-window display items.

Many of Hess's displays and animatronics from 1962, including a cat at her ironing, are integral parts of the Christmas display. Other animatronics, including Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, as well as George and Martha Washington, were purchased in 2010 when the factory closed by Josh Fink, former Liberty Bell Museum curator.

"I love hugging all the little children," says volunteer Elaine Charron of her role as the Pip mascot. "I can be irritated in the beginning, but as soon as I put the costume on, it all changes."

Charron, also a volunteer at Zion's United Church of Christ, has worn the "Pip" costume for as long as the show has run at the Liberty

Bell Museum. Born at home in Emmaus, "in a snow blizzard," she now lives in Summit Lawn, Salisbury Township.

Across from the stage is the holiday putz of 1/4-inch-scale replicas of buildings from around the Lehigh Valley. These were crafted from wood and foam board by attendees of Lehigh Valley Active Life, Allentown. A Lionel train makes its way around the miniature cityscape and countryside.

The exhibition, "The Splendor of Allentown," features nostalgic landscapes of local landmarks in winter by regional artist Leah Anderson Joseph (1945-2018).

"Pip: The Mouse Before Christmas," 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday, second Sunday of the month, 5:30, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, through Dec. 31. Gallery hours: noon - 4 p.m. Monday - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, noon - 8 p.m. Thursdays, noon - 4 p.m. second Sunday. libertybellmuseum.org; 610-435-4232

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LYNN TOWNSHIP 2019 MEETING NOTICE

Public meetings for Lynn Township for 2019 are as follows: Board of Supervisors: 02/14, 03/14, 04/11, 05/09, 06/13, 07/11, 08/08, 09/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 12/30 Close out Meeting, Budget Meeting 9/25, Re-Org Meeting 1/2. All meetings will be held at 6:30p.m. Elected Auditors: Re-Org Meeting 1/3 @ 7:00pm Planning Commission: Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (no agenda, no meeting) Zoning Hearing Board: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (when required) Recreation Advisory: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (when required) Environmental Advisory Committee: Third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (when required) All meetings will be held at the Lynn Township Municipal Building at 7911 Kings Highway in New Tripoli, PA 18066 unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury will hold a public hearing and act on the following: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING AND REAFFIRMING THE RATES OF TAXATION, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of December, 2018, at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance authorizing the intermunicipal cooperation with the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, the Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority and the City of Bethlehem, regarding the transportation of sanitary sewage through the lines of the Township of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority, for the benefit of lands in Hanover Township and for treatment at the city of Bethlehem Waste Water Treatment Plant. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building located at 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, during normal business hours.

Dec. 5

Dec. 5

Cathy Bonaskiewicz Township Manager/Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 2900 SOUTH PIKE AVENUE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2018 START TIME - 7:30 PM

1, 1005 EAST EMMAUS AVENUE, ALLENTOWN, PA 18103 CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Mr. Bret Wirth (authorized representative for Kingdom Hall (Allentown, PA Congregation of Jehovah's Witness), seeks approval under Zoning Ordinance Section 807.3 which requires temporary uses to be heard as Conditional Use to set up and operate a "Tent" to be located on the property of 1005 East Emmaus Avenue within Salisbury Township. The proposed use of the tent is to care for the safety and feeding of all volunteers on site during the remodeling of the Jehovah's Witness facility. The tent is planned to be used throughout the project (approximately 12 weeks). Any interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard. Any interested parties, who have questions prior to the meeting, may contact the Township Office at 610-797-4000. Plans are available for review during regular Township office hours. Please contact the office in advance to set up an appointment. Nov. 28, Dec. 5.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [][][9][7][][][][][][] Row 2: [][][6][][1][7][][][][] Row 3: [][5][][1][][][][9][][] Row 4: [5][][8][][][][][][3] Row 5: [8][][][2][][9][][][6] Row 6: [1][][3][4][5][7][9][6][8] Row 7: [2][8][][3][][][][][5] Row 8: [][][1][5][][][6][][][] Row 9: [9][6][4][7][1][8][2][3][5]

Difficulty Level ★★★

12/05

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

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid with numbers: Row 1: 3 5 1 4 6 9 8 7 2 Row 2: 2 7 6 1 5 8 3 4 9 Row 3: 4 8 9 2 7 3 6 1 5 Row 4: 9 6 4 3 1 7 5 2 8 Row 5: 7 2 5 9 8 4 1 6 3 Row 6: 1 3 8 5 2 6 4 9 7 Row 7: 5 9 2 8 4 1 7 3 6 Row 8: 8 4 7 6 3 2 9 5 1 Row 9: 6 1 3 7 9 5 2 8 4

Difficulty Level ★★★

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See solution on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip: U equals M

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

PUZZLING-LY ACROSS

- 1 Like many announcers' private side comments
8 Glistening
14 Give a cue to
20 Sounded like a frog
21 Durbin of old Hollywood
22 Worrier's cry
23 Deeper level of longing?
25 Walk like a little 'un
26 Coll. website suffix
27 Slandered really badly
28 "Uh-uh"
30 Legal claim
31 White water whereabouts
35 Give it a go
36 Place to bathe on the grass outside a house?
38 "Marvy!"
40 They cause actions
42 Really boring chairs, desks and tables?
47 Two-grid vacuum tube
52 Cry to a matador
53 Manning of the Giants
54 Far-off
56 Of charged particles
57 Extreme type
59 Lysol target
61 What 1066 is famous as?
64 Territory split in 1889
66 Pertaining to
68 Bad, to Jules
69 Viral malady
70 "Allow me to provide a leavening agent, if nothing else?"
76 Blvds. and aves.
78 China's Long March leader
79 Aquatic bird
80 — Leone
83 "Pray that I find some cool gross stuff!"
88 Isle of Man man, e.g.
90 Scout unit
91 — pittance (hardly any)
92 Garage job
94 Atop, to bards
96 Short snooze
97 Bit of voice mail
100 Hankerings to take pictures of small and distant objects?
103 Places for milk products
105 Bored feeling
106 Measure of how much a ship swerves off course?
110 2000-15 TV series
112 Facet
116 Horror film lab aide
117 With 108-Down, deteriorate
118 Pre-entree dishes
121 Lanai wreath

19x19 crossword grid with some letters filled in.

- 122 Join the club
124 Chatter that's engaging?
129 Entertainer Uggams
130 Give kudos
131 Arms depot
132 Abides
133 Breadwinner
134 What vets provide
DOWN
1 Earthy color
2 Artist Kahlo
3 Mist over
4 —jongg
5 Mamie's man
6 Plunk lead-in
7 Häagen-Dazs rival
8 Storied fireman Red
9 Microbe-ridden
10 Byway
11 Camelot wife
12 Raggedy —
13 — opus
14 Road hazard
15 Sorority "P"
16 In a curious way
17 Word before circus or blitz
18 More ashen
19 Latest thing
24 Singer John
29 Be next to
32 Small hotel

- 33 Conquers
34 Writer Bellow
36 Connect with
37 Match well
39 Duo + one
40 Tally a total
41 1982 Disney cyberfilm
42 "— better believe it!"
43 Penne — vodka
44 Sloppy smooches
45 Wry twisting
46 — Haute
48 Acuff of song
49 Like a swap
50 Radio tuner
51 Hose color
55 Otter's kin
58 "Boshi!"
60 Go extinct
62 Bub
63 " 'Tis so sad"
65 "You lookin' —?"
67 Nosh
71 Stable stock
72 Seamless transition
73 Von — family ("The Sound of Music" clan)
74 — oxide (anesthetic)
75 The, to Hans
76 Emulated a fish
77 1 p.m. is one

- 81 Horse color
82 iPad downloads
84 Oct.'s 744
85 Union general George
86 Darling type
87 Bodily joint
89 Aquatic bird
93 Lofty trains
95 Tall volcano in Sicily
98 Groups of geese
99 Dubliner's land
101 Model Klum
102 Dog's bark
104 Key in anew
106 Give in (to)
107 Nixon veep Spiro
108 See 117-Across
109 Dryly comical
110 In the vicinity
111 Not as risky
113 Kagan of justice
114 Romero of "Batman"
115 Work's name
118 Lasting mark
119 Related (to)
120 Take a pic of
123 — Abner
125 Legendary coach Parseghian
126 Three, in Bari
127 D.C. winter hrs.
128 Remote button abbr.

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See solution on page B7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

Appeal No. 23-2018 of Eastern Environmental Development Corporation 7785 Spring Creek Road Macungie PA, 18062. Property located at 7991 Quarry Road in a HI-SC, Highway Industrial-Spring Creek Zoning District. Tax Parcel No. 546450328854 1. Applicants are requesting an Appeal from a determination of a Township Office in Administering of Land Use Ordinance, to Ordinance 1998-11, Chapter 27, Part 26, Section 27-2604 5. C regarding the Zoning Officers Enforcement letter and in the alternative would seek an expansion of a non-conforming use to Section 27-2503 and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 7:00 p.m.

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

Dec. 5, 12

Carl L. Best, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that it is their intention to consider and act upon proposed Ordinance No. 18-03 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LYNN TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWNSHIP OF LYNN, TO AMEND THE LYNN TOWNSHIP TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND ITS CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE WITH BLUE RIDGE CABLE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. T/A AND D/B/A/ BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR TERM" at a public meeting to be held on December 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lynn Township Municipal Building located at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Briefly summarized, the proposed Ordinance would extend its current television franchise agreement with Blue Ridge Communications for an additional five (5) year term commencing December 29, 2018.

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

Dec. 5

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire Solicitor for Lynn Township

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE - CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION ALLEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Allen Township Planning Commission will hold the previously scheduled Commission meeting of Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Volunteer Fire Company Building located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

Purpose of the meetings will be to discuss any and all matters properly brought before the Commission.

Dec. 5

Ilene Marie Eckhart, Manager Allen Township

PUBLIC NOTICE ALLEN TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors previously scheduled for Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 at 7 PM has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 27th, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Allen Township Municipal Building, located at 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss agency business as well as any other matters properly brought before the Board.

Dec. 5

Ilene Marie Eckhart, Manager ALLEN TOWNSHIP

60 SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC AUCTION on 2001 Ford F150 Truck 1FTRW08LX1KF7438 7 2006 Jeep Cherokee 1J4GR48K96C242577 Dec. 5 at 7 a.m. at Getz Service Station, 10635 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA 18031. 610-395-9413 PA Salvor #1720

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