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**BASD**

## Summer repairs to begin in May

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At the BASD Facilities and Curriculum meeting April 3, Chief Facilities & Operations Officer Mark Stein outlined the 2023 HVAC/roofing phasing plan for summer renovations at Miller Heights, James Buchanan and Hanover elementary schools. Construction will begin after school May 1 hours - this will be hallways, roof and boiler room. The gym and four classrooms will be closed May 15.

May 24 is the last day for students to physically be in the classrooms and May 25 the moving crews arrive in the afternoon. After May 30, the contractor has full access to the school. The plan is to have the construction substantially completed by Aug. 18. The furniture will be returned at that time and by Aug. 23 classroom unpacking begins and preparing classrooms to begin school. Everything will be completed by Aug. 28, the first day of school.

School Director Winston Alozie asked whether the staff and teachers have had adequate notice to adjust to the changes, to which Stein said all

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## ACS Courage Award Bethlehem mom keeps battling

BY KRISTINE PORTER  
Special to Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem area resident Allison Solley was one of several persons honored with a Courage Award during the 44th annual American Cancer Society's Northeastern Pennsylvania telethon April 2, broadcast from Penn's Peak near Jim Thorpe

The 36-year-old mother of two, Solley is battling Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer and is undergoing treatment at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. A Jim Thorpe Area HS special education teacher, Solley lives in Bethlehem with her parents, so they can help her with her daughters, Ava and Ella.

"Breast cancer awareness is extremely important," Solley said.

She knows she is battling a cancer that has spread to her lungs, liver and bones, but she is hopeful. She is responding well to treatment, and is hopeful that it will prolong her life another 5 to 10 years or longer.

As an award recipient, Solley said her goal is to get out the message to people to be their own advocate in regard to their health care.

"Be more aware. Prioritize your health," she said. "I just hope to save a



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY SOLLEY FAMILY

**Courage Award honoree** Allison Solley with daughters Ava and Ella. In the fall of 2021, Solley found a pea-sized lump in her breast. She contacted her gynecologist to make an appointment and asked if she should have a mammogram. She couldn't get an appointment for either. Solley said her doctor told her that she was too young for a mammogram. The doctor was wrong.

life." Solley said she should have been more proactive in her health situation, but she trusted her doctor.

In the fall of 2021, Solley found a pea-sized lump in her breast. She contacted her gynecologist to make an appointment and asked if she should have a mammogram. She couldn't get an appointment for either.

Solley said her doctor told her that she was too young for a mammogram.

The current policy in the United States is that women between the ages of 40 and 49, who are at average risk for breast cancer, should talk to their doctors about when they should start getting mammograms and how often they should get them, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Women who are between the ages of 50 and 74 and at average risk should get a mammogram every two years.

Solley's doctor told her she wasn't at high risk for breast cancer, because she doesn't have a close family member who had breast cancer. The doctor told her not to worry and that it was probably a benign cyst.

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**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB

How do you feel about going to a 4 day work week instead of the current 5 day work week?



"I think people would get more family time and more time to focus on themselves."

**Alanna McLaughlin**  
Allentown



"I could go for that and would like a 4 day week."

**Walter Kovacs**  
Bethlehem

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## NE Pa. cancer telethon raises record \$254,386

BY MARTA GOUGER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The 44th annual American Cancer Society telethon April 1 and 2 reached new heights, raising \$254,386 in its 24 hours of fundraising.

"This was our most financially successful year ever," Telethon chairman Joe Krushinsky said, adding it was only fitting as the telethon wrapped up with a tribute to longtime musician Danny Farole, who died Jan. 21 at age 90 and Jesse "Big Dog" Hiles, who died Jan. 31.

Farole participated in

more than 40 telethons, wrapping up Sunday evenings with songs such as "Tony the Ice Man" and "Those Were the Days."

In recent years his family joined in, bringing him to the telethon and providing backup.

On Sunday night the family joined the house band in tributes to Farole.

Hiles was the founder of Zoostock, the annual Labor Day fundraiser, which has been a major fundraiser for the telethon. For over 30 years Jesse owned The Sports

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PHOTO COURTESY ACS GREATER LV BOARD OF ADVISORS  
**Lehigh radio personality** Mike Kelly hosts a remote broadcast from The Steel Pub in South Bethlehem during the 2023 Northeastern Pa. ACS Telethon April 2. With Kelly is Michael Turk, ACS Greater Lehigh Valley Board of Advisors chair.

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"For a nine to fiver, it's a good idea. I'm a nurse and I work three 12 hour shifts a week."  
**Caitlin McMahon**  
Fountain Hill



"Sure! I have kids at home and anymore time that I have to spend with them would be good."  
**Kelly Hintze**  
Bethlehem



"I work more than 8 hours a day and it wouldn't really alter my schedule because we're on call 24/7 anyway."  
**Christine Dempsey**  
Bethlehem



"If it means working extra hours each day, I'm fine with it. That would mean extra time at home to take care of those responsibilities."  
**Robert McLaughlin**  
Allentown

**STATE POLICE**

**Swatting incidents**

Several Lehigh Valley schools reported swatting incidents recently, when a caller reported a false active shooter situation. The Pennsylvania State Police Troop M Bethlehem Patrol Unit responded to Catasauqua HS, located at 2500 West Bullshead Road, Allen Township, Northampton County, March 29 for a report of an active shooter within the school.

At 7:57 a.m., PSP Bethlehem received a phone call reporting there was an active shooter in Catasauqua HS and students had been shot. Multiple troopers from the Bethlehem and Fogelsville stations responded within minutes and cleared the school, and determined that there was no shooter and the call was a hoax.

The Pennsylvania State Police Bethlehem Criminal Investigation Unit is the lead agency in the investigation and is being assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Catasauqua School Resource Officer.

Troopers will continue to have a visible presence at schools throughout the region for the remainder of the school year, state police said.

The Pennsylvania State Police office in Harrisburg reported investigating a series of phone calls made to 911 centers about schools across the state involving threats of an active shooter situation or bomb threat.

The phone calls, state police said, were made to several schools in different counties. All calls have had similar content. All calls are being thoroughly investigated and responded to by law enforcement.

"These calls have created lockdowns and/or evacuations of the schools with a large response from police and emergency services," the release said.

All claims in these calls were determined to be false. All schools involved were cleared or by law enforcement.

The investigation is ongoing.  
*Terry Ahner, Kelly Socha, Jarrad Hedes and Marta Gouger contributed to this report.*

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**Allison Solley** with ACS volunteer Marta Gouger, and Peggy Rankis, Allison's mother, holding her granddaughters Ava and Ella. Allison received the Courage Award during the 44th annual American Cancer Society's Northeastern Pa. Telethon broadcast April 1 and 2 from Penn's Peak near Jim Thorpe.

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**MOM**

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She told the doctor that both of her grandmothers had breast cancer, but the doctor said that doesn't qualify as a close family member.

According to the American Cancer Society, a first-degree relative is a mother, sister or daughter with breast cancer. The risk of getting breast cancer almost doubles for women who have

a first-degree relative with breast cancer. The doctor told Solley they would look into the lump at her next visit.

"Women under 40 are easily dismissed," Solley said.

The lump grew over the next several months and in July 2022, she received the Stage 4 cancer diagnosis.

Because of chest pain and lower back pain, further testing revealed that the cancer had spread to the sternum

bone in her chest and to bones in her back.

"If you feel something, get it checked out," Solley said. "Be an advocate for yourself."

There is another thing that is important to her.

Solley would like health insurance companies to cover mammograms for women under 40 with an average risk of breast cancer. Most of them do not provide this coverage.

"I think this policy

needs to change," she said. "You shouldn't have to wait until you're 40 for a mammogram."

In the meantime, Solley hopes the money raised by the American Cancer Society will help to find a cure for her cancer and all cancers.

"The research is so important," she said.

For more information, email at cancer-telethon@gmail.com. To volunteer, call 570-805-4555.

**RECORD**

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Zoo, Lansford, where the event was held.

Krushinsky announced the festival will continue and be named The Jesse Hiles Zoostock Labor Day concert.

He said the festival has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Hiles' sister-in-law, Lisa Hiles, a longtime volunteer with the telethon, said, "Cancer doesn't stop and we won't either."

The telethon aired on the Service Electric Cable system in the Lehigh Valley.

Next year's telethon is set for April 6 and 7. Telethon volunteer producer George Taylor would like to schedule more Lehigh Valley talent, especially a salsa band. In the past, Valley performers have included the Lehigh Valley Babrershoppers, Don Cunningham and his band and the Sweet Adelines chorus. This year, Charter Arts HS senior Amber Peirce performed with the telethon house band and sang during the remote at The Steel Pub.

Interested performers can contact Taylor at gtaylor200@verizon.net.

It truly takes a community to bring in the large totals for the annual fundraisers. Organizations hold events all year long.

Last year, the telethon amount was down slightly, with \$224,763. The past few years have been tough because many fundraisers were canceled because of the pandemic.

Other major fundraisers included the ACS basket raffle, bringing in \$34,000; Relay for Life, \$11,619, despite a rainy weekend; Zoostock, \$9,207, mostly from T-shirt sales as the festival was also hit by rain; golf tournament, \$8,400, and pink ribbon sales, \$6,000.

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**ACS volunteer** and Greater Lehigh Valley Board of Advisors member Joe Huxta; telethon chairman Joe Krushinsky; Michael Turk, Greater Lehigh Valley Board of Advisors chair; and Jamie Kane, ACS Northeast Region associate director of development; discuss on air some of the upcoming ACS events in the Lehigh Valley.

The East End Fire Company in Tamaqua resumed its boilo contest. The check was presented with fundraisers from Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County and the American Hose Company of Tamaqua. The total was \$15,831, which Krushinsky said was just \$800 more than was raised with the entire first telethon at Tamaqua HS more than 40 years ago.

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**VETERANS SUPPORT:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17. State Representative Jeanne McNeil's district office, 1080 Schadt Ave., Whitehall. Education, health care and death benefits information. Appointments with an American Legion Service Office representative: call 610-266-1273.

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**Thursday, April 13**

**Current Events Informal Discussion Group:** Moderator: David M. Bell. World, national, state, local topics. Free. 2 p.m. Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown, 18102. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

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

**Friday, April 14**

**S.T.E.A.M. into Spring Break.** 1 to 2 p.m. Cost. National Museum of Industrial History 602 E. Second St. Visit [nmih.org/spring2023](http://nmih.org/spring2023)

**World War II History:** "27th Infantry Division And 10th Mountain", Dr. Charles Bonos, instructor. 2 p.m. Cost. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

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

**Saturday, April 15**

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

**Sunday, April 16 and 23**

**S.T.E.A.M. into Spring Break.** Family Sunday. 1 to 2 p.m. Free to age 12 and under. National Museum of Industrial History 602

**Tuesday, April 18**

**Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Inc.** Nine free entry-level classes from 7 to 9 p.m. (May 2 is last one) Students (ages eight through 80 plus) learn about ham radio activities, operations and information to prepare for the Federal Communications Commission's Amateur basic license examination. 100 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth. For details or to register, contact KE3AW@arrl.net or call 610-419-9286 or visit [www.dlarc.club](http://www.dlarc.club)

**Good Vibrations Chorus** led by Nancy Shumaker. All singers welcome: 9:30 a.m. Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Call 610-437-3700 for information or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

**Wednesday, April 19**

**Afternoon dance with Glenn Kakowski.** Nominal cost; light refreshments. 1 to 3 p.m. 1633 W. Elm St., Allentown. Information: call 610-437-3700 or visit <https://lvactivelife.org/>

**Fight Fraud with the Senior Medicare Patrol** with Ron Lambert. Hanover Twp. Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road. 10:30 a.m. Call 1-800-356-3606 or visit [www.carie.org](http://www.carie.org) Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders) for general information or visit [hanovertwp-nc.org](http://hanovertwp-nc.org) for the Community Center events.

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**STATE OF THE DISTRICT**  
**'Teachers love, encourage, challenge'**

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The State of the Schools was the feature topic March 16 at the joint gathering of the Bethlehem Area School District and The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Parents, politicians, chamber members, teachers and school staff were in attendance at a Zollner Arts Center at Lehigh University to hear BASD Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy expound on the successes and challenges facing BASD.

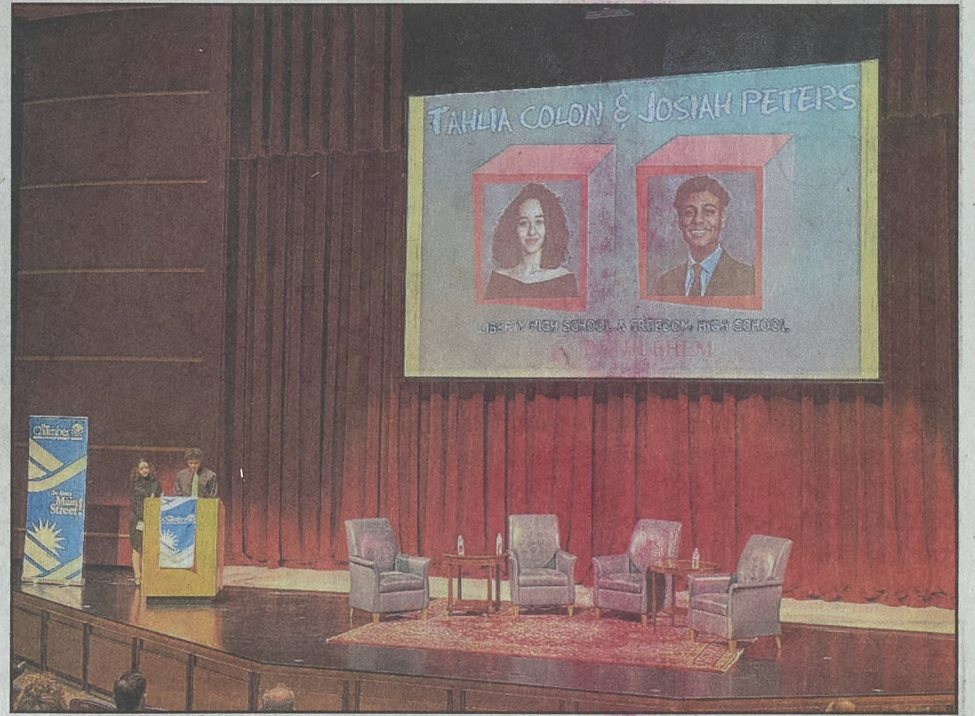
Roy said proudly, "Children come to us as five-year-olds, barely able to tie their shoes, and leave us as competent 18-year-olds, graduating, ready to create the future of Bethlehem. We call this 'Building Bethlehem.' The one constant through the years are the teachers who encourage, love, challenge and support students."

Liberty HS senior Tylia Colon, and Freedom HS senior Joshia Peters spoke of their challenges and successes as they progressed in the BASD. Each expressed pride and a sense of accomplishment as they spoke of their school years.

Elementary school teacher Candi Moldonado, middle school teacher Becky Keptner, and high school teacher Richard Little, each representing a different level of schooling, spoke about their experiences as teachers within the district.

Choral group members from Liberty and Freedom high schools also preformed for the attending guests.

A week after this event Roy announced after 13 years he is re-



PRESS PHOTOS BY JENN RAGO

Senior high school students Tylia Colon from Liberty and Joshia Peters from Freedom speak about their individual educational experiences in the BASD during the State of the Schools presentation.



A light breakfast was provided for guests attending the March 16 State of the Schools presentation. This was hosted by BASD and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

tiring in July. "I have been fortunate to have the support of amazing school board members who value public education and do what's best for students and

the community. I am honored to have worked with the finest group of teachers, staff and administrators in any district, anywhere. The entire Bethlehem com-

munity values its public schools and I am proud to have played a role in this District for the past 13 school years."

**State issue: Is education funding fair?**

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northeast MS hosted school administrators from across the state March 28 as they addressed the issue of equitable funding, with a focus on urban education.

The Pennsylvania League of Urban Schools is calling on the state to place an urgent priority on sustainable and sufficient funding for urban schools, said Dr. Christopher Dormer, PLUS president and superintendent of the Norristown Area School District.

The PLUS caucus represents 29 different urban school districts, but not every urban school district actively participates in PLUS. Regardless of participation, 322,500 students (1 in 7) of students attending K-12 public school in Pennsylvania attends an urban school.

ASD Superintendent Dr. Carol D. Birks said, "Historically, funding for urban districts has been limited to property taxes." She also pointed out the available state and federal funding has been redirected to cover charter and cyber schools, the cost of which in the past 10 years has exceeded funding, creating a \$3.7 million budget gap.



PRESS PHOTOS BY JENN RAGO

Bethlehem Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy addresses the March 28 conference on equity in school funding.

BASD Director Dr. Karen Beck Pooley spoke to the urgency of providing fair funding for all districts. Much of the inequality is a result of wealthier districts having a local tax base that is providing a different level of funding. One way to lessen the burden on the taxpayer would be by passing charter funding reform, she said. PLUS supports these reforms.

Currently charter and cyber schools are funded by state and local taxes. School districts are required by law to send them same tuition that would have been

required for the student in a traditional public school. Very often the costs to run a cyber school are less than that of a traditional school, so when a public school student opts to attend a public charter or cyber school, not only is money taken away from the traditional school but the local school district has no oversight of the money. Additionally, 25 percent of the teaching staff in a charter school need not be certified.

Bethlehem Chapter of the NAACP President Esther Lee emphasized community members

must, "advocate for education, talk to legislators, tell them what your schools need, and oppose charter schools"

Officials said PLUS districts are eager to work with local legislators to advocate for oversight and funding reforms to charter and cyber schools, as well as garner general funding for urban schools. Raising taxes isn't the answer and PLUS is determined to find another way to equalize funding. Reforming funding to charter schools is a start.

**BASD**

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board directors, teachers and staff have been informed.

The curriculum committee, represented by Chief Technology Officer Marie Bachman, presented to the board qualified vendors who

can provide software to create one classroom devoted to immersive learning. "Immersive Learning" is a learning method in which students being immersed into a virtual dialogue have the feeling of presence by using virtual reality through technology. The room becomes

the content of study, giving the student a more engaging interactive experience. Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Jack Silva gave the example of students being able to experience life in the South before reading "To Kill a Mockingbird." This is

BASD's first effort in using this type of technology and one classroom will be devoted to this at Freedom HS. This is very state of the art and an exciting learning opportunity.

The Finance and HR committees will meet April 17 at 6 p.m. at the Education Center.





Jessica Colon and her 5-year-old daughter Morgan pose with the Easter Bunny.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

One hundred township residents attend Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

# Breakfast with the Bunny

The Hanover Township Recreation Commission sponsored its annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Community Center April 1, as 100 residents enjoyed a breakfast, photos with the Easter Bunny, crafts, treats and a raffle for one of two large milk chocolate Easter Bunnies. The breakfast menu included beverages, bagels, scrambled eggs, bacon and hash browns with sponsorship by The Vero at Bethlehem, Weis Markets and Wegman's, with support from the township's special events committee.



Hanover Township Manager 'Jay' Finnigan and Supervisor John Diacogiannis handle kitchen duties.



Big 'kid' Mona Finnigan with the Easter Bunny.



Each child received a treat pack and the two large milk chocolate rabbits were raffle prizes.



Area business sponsors supported the event with bagels and other food donations.



The Terenzio family makes a photo memory with the Easter Bunny.



Abby Huff and her 9 year old daughter Ashling register with township recreation director Dante Terenzio upon their arrival.



Tricia Milite, a member of the township's special events committee, serves a heaping spoonful of scrambled eggs to 8 year old Ryleigh Rufa, who said she loves the Easter Bunny.



Andrea Wacendak supervises her nephews, London age 3 and Harrison age 2, at the arts and crafts table, as they color Easter Bunnies.



# Various expenditures addressed

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The March 28 meeting of the Saucon Valley School Board saw several notable pieces of business come before the group.

First, Executive Director Dr. Christopher Wolfel of Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 presented its 2023-24 general operating budget.

1.5 percent of the overall budget is up for approval, which is the base budget that "supports the core operations of the organization," Wolfel said. All other services are by request and charge sending districts additional fees.

Director Shawn Welch began asking Wolfel about his salary and benefits, which Wolfel estimated at \$170,000, before turning attention to the income of an average district taxpayer. In response, Wolfel explained that the IU's Board of Directors usually sets its executive's salary to the average of the superintendents of its 13 sending districts.

Next, Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech Executive Director Adam Lazarchak presented its 2023-24 Annual Budget.

Staff salaries and benefits will account for the greatest portion of a 3.67 percent overall budget increase (over \$500,000), he said. With an increase of only ap-

## SAUCON VALLEY SD



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Saucon Valley School Board members voted to authorize a total of approximately \$7.5 million in repairs and maintenance of campus roofing, windows and HVAC system.

proximately \$190,000 in revenue, about \$316,000 in increased funding is required of its sending districts.

Lazarchak also explained that the cost-sharing formula derives from a three-year rolling average of student enrollment, and Saucon Valley averages about 11.5 percent of the total. However, overall enrollment at the Vo-Tech has significantly increased, so the district's total student contribution has nearly doubled since 2017.

Also sparking considerable discussion were proposed changes to three specific policies regarding after-school district facility use.

In the public comment portion preceding regular business, district resident and upcoming school board candidate Donald Carpenter noted that the evening's agenda featured "dozens, if not more" specific notes within the policies that could become problematic. He quoted several examples and asked the board to consider the motivation behind the changes and whether or not they would help the district "mitigate risk."

Once the agenda item came up, board Vice President Dr. Shamim Pakzad also directed several concerns to Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald. Several of Pakzad's colleagues echoed his apprehen-

sion, offering suggestions to revise provisions and language.

Additionally, director Cedric Dettmar noted that within the changes were both a newly 'hard-line' fee schedule and restricted hours of availability, so groups like local Girl Scout troops may now be unable to meet the new guidelines. Fitzgerald added that the district needed to address how, in previous years, it forgave some fees arbitrarily.

After nearly an hour of discussion, the board voted 7-1 to advance the revisions at the next Academic & Personnel Committee meeting, with Michael Karabin accounting for the sole 'nay.'

Supervisor of Campus Operations James Deegan provided a few slides explaining the proposal for approximately \$7.5 million in repairs and maintenance of campus roofing, windows, and HVAC system. Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc, SJ Thomas Company, Inc., and ASL Mechanical are the primary contractors responsible for the work, he said.

Ultimately, the board was satisfied with Deegan's technical description and value of the proposed work, and several directors noted the expenditures were anticipated for some time.

### Wednesday, April 12

- NorCo Karst Geology Advisory Council, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
- Nor Co Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
- Fountain Hill Stormwater Authority, 6 p.m. 941 Long St. Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.
- Hellertown Water Authority Board, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.
- Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

### Thursday, April 13

- Bethlehem Authority, 3:30 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
- Bethlehem City Planning Commission, 5 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
- Hanover (NorCo) Twp. Recreation Committee, 7:30 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

### Monday, April 17

- BASD Finance & Human Resources, 6 p.m. Education Center, 1516 Sycamore Road.
- Fountain Hill Zoning, 7 p.m., 941 Long St.
- Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
- Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.
- Hellertown Borough Council, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.

### Tuesday, April 18

- Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Current and recent meetings are located online at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFLG5Y9UI0JADKaRE1W3xw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFLG5Y9UI0JADKaRE1W3xw)
- Hanover (LeCo) Twp. Planning, 6:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road.
- Freemansburg Council, if needed. 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

### Wednesday, April 19

- NorCo Personnel and Finance Committee, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
- Hellertown Zoning Hearing, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.
- Hanover (LeCo) Twp. Council, 7 p.m. 2202 Grove Road.
- Fountain Hill Fire, Health, Sanitation, Recreation, 5:30 p.m. 941 Long St.

### Thursday, April 20

- Bethlehem Twp. Environmental Advisory, 7 p.m. 4225 Easton Ave.

## New Bethany Ministries receives PPL grant

New Bethany Ministries is pleased to announce it has received a \$20,000 grant from the PPL Foundation. These funds will support NBM's Housing Advocacy program by funding half the salary of one housing advocate.

NBM's Housing Advocacy Program was initially announced last year. The program allows housing advocates to work collaboratively with faculty at local schools to support families and continue to provide rental and housing assistance services to low-income families in need.

NBM provides on-site housing advocates at six Bethlehem Area School District schools: Broughal MS, and Donegan, Fountain Hill, Marvine, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln elementary schools. Currently, each housing advocate spends 20 hours a week providing counseling, rent assistance, housing placement, and establishing relationships at each school; about 40 families received housing assistance in the program's first year.

"Our Housing Advocacy Program showcases New Bethany's mission perfectly, allowing us to help families work towards, achieve, and maintain self-sufficiency," says Chris Cassidy, director of development and planning at NBM. "New Bethany is the only nonprofit in the Lehigh Valley providing on-site housing advocates in schools, so we are extremely grateful to receive more funding from the PPL Foundation to expand this program's success and support more of those in need in the region."

The PPL Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process.

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## GRANT

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 tions during this highly competitive grant cycle. NBM was one of the 17 organizations to be selected for a grant.

"We are continuously inspired by the caring, commitment and creativity of the many nonprofit organizations such as New Bethany Ministries who make a lasting difference in our communities, and this year's grant recipients are no exception. We're proud to support their efforts," said Ryan Hill, PPL Foundation president.

To learn more about New Bethany Ministries, visit [newbethanyministries.org](http://newbethanyministries.org)

## Girl Scouts name new officers

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania announces Lisa Powers has been named its new chief operating officer and Lutricia Eberly as its new chief membership officer.

Powers is coming off a 16-year long career with the Peace Corps where she gained experience in financial management, operations, HR, and working with governmental and nongovernmental organizations.

During her tenure with the Peace Corps, Powers codisigned and implemented a global strategy to promote gender equity and build leadership skills among youth; developed innovative tools and resources for volunteers and community partners; and de-  
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### From traveling the world... to a vibrant lifestyle at Traditions of Hanover

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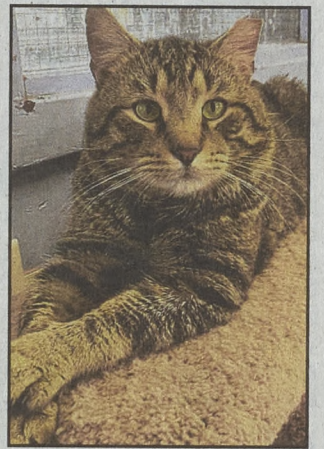
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## Behind the Plate: An early look

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

Are you happy with the Phillies' play through their first full week of the season? If you are a Mets' or Yankees' fan, are you frustrated or satisfied? Welcome to Behind the Plate, my weekly column dedicated to a weekly roundup of the Phillies, Mets, and Yankees, as well as other nuggets of the game such as history, fantasy leagues, and relevant issues.

Some Spice in the local dishes: Through the first nine games, the Phillies, Mets, and Yankees have some mixed reviews.

The Phillies got off to a horrific start in Texas and things didn't brighten when they took a trip to Yankee Stadium. They have managed to work their way back on some solid footing by taking two of three against Cincinnati in the opening homestand. Yet, they are 3-6 with a National League low 30 runs scored and a run differential of -22.

The Mets also had some tough times in Milwaukee being outscored 26-6 after they won their first two games in Miami. Like the Phillies, they gained some solace by taking two of three at home against Miami and evened their mark at 5-5 to start the week. Top prospect catcher Francisco Alvarez has joined the club, and one has to wonder if it is a premature panic move.

The Yankees have been hit with a series of injuries early on, primarily with their pitching staff. They have taken two of three from the Giants, Phillies and Orioles, and Aaron Judge is earning his money. They'll begin the week with a 6-3 mark, three behind the red-hot Rays.

Opening Acts: So far, we have seen each team play roughly nine games into the season.

To no one's surprise, the Tampa Bay Rays were undefeated through their first nine games (9-0), as they continue to be baseball's most least respected teams.

The Atlanta Braves were atop the NL East with a 7-2 mark, and once again have a plethora of some of the game's top prospects. It is amazing what Atlanta has done with its farm system in the past 20 years.

Milwaukee and Pittsburgh already have a good battle waging for the NL Central, and they could be two big surprises this season. Also, keep an eye on the Twins, who top the AL Central with a 7-2 slate, one also that isn't surprising.

See **PLATE** on Page A9

## Karam set to enjoy life outside wrestling

BY PETER CAR  
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It was the perfect time for Jeff Karam to walk away from wrestling and the perfect season helped nudge him to retirement.

Karam officially resigned as Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling coach last week, opening the door for himself and his wife Debbie to knock off some bucket list items.

After taking a cross country road trip with his wife last year, it opened up Karam's eyes to the possibilities of enjoying some of the finer things

in life more often.

"We've had a lot of success over the years and this year everything aligned the right way," said Karam. "This year made a big difference toward making this decision and I feel at peace that everything with the program is heading in the right direction.

"I'm getting a little tired and this sport is 365 days a year. It's demanding and I want to enjoy some other things in life. If you aren't giving everything that you expect from the kids, they see right through that."

This season was the per-

fect swan song for Karam to walk away, as the Hawks went 18-0, winning the district and state team titles, as well as sweeping each individual postseason team title en route to crowning three state champions (Keanu Dillard, Nate Desmond and Kollin Rath) in Hershey last month.

Karam walks away with a 364-116 career record in 15 seasons coaching Bethlehem Catholic, Freedom and Delaware Valley (NJ).

However, his past 12 years saw the Hawks climb the mountain to one of the nation's top programs, winning

nine PIAA team titles (four in 2A and five in 3A).

He's coached 22 state championships, making it the third most in state history behind Clearfield's Art Weiss and Nazareth's Dave Crowell.

"If you're coaching for accolades or championships, you're doing it for the wrong reasons," Karam. "I wanted to help build the character of these young men and make them better people in life and I think we did it."

Karam did everything alongside assistant coach Randy Cruz, who deserves as. See **KARAM** on Page A9



PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Noah Potts recently picked up a victory at one singles vs. Parkland.

## FHS tennis earns wins

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's boys tennis team came up on the winning side of three 4-3 matches against Parkland, Nazareth, and Allentown Central Catholic between March 29 and April 3.

The Patriots won their singles matches against the Trojans with Noah Potts defeating Josh Thomas, 7-6(5), 6-3, Gavin Labaddia defeating Lucas Lee, 6-4, 6-1, and Arun Chhugani defeating Kevin Yao, 7-6(7), 6-1.

After losing at three and four doubles, Noah Rodburg and Luke Braido pulled through for the Pates at two doubles, defeating Taehyuk Yang and Rithik Raghuraman, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

In Freedom's match against Nazareth, the Patriots repeated their singles sweep with Potts over Alex Rodriguez, 6-0,

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6-0, Labaddia over Gideon Knowles, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Chhugani over Alay Patel, 6-2, 6-0.

The Patriots lost at two, three, and four doubles, however, and Potts and Chhugani teamed up at one doubles to beat Rodriguez and Knowles, 6-1, 6-0.

In Freedom's match against Central, Potts won against Tim Spinoza, 6-1, 6-0, Labaddia won against Max Zeller, 6-2, 6-0, and Chhugani won against Tanner Temple, 6-1, 6-0.

Rodburg and Braido were the lone doubles winners for the Pates, defeating Victor Manzella and Dan Patruno, 6-4, 6-3.

Freedom will host Moravian Academy in a nonconference match on April 14.

## Hawks look to keep building momentum

BY PETER CAR  
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Everyone might have their eyes on Liberty's baseball team this spring, but don't take Bethlehem Catholic for granted.

The Golden Hawks have rebounded from a 2-3 start to win their last three games, including last week's 13-8 victory over Nazareth to set themselves up nicely with this week's slate of games on the docket.

Becahi (5-3) was the first team to knock off the Blue Eagles (6-2) this season, jumping out to

a 10-1 lead after four innings and holding on for the win. Eric Wert had himself a day at the plate belting a home run and knocking in three RBI on two hits. He also had two runs scored in the Hawks biggest win of the season to push them to the top of the D-11 4A rankings.

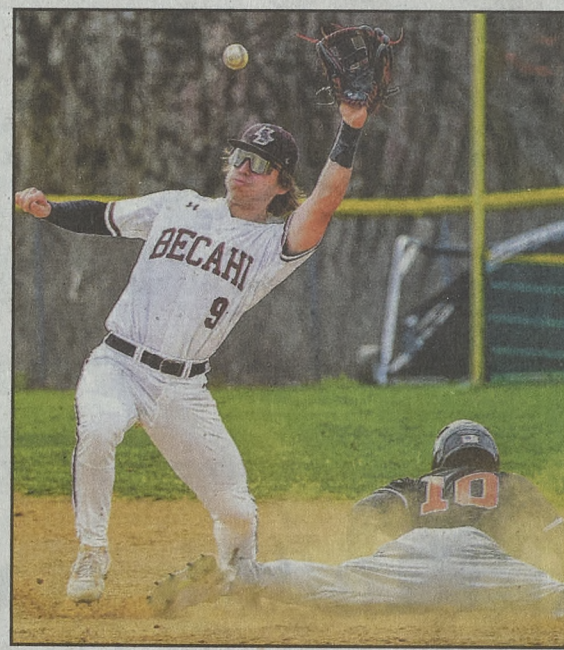
With games against Central Catholic (3-5), Dieruff (0-8) and North Pocono this week, the Hawks can gain some momentum toward clinching a district playoff spot sooner than later.

Liberty (5-2) bounced

back from a loss to Parkland last week to top Pocono East 7-0 before the Easter break. Reece D'Amico went 3-for-3 with two RBI in the win.

The 'Canes look to build this week with contests against Wilson, Freedom and Williamsport.

The Pates (4-4) snapped a two-game skid last week by knocking off Pocono Mountain West 7-4. Freedom faces a challenging week of Northampton County games with Easton (3-4), Liberty and Northampton (5-3) this week.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Becahi's Brayden Rader fields a late throw at second base during a recent game with Northampton.

## BC lacrosse aims to make headway with new coach

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic is trying to gain its footing on the lacrosse field and new head coach Kody Rivera is in charge of that.

The first-year head coach takes over a team that went winless last season and is off to an 0-3 start this season,

but that doesn't change Rivera's mindset for rebuilding the program.

"With a new coaching staff and a combination of older, experienced players and a core of younger players, we look to make a splash in a very challenging league," said Rivera.

Returning players for the Hawks are seniors

Mark Mulhern (Goalie), Brodi McAllister (Defense/LSM), Ethan Stoss (Midfield/Attack) and Paul Taylor (Midfield/Attack).

Newcomers include Zyaire Morris (Sr., Midfield/Attack), Gianni Morales (Sr., Defense/LSM)

"Defense will be our biggest strength led by

Bucknell football commit, Mark Mulhern in goal and Brodi McAllister on defense," said Rivera. "The biggest question mark is which players step up with many roles to be filled especially on the offensive side of the ball. Seniors Paul Taylor and Ethan Stoss look to bring some experience to both sides

of the ball, while Zyaire Morris, Gianni Morales, and Xavier Lopez look to contribute immediately in their first seasons."

The Hawks have a lone game against Northampton this week before taking on Easton and Parkland next week.

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## EPC TRACK AND FIELD TOP PERFORMANCES

This is the third installment of the EPC track and field top performances for the 2023 spring season.

Annika Flanigan remains at the top of the list in the pole vault, clearing 11-0 this season.

Becahi's Davianna Jones has claimed first in the javelin after a throw of 112-3.

The complete list is below.

## LEGEND

Allen (A), Bethlehem Catholic (BC), Central Catholic (CC), Dieruff (D), Easton (Ea), East Stroudsburg North (ESN), East Stroudsburg South (ESS), Emmaus (Em), Freedom (F), Liberty (L), Northampton (No), Nazareth (Na), Parkland (P), Pleasant Valley (PV), Pocono Mountain East (PME), Pocono Mountain West (PMW), Stroudsburg (S), Whitehall (W).

## GIRLS

4x100: 1. Parkland 49.38, 2. Stroudsburg 49.6, 3. Emmaus 51.6, 4. Pocono Mountain East 51.8, 5. Central Catholic 52.0.

4x400: 1. Parkland 4:06.97, 2. Easton 4:09.17, 3. Stroudsburg 4:19.7, 4. Pocono Mountain West 4:21.3, 5. Emmaus 4:27.0.

4x800: 1. Easton 10:08.45, 2. Parkland 10:11.97, 3. Emmaus 10:15.2, 4. Stroudsburg 10:50.15, 5. Pocono Mountain West 11:02.6.

100: 1. Aaliyah Cancel (PMW) 12.3, 2. Abigail Burnett (Em) 12.4, 3. Amanda Mercurius (Na), Annika Flanigan (L), Mia Bowden (PMW) 12.5.

200: 1. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 25.8, 2. Naeema Salau (P) 25.89, 3. Mariah Wellington (ESS) 25.9, 4. Cierra Valley (P) 26.18, 5. Amanda Mercurius (Na) 26.2.

400: 1. Lucy Tobia (P) 58.73, 2. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 1:00.0, 3. Aaliyah Cancel (PMW) 1:00.2, 4. Cierra Valley (P) 1:00.51, 5. Kaley Seide (P) 1:01.07.

800: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 2:15.7, 2. Julia Grant (S) 1:21.6, 3. Erin Vincent (Ea) 2:22.9, 4. Lana Hutwitz (P) 2:23.76, 5. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 2:26.1.

1600: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 5:07.9, 2. Lana Hutwitz (P) 5:15.95, 3. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 5:18.7, 4. Erin Vincent (Ea) 5:18.91, 5. Payton Campbell (Em) 5:21.9.

3200: 1. Hailey Reinhard (Em) 10:57.8, 2. Madelyn McCartney (Em) 11:28.8, 3. Payton Campbell (Em) 11:32.7, 4. Sidney Hutt (Ea) 11:52.9, 5. Catherine Brinker (S) 12:01.9.

100H: 1. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 14.9, 2. Kate Beebe (S), Kayla-Rayne Quinones (Em) 16.3, 4. Madison Bowman (P) 16.42, 5. Lindsey Pelaez (S) 16.5.

300H: 1. Maggie Scalzo (Ea) 45.3, 2. Camryn Hoff (Na) 48.0, 3. Erin Vincent (Ea) 49.2, 4. Danika Cuchran (No) 49.9, 5. Temiloluwa Adebayo (Ea) 50.0.

High Jump: 1. Milly Wolf (CC), Sheldyn Pierre (Em), Jewell Little (S) 5-1, 4. Calen Michaels (BC) 5-0, 5. Sianna Sneath (Ea), Emma Campu-sano (PMW), Jodi Hewitt (BC), Claudia Walls (Em), Leah Jenkins (No), Faith Belote (Ea), Mikela Mooney (Na), Gabrielle Lanier (Ea) 4-11.

Pole Vault: 1. Annika Flanigan (L) 11-0, 2. Reese Ruggiero (PV) 10-0, 3. Olivia Hayes (No), Tessa Hopkins (W) 9-0, 5. Chloe Lawrence (PMW), Sophia Walker (F), Carrington Brehm (Ea) 8-6.

Long Jump: 1. Emma Shafnisky (Na) 7-1.5, 2. Jariana Rivas (Ea) 16-6, 3. Hailey Sammarco (P) 16-3.5, 4. Anne Beenders (No) 16-1.5, Maya Morefeld (Na) 15-11.5.

Triple Jump: 1. Gabrielle Lanier (Ea) 36-1, 2. Lindsey Pelaez (S) 35-3, 3. Catherine Crompton (P) 34-1.5, 4. Jewell Little (S) 33-8, 5. Anne Beenders (No) 33-7.

Shot Put: 1. Celis Miranda

(ESN) 34-8, 2. Lucy Coyle (No) 34-2, 3. Electra Theagene (W) 31-5, 4. Ella Henritzy (S) 31-2.5, Claire Eberhardt (P) 29-1.

Discus: 1. Leanne Villante (Ea) 111-0, 2. Mikayla Maloy (PNW) 94-9, 3. McKayla Strunk (S) 93-3, 4. Bella Dauberman (P) 93-2, 5. Charlotte McElroy (Na) 92-7.

Javelin: 1. Davianna Jones (BC) 112-3, 2. Kara Miller (PV) 106-0, 3. Gabby Reid (ESS), Natalie Brandes (Na) 100-9, 5. Vanessa Ball (P) 100-4.

## BOYS

4x100: 1. Emmaus 42.6, 2. Parkland 42.84, 3. Easton 43.7, 4. Nazareth 44.11, 5. Pleasant Valley 44.29.

4x400: 1. Pocono Mountain West 3:33.7, 2. Emmaus 3:34.3, 3. Parkland 3:35.91, 4. Northampton 3:38.8, 5. Nazareth 3:39.1.

800: 1. Emmaus 8:44.10, 2. Parkland 8:48.16, 3. East Stroudsburg South 8:50.9, 4. Stroudsburg 8:51.92, 5. Northampton 8:51.93.

100: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 10.6, 2. Dylan Darville (Em) 10.7, 3. Jareel Moore (PV) 10.8, 4. Dylan Simon (P) 10.81, 5. Bryson Gilchrist (ESN) 10.9.

200: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 21.4, 2. Dylan Simon (P) 21.71, 3. Mason Kuehner (Na) 22.5, 4.

Bryson Gilchrist (ESN) 22.7, 5. Valentine Fynn-Paul (F) 22.7.

400: 1. Blaise Verrastro (Em) 50.5, 2. Michael Phillips (Ea) 51.2, 3. Vinson Eggleston (W) 51.5, 4. Tyler Finck (Em), Jakhi Briley (PMW) 52.2.

800: 1. Liam Davis (ESS) 1:58.0, 2. Tyler Rothrock (P) 2:00.18, 3. Jordan Gagner (Na) 2:00.3, 4. Connor Murphy (Na) 2:00.4, 5. Praveen Suresh Kumar (P) 2:00.85.

1600: 1. Adam Kollgaard (Na) 4:30.0, 2. Jacob Barnes (P) 4:32.84, 3. Paul Abeln (P) 4:34.5, 4. Connor Murphy (Na) 4:35.59, 5. Ethan Willard (P) 4:38.15.

3200: 1. Ethan Willard (P) 9:49.48, 2. Adam Kollgaard (Na) 9:57.12, 3. Liam Davis (ESS) 9:58.9, 4. Liam McGuigan (P) 10:10.56, 5. Paul Abeln (P) 10:17.48.

110H: 1. Andrew Beers (P) 14.81, 2. Peter Hoff (Na) 15.1, 3. Christopher Reed (PMW) 15.5, 4. Jacob Madeira (P) 15.3, 5. Lucian Facchiano (Em) 15.6.

300H: 1. Andrew Beers (P) 38.38, 2. Murad Carter (Ea) 4.5, 3. Parker Hoff (Na) 41.7, 4. Derec Fritzges (No) 41.8, 5. Joshua Ayanwole (Ea) 42.2.

High Jump: 1. Lucian Freeman (Em), Kamoni Smith-Johnson (S) 6-5, 3. Christopher Reed (PMW) 6-4, 4. Jayden Ekoko

(Ea), Jaidon Morgan (Na), Jasius Allen (A), Kyle Moore (Em), Gabriel Kabba (Em) 6-3.

Pole Vault: 1. Drew Brinker (S) 14-0, 2. Aiden Hurlburt (Em) 14-3, 3. Tyler Grabinski (Em) 13-6, 4. Andrew Szeplaki (No) 12-4, 5. Chris Hu (S), Xavier Ossman (S), Gregory Sommer (W) 11-9.

Long Jump: 1. Kyle Moore (Em) 23-1.5, 2. Kevin Polonia (S) 22-2, 3. Zahir Williams-Dennis (ESS) 22-0.5, 4. Aidan Rompilla (BC) 21-8, 5. Jasir Frutchey (Ea) 21-4.5.

Triple Jump: 1. Kyle Moore (Em) 45.5, 2. Evan Loro (Em) 43-1, 3. Tristen Pinnock (No) 43-6, 4. Samuel Chedester (Ea) 42-8.75, 5. Kevin Polonia (S) 42-5.

Shot Put: 1. Clark Gulycz (CC) 54-0, 2. Odin Ferency (Ea) 49-10, 3. Aiden Raub (S) 47-11, 4. Joseph Fazio (Ea) 46-0.5, 5. Chris Mignosi (S) 44-6.

Discus: 1. Aiden Raub (S) 156-5, 2. Odin Ferency (Ea) 139-0, 3. Robert Morgan (Ea) 131-7, 4. Julius Reyes (P) 131-3, 5. Kaj Weeks (S) 130-11.

Javelin: 1. Jeremy Bruzzese (S) 174-2, 2. Thomas Loyd (W) 167-1, 3. Nick Cruz (ESS) 157-5, 4. Tyriq Smith (Em) 154-9, 5. Tyler Mikovitch (No) 150-10.

## BC tennis notches two more victories

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Bethlehem Catholic's boys tennis team scored two huge home wins, 6-1 over Northampton on March 31 and 7-0 over Pocono Mountain East on March 28.

The Golden Hawks swept in singles matches against the Konkrete Kids when Armaan Makwana defeated Pearce Foulk, 6-0, 6-1, Xavier Shive Sanchez defeated Dane Missmer, 6-2, 6-0, and Benjamin Blum defeated Brett Bastian, 6-3, 6-0.

The Hawks also won at two doubles with John Vallance and Liam Maloney defeating Re-

ece Makary and Nicholas Reichel, 8-5, at three doubles with Tyler Lennert and Jorge Herrera defeating Jad Samaan and Chace Roland, 6-3, 6-3, and at four doubles with Henry Russell and Jaime Pique Dorta defeating Josh Dorsey and Collin Enright, 8-3.

Pearce Foulk and Dane Missmer paired up at one doubles for the K-Kids to top Becahi's Marcos Gonzalez Perez and Duy Pham, 8-1.

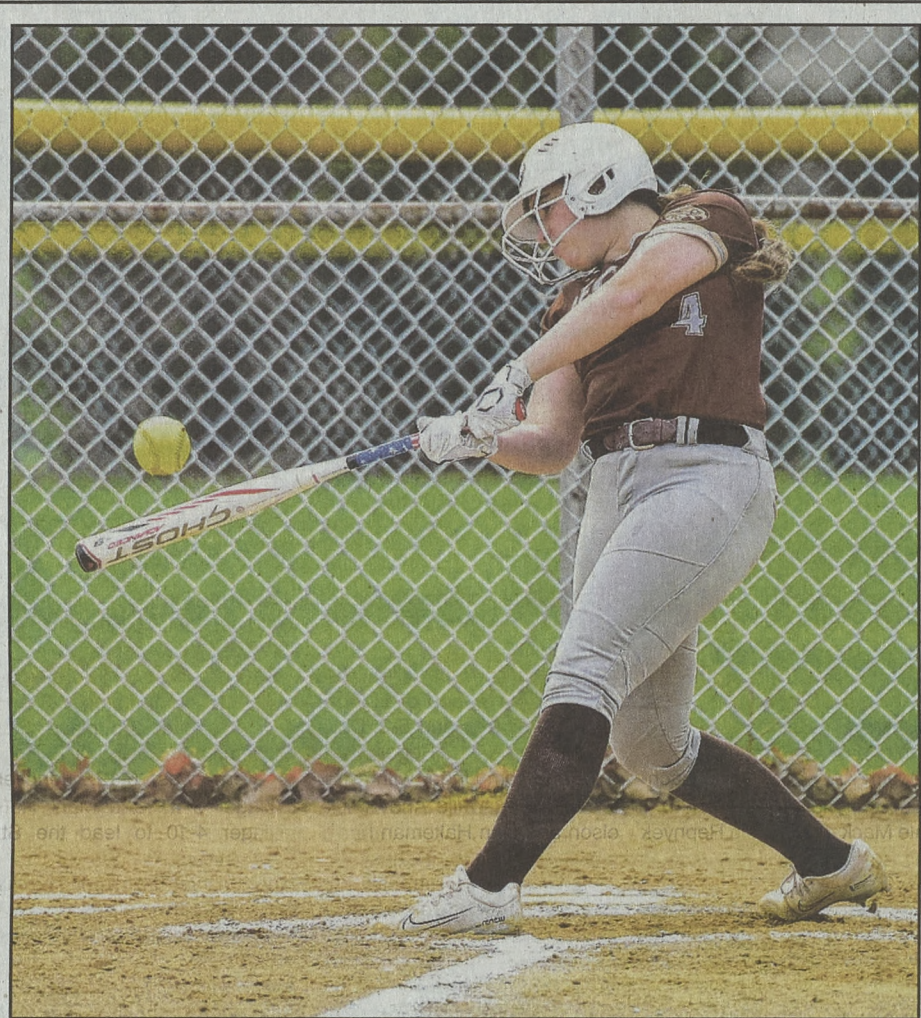
Days earlier, the Hawks shut out the Cardinals when Makwana defeated Daniel Trott, 6-2, 6-2, Shive Sanchez defeated Atom Valderama, 6-4, 6-4, and Blum

defeated Evan Schmidt, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles play, Vallance and Maloney were victorious over Esteban Reyes and Mykola Burdel, 6-0, 6-0, Lennert and Herrera won against Stephen Salamone and Lincoln Palmeroni, 6-0, 6-4, and Russell and Pham defeated Alex Kaminski and Harry Andress, 6-0, 6-2.

Marcos Gonzalez Perez and Jaime Pique Dorta won at number one doubles by default.

Becahi's next home match is scheduled for April 14 against Liberty followed by a home match on April 15 against Freedom.



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## Softball

Hailey Pyle of Bethlehem Catholic connects on a pitch against Northampton that ends up being a home run. The Hawks are 4-3 on the season and sit in third place in the District 11 4A standings behind Northwestern and Blue Mountain. Meanwhile, Freedom is a perfect 9-0 as of the start of this week, sitting in first in the 6A division. Whitehall is also 9-0, but plays in 5A. Liberty sits in second place in 6A with a mark of 6-1.

## Liberty volleyball off to hot start

BY PETER CAR  
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It might not be the perfect start to the volleyball season for Liberty, but it's pretty close. The Hurricanes are off to a 5-1 mark on the season following the Easter holiday and head coach Mike Zile sees the progress the team has made from a year ago.

The Canes have won five straight since their season-opening defeat to Parkland, including a pair of wins over Easton, a victory over Whitehall and last week's win in four games over Freedom.

"We lost to Easton twice last year and have not beaten Whitehall since I have been with Liberty," said Zile. "It was nice to get those wins as they have been tough matchups for us."

After last year's 5-11 record, Liberty has already matched their win

total and look to keep their win streak going with matches against Allen and Pocono Mountain West this week.

They also hope to stay healthy, as the injuries plagued the team a year ago, but helped build the foundation for where they are at the moment.

"Last year we had a series of unfortunate injuries to four of our players," Zile said. "Those injuries ended up being an opportunity for us to build depth and experience."

Now, it's about how high that ceiling can be for the program, as they aim to beat some of the contenders in the conference, as their only win over an opponent over .500 was against Pocono Mountain East (4-3).

"I think this year we are starting to realize the potential we have as a whole after overcom-

ing past setbacks," he said. "There's still a gap between us and the elite state ranked teams. The guys understand that and what we need to do to get there. We've got athletes and the right kind of players that are willing to bridge the gap, so I'm excited to see how far they can go."

Freedom (3-5) is looking to find their footing, as the Pates have dropped three straight matches to Parkland, Abington Heights and Liberty.

With matchups against Whitehall and Easton this week, it provides an opportunity for the Pates to get level on the season.

Bethlehem Catholic (1-6) has struggled out of the gate, but have a chance to gain some momentum this week against Pocono Mountain East, Notre Dame Green Pond and Allen.

## LHS tennis wins two

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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The Liberty Hurricanes won consecutive tennis matches when they defeated Whitehall, 7-0, on April 5 and Nazareth, 7-0, on April 6.

In Liberty's match at Whitehall, Roman Farhad won at first singles, 6-0, 6-1, David Broczkowski won at second singles, 6-1, 6-0, and Connor Ohl was a winner at third singles, 6-1, 6-1.

Chris Giannaris and

Sid Tekumalla prevailed, 8-2, at first doubles, Matt Alter and Leo Babbini won at third doubles, 6-2, 6-0, and Caden Vermuelen and Micah Steck won at fourth doubles, 6-0, 6-0.

Jackson Jobs and Elijah Quan won by forfeit and second doubles.

Taking on the Nazareth Blue Eagles, Farhad won, 7-6, 6-4, Luke Appleman won, 6-0, 6-0, and Broczkowski was also a winner, 6-2, 6-2.

Finn Brown and Connor Ohl teamed up at first doubles for an 8-2 victory, Giannaris and Tekumalla won at second doubles, 7-6(5), 6-4, Jobs and Quan were winners at third doubles, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, and the pair of Alter and Brown won at fourth doubles, 2-6, 7-5, 10-2.

The Hurricanes will take on city rival Bethlehem Catholic on April 14 at the tennis courts on Illick's Mill Road.

## NFF to induct 7 into HOF

The National Football Foundation's annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction will be held Friday May 5, 2023 at the Surestay Plus Hotel by Best Western LV, 300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem.

Tickets can be ordered and paid by April 15 for \$45 per ticket by contacting Tom Redding at 484-456-1312 or by check payable to NFF-FLVC at 1323 Delaware Ave. Fountain Hill, Pa. 18015.

The following will be inducted into the hall of fame:

**James Terwilliger** Quarterback at East Stroudsburg South HS '03; Quarterback at East Stroudsburg University '07; Coached (assistant/head) at a variety of local Lehigh Valley high schools; Coached at East Stroudsburg University since 2015 and Head Coach 2018 to present

**Robert Melosky** Quarterback at Northampton Area HS '87; Quarterback at Rowan University '90; Coached (assistant/head) at the following high schools: Freedom, Parkland (PIAA State Champions), Becahi, Nazareth Area, Pocono Mountain East, ACCHS and Lehigh University.

**Bret Comp** Played football at Newport HS, Perry County '83; US Marine Corps 1987-88, East Stroudsburg University '93; Teacher at Wilson Area HS 1998 to present; Coached (assistant/head) at the following East Stroudsburg South HS, Wilson Area HS (PIAA State Champions), Parkland HS.

**Levi Brown** Played football Liberty HS '08 (All State), Temple University '14; Baltimore Ravens, **Frank D'Angelo** Principal/Director and served as Interim Superintendent at Easton Area HS, Profes-

or at Bloomsburg University BS '83, M.Ed '85, Ed.D Northcentral University '06; PIAA Official for 42 years (Baseball, Basketball and Football); League assignor for many leagues and organizations in the sport of: football, baseball, and boys/girls lacrosse; served as a member of the District XI Committee as the Officials Rep.

**Scot Dapp** Boyertown HS '69; West Chester University BS '73; University of North Carolina Master; Head Football Coach Moravian College '87 to 2010.

**Tom Redding** Allentown Central Catholic HS '66; Shippenburg University BS '70; Kutztown University M Ed '73; BASD teacher 35 years; Coached Football at BECAHI, Liberty HS, Freedom MS; and PIAA Official in football and baseball.



# Vitals will head to Temple University in fall



Matt Vital will head to Temple this fall along with his brother Michael.

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

In his four years golfing at Liberty, Matt Vital was a staple of consistency.

He was a two-time District 11 Class 3A champion and was an integral part of the Hurricanes' three-peat of East Penn Conference (EPC) and District 11 championships. His success led him to choose to extend his career at Temple University.

Lately, though, Vital has experienced an entirely different phase of his game. He has been uncharacteristically struggling.

In late January, Vital competed in the APGA Farmers Insurance Invitational in Torrey Pines, California, part of the APGA association

The Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA) was established in 2010 as a nonprofit to bring greater diversity to golf. The APGA has 18 tournaments scheduled in 2023 with nearly \$1 million in prize money. Vital also is a past Cisco Junior champion and Drive, Chip and Putt national champion.

At the Farmers Tournament, Vital finished 18th from the 28-player field with a two-day total of 148. He shot a 89 on day one and a 95 on day two on the 72-par course. It wasn't a typical pair of afternoons for him.

"It is just normal complications of golf, not being consistent enough," he said. "This only recently became an issue in January. In the

summer I'll be playing in a couple of junior events, amateur events, and professional events getting ready for my freshman year at Temple. He and twin brother Michael will be members of the Owls' team.

"Recently I've been struggling a little bit off the tee causing some unwanted higher scores in tournaments but I've been working really hard at it and things are starting to look better."

Vital will have a busy spring and summer ahead. He credited his achievements at Liberty to help pave the way.

The high school season helped because it forced me to constantly compete at different courses that can

test my game," said Vital. "I played with my high school teammates since I was very young, and we all had a great camaraderie. We all supported each other well."

Liberty head coach Steve Bradley believes Vital suffered a temporary setback.

"Matt has all the tools," said Bradley. "He is playing at a higher level now, and he'll make the adjustments. He has a great future ahead."

Vital is confident he can get back on track.

"I am expecting some big things out of myself for this final summer of junior golf," said Vital. "I think I can get them done if I keep working hard."

## PLATE

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**Beat the Clock:** According to a recent Associated Press report, the average time of a game has dropped by 30 minutes, stolen bases have doubled and batting average has increased by 16 percentage points compared to last year's opening weekend.

The average time of a game was 2:38, down from the average of 3:08 a year ago. In the first year of restrictions on defensive shifts, the .246 batting average for nine-inning games was up from .230 over the first four days last year, when many games were played in cold and wet weather. Left-handed batting average increased to .232 from .229 in last year's first four days and the right-handed average went up to .254 from .230.

That '93 season: This season will mark the 30th anniversary of the Phillies' 1993 run to the World Series. That lunch-pale, blue collar "Macho Row" group of Jim Fregosi certainly has their share of highlights and lowlights, ending with Toronto's Joe Carter's epic game-winning homer.

At this point in the season in '93, the Phils were 4-1 after a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs that evening at the Vet. John Kruk hit a pair of homers off Mark Morgan, and Terry Mulholland worked eight strong innings allowing three hits and one run with six strikeouts. Mitch Williams came on in the ninth to record his third save, as he struck out the side.

The Phils got off to a 15-5 start, and they never took their foot off the pedal as they stayed in first place all season to finish with an overall 97-65 record. They posted a 52-29 mark at home, and 45-36 on the road.

Curt Schilling headed a staff with Mullholland, Tommy Greene, and Danny Jackson (remember him?). Mike Williams - who we may have forgotten - Ben Rivera and Jose DeLeon - whom they acquired from the Cardinals late in 1992 - proved to be invaluable depth in the staff.

We all liked to watch the unpredictable nature of Williams, but Roger Mason, David West, and Larry Anderson helped secure the 'pen.

If you recall, Kruk had 14 homers with a team-high 111 RBIs that season, and Darren Daulton had a team-high 24 homers with 105 RBIs. In the infield, it was Kruk, Mickey Morandini, Kevin Stocker, and Dave

Hollins. Lenny Dykstra, Milt Thompson, and Jim Eisenreich were the starters in the outfield. Pete Incaviglia, Wes Chamberlain - once considered the next superstar of the franchise - and Mariano Duncan solidified the bench. Duncan was one of the more valuable players on the team for his versatility. Future GM Ruben Amaro was an effective pinch-hitter.

You can't forget catcher Todd Pratt and infielder Kim Baptiste, who both had their moments.

They all meshed well and formed a chemistry that few foresaw. Since then, there hasn't been a team that has replicated their uniqueness. They all made watching baseball fun, and were just as fun to cover from a media aspect.

Unfortunately, Fregosi, Daulton, West, and coaches John Vukovich, Mike Ryan, and Johnny Podres have left us for the great dugout in the sky. Yet, this Phillies' bunch should always be celebrated for the brand of hardworking baseball they brought to all of us.

**Taking a Different Path:** Unlike the Phillies, the Mets trudged their way through a 53-109 season between managers Jeff Torberg and Dallas Green.

It was a year that saw Eddie Murray, Jeff Kent, and Bobby Bonilla in the lineup with Bonilla leading with 34 homers. Murray, on the downside, hit 27 homers with 100 RBIs, and Kent added 21 homers and 80 RBIs.

It was also Vince Coleman's last year with the team, and the fleet outfielder still managed to steal 38 bases.

On the mound, Dwight Gooden struggled through a 12-15 record, a precursor to his future issues that forced him to miss all of the 1995 season. Bret Saberhagen and Frank Tanana had hoped to revive their careers, but they were mediocre at best.

This was a season that was part of a re-structure toward their run later in the decade.

On the other hand, the Yankees had a better run than their city counterparts.

The Bronx Bombers finished second with an overall 88-74 record under current Mets' manager Buck Showalter.

Catcher Mike Stanley - if you're a true fan, you remember him - had 26 homers and 84 RBIs, and Don Mattingly had 17 homers with 86 RBIs.

Former Catasauqua star Pat Kelly was at second base, and Wade Boggs handled third. Paul O'Neill and Bernie Williams were in the

outfield.

Steve Farr was the closer, and ex-Phillie Bobby Munoz was also in the bullpen. By the way, Tanana, who was 7-15 with the Mets, ended the season in the Bronx.

Both the Mets' and Yankees' seasons should have jarred some memories.

**Pick Your Fantasy:** As far as fantasy picks, it is still early in the season. In the upcoming weeks, I'll offer my choices as some of the possible better choices for your fantasy leagues.

For starters, taking the Phillies' Trea Turner is the no-brainer. He is projected by several outlets as the No. 1-3 player in the game. You should be in good shape with pitchers Aaron Nola and Zack Wheeler, who both should keep the club in contention. My early sleeper pick is lefty starter Bailey Falter, who had generated plenty of chatter.

Take a flier on outfielder Nick Castellanos. He had an off-year last season, and should return to form as one of the league's most productive outfielders. Keep an eye on catcher J.T. Realmuto and third baseman Alec Bohm, who should move into a bigger offense role with Rhys Hoskins out of the lineup.

As far as the Mets and Yankees, it's safe to have Pete Alonso, Justin Verlander, and Francisco Lindor for the Metropolitanans, while Aaron Judge, D.J. LeMahieu, Gleyber Torres.

**The Pitcher, Not the Injury, Everyone Forgot:** Every season, there seems to be a handful of players who are either coming off or suffering from Tommy John surgery.

But who was Tommy John? The lefthander, or baseball's "bionic man," began with the Cleveland Indians before he joined the Chicago White Sox in 1965. He was traded to the Dodgers in 1971 for Dick Allen. John had a successful stint with the Dodgers - incurring his injury in 1974 and missing the '75 season - through 1978. He was signed as a free agent by the Yankees for the 1979 season and also had stints with the Angels and A's. John's final season and 26th season with the Yankees in 1989, and was their opening day starter at age 45.

As the season progresses, I will look to address as many issues as possible. Your thoughts are always welcome phillyjets.jm@gmail.com.

## CENTRAL HIRES MELOSKY AS FOOTBALL COACH

Allentown Central Catholic High School is excited to announce Robert A. Melosky as the new head coach of the ACCHS Vikings football team.

Coach Melosky brings years of coaching experience and a passion for the sport of football. Coach Tim McGorry will be stepping down due to professional obligations and his full-time job; however, McGorry will stay involved as an adviser for the Vikings football program behind the scenes.

Melosky is in his second year at ACCHS as an offensive consultant for the Viking football program. He also served as an assistant under

former ACCHS coach John Cupples from 2015-2016. Melosky's football coaching experience is expansive and impressive, leading programs as head coach for Pocono Mountain East, Nazareth, Parkland, and Freedom high schools. He also served as the offensive coordinator for Bethlehem Catholic and assistant linebacker coach for Lehigh University.

As head coach for PME, he successfully led the football team to two PIAA District playoffs in a row after 30 years of that program not making a playoff appearance.

At Nazareth, Melosky's team earned the

2011 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association AAAA District XI Championship, the 2011 Lehigh Valley Conference Championship, as well as the 2011 Morning Call & Express Times AAAA Coach of the Year distinction. As Parkland Head Coach, Melosky garnered the 2002 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association AAAA State Championship, the 2003 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association AAAA District XI Runner-Up, and earned the 2002 Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association AAAA Coach of the Year.

## DARTS

**Inter-church Dart Baseball League**  
Results 4/3/2023

**East Hills @ Star of Bethlehem 11-5, 10-4**  
East Hills - Steve Kuhns 4-10, Frank Pavlov 5-6, Jim VanBuren 5-9, Jim Knerr 5-7, Byron Bachman 3-6; Star of Bethlehem - Dale Mack 4-10, David Repnyek 4-9, Nate Reddell 4-9, Jeff Cole 3-8.

**Bethany UCC @ Trinity UCC**  
No Scores or Highlights received. Bethany UCC won against Trinity UCC.

**Notes**  
• City Championship Monday, April 10, at Star of Bethlehem. Best of 5 series Practice 6:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. East Hills vs Bethany UCC  
• League Treasurer needed for next year.  
• Dart Banquet at East Hills May 22. 6 p.m. doors open, Meal 6:30 p.m. Captains contact Herb Gates goldengates3@yahoo.com or 610-297-6415.

**Suburban Dart Baseball League**  
Week 26

With one week to go three teams still had a chance to win. They are Dryland, St. Paul's, and Star of Bethlehem. Dryland remains on top with a sweep of Emmanuel by scores of 4-2, 9-7 and 2-0. Leading the Dryland hitters included Bernie Yurko 5-10, Butch Silfies 5-12, Lou Dervarics 4-10, and Dave Crouthamel 4-12. Jeff Hofferf was 5-11 (HR), Carlos Soto

4-11, Chuck Achenzie 4-13 and Troy Haydt with a HR for Emmanuel.

Second place St. Paul's stayed close with a sweep of Light of Christ, 5-0, 3-1, and 5-2. Dave Clark was 5-11, Roger Kern 5-12 and Tom Unger with a HR for St. Paul's while Andy Mickelson and Dan Halteman had 3 hits each for Light of Christ.

Star of Bethlehem still has a shot for a share of 1st place as they swept Farmersville 6-1, 5-3, and 9-6. Top hitters for Star of Bethlehem were Kyle Taylor 8-13, Bill Hoke Jr. 7-13, with HRs from Bill Hoke Sr., Walt Hofferf and Austin Hofferf. For Farmersville, Ben Kerbaugh was 8-14 and Tom George 7-13. The final match of the night finds Christ UCC sandwiching a pair of 5-2 wins overall a 5-2 loss to Ebenezer. Leading the way for Christ UCC was Keith Laudenslager 4-12 with HRs from Donnie Laudenslager and Sue Gasper. Zane Blevins was 4-12 (HR), Joey Blevins 4-12, and Brendan Blevins 4-13 for Ebenezer.

**Week 27**  
Despite losing a pair of games to Farmersville 6-4 in 13 innings and 5-4, Dryland won the opener 4-3 to claim their 3rd Suburban League Championship in a row, their 10th overall. Top hitters included Kyle Campbell 7-15, Dave Campbell 5-12, Wade Chilmonik 5-13, with Tom George, Gene Grim and Ben Kerbaugh each going 5-15 for Farmersville. Dave Crouthamel

was 8-14, Larry Golick 6-14, Jim Goldman 5-12 (HR), and Rich Durn 3-7 for Dryland.

Second place St. Paul's came up short sandwiching 6-3 and 4-3 wins over 3rd place Star of Bethlehem losing 3-2. Roger Kern was 6-12, Jennifer Erkinger 5-12, and Mark Hefelfinger 4-10 to lead the St. Paul's hitters. For Star of Bethlehem, Bryan Frankenfield was 6-12, Bill Hoke Sr. 5-11, Walt Hofferf 5-12, and Austin Hofferf with a HR.

In other action, Christ UCC beat Light of Christ 4-0 and 4-3 in 18 innings losing the nightcap 3-2. Leading Christ UCC was Garry Hunsicker 7-16, John Eisenrich 5-16, Keith Laudenslager also 5-16, Dave Shaver 4-12, and a HR from George Gasper. Chuck Crisafi was 6-15, Dan Halteman 5-15, Andy Mickelson 4-13, and Norm Schoenberger 4-15 for Light of Christ.

Emmanuel swept Ebenezer by scores of 3-1, 2-0, and 5-3. Leading the way for Emmanuel was Chuck Achenzie 5-13 (HR), Troy Haydt 4-13, and Jon Rice with a HR, while Brendan Blevins was 4-12 (HR) and Paul Yoder 4-12 for Ebenezer.

**Standings**

Dryland	51	30	.630
St. Paul's	50	31	.617
Star of Beth	48	33	.593
Christ UCC	39	39	.500
Emmanuel	40	41	.494
Ebenezer	35	46	.432
Farmersville	33	45	.423
Light of Christ	25	56	.309

## KARAM

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much credit for building Becahi's program to the level it's at today.

"I've been truly blessed to be around great people in this sport and Randy is one of the best," said Karam. "He's one of the best coaches out there and he's done so much for this program. We're best friends and he's like a brother to me."

Now, Karam can start to plan vacations instead of wrestling practices.

He has a trip to Alaska on deck this summer and plans to spend weekends in Florida this fall to see his son Cole, who got a job with an architecture firm in Miami.

"I'm a huge Dolphins fan and I'm already planning on making some trips down there to see some games this season," he said. "It's just another thing on the bucket list."

Whether coaching again is on that list is yet to be determined, but it's also something Karam won't close the

door on. At 55-years-old, he's still in great shape and is a competitor at heart. When you've won as many gold medals as Bethlehem Catholic has during his tenure, taking a break to enjoy life is never a bad thing.

That is until the break gets old and you miss the grind again.

"Whoever gets this Beca job, it's theirs," he said. "I'm never going to close the door on coaching again. I'm a competitor. I just have a hard time with the commitment aspect right now."

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# Celtic Cultural Alliance presents St. Patrick's Day public discussion

The Celtic Cultural Alliance of Bethlehem continued its celebration of St. Patrick's Day with a scholarly discussion about St. Patrick the man, father of the Irish church, and St. Francis of Assisi and the Porverello, led by CCA board member Dr. Elizabeth Timberlake-Newell. This event explored the back-

grounds, turning point events and ministries of these two well-loved saints through their writings and their biographies. Though distant in time and geography, the lives of the world's first abolitionist (St. Patrick) and the world's first environmentalist (St. Francis) follow surprisingly similar paths.

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Dr. Elizabeth Timberlake-Newell leads the discussion regarding saints Patrick and Francis at the Celtic Cultural Alliance on March 22. Members of CCA and community supporters were present.

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## EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY

Wednesday, April 19

**Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania Earth Day.** Learn more about the tribe and practical ways for all citizens to respect and protect our homeland and the health, welfare and future of the next seven generations of our children. Free. Noon to 2 p.m. Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road. Visit <https://whistory.org/historic-sites/lenape-nation-of-pennsylvania-cultural-center/>

Saturday, April 22 - Earth Day

2023 theme: "Invest in Our Planet"

**Cops 'n Kids of the Lehigh Valley annual Celebration of Reading and the Arts and Sciences.** Free books, food, crafts, science experiments, more. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fowler Family SouthSide Center, 511 E. Third St. Information: visit [lvocops-nkids@att.net](mailto:lvocops-nkids@att.net) or [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org)

**Easton Municipal Band with Champagne Flutes and L.V. Brass.** Sousa marches, popular classics, stage and screen hits. 2 to 4 p.m. Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road. Information: visit <https://hanovercommunitycenter.com/>

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## Swimming lessons

When I was a kid, my aunt had a swimming pool. It was a lovely in-ground pool, with a sliding board and a diving board. Every kid in our family learned to swim. It was expected.

When my older two children were little, they took swimming lessons. We did not have a pool at home, but in one town there was a local pool, and after we moved we had a membership at the YMCA for a while.

My youngest child took swimming lessons before the pandemic. He has a phobia about putting his head under water. Fast forward to now. He is taking swimming lessons through the Fit for Life program at school. I had already gotten him a new swimsuit. The day of his first lesson I ran out and got him swim shoes. Before the lesson, he asked me to inform the instructor that he would quit the lessons if they made him put his head underwater. I ignored this. We arrived and he got in line with other boys. I was happy when he greeted a few by name. I took a seat in the bleachers. The teacher sat the kids down, and asked their names. And I heard James say, "my mom says I can quit if you make me put my head in the water." Ugh!! I just shook my head emphatically.

It all worked out. He was given the option to skip blowing bubbles in the water. Once that was done, he participated in everything else.

I am not sure how he developed the head under water phobia. There are times I think of my grandmother saying that in her day they just tossed kids in the water, and they learned to swim. Ironically, my mom, her daughter, never did learn to swim. The one time it seemed to trouble her was when I was in middle school and I got caught in a rip tide at the Jersey Shore. I made it back to the beach, and she fretted about not being able to help because she couldn't swim. There was nothing she could have done anyway.

I am hoping eventually James gets more comfortable in the pool. Really hoping, since I got us a membership for the city pools this year. I figure we will visit them all and pick a favorite. You can buy pool memberships online at <https://bethlehempa.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

Even if he doesn't get all the way in the water, I figure he will enjoy the pools. I also think swimming is an important life skill.

I am also hoping my medical issues are straightened out before the pool season starts. Fingers crossed!



By Lani Goins

# ArtsQuest accepting 2023 Linny Awards nominations



## the Linny Awards

The ArtsQuest Foundation invites the public to submit nominations for the fifth annual Linny Awards, the multi-discipline arts awards that celebrate the extraordinary contributions made by the region's artists, educators, businesses, volunteers and philanthropists. Now through May 12, nominations are being accepted for visual and performing artists, as well as emerging artists and arts educators who have made significant contributions to the arts through their work.

"Honoring area artists, philanthropists, educators and volunteers who help create a better community is fundamental when celebrating the legacy of Linny Fowler," commented Selena Lavonier, executive director, ArtsQuest Foundation. "Linny's impact on ArtsQuest, the ArtsQuest Foundation and the Lehigh Valley arts community will be palpable for generations to come."

The 2023 Linny Award categories open for submissions include:

- Visual Artist of the Year
- Performing Artist of the Year
- Emerging Artist of the Year

• Arts Educator of the Year

• Student Artist Scholarship Award

Any individual, business or community group interested in nominating a person for the Linny Awards can do so at [artsquest-foundation.org/linny-awards](https://artsquest-foundation.org/linny-awards). Winners will be selected by ArtsQuest's Performing Arts Board, Visual Arts Board, and the ArtsQuest Foundation's Board of Trustees by July 15.

All 2023 Linny Award winners will be honored during the Linny Awards celebration to be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Musikfest Café, presented by Yuengling, located in the ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

Previous Linny Award winners include Academy Award-winning costume designer Ann Roth, actor and director Daniel Roebuck, renowned artist Emil Lukas, actor and producer Daniel Dae Kim, actress and comedian Kate Micucci, 2019 Musikfest poster artist Jessica Bastidas, David Yanoshik of St. Luke's University Health Network, philanthropists Robert and Cindy Oster and four-time Pulitzer Prize winner Carol Guzy.

ArtsQuest also has select opportunities for sponsors who are interested in saluting the 'rock stars' of the Lehigh Valley's arts scene. If you or your company are interested in sponsoring an award or

table at the 2023 awards ceremony, contact ArtsQuest Foundation Executive Director Selena Lavonier at [slavonier@artsquest.org](mailto:slavonier@artsquest.org).

**About the Linny Awards**

Named after the late Marlene "Linny" Fowler, a stained-glass artist and community leader who supported artists and arts organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley for more than a quarter century, the Linny Awards are designed to recognize and celebrate the region's flourishing arts community.

Proceeds from the Linny Awards go to support the Foundation, which Fowler helped found in 2003. The Foundation is focused on supporting and strengthening the long-term sustainability of ArtsQuest, the nonprofit that presents Musikfest and 4,000 other programs, events and educational classes annually for the region, of which over 50 percent are free to attend.

For complete information on the ArtsQuest Foundation and the Linny Awards, please visit [www.artsquestfoundation.org/linnyawards](http://www.artsquestfoundation.org/linnyawards)

Contributed article

## LETTERS

### World War I, II and III

To the Editor,

World War I began for stupid reasons. Interlocking alliances meant that when Austria-Hungary gave Serbia an ultimatum, Russia backed Serbia, Germany backed Austria-Hungary, France backed Russia, and soon the world was marching to war.

World War II started because the dictators who ruled Germany, Italy and Japan realized the democracies opposing them had little stomach to act. Those democracies — including France, Britain and the U.S. — decided to placate the dictatorships and temporize, hoping that the efforts of Japan to seize Manchuria, Italy to colonize Ethiopia, and Germany to expand in Europe would not affect them. When the democracies did finally act, it was too late to avoid what became World War II.

Are we now on the brink of World War III? We have alliance systems resembling those of World War I, and we have dictators in China, Iran, and Russia. We have a bizarre government in North Korea that possesses nuclear weapons. We again have influential people in the U.S. who see no need to defend democracy.

As someone born during World War II, my view is that our country should remain the "arsenal of democracy," providing Ukraine with the weapons it needs to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

While we live in dangerous times, they will become even more dangerous if Putin is not stopped. Japan could have been stopped when it invaded Manchuria in the 1930s. Italy could

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## School shooting hoaxes are criminal

BY BRUCE FRASSINELLI  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"This is a time when I would want to lock up these b----- and throw away the key."

This frustrated comment came from a principal in one of our local school districts, who asked that I not use his name.

He was referring to the disruption and chaos that resulted from "swatting" threats that occurred last week shortly after the mass murder of six at a Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee.

A number of area schools were impacted, including Lehigh, East Stroudsburg,

### ANOTHER VIEW

Catasauqua, Allen and Nazareth. In addition, a lockdown occurred at Valley View School District in Lackawanna County, and there were swatting reports at many other schools in Pennsylvania and other states.

Unlike the prank phone calls from disgruntled students or the pulling of fire alarm devices by mischievous students who think this is a big joke, this recent rash of "swatting" incidents was far more sophisticated and probably the work of foreign interventionists, according to police.

State police and the FBI believe the calls were computer-generated. This is an example of how evildoers are using advanced computer tools, even artificial intelligence, to take advantage of the public's concerns over mass shootings for ideological gain.

Some parents have asked why the schools just don't ignore these threats which they believe are "obvious attempts to take advantage of the hysteria that accompanies a mass shooting, especially one which includes children." The shootings in Nashville included the murder of three 9-year-olds.

The short answer is that it would be unconscionable for schools to ignore warnings of this nature. If they did, and something happened that resulted in death and/or injury

to students and staff or damage to a school facility there would be hell to pay.

"It's all hands on deck," said Northampton County District Attorney Terry Houck. "It doesn't matter how many false calls there are; every one has to be treated as if it's real."

Aside from last week's "swatting" reports, there are incidents where students write messages on bathroom walls, for example. When they are caught, these students face juvenile court action for terroristic threats, which would be a criminal complaint for minors. Too often, these youngsters receive merely a slap on the wrist and little else.

Those who are 18 or older are treated as adults, and, as such, face much stricter penalties if convicted. I want to reiterate that I have and continue to recommend that the juvenile age limit be dropped to 16, which I believe would be a major deterrent in ferreting out students who believe such bad behavior is merely a lark, and too many parents pass it off as "kids being kids."

For those of you not acquainted with the term "swatting," it is the practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to activate a major response from armed police to a particular address or location.

The name comes from "SWAT," an

acronym for Special Weapons and Tactics. A SWAT team is made up of highly trained law enforcement officers and provides round-the-clock protection in critical police situations, especially when a person has barricaded himself and has taken hostages.

Many officials are calling for legislation that would define "swatting" as a form of terrorism because of its being used to intimidate and create the possibility of death or injury.

As it stands, making false reports to emergency personnel is a criminal offense punishable by a fine or imprisonment, but critics say current laws don't go far enough.

"Swatting" carries the potential for violence and causes resources to be wasted by political jurisdictions, along with the risk of liability if things go sideways.

Some states, such as California, have passed legislation making the "swatter" liable for fines of up to \$10,000 if death or injury from a phony "swatting" call occurs.

Northampton DA Houck agrees with these measures and says one of the ways to stop such false activities is by fully prosecuting the offender.

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## Unreel

### Allentown has a film festival

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
 pwillistein@tntonline.com

Philadelphia has 40 film festivals. Pittsburgh has 20 film festivals. Allentown has no film festival.

Until now. The Allentown Film Festival (AFF) is April 14-16.

The AFF is the brainchild of Allentown Film Festival Director Dr. Alan Younkin and Allentown Film Festival President Michael Schelp.

"We fled New York during the pandemic," Schelp says in a phone interview with a reporter for Lehigh Valley Press. "And we said, 'We can



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left: Allentown Film Festival Director Dr. Alan Younkin and Allentown Film Festival President Michael Schelp, co-founders, Allentown Film Festival, April 14-16.

live anywhere for a few months.' We ended up buying a place. We just fell in love with Allentown.

"When people find out we have an apartment in New York City, they say, 'Well, what are you are doing here?' I just love the

people and the area," says Schelp.

The duo moved to Allentown about three years ago, purchasing a house in the West Park District. Younkin, a veterinarian, and Schelp, who works in the media, co-chaired

the 2022 "Art in the Park," presented by the West Park Civic Association.

Younkin and Schelp co-directed the documentary feature, "Broke(n)," with interviews of Allen-

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## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### Your look ahead at Valley Arts

Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Fu, "Tchaikovsky's Fourth," 7:30 p.m. April 15; 2 p.m. April 16, Miller Symphony Hall. The ASO's 2022-23 season finale weekend begins with "Meet the Artist," noon April 14, Miller Symphony Hall. ASO Music Director and Conductor Diane Witt-



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ry leads a talk about the music with the guest artist Leonard Fu, above, violin soloist, and 2022 Schadt String Competition first-prize winner. Tchaikovsky's "Fourth Symphony" features Fu. The concert includes a piece by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, an English composer of African heritage who studied with Edward Elgar. The program: Coleridge-Taylor, "Overture to The Song of Hiawatha, Op. 30, No. 3; and Tchaikovsky, "Symphony No. 4 in F minor, Op. 36." Chinese-German violinist Leonard Fu's love for music began at an early age when his two older sisters were practicing the violin and the piano and he started imitating the melodies on the piano by ear. He had his first piano lesson at age four and his first violin lesson at age seven. Fu has performed across the United States and in Germany, China, Russia, Italy and Spain. He has performed concerts with Bremer Kammerphilharmonie, NDR Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, Frankfurt Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra and Hamburger Sinfoniker. Fu has a special interest in the performance of old music and studies historical performance practice. He is also an advocate for contemporary music. Fu is enrolled at the Juilliard School of Music as an Artist Diploma student of Donald Weilerstein and Catherine Cho to whom he serves as a teaching assistant. Fu has begun to write and play jazz. Other interests include political activism, philosophy, languages and baking. Fu plays a Lorenzo Storioni, Cremona, 1781 from the instrument fund of the Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben. Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; 610-432-6715; <https://www.millersymphonyhall.org>

## 'Girls' test their metal at 'Berg

Lehigh Valley Stage list: <https://www.lvpnews.com/>

Muhlenberg College's Theatre & Dance Department premieres "Local Girls," a play with music about a teenage heavy metal rock band, April 20-23, Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, Muhlenberg Col-

### CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

lege, Allentown. Written by Emma Goidel in 2016, "Local Girls" is about searching

for big-time glory in a small-time town.

"Anyone who has ever felt stuck in their circumstances, dreaming of escape, will find familiar themes in 'Local Girls,'" says Muhlenberg College Professor of Theater Beth Schachter, who directs the play.

"The show calls atten-

tion to the limits and constraints on people in their late teens, heading out into life. It also explores the importance of sticking with relationships where you love somebody, even if that person fails you or you fail them," says Schachter.

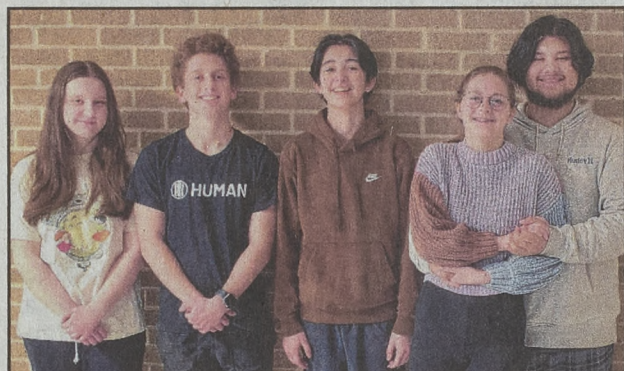
In Tucker, Georgia, See **'GIRLS'** on Page B2

## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

Articles and Photos by ED COURRIER

With the spotlight on Lehigh Valley high school musicals on the road to the 21st annual Freddy Awards, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section continues its preview series, which began Feb. 22. The 2023 Freddy Awards ceremony is 7 p.m. May 25, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, telecast live on WFMZ and streamed on [wfmz.com](http://wfmz.com).

Information: <https://freddyawards.org/>



From left: Tori Prostko (Mrs. Potts), Teagan Ryan (Cogsworth), Noah Zogheib (Lumiere), Marion Keller (Belle), Edwin Feijoo (Beast), "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," Freedom High School.



From left: Carmela D'Aquila (Mrs. Potts), Dmitri Melton (Beast), Mya Heard (Belle), Valeska Fichter (Gaston), Emmanuel Morales (Lafou), "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School.



From left: Yoskar Morales-Feli (Orin Scrivello, D.D.S.), Niko Rodriguez (Audrey), Eli Mercedes (Seymour Krelborn), Meghan Edinger (Audrey II), Alfonso Jaquez (Mr. Mushnik), "Little Shop of Horrors," William Allen High School.

### LIBERTY

#### 'Beauty and the Beast'

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast" conjures enchantment on the stage, 7 p.m. April 20, 21, 22; 1 p.m. April 22, 23, auditorium, Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem.

Director Justin Amann is assisted by Assistant Director Natalie Parker, Choreographer Vanessa Ruggiero, Music Director Denise Parker, Prop Mistress and Costumer Priscilla Salazar, Pit Director Michael Moran and Stage Managers Abby Shapiro and Emily Sheridan.

With music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and book by Linda

Woolverton, the musical is adapted from Disney's Academy Award-winning 1991 animated feature film of the same title. The film is based on the French fairy tale, "La Belle et la Bête," by Jeanne-Marie LePrince de Beaumont and published in 1740.

The 1994 Broadway production was nominated for nine Tony Awards, receiving one Tony Award.

Songs include "Belle," "Gaston," "Be Our Guest," "Human Again" and "Beauty and the Beast."

Tickets: [Showtix4u.com/events/FHSTC](https://www.showtix4u.com/events/FHSTC)

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#### 'Beauty and the Beast'

Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School thespians bring magic and Gallic charm to the stage in "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," 7 p.m. April 22; 1 p.m. April 22, 23, auditorium, Nazareth Area Middle School, 94 Friedenstahl Avenue, Nazareth.

Director Amanda Pascale is assisted by Music Director Christine Sylvestre and Choreographer Sarah Kistler.

With music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, and book by Linda Woolverton, the musical is adapted from

Disney's Academy Award-winning 1991 animated feature film of the same title. The film is based on the French fairy tale, "La Belle et la Bête," by Jeanne-Marie LePrince de Beaumont and published in 1740.

The 1994 Broadway production was nominated for nine Tony Awards, receiving one Tony Award.

Notable songs include "Home," "If I Can't Love Her," "Be Our Guest," "Something There" and "Tale as Old as Time."

Tickets: <https://lvacademy.boottix.com/>

### ALLEN

#### 'Little Shop of Horrors'

The comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" chews up the stage, 7 p.m. April 20, 21, 22; 2 p.m. April 23, John F. McHugh Auditorium, William Allen High School, 106 N. 17th St., Allentown.

Director John T. Sechler is assisted by Co-Director and Choreographer Dawn Blanco, Technical Director Marc Hissam, Music Director Brandon Remp, Conductor Eric Moser and Costume Designer Karen Comegys.

Skid Row flower shop employee Seymour cultivates a plant that has an insatiable appetite. With music by Alan

Menken, lyrics and book by Howard Ashman, the rock musical is based on the 1960 comedy film "The Little Shop of Horrors" by Charles B. Griffith.

The musical debuted off-Broadway in 1982 with a movie version in 1986. The 2003 Broadway production was nominated for one Tony Award.

Songs include "Suddenly, Seymour," "Supertime," "Somewhere That's Green" and "Be a Dentist."

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# 'GIRLS'

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Diskit (Tomomi Lewis-Noguchi) is a high school chemistry genius in need of friends. Riley (Christine Norton) is a high school burnout in need of a singer for her metal band. A local contest could change the lives of the high school girls.

"The show highlights the feeling of being passionate about something," says music director and composer Jeff Yorgey.

"There's a lot of metal out there that has a positive message and not a lot of people realize that. Heavy metal is an outlet when there's no way to get certain feelings out other than shouting them at the top of your lungs," Yorgey says.

Cast members have a music background, but most would not have described themselves as fans of metal music. Yorgey has been rehearsing them since January, helping them transform into Thigh



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From left: Director Beth Schachter and actors Samantha Ruch and Christine Norton, "Local Girls," Muhlenberg College.

Trap, the band at the center of "Local Girls."

"We need to believe that these characters are lifelong metal musicians," says Yorgey, "So, it's been my main challenge to get the actors up to speed on how these instruments are played in the frame of metal music."

Norton says that playing instruments on stage has benefited character development in more ways than one.

"Having live music honestly makes the process more comfortable,"

says Norton.

"To have my instrument with me when I'm on stage helps me make a deeper connection with my character, and it's fun.

"I think that's what the show is all about, finding a way to describe what the feeling of music brings to people and what exactly makes them feel that way," Norton says.

Lewis-Noguchi says that discovering the relationships between the characters has been a crucial element of re-

hearsals.

"All of the characters have been friends, or are just becoming friends," Lewis-Noguchi says. "So, we've needed to develop these relationships in order to portray them realistically."

The show features a guest performance by Muhlenberg College Professor of Acting Jim Van Valen as Diskit's dad.

Schachter says she was drawn to "Local Girls" by its authentic depiction of teenage life and the struggle for love and belonging.

The actors agree, and say they've been delving into their own fairly recent teenage experiences as they formulate their characters.

"Expect to be taken back to high school in good and bad ways," Lewis-Noguchi says, adding, "The show calls attention to that feeling of not knowing anything about yourself, and then learning things about yourself from the people you love."

"Local Girls," 8 p.m. April 20, 22;

2, 8 p.m. April 23; 2 p.m. April 24, Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance, Muhlenberg College, 2400 Chew St., Allentown. Tickets: 484-664-3333; <https://muhlenberg.edu/seeashow>

**Lehigh slam-poetry play:** Lehigh University Department of Theatre presents the area premiere of "Brown Face" April 14-22, Diamond Theater, Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University.

Part-play, part-poetry slam, "Brown Face" follows a group of college students as they navigate their identities in the competitive world of spoken-word poetry.

The play, written by Carissa Atallah, a playwright from Southern California, premiered in 2021 and received The Harold and Mimi Steinberg National Student Playwriting Award presented by the Kennedy Center.

Gracia is a Chicana writer. In order to draw attention to her work but not her undocu-

mented status, Gracia convinces her white and United States-born best friend Mariza to perform her poetry.

When Gracia's words launch Mariza into gaining a following as a Latinx artist and activist, their friendship is tested by privilege and cultural appropriation.

Lehigh University Department of Theatre Chairperson Kashi Johnson directs the play.

"Brown Face," 7:30 p.m. April 14, 15, 20-22; 2 p.m. April 16, Diamond Theater, Zoellner Arts Center, 420 E. Packer Avenue, Bethlehem. Tickets: 610-758-2787; <http://zoellner.cas.lehigh.edu>

"Curtain Rises" is a column about the theater, stage shows, the actors in them and the directors and artists who make them happen. To request coverage, email: [Paul.Willistein@ttonline.com](mailto:Paul.Willistein@ttonline.com)

# UNREEL

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town residents coping with the post-pandemic economy.

After premiering in September 2022 at Civic Theatre of Allentown, "Broke(n)" was screened at 16 film festivals. Younkin and Schelp got the idea to present a film festival in Allentown.

In the region, there is the Greater Lehigh Valley Film Festival, presented April 1, 2, SteelStacks, Bethlehem; sixth annual Jim Thorpe Film Festival, April 20-23, and 19th annual Southside Film Festival, June 13-17, Bethlehem.

Younkin and Schelp formed a nonprofit and announced AFF on FilmFreeway, the film festival and screenplay contest website.

"Allentown Film Festival and allentownfilm-festival.org was available," says Younkin, a trace of incredulousness still in his voice.

Film submissions for festivals are uploaded to FilmFreeway. AFF received 600 film submissions from 50 countries from September to March 15.



At AFF, approximately 130 short and feature-length films will be exhibited in 15 screening blocks. One-third of the films are from filmmakers in the Lehigh Valley or nearby.

Films are screened in five Allentown venues: beginning April 1, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, and April 13, Downtown Allentown Market, and continuing April 14-16, Civic Theatre of Allentown's Nineteenth Street Theatre and Theatre514, and the Allentown Art Museum.

"A lot of people said, 'I always thought it would be cool to make a film, but why? And

then when I saw the Allentown Film Festival, I will make it for that,'" recounted Schelp.

"At Bradbury Sullivan, these two women from Brazil made this sweet, simple little film. And they have this bamboo tree. And it symbolized their being transplanted. And I said, 'You have to do another film next year.'"

Younkin and Schelp are planning the second annual AFF.

This year, Younkin and Schelp premiere "Married to the Mayor," a documentary short they produced and directed about Karen Tuerk, wife of Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerk. The film is emblem-



atic of the community spirit they hope AFF engenders.

"One of the reasons we started the festival is that we wanted to get people out of their phones and to connect and to make it a community event," says Schelp.

The AFF logo reflects that. An AFF press release states:

"The Allentown Film Festival logo features robust fonts that pay homage to the city's industrial history. Capping the logo is the stepped profile of the iconic PPL Building, the windows of which echo the square sprocket holes of the film strip below in

which 'Film Festival' is carved. A stylized Liberty Bell is concealed in the 'a' of 'Festival,' a reference to Allentown's historic role in safeguarding the actual Liberty Bell during the American Revolutionary War when it was hidden from the British in a local church."

AFF will screen a mix of international, American and Lehigh Valley films, including dozens of short and feature films with several world premieres.

Screening blocks of short and feature films will be followed by question and answer discussions with filmmakers and audiences.

AFF categories are Best Narrative Feature, Best Documentary Feature, Best Narrative Short, Best Documentary Short and Best Music Video.

Awarded will be cash prizes to the best entries in the Lehigh Valley Shorts categories. Lehigh Valley residents submitted films, from one to five minutes in length, in three categories: K-12 students, college students, and Lehigh Valley filmmakers.

"We're going to put on a really fun show with VIP red-carpet parties, great films, engaging panel discussions, and a real sense of community," Younkin says.

To that end, there will be music. "To make a fun festival, we also have live music from a group that we accepted music videos. The Dust Bowl Faeries will play four times between blocks and during the closing reception at Miller Symphony Hall," says Younkin.

Says Younkin in an AFF press release: "The goal is to identify and

encourage compelling, thought-provoking independent films.

"The Allentown Film Festival will not only boost Lehigh Valley pride but also remind people in the Mid-Atlantic region that Allentown is a vibrant, much-closer-than-you-think arts mecca," Younkin says.

Adds Civic Theatre of Allentown Artistic Director William Sanders in the press release: "People have been talking about starting a film festival for years. We are thrilled to host what we hope will become a highly-anticipated annual tradition."

The press release noted that, according to The Guardian, a British newspaper, a local film festival, large or small, can benefit a local economy.

"Today, film festivals operate more like micro-economies," the newspaper stated, according to the press release. "They can make smaller cities boom by bringing in business, giving young people a reason to remain in the region, and developing a city's national and international links."

Schelp stated in the press release that the festival can introduce Allentown and the Lehigh Valley to people unfamiliar with the region. "Many of North America's largest cities are less than a half-day's drive from Allentown," says Schelp. "We want to spread the word: Allentown is a lot more than a Billy Joel song about post-industrial angst."

Allentown Film Festival schedule, tickets, at venues' door; and <https://www.allentownfilm-festival.org>

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## Observe protocol when going to open houses

Dear Jacquelyn,  
My husband and I are beginning our search for our forever home. We have started going to open houses and I have some questions about some of the do's and don'ts of open-house courtesy. Can I take photos? Is it OK to look in the closets? Should we take our shoes off? Can you please help us avoid the awkward faux pas of house-hunting?

Dear Reader,  
Open houses can be a fun way to identify what you want in a home, and there are certainly some things you should try to avoid doing when at-

### RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



tending an open house.

I don't think it is rude to open closet doors. You need to see how much space you are working with. Minimal storage can be a deal breaker.

An important part of your home-buying decision lies in the amount of storage space you will need. It is acceptable to peek inside cabinets, pantries, closets and attics. Nightstands, medicine cabinets and dressers are off-limits. Never touch personal items in the home.

Remember, you are visiting someone's home.

Wipe your feet on the doormat. Taking your shoes off varies from house-to-house. If you are asked to remove your shoes, please do so.

Some sellers will offer paper booties to protect the floor. This is common in new homes. Most sellers won't ask you to remove your shoes. However, be prepared to do so. When in doubt leave your shoes at the door.

I believe asking permission before taking photos at someone's house is basic courtesy and good manners. Taking photos or videos for personal reference and to remember the details

of a home is usually acceptable. Please ask permission from the agent. And remember that it's never OK to post your pictures online.

Be courteous and act like you would want someone to act if they were attending an open house in your home.

Best of luck as you begin the search for your forever home.

Respectfully Yours,  
Jacquelyn

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## How to counter hate

The editorial page of some newspapers carried a big headline declaring the level of hate in the US is disturbing. And it keeps on growing.

At first I didn't read it for one reason. I get tired of being told the horrors of what's wrong with this country and tired of hearing about awful things are to fall on us.

When there is nothing I can do about a problem, it only makes me feel worse when I realize how much is out of my control.

After the article on hate generated so much reader response I realized there is something we all can do to counter hatred.

While we might be powerless to wipe out hate on the national scene we can do plenty to eradicate it from our own lives.

We can work to eliminate hatred from our home, our community and our hearts.

I don't think some of us realize how we, too, contribute to the hatred in this country.

I have two kayaking friends who are quite bright and helpful to others.

But here's what I don't get. They have two signs outside their lovely home. One says "Hatred doesn't have a home here."

I can't tell you what the other one says because it's a vulgar sign about a certain politician I will not name.

Seems to me one sign contradicts the other.

Maybe it's all about levels of disliking what someone stands for. I understand that. What I don't understand is a nasty vulgarity hung outside a beautiful home, next to the sign about no hatred.

I don't have to tell you this country is more polarized than it ever was.

Oh how I long for positive leaders who can gather supporters without the nastiness that has taken over.

I refuse to talk politics but I will never tire of talking about the need for civility.

You remember civility, don't you?

It's what we used to have when we tolerated other viewpoints without whipping us into a frenzy of hatred.

For the longest time I refused to vote for anyone that had a negative campaign.

I can no longer do that because everyone running for office seems to be tearing down opponents.

While it's a truism that we can't control anyone but ourselves, there is still a lot we can do to counter hatred.

We can at least keep hate out of our own heart.

I have a friend who went through years of hell with an ex-husband's nastiness. Whenever we saw her she had new stories to tell us about her ex-husband's hatred.

When their daughter graduated from high school my friend had a big party. Not only did she invite her ex-husband but she also told him to bring his present girlfriend.

Of course he was suspicious of her motives. Without putting him down she told him

### WARMEST REGARDS

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she was tired of the hatred between them and wanted to do her part to make amends. "When I admitted my part in our toxic relationship it seemed to soften him," she said.

Their daughter is happy to have her parents get along well enough to at least tolerate each other at family events.

The daughter said her graduation party where she didn't have warring parents was the only one she ever had that didn't make her sick in the stomach.

Her parents were so consumed with their own anger that they didn't stop to realize what their hatred was doing to their daughter.

Halfway through writing this column I was tempted to delete it and write about something else.

Hate is ugly in all of its forms and I can't even stand to write about it.

But as our country swings toward rampant hatred I feel compelled to talk about what we can do to counter hatred.

Maybe something as simple as not contributing to it in any form would be a start.

In our church, part of each service includes turning to those around us and saying, "Peace be with you."

Some shorten it and just say, "Peace."

It's a beautiful thought to extend a wish for peace.

For many years when someone was antagonistic toward me I wanted to retaliate by "giving them a piece of my mind."

I once heard a speaker say if we keep giving away pieces of our mind we won't have much of a mind left.

I think it was the wisdom of age that made me take a long look at myself, weeding out unproductive thoughts and actions.

With age, I also learned something new: Holding my tongue.

Every now and then it pays off in surprising ways.

A woman who has long been a thorn in my side and who made it hard for me to keep holding my tongue when it came to her actions totally surprised me.

She said she has long admired my positive approach to life and wishes she could be more like that.

Here's a question for you.

When you haul off and put someone down how does it make you feel? Does it just increase your anger?

On the other hand, when you go out of your way to help someone or do something nice for them how does that make you feel?

Let's spread kindness.

This week in particular as we celebrate Easter may we all be instruments of peace.

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## Tips to make Easter lily last and plant in garden

A sure sign of spring was the arrival of Easter lilies in stores.

While this iconic symbol of Easter is often enjoyed only for the holiday season as a potted plant in your house, it can also be a striking addition to your garden.

When purchasing a potted Easter lily from a store, hopefully you selected one with dense foliage along the entire stem and no signs of disease, such as wilted, yellowed or dark spotted leaves or pests, such as insect eggs, webs, or holes chewed in the leaves.

Plants with many buds in different stages of development, with only one or two open flowers, are preferred. This will prolong the blooming time in your home.

At home, remove protective plastic or paper sleeves around the plant. Avoid placing it in direct sunlight, but instead, set it in an area of indirect light, away

### FAMILY PROJECT

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



from drafts.

To prolong blooming, the ideal daytime temperature is between 60 and 65 degrees, with slightly lower temperatures at night.

They prefer even moisture. Never allow the plant to sit in standing water, and if the pot has a foil wrapper, either remove it or poke holes in it to allow water to drain.

As the flowers begin to open, you may remove the yellow anthers holding the pollen. Pollen removal extends the flower's bloom life and prevents the pollen from staining the flower and anything around the plant. As the flowers die, pinch spent blooms where they attach to the stem.

When planting in

your garden, you may choose to plant your potted lily or purchase bulbs. You may plant your potted lilies any time after the risk of frost in the spring through fall.

If planting in spring, acclimate the plant to the outside temperatures before planting it in the ground. They prefer well-drained, rich, organic soil and full sun to part shade.

If planting bulbs, plant them 4 to 6 inches deep and 12 to 18 inches apart in the fall, with the growing points facing upward.

Easter lilies bloom naturally from July to August, and as they grow, they may require staking. If cutting flowers for arrangements, remove no more than one-third of the stem.

Allow leaves and stems to turn yellow before cutting back to provide energy for the next year's blooms. Cover in the fall with a layer of mulch and remove the

following spring to allow new shoots to sprout.

An important word of caution: Easter lilies, as well as many other types of lilies, are highly toxic to cats. All parts of the plant, even the pollen, are poisonous and may cause kidney failure and death if ingested.

Contact your veterinarian immediately if a cat has eaten or licked any part of an Easter lily. For treatment to be effective, it must be initiated no later than 18 hours after exposure.

Early symptoms of poisoning may include vomiting, disorientation, loss of appetite, and lethargy.

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## Treatments, ways to counteract snoring

Q. Is it my imagination or does my husband's snoring get worse if he's been drinking?

I'd have to listen to him snoring to give you an answer to that one.

But I can tell you that drinking can intensify snoring.

As you fall asleep, your tongue, throat and the roof of your mouth relax. If they relax too much, they may partially block the flow of air to your lungs. Then the tissue at the back of your mouth vibrates, creating the sound of logs being sawed. As the airway narrows, the vibration intensifies and the snoring gets louder.

Alcohol relaxes throat muscles, so it promotes snoring. If you want to avoid snoring, you should stop drinking alcohol at least four hours before bedtime.

Here are some other causes of snoring:

A soft palate that is long and low restricts the opening from the nose into the throat. That triangular thingy

### HEALTHY GEEZER

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hanging in the back of the palate is called a "uvula." If your uvula is long, that creates wood-sawing, too.

Overweight people have bulky neck tissue. Extra bulk in the throat narrows your airway.

A stuffy nose or one that is blocked by a crooked partition (deviated septum) between the nostrils requires extra effort to pull air through it. This creates an exaggerated vacuum in the throat, and pulls throat tissues together.

Very loud snoring may also be associated with obstructive sleep apnea, a serious condition. When you have sleep apnea, your throat tissues obstruct your airway, preventing you from breathing. Heavy snorers should seek medical advice to ensure that they don't have sleep apnea.

About one quarter of adults snore regularly. Almost half of normal adults snore occasionally. Men snore more than women. And snoring usually gets worse as we get older.

Here are some ways to counteract mild or occasional snoring:

- \* Sleep on your side. Lying on your back allows your tongue to drop into your throat where it can make you snore.

- \* Tilt the head of your bed up four inches.

- \* Mouth-breathing during sleep can lead to snoring, so make sure your nasal passages are clear. If you have chronic nasal congestion, ask your doctor about prescription nasal sprays.

- \* Avoid alcohol, tranquilizers, sleeping pills, and antihistamines before bedtime.

- \* Lose weight.

- \* Correct a deviated septum with surgery.

- \* Place adhesive strips on your nose. They can open your nasal passages and make breathing easier.

- \* There are more than 300 devices designed to

cure snoring. Some of them work because they keep you off your back. A few stop you from snoring by waking you.

And here are some treatments for snoring:

- \* Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty (thank God it has an acronym: UPPP) is surgery to tighten palate and throat tissue.

- \* Laser Assisted Uvula Palatoplasty (LAUP) vaporizes the uvula and part of the palate.

- \* Radiofrequency ablation employs a needle electrode to emit energy to shrink excess tissue.

- \* Oral appliances are dental mouthpieces that help advance the position of your tongue and soft palate to keep your air passage open.

- \* Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) involves wearing a mask over your nose. The mask is attached to a small pump that forces air through your airway, which keeps it open.

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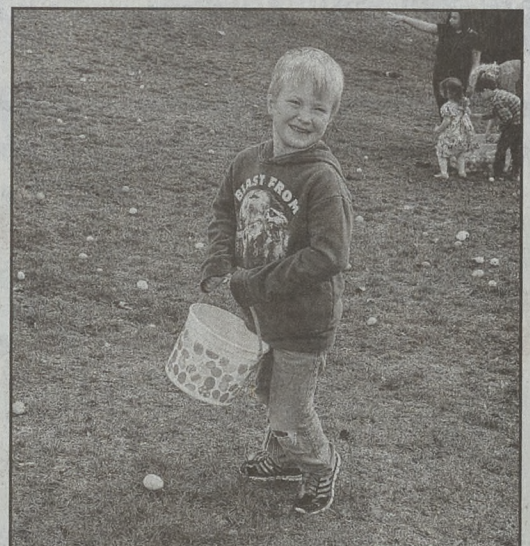
## Easter fun at Christ's Church at Lowhill

LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny arrived April 1 for the Easter Bunny breakfast at Christ's Church of Lowhill UCC, New Tripoli.

ABOVE: Autumn Metzger and her mom, Ashley, visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny.

RIGHT: Trexler is excited to collect his Easter eggs at the Christ's Church at Lowhill hunt.

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# 'D&D' a game-changer

There are dungeons. There are dragons. There's a lot more than that in "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves." Don't let the title put you off. Let's just call it "D&D."

After all, it's only a game. "D&D" is based on the Hasbro tabletop role-playing game. And that's the fun of the movie. The actors and directors realize it's only a game. They don't seem to care about the ridiculous and hackneyed plot. They seem to be having fun and so the movie-gor has fun, too.

"D&D" is a contemporary take on the hallowed swashbuckler genre from the Golden Age of Hollywood and the films of legendary movie star Errol Flynn (1909-1959).

In "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves," in the lead role is Chris Pine as Edgin, who brings a team together, including Holga (Michelle Rodriguez), Xenk (Regé-Jean Page), Simon (Justice Smith) and Doric (Sophia Lillis).

In one of the movie's many little delights, look for Bradley Cooper in a hilarious turn as Marlamín.

Team Edgin opposes Forge (Hugh Grant) and Sofina (Daisy Head), who rule over the land of Neverwinter (not to be confused with Florida).

Edgin and company are on a quest to locate a magical helmet, The Helm of Disjunction (not to be confused with a conjunction). For that, they must travel to the Underdark (not to be confused with Bud Light).

Edgin also wants to rescue his daughter,

## AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein  
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Kira (Chloe Coleman), who has been kidnapped by Forge.

OK, that's enough plot recitation.

"Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" has elements of the movies, "The Princess Bride" (1987), "The Lord of The Rings" (2002, 2002, 2003) and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (1975).

There's plenty of action, swordplay, hand-to-hand fight scenes, strange and unusual creatures, scary monsters, imaginative sets and special effects and amazing visuals.

This is a breakout role for Pine as a lead star, even though he's been in plenty of movies (Steve Trevor, "Wonder Woman 1984," 2020; Jack Ryan, "Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit," 2014; Prince, "Into the Woods," 2014; Kirk, "Star Trek" series, 2009).

Pine has the charm of a young Kevin Costner and the quip-ready timing of a young Harrison Ford. Pine has his own goofy charm, including scenes where he makes like a minstrel and plays the lute and sings.

Rodriguez (Letty, "Fast and Furious" series) has a powerful screen presence and doesn't disappoint in the action scenes.

Co-directors John Francis Daley (screenwriter, "Spider-Man: Homecoming," 2017; "Horrible Bosses," 2011) and Jonathan Goldstein (director, "Game Night," 2018; "Vacation," 2015) provide a good mix of ac-

tion and comedy. Daley and Goldstein co-wrote the screenplay with Michael Gilio (director, screenwriter, "Kwik Stop," 2001) based on a story by Gilio and Chris McKay (director, "Renfield," 2023; "The Tomorrow War," 2021; "The Lego Batman Movie," 2017).

Even if you've never played "Dungeons & Dragons" the game, you should be game for the "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" the movie.

"Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves," MPAA rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for fantasy action-violence and some language; Genre: Comedy, Action, Adventure, Fantasy; Run time: 2 hours, 14 minutes. Distributed by Paramount Pictures.

## Credit Readers

**Anonymous:** The "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" end credits include a scene that harks back to a, ahem, plot point involving a graveyard where a skeleton pleads to be asked one more question so that he can return to his coffin in peace. The movie was filmed in Northern Ireland and Iceland. During the movie, "Juice Of The Vine," written by John Francis Daley, Jonathan Goldstein and Lorne Balfe, is played by Chris Pine and sung by him and Michelle Rodriguez, as is "When The Battle Is Over," written by Daley, Goldstein and Balfe, also played by Pine and sung by him and Rodriguez.



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Michelle Rodriguez (Holga), Chris Pine (Edgin), "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves."

**At the Movies:** "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" was seen in Dolby at AMC, AMC Center Valley 16. The speakers roar and the seats rumble to good effect in certain scenes.

**Theatrical Movie Domestic Box Office,** April 5 - April 9: "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" was super, opening at No. 1, with \$146.3 million for the weekend, and \$204.6 million for five days since opening April 5 in 4,343 theaters.

The animation feature movie based on the video game had the biggest opening ever for an animated film with \$377 million worldwide, surpassing the previous record of "Frozen II" (2019), which opened with \$358 million, according to Hollywood Reporter, which also stated it's the best-ever opening ever for a movie based on a video game; the biggest five-day opening ever, surpassing "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (2009), which had \$200 million, and the top opening of 2023, surpassing "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantunamia."

2. "John Wick: Chapter 4" stayed in place, \$14.6 million in 3,607 theaters, \$147 million, three weeks. 3. "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" dropped two places from No. 1 with \$14.5 million in 3,856 theaters, \$62.2 million, two weeks. 4. "Air," directed by Ben Affleck and starring himself, Matt Damon and Viola Davis in the sports film about the Michael Jordan sneaker, \$14.4 million in 3,507 theaters, weekend, \$20.2 million since April 5 opening. 5. "Scream VI" dropped one place, \$3.3 million in 2,286 theaters, \$103.8 million, five weeks. 6. "His Only Son" dropped three places, \$3.2 million in 1,930 theaters, \$11 million, two weeks. 7. "Creed III" dropped two places, \$2.8 million in 2,002 theaters, \$153.2 million, six weeks. 8. "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" dropped two places, \$1.6 million in 2,203 theaters, \$56.6 million, four weeks. 9. "Paint," starring Owen Wilson as a fictional television painting show star, \$750,000 in 819 theaters, opening. 10. "A Thousand and One" dropped three places, \$600,000 in 926 theaters, \$2.9 million, two weeks.

**Movie box office information from Box Office Mojo as of April 9 is subject to change.**

## Unreel, April 14:

**"Renfield,"** Rated R: Chris McKay directs Nicolas Cage, Nicholas Hoult and Awkwafina in the Comedy, Fantasy Horror movie. The story of Dracula is told from the perspective of his henchman. Nicolas Cage is down for the Count as he chews more than the scenery.

**Movie opening date information from Internet Movie Database as of April 9 is subject to change.**

## LCCC

### Open house for students

Prospective students and their families are invited to Lehigh Carbon Community College's in-person spring open house, 6 - 8 p.m. April 13, Community Services Center, main campus, Schnecksville. Admissions and financial aid representa-

tives, academic advisors and faculty program coordinators will answer questions.

Families are encouraged to attend with their prospective student to:

- Meet with faculty coordinators about degrees and the many programs.
- Learn about the LCCC admissions process, advising, transfer options, placement testing, athletic opportuni-

ties and more.

• Attend presentations on financial aid and scholarships (provided in English and Spanish), educational support and the Honors program.

- Learn about classes and campus life.
  - Take a campus tour
- Register: [www.lccc.edu/openhouse](http://www.lccc.edu/openhouse); call LCCC Admissions Office, 610-799-1575, or email: [admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:admissions@lccc.edu).

## LCCC

### Program on bat rescue

The Veterinary Technician Club at Lehigh Carbon Community College, in partnership with Pennsylvania Bat Rescue, is hosting a "Bat Exhibit and Education Program," 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with a presentation at noon, April 15, Outdoor Classrooms, adjacent to

Parking Lot G, Schnecksville campus.

In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held in the Student Union with parking in Lot A.

Steph Stronsick, executive director of Pennsylvania Bat Rescue, will be onsite with bats now in the rescue program. Stronsick founded Pennsylvania Bat Rescue, Mertztown, Berks County, in 2012.

Stronsick will share information about the important role bats play in the ecosystems and their designation as a keystone species, as well as information about the fungal disease that causes white nose syndrome, and its devastating effects on the bat population.

This program is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to support Pennsylvania Bat Rescue.

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## The Bunny Buddies and the MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE!

This Easter, Buzz and Beeper didn't find eggs in their baskets. They found a mysterious message! Every bunny needs a buddy and these bunnies need YOUR help to discover how to read the message.



Find the eight vegetables I have hidden in the meadow. Next to each one is a letter. Match the letter to each of the vegetables in the coded message below and you will find out how to get to your baskets full of goodies!

Find somebunny to be your buddy and do this page together! If this page looks easy to do, share it with somebunny younger than you. If it looks hard, share it with somebunny older!

Happy Easter!  
E.B.



**Extra! Extra!**  
**Trust**  
 Whom do you trust? Do you know why? Can you find a picture in the newspaper of someone you trust? Can you find a picture of someone you would not trust?  
 Standards Link: Health: Students recognize and identify positive character traits in themselves and others.



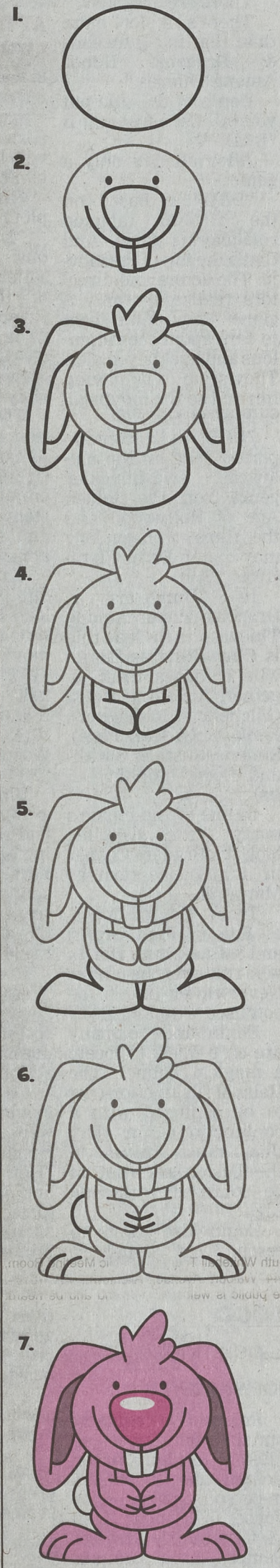
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**Crack Up!**  
 The secret code to crack the answer to this riddle is hidden in this egg border.  
 is the letter A.  
 To find out what letter each egg stands for, find  
 The alphabet follows in order by going clockwise around the border. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

**Q: What's the greatest use of chicken feathers in the world?**

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## How to Draw a Bunny in 7 Easy Steps!



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

**Color It!**  
 Beeper didn't finish coloring her egg. Do the rest for her.

Have more fun with your buddy! Draw an egg and color half of it. Then let your buddy finish your design.

**Egg Timer**  
 How many eggs can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Race your buddy!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.

### Egg Search

How many times can you find the word EGG in the puzzle?

**Hint:** The word EGG is spelled forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

0-5 Great Beginner  
 6-10 Eggstra-Special  
 11-15 Egg-citing  
 15+ Eggstra-ordinary!

Standards Link: Letter Sequencing: Skim and scan reading.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MYSTERIOUS**

The adjective **mysterious** describes something strange or not easily understood.

Kari opened the **mysterious** envelope, unsure of what it might contain.

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

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

**Reporter Game**

With a partner, read a newspaper article. One of you must choose to be a person in the article and the other should be the reporter. Decide what questions were asked to get the relevant information and then role-play the interview.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask clarifying questions about essential textual elements, restate facts and details, clarify and organize ideas.

### Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

ANSWER: Because he kept quacking the eggs.

### Write On!

**Easter Bunny Spotted!**

Write about catching sight of the Easter Bunny leaving eggs.

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**LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS**

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**Thursday, April 13:** Hot: Cheese steak, French onion soup, roasted potato wedges, whole-wheat sandwich roll, fresh orange. Lite: Chicken Caesar wrap, broccoli salad, whole-wheat tortilla, fresh apple slices.

**Friday, April 14:** Hot: Chicken tenders, green beans, cheesy rice, tropical fruit, oatmeal cookie. Lite: Spring mix salad, w/ turkey, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, fresh orange.

**Monday, April 17:** Hot: Beef patty w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, cinnamon, applesauce. Lite: Deli sandwich, four bean salad, whole-wheat roll, one pkg. crackers, Mandarin oranges.

**Tuesday, April 18:** Hot: Ranch chicken Normandy, vegetable blend, roasted red potatoes, whole-wheat dinner roll, vanilla pudding. Lite: Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwich, beet-cucumber-onion salad, whole-wheat roll, one pkg. crackers, tropical fruit.

**Wednesday, April 19:** Hot: Roast pork w/ gravy, greenbeans, sweet potatoes, whole-wheat dinner roll, fresh orange.

Lite: BBQ chicken salad, salad vegetables, whole-wheat dinner roll, pineapple.

**Thursday, April 20:** Hot: Turkey sausage, biscuits and gravy, breakfast potatoes, whole-grain biscuit, w/ gravy, fresh fruit salad.

Lite: Turkey and cheddar sandwich, broccoli salad, whole-wheat roll, one pkg. crackers, fresh pear.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS**

Many Northampton County Senior Centers are now open. Visit [www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx](http://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/Senior-Centers.aspx) or call 610-829-4540 for information, locations, closings and current updates. (subject to change without notice)

**Wednesday, April 12:** Cream of cauliflower soup, mixed green salad w/ sweet Vidalia onion dressing, chicken pot pie, warm biscuit, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

**Thursday, April 13:** Herbed pork loin w/ apricot glaze, mashed sweet potatoes, balsamic glazed vegetable, tropical fruit cup, wheat bread w/ margarine.

**Friday, April 14:** Home-style meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli cuts, iced banana cake.

**Monday, April 17:** Baked tilapia, scalloped potatoes, crinkle cut carrots, corn bread, seasonal fruit.

**Tuesday, April 18:** Cream of tomato basil rice soup, Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, seasoned broccoli florets, cake, ice cream, wheat bread w/ margarine.

**Wednesday, April 19:** Spinach w/ hot bacon dressing, roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, diced pears.

**Thursday, April 20:** Minestrone soup, herbed baked chicken breast w/ gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, fresh fruit cup.

**Friday, April 21:** Mixed green salad w/ creamy Italian dressing, Italian sausage w/ peppers and onions, home fries, garlic bread, banana mousse.

**King Classic Sudoku**

1	6	8			3			
	7				2			9
		2	6	7				
	1			3		9	2	6
8				2	6	7	1	
6		4	7					
	8	9	2			1	5	
		1				6		
			4	5	1		9	7

Difficulty: ★★★

4-12

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**

6	7	2	4	9	1	3	8	5
5	1	4	3	8	7	9	6	2
9	8	3	6	2	5	7	4	1
1	4	5	7	6	9	2	3	8
2	3	9	1	5	8	4	7	6
8	6	7	2	3	4	5	1	9
3	5	6	8	7	2	1	9	4
4	9	8	5	1	3	6	2	7
7	2	1	9	4	6	8	5	3

Difficulty: ★★★

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Whitehall Township Planning Commission has scheduled their meeting for **April 19, 2023 at 7:30 PM** in the Whitehall Township Public Meeting Room. The following items will be discussed:

**A) SUBMISSION REVIEW:**

1) **INDEX #2020-23A - CHARBEL ELIAS - 471 CATASAUQUA AVE** 471 Catasauqua Avenue

Minor Subdivision

Zoning District: R-4

Original Submission Date: 3/29/23

90 Day Expiration: 6/12/23

**B) DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1) Curb & Sidewalk recommendations by the Planning Commission for land development and subdivision plans

2) SALDO amendment regarding plat size for submissions

**C) OTHER:**

Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Applicants and all interested parties **MUST** appear at this meeting to be considered.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Whitehall Township Civil Service Commission will meet on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room, 3219 MacArthur Road Whitehall Pa, 18052. Please see the Township Website ([whitehalltownship.org](http://whitehalltownship.org)). Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Lehigh Tax Collection Committee Public Meeting**  
Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law, notice is served that the Lehigh Tax Collection Committee will meet on April 20, 2023 at 8:30 am in the South Whitehall Township Public Meeting Room, 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104. The public is welcome to attend and be heard. Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP LEHIGH COUNTY  
NOTICE**

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Hanover Township Council introduced Bill No. 2023-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Sections 27-201, 27-402 and Adding Section 27-1105 of the Statutory Code of Hanover Township. The Zoning Ordinance, to Establish Food Processing, Preparation, Packaging and related Distribution Permitted As A Conditional use and Establishing The Dimensional Standards for such Use and Special Conditions for Such Use Adjoining a Residential Zoning District. This Bill is available for public review at Hanover Township Office located at 2202 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109; Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. The Public Hearing is scheduled on May 3, 2023 at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 7:00 PM. Vicky Roth  
Township Clerk  
April 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP  
CONDITIONAL USE HEARING**

The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Township Municipal Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 to consider the following Conditional Use Application:  
The appellant, Eric Miller, owner of Miller Manufactured Home Park 8220 Airport Road Bath PA 18014, requests a conditional use approval to allow for the expansion of a pre-existing non-conforming use. Subject property is located in the Suburban Residential (SR) zoning district. A Mobile Home Park is not permitted in this zoning district, section 250-18 (307) of the East Allen Township Code.

Applicant wishes to expand the existing park by 50% Section 250-33C(a,b,c,d.), by addition of 14 new units.

Any interested party is welcome to attend and will have an opportunity to be heard.

Timothy R. Weis  
East Allen Township  
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP  
ZONING HEARING BOARD**

**NOTICE** is hereby giving that the East Allen Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 7:00 PM at 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd, Northampton, PA 18067 for following application:

**ZHB 23-19013**

The appellant, 7 Commerce Pittston LLC, aka, (Toyota Lift) 7 Commerce Road Pittston, PA 18640. The applicant is proposing 24,150 square foot multi use building to serve as an office, warehouse, sales, retail and repair. The applicant also is seeking relief from section 250-241G to permit minimal stormwater management improvements within the required 20-foot buffer and front yard setback. Property is located in the OC Office Commercial District Tax ID. L5-13A-1-0508. Multi use properties are not permitted by right in this zoning district, Section 250-24.1B of the East Allen Township Code. Applicant is seeking relief of this section.

Interested parties may view the appellant's application at the Township Building from Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM or by appointment. Those who need reasonable accommodations to attend the hearing may request such accommodations by emailing [info@eatwp.org](mailto:info@eatwp.org) or calling 610-262-7961.

Timothy R. Weis, BCO  
East Allen Township  
Zoning Officer

Apr. 5, 12

**CRYPTOGRAM**

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: T equals H

See solutions on Page B10

**PREMIER Crossword**

By Frank A. Longo

**TYKES IN THE  
SADDLE**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Milk-Bone products
- 10 Legendary masked swordsman
- 15 "Getting out of it is not possible for me"
- 20 Stat for a baseball pitcher
- 21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth
- 22 Can't get out of it
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Santa's little helpers
- 26 "Delicious!"
- 27 Insect snares
- 28 Told fibs
- 29 Attempts to hit, as a fly
- 31 Hair fixative
- 32 Ryder Cup org.
- 33 Manipulator
- 34 Prefix with angle
- 35 Felt concern
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Supreme Norse deity
- 44 California vineyard valley
- 45 Joust verbally
- 46 Words before "dream" or "be different"
- 47 Jazz pianist Allison
- 48 Loft
- 50 In a very uncordial way
- 52 City in Iowa
- 53 Riddle, part 3
- 57 Not docile
- 58 Serpentine fish
- 59 Above, in poetry
- 60 Gabrielle of volleyball
- 64 Vietnamese New Year
- 65 Grad's gala
- 68 Flop
- 70 Indian royal
- 72 Camera — (Cannes award)
- 73 Wear down
- 75 Actor DeLuise
- 77 Space
- 79 Big city in Ontario
- 81 Riddle, part 4
- 86 Utah winter vacation spot
- 89 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 90 Ladle, e.g.
- 91 Concerning
- 92 Iris coverer
- 94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"
- 96 Memorable periods
- 97 Squint
- 98 End of the riddle
- 101 Cottage cheese bits
- 102 Hit the slopes
- 103 Alternatives to coffees
- 104 Part of LAPD
- 105 Perp catcher
- 106 Like fishes without appendages
- 108 Casino fixture

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- 110 Holier-than- —
  - 112 Rock's Reed
  - 115 Make irate
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 120 Crouch down
  - 121 Fill with panic
  - 122 Vacant elected positions
  - 123 1,000-kilo metric unit
  - 124 Conical tent
  - 125 Analyzed to detect the presence of
- DOWN**
- 1 Like a wet lawn at dawn
  - 2 Waikiki locale
  - 3 Protein unit
  - 4 Blasting stuff
  - 5 Kept in check
  - 6 1950s Ford
  - 7 "I smell —!"
  - 8 Yanks
  - 9 — -cone
  - 10 Astrological diagrams
  - 11 Writer Sarah — Jewett
  - 12 Scan or skim
  - 13 Aries animal
  - 14 Ukraine port
  - 15 "Tell me about it!"
  - 16 Ale grain
  - 17 Generalized rivalry situation

- 18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)
- 19 Brand of tortilla chips
- 24 Gymnast Korbut
- 30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King
- 31 Big Swiss city
- 32 Extol
- 33 Toward a stream's source
- 35 Calculate
- 36 Ornament hanger, e.g.
- 37 Italian rice dish
- 38 Lot in life
- 39 Makes the decision
- 40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- 41 PC shortcut code
- 42 Barter
- 44 Consumer advocate
- Ralph
- 49 Signaled, as an actor
- 51 Pre-euro Italian money
- 54 Bank of China Tower architect
- 55 Power connectors
- 56 One of the Muses
- 61 He played Santa in "Elf"
- 62 Recoiled in fear
- 63 Blackboard clearers
- 66 Baltic Sea feeder
- 67 Tile designs
- 69 Blocks up

- 71 — Hopkins University
- 74 Clog-clearing brand
- 76 Year division
- 78 Writing assignments
- 80 Cause to stumble
- 82 Keaton and Sawyer
- 83 Not yet final, in law
- 84 Folk stories
- 85 Bank offering
- 86 Gets on it right away
- 87 Investigate
- 88 Checking the fit of
- 93 One of the Muses
- 95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin
- 99 React to with a quick breath
- 100 Inflict upon
- 101 Meal division
- 105 Tally up
- 107 Boxer Spinks
- 108 See 94-Across
- 109 Apollo's instrument
- 110 Variety
- 111 Gardening tools
- 112 Bread unit
- 113 Film director Preminger
- 114 Khrushchev's fed.
- 117 Corrida cheer
- 118 Decay
- 119 Actor Danson



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA**

The Salisbury Township Environmental Advisory Council meeting is Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building 2900 South Pike Avenue Allentown, PA 18103. Agenda items include Walking Purchase trash clean up arrangements.  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids via PennBid for the SR 222 and Grange Road Dual Right Turn Signalization project which includes a pedestrian crosswalk, landing area, pedestrian signals, line striping for new lanes, signs, concrete sidewalk, concrete mountable curb, concrete handicap ramp and necessary traffic signal work to accommodate the signalization of the dual right turn lane installation. Bids will be received online via PennBid until 9:00 a.m. (prevailing time) on Monday, April 24, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (<https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com>). Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Clarification" tab. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Owner(s) in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of the General Conditions. The successful bidder must furnish Performance, Payment Bonds and Insurance per Contract and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of General Conditions. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Bidders must be PennDOT Prequalified per PennDOT Pub. 408 Section 102. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids. No bid will be accepted if obtained from sources other than the issuing office noted above.  
Robert Ibach, Jr. - Township Manager  
Upper Macungie Township  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP**  
**CONCISE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
December 31, 2022

As per the requirements of the Township Code as amended, the following presents the financial statements of Upper Macungie Township for the year ended December 31, 2022.

ASSETS	
Cash and other assets	\$ 91,633,901
Fixed assets	56,143,552
Total Assets	147,777,453
Deferred outflows of resources	4,888,574
Total Assets and deferred outflows or resources	152,666,027
LIABILITIES	
Other liabilities	6,133,482
Long-term liabilities	2,493,830
Total Liabilities	8,627,312
Deferred Inflows of resources	5,314,558
Net Position	138,724,157
Total liabilities, deferred inflows or resources and net position	152,666,027

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**REVENUES**

Taxes	\$ 15,358,953
Licenses and permits	22,054
Fines and forfeits	155,890
Federal and state revenue - unrestricted	858,211
Interest, rents and royalties	855,170
Operating grants and contributions	1,562,419
Charges for services	16,600,494
Miscellaneous income	505,553
TOTAL REVENUES	35,918,744

EXPENDITURES	
General government	1,537,729
Public safety	5,606,886
Public works, highways and streets	4,045,774
Other public works enterprises	45,507
Culture and recreation	1,283,390
Other operating expenditures	613,860
Sewer	6,995,764
Refuse	2,511,315
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,640,225

Change in net position	13,278,519
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	125,445,638
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 138,724,157

Assessed valuation of real estate 4,492,538,900

A complete copy of the audit report prepared by an independent certified public accountant will be available for public inspection from 7:30am to 4:00pm at the Upper Macungie Township Administration Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA.  
Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinances at its May 1, 2023, Council Meeting:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1241**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CONSOLIDATED CODE OF ORDINANCES, EXTENDING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS TO ADDITIONAL STREETS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1242**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CONSOLIDATED CODE OF ORDINANCES, EXTENDING SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON PORTIONS OF HARRISON STREET, AMENDING TWO HOUR PARKING REQUIREMENTS ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MAIN STREET, AND AMENDING DISABLED PARKING HOURS AT A PORTION OF N. 5TH STREET**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1243**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CONSOLIDATED CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPEALING A SECTION OF PART 3, ALARMS AND AUTOMATIC PROTECTION DEVICES, INCLUDING SECTIONS OF §6-302, §6-303, AND §6-308 TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE CODE THAT ARE NOT ENFORCED**

The Council Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM at the temporary Borough offices, 420 South Tenth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinances are available for inspection at the temporary Borough offices, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.  
Shane M. Pepe  
Borough Manager

Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**PAVEMENT MARKINGS INSTALLATION**  
Bid #2023-03

South Whitehall Township is soliciting bids on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council for the following: Sealed online bids will be accepted by South Whitehall Township, on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council, via the PennBid Program until 10:00 a.m., local time, on April 28, 2023.

On April 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., South Whitehall Township will receive the sealed bids and open them online, with results being made public via PennBid. Online sealed bids shall be submitted by way of the PennBid Program. Paper bids will not be accepted. All documents and solicitation details are available online at no cost except to successful bidder at PennBid - <https://pennbid.procureware.com/home>. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount. All Bids shall be effective for sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the Bid opening. Any questions related to this bid solicitation should be submitted using the "QUESTIONS" feature within PennBid no later than five (5) days prior to the bid opening.

The Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept either in whole or in part, any one bid or combination of bids and to accept the bid which it determines in its best interests. The Council also reserves the right to waive or permit the curing of any informalities or irregularities in a bid as permitted by law.  
Donna Zackeru-Lagonia  
Purchasing Agent  
Apr. 12 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP**  
**ZONING HEARING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall will hold a meeting on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.** in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeals:

**ZHB-2023-02:** The Appeal of Joan L. Caton seeking a Special Exception approval for a Low Impact Home Based Business located at 4229 Oakleigh Road pursuant to Section 350-48(h)(4) and Section 350-16(d) of the Codified South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant seeks to relocate an existing business Joanie's Puppy Palace to operate a dog grooming business from her primary residence in an attached single car garage. The subject property is zoned R-4 (Medium Density Residential). Tax ID No. 547694297995-1.

**ZHB-2023-03:** The Appeal of 1347 Hausman LLC and Jerry Knafo seeking dimensional variance of 67 feet for approval of the placement of a freestanding sign to be located at 1347 Hausman Road and erected within the required 100 foot distance of the Right-of-Way Line of a limited access highway pursuant to Section 350-48(s)(10)(E)(vii)(4) of the Codified South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance where the Applicant proposes a 33 foot setback from the Right of Way Line of PA Route 309. The subject property is zoned HC (Highway Commercial). Tax ID No. 547750395246-1.

The above-referenced properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted can be available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance).  
Apr. 12, 19.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on April 26, 2023, the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased spaces, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 04:00 PM and continue until all units are sold. The lien sale is to be held at the online auction website, [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com), where indicated. For online lien sales, bids will be accepted until 2 hours after the time of the sale specified.  
**PUBLIC STORAGE # 24516, 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, (484) 408-6691**  
Time: 04:00 PM  
Sale to be held at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com).

B0005 - Reyes, Brandon; B0017 - Gonzalez, Federico; B0019 - Malpica, Dakeyda; B0024 - Dean, Christopher; D0103 - Kunigus, Kelly; D2120 - Green, Jennifer; D2148 - West, Corrine; D2291 - Ward, Kareem; D2293 - Mohr, Jean; E0423 - Rios, Raphael; F0503 - tineo, Carleska; F0511 - Frazier, Rahim; F0554 - cumberbatch, James; F0605 - Garate, Eunice; F6220 - WRIGHT, JESSE; G0706 - Johnson, Bonita; G0710 - Torres, Albelizze; G0825 - Snyder, Gary  
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Retail Sales, LLC, 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.  
Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
**TRIFLINE STRING INSTALLATION**  
Bid #2023-04

Sealed online bids will be accepted by South Whitehall Township, on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council, via the PennBid Program until 10:00 a.m., local time, on April 28, 2023.

On April 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., South Whitehall Township will receive the sealed bids and open them online, with results being made public via PennBid. Online sealed bids shall be submitted by way of the PennBid Program. Paper bids will not be accepted. All documents and solicitation details are available online at no cost except to successful bidder at PennBid - <https://pennbid.procureware.com/home>. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount. All Bids shall be effective for sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the Bid opening. Any questions related to this bid solicitation should be submitted using the "QUESTIONS" feature within PennBid no later than five (5) days prior to the bid opening.

The Lehigh Valley Cooperative Purchasing Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept either in whole or in part, any one bid or combination of bids and to accept the bid which it determines in its best interests. The Council also reserves the right to waive or permit the curing of any informalities or irregularities in a bid as permitted by law.  
Donna Zackeru-Lagonia  
Purchasing Agent  
Apr. 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**HANOVER TOWNSHIP**  
**COUNCIL**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Council of Hanover Township will hold a public meeting on **May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 2202 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109; to hear the following conditional use appeal:

**CU # 1-2023 (revised) - Sysco Corporation Attn: Michael Schonberg** - 20 Theodore Conrad Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305. **Location: 800 Wil-lowbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18109, PIN 640942782479**, the subject property is located in the PIO - Planned Industrial - Office Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a conditional use pursuant to Sec. 27-409 of the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the increase height above 50 foot for structures, above 20 foot for accessory structures, and above 8 feet for doors as permitted conditionally in the PIO Zoning District. Revised for correction of record.

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

Melissa A. Wehr  
Zoning Officer

April 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Catasauqua, PA will hold a public hearing on Thursday April 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Borough Hall located at 1066 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua, PA 18032. The subject of the hearing will be the request of:

**APPEAL No. 2023-02 Joseph Jones** is appealing the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of North Catasauqua and is asking for a zoning variance requiring for him to appear before the Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board, the variance which if granted would allow subdivision through an existing garage at an existing party wall. The property at 408 Buttonwood Street is located in the R2 (Two-family Residential Zoning District). The side yard regulations are found in the North Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance, **Article 6 (General Regulations); Section 601 (Accessory Structures); 3. Accessory Structure erected in rear yard shall be that distance from a side or rear lot line within which district it is located... , District, R2(Distance) 3 Feet... . Using the 0' setback created by the proposed subdivision with the existing garages, a variance from the ordinance of 3.00', actually being no setback for each of the garages. For this subdivision to proceed as delineated requires this variance, provided that all the standards and criteria are satisfied with approval & authorization granted by the North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board.**

A variance must be requested before the Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board as per Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance Z.O. Article 11; Section 1110 Zoning Hearing Board Function; (1.) Variances. At the hearing, the board may require any or all the conditions and/or additional conditions that they deem necessary for approval. The applicant(s) and/or their representatives are required to attend said hearing and present testimony regarding this matter. All other interested parties may attend. A copy of the aforementioned application can be reviewed at the Borough Hall during established business hours.  
David J. Kutzor - Zoning Officer - Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
Apr. 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

The regular, monthly Lehigh County Housing Authority (LCHA) board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm. This meeting will be held virtually and may be recorded. Use the link below to attend via internet, or, call one of the telephone numbers listed to attend by phone.

Topic: LCHA Board Meeting  
Time: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88083694443?pwd=Unl4UHpcc05uSGtNbnWpNy1VZmxQZDQ9>  
Meeting ID: 880 8369 4443  
Passcode: 474368  
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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
Meeting ID: 880 8369 4443  
Passcode: 474368  
Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kFEmd7ohm>  
Please contact Ms. Feiertag if there are any questions at: (610) 965-4514 ext. 5212.  
Christina M. Feiertag  
Executive Director  
Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL**

Secured party: Lynnville Foodservice, LLC  
Name of Debtor: Lynnville Hotel, LLC  
Lynnville Foodservice, LLC will sell the following collateral: Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Hotel Liquor License No. H2668 (LID #67099), AS IS, and subject to all restrictions, limitations, liens, security interests, renewal date(s), and expiration date(s), which do or may exist, and/or which are provided by law and otherwise.  
To the highest qualified bidder in public as follows:  
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023  
Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Place: 8148 Bausch Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 (Lynn Township, Lehigh County)  
Kevin T. Fogerty, Esquire  
Law Offices of Kevin T. Fogerty  
1275 Glenlivet Drive, Suite 150  
Allentown, PA 18106-3109  
Tel: (610) 366-0950  
Fax: (610) 366-0955  
Attorney for Lynnville Foodservice, LLC  
Apr. 12

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids for its 2023 MS4 Projects. The project includes but not limited to the following: Regrading approximately 185 LF of swale, renovation of six (6) existing rip-rap aprons, restoring approximately 0.28 acres of mowed lawn within two existing swales to naturalized groundcover areas with seed and herbaceous plantings, spreading topsoil in basin bottom low-lying areas, and restoring an approximately 2.1 acre previously mowed basin bottom area with native seed mix. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Forms will be available at no cost on PennBid, available at <https://pennbid.procurement.com>. Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM (prevailing time) on May 12, 2023. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Lower Macungie Township, in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price in the form of a certified or bank check, or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements stated in the bid documents. Performance Bonds will be required from the successful bidder in the full amount of the annual contract price as stated in the bid documents. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids.  
Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary  
Apr. 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #2023-01  
South Whitehall Township  
Professional Engineering Consulting Services  
For  
Covered Bridge Park Development Phase C-  
Selection of Design Consultant**

South Whitehall Township, which is municipal corporation located in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania and designated as a Township of the First Class, proposes to retain the professional services of a qualified firm/individual.  
The intent of this project is to hire a professional planning consultant for the purpose of completing all associated engineering/design consulting services for the further development of Phase C of the Covered Bridge Park Master Plan.  
Sealed proposals shall be submitted online via the PennBid program <https://pennbid.procurement.com/home>.  
Any questions related to this solicitation should be submitted using the "QUESTIONS" feature within PennBid no later than five (5) days prior to the bid opening.  
Apr. 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room "A" 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

**Appeal No. 09-2023** of Nikie Nguyen 1565 Brookside Road Macungie PA. 18062. Property located in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 547591093582-1. Applicant is requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 7. Section 27-706 regarding the maximum impervious lot coverage for the proposed additional paved parking and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Appeal No. 10-2023** of Jatin and Pamela Gupta 7448 Cedar Road, Macungie PA. 18062. Property located in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546456955748-1. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 17. Section 27-706 regarding maximum impervious lot coverage for the proposed pool/patio and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Appeal No. 11-2023** of Kolano Design 6026 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh PA. 15205. Property located at 4440 South Cedarbrook Rd. Allentown PA. 18103 in a HC-Highway Commercial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 5485089988576-1. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 22. Section 27-2217 1. D. regarding wall signage for the proposed self-storage building 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 **6:00 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.  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
BOROUGH OF EMMAUS**

FRANKLIN STREET SANITARY SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
Bids will be received for the Franklin Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project via the PennBid online bidding system, until 3:30 PM local time, Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Bids will be opened at that time, and publicly announced at the Borough office promptly thereafter. A summary of all bids received will be available for viewing on the PennBid web site after the opening.

The project, located in the Borough of Emmaus, Lehigh County, PA, includes removal of about 530 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer mains and ten service laterals, and replacement with new pipes at substantially the same location and elevation; reconstruction of 3 sewer manholes from top of precast concrete cone to grade; aggregate backfill and bituminous base pavement repair of trench excavations, and incidental repair of curb, sidewalk, and other elements disturbed or removed to perform the Work. All Work is located within Borough public street rights-of-way. Complete sets of the Bidding Documents, including Contract forms, Specifications, and Drawings, will be available from the project page at [www.PennBid.net](http://www.PennBid.net) by Friday, April 7, 2023.

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Submit any questions regarding the project or bidding process via the "Questions" tab on the project's PennBid web page. Final questions must be submitted via PennBid no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, April 28, 2023.

Each Bid must be accompanied by an electronic copy of Bid Security payable to Borough of Emmaus in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid price, in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond. The Contractor shall be required to pay wages in accordance with the Commonwealth of PA Department of Labor and Industry Prevailing Wage Determination included in the Contract Documents. The project is subject to the provisions of the PA Public Works Employment Verification Act, PA Steel Products Procurement Act, Trade Practices Act, and Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunities regulations. Other Specific requirements for bidding are described in the Bidding Documents.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reasons, and to waive any informality in any Bid Proposal. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid Opening or later if permitted by law. Within ten (10) days after the Contract has been awarded, the successful Bidder shall furnish to the Borough the Bonds and Insurance Certificates required by the Contract Documents, guaranteeing the performance of the Contract.

BOROUGH OF EMMAUS  
SHANE PEPE, MANAGER  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of South Whitehall Township will meet in the **Township Municipal Building** located at **4444 Walbert Avenue**, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on **Thursday April 20, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at **7:30 p.m.** for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following, and any other business brought before the Board. The meeting will also be streamed live through GoToMeeting. Due to the limitations of the facility, public comment may or may not be available for remote viewers. To access through your computer, go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757430189>. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189.

**RIDGE FARM FINAL PLAN PHASE 1B  
MAJOR PLAN 2017-101  
REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAN REVIEW**

An application to develop the properties located at 1802 North Cedar Crest Boulevard (the northwest corner of the Walbert Avenue/Cedar Crest Boulevard intersection). The plan proposes 5 apartment buildings containing a total of 60 units; 14 two-unit dwelling units (7 pairs of twins); the continuation of Yellowstone Road, Road M and its intersection with Cedar Crest Boulevard, and a portion of Road H totaling 1,571 linear feet of private roads and 1,207 linear feet of new alleys; 117,173 square feet of Open Space; and Basins 3 and 4 and associated stormwater management facilities on a 13.2-acre portion of the 31.9644-acre tract. The property is served by public water and sewer and is zoned R-10 and TND-Residential Cluster Overlay District and is being developed as a TND-Residential Cluster Overlay. Kay Walbert LLC is the equitable owner and applicant.

**AMENDING SECTION 350-15 TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF USE  
REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW**  
An amendment to Zoning Ordinance to add Section 350-13(f), proposed by staff, to create a Certificate of Use and standards by which it will be issued.

**AMENDING SECTION 350-42(h) TO CLARIFY THE HEIGHTS EXCEPTIONS PERMITTED  
REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW**  
An amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 350-42(h), proposed by staff, to clarify the conditions under which the Maximum Height of Buildings or Structures listed in Section 350-24(c) may be exceeded.

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection upon request.  
Gregg Adams, Planner, Community Development Department  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Trexlerstown Self Storage located at 1455 Trexlerstown Road, Macungie PA, 18062 intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges:  
**John Clauser Leased Space #B524, Dina Fritz Leased Space #D721, Manuel Centeno Leased Space #L1839**  
The items will be sold online April 20th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com). The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time.  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Hearing/Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport, PA 18066 on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following appeal(s):  
**Appeal #543, Case #23-01**  
Ryan Suchon (owner/applicant) is applying for a special exception/variance use of the Lynn Township Zoning Ordinance Sections 27-304(2), 27-503(15)(A)(21), and any other applicable zoning relief, for licensing of an existing pole barn as a brewery licensed by (PLCB), only utilizing a 6-8 gallon home brewing system. The parcel number(s) is 542854698736; property location is 8004 Bausch Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 and is in the AP-Agriculture Preservation Zoning District.  
Christopher Noll  
Zoning Officer  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

"Estate of Evangeline Kallipozes, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to P. Ellen Tatalias aka Ellen S. Tatalias, Executrix, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017."  
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

"Estate of Kenneth Lee Mertz, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Jane Wetzel, Executrix, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Jr., Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017."  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

"Estate of Pamela J. Hoefling-Hromek, Deceased, Late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 12/11/2022. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Charles L. Dreisbach, Exec. c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire Steckel and Stopp LLC 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080.  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ESTATE OF CHARLES S. DREISBACH, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Charles L. Dreisbach, Exec. c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire Steckel and Stopp LLC 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210 Slatington, PA 18080.  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ESTATE OF JUANITA MARIE LOQUASTO, late of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Letters Testamentary on the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those claims or demands to present the same without delay to: Executrix: SHERYL ANN PALMER c/o JOSEPH F. LEESON, III, ESQUIRE 70 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended. The name of the corporation is Armchair Lehigh Valley. The Articles of Incorporation were filed Feb. 27, 2023. The purpose for which it was organized is as follows: A newsletter that aims to provide information about federal, state and local elections and politics in Lehigh and Northampton counties to give voters factual information in a non-partisan way to help them make informed decisions.  
Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ESTATE OF RICKY ANTHONY BATARICK a/k/a RICKY A. BATARICK, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the co-executrices or their attorney named below:  
Co-Executrices: MARIE E. BATARICK DEBRA M. DOS SANTOS c/o Samuel F. Feldman, Esq. Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 2310 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, Esquire Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 2310 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of **Ruth Ann Koenig**, whose primary residence was **3010 Fellowship Drive, Lehigh, Pennsylvania 18052 and/or 4092 Pine Hurst Drive, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067**, deceased. **FREDERICK W. KOENIG has been appointed TRUSTEE of the RUTH A. KOENIG FAMILY TRUST dated JUNE 30, 2008.** ANDREA R. CAPITA, ESQ. OF CAPITA LAW LLC located at 104 WEST HIGH STREET, MILFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 18337, TELEPHONE NUMBER: (570) 832-7498 EMAIL: [ANDREA@CAPITALAWLLC.COM](mailto:ANDREA@CAPITALAWLLC.COM) is the attorney of record. All persons indebted to the Decedent are hereby requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims are directed to present the same without delay to this attorney within twelve (12) months from the date hereof and to file with the Clerk of the Lehigh County Pennsylvania's Orphan's Court, a particular statement of claim, duly verified by an Affidavit setting forth an address within the County where notice may be given to Claimant.  
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Le-Nor-Co Ad School Year 2023-2024**  
The Le-Nor-Co Purchasing Co-op is accepting bids for bread and ice cream. Vendors are encouraged to contact Lori Seier with questions. Ph: 610-351-5671 Email: [seierl1@parklandsd.net](mailto:seierl1@parklandsd.net)  
Proposals are due 4pm on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Bid opening will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, May 12, 2023. Bids will be submitted through BidAdvantage for Schools. Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Fictitious Name Registration  
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on **January 26, 2023**, for **Trox's Training at 2104 Columbia Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052**. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is **Todd M. Troxell at 2104 Columbia Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052 in Lehigh County**. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.417  
Apr. 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Storhouse Self Storage Lehigh Street, 1449 Lehigh Street, Allentown Pa 18103** intends to satisfy its Self Storage lien against contents of the following spaces for non-payment of Rent or other charges:  
**Alzo Thomas, leased space #1039**  
The items will be sold online **April 20, 2023** at 11:00 a.m. at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com). The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required. The sale may be withdrawn at any time.  
Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of CHARLES J. FONZONE**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to **MARY ANN FONZONE**, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **MARY ANN FONZONE, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355 Allentown, PA 18105**, or their Attorney, **Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355 Allentown, PA 18105**.  
Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Estate of Pamela J. Hoefling-Hromek, Deceased, Late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 12/11/2022. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Jonathon Hromek, Administrator, 6489 Mallard Ln., Coopersburg, PA 18036. Or to his Atty.: Dennis C. Vondran, Jr., Lamb McErlane, PC, 24 E. Market St., P.O. Box 565, West Chester, PA 19381  
Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
Estate of Samuel Colon, Jr., deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration on the above said estate having been granted to the person named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Elizabeth Morales 942 N. 5th Street Allentown, PA 18102 Executor, or her attorney, Erik J. Conrad, Esquire Thomas, Conrad and Conrad 515 Linden Street Allentown, PA 18101  
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
Estate of Jean L. Sidoroff, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **Andrew V. Schantz, Esquire and Stanley J. Bushner, Executors Estate of Jean L. Sidoroff c/o Andrew V. Schantz, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. Two City Center 645 Hamilton Street, Suite 510 Allentown, PA 18101 Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
Estate of **DOLORES F. REIFINGER** aka Dolores Faye Reifinger aka Dolores Reifinger, Deceased, late of the Township of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary, have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **CYNTHIA D. KLINGAMAN Executrix c/o her attorney JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1 Emmaus, PA 18049-2406 Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
ESTATE OF SAMUEL R. KASICK, ESQ. a/k/a SAMUEL R. KASICK, deceased, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment to: **MARJORIE G. KASICK, EXECUTRIX c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104 Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TRUST NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the settlor of the revocable trust set forth below has died, and no personal representative has been appointed within 90 days for said decedent's estate. All persons having claims or demand against said decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the trustee or the trustee's attorney as named below:  
The Henry L. Burbes and Miriam M. Burbes Revocable Living Trust Agreement U/A 1/28/1998 Charlene M. Mast, Successor Trustee c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104  
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TRASH REMOVAL & RECYCLING SERVICES FIRE ALARM INSPECTIONS, TESTING, CERTIFICATION, REPAIR SERVICES**  
The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than **NOON** prevailing time, **Thursday, April 13, 2023**, at which time RFPs will be publicly opened. **DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE** AT [www.basdschools.org](http://www.basdschools.org) or by email at [purchasing@basdschools.org](mailto:purchasing@basdschools.org).  
Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR BIDS & QUOTES**  
**Heating Supplies**  
**Plumbing Supplies**  
**Lamps & Bulbs Supplies**  
**Fall Sports Supplies**  
**Lumber Supplies**  
**Science Supplies**  
**Tires and Service**  
**Oil and Grease**  
**Vehicle Parts**  
The Bethlehem Area School District will receive sealed bids and quotes in the Business Office, 1516 Sycamore St, Bethlehem, PA 18017, no later than **1:00 PM** prevailing time, **Friday, April 28, 2023**, at which time bids will be publicly opened. **DETAILED SPECS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BASD WEBSITE - [www.basdschools.org](http://www.basdschools.org) or by email at [purchasing@basdschools.org](mailto:purchasing@basdschools.org).**  
Apr. 5, 12, 19

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of Cheryl A. Yandrasits**, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Desiree Gage, Executrix, c/o The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105 or her Attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, P.O. Box 4355, Allentown, PA 18105.  
Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
Estate of Nancy D. Richter, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Robin Lee Kellar who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of Nancy D. Richter to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent, Nancy D. Richter, to make payments without delay to Robin Lee Kellar, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102.  
Apr. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**Estate of Charles A. Antler**, deceased, late of 4117 Dillingersville Road, Zionsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Thomas L. Antler and/or Deborah Jane Taucher, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or their attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
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Roger N. Nanovic was sworn into office as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County on August 1, 2001. Endorsed by both the

Carbon County Republican and Democratic parties, he was elected on November 6, 2001, and was retained for another 10 years in 2011 and 2021. Judge Nanovic is a lifelong resident of Carbon County. He is a 1972 graduate of the Palmerton Area High School, a 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a 1979 graduate of the Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to being a member of the judiciary, Judge Nanovic was engaged in the general practice of law for 22 years. During this period, Judge Nanovic was

actively involved in a broad range of legal issues. Judge Nanovic has extensive experience in municipal law and civil litigation in both the state and federal courts. He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 1992 to 1996.

Judge Nanovic resides in the Jim Thorpe area with his wife, Cindy. Judge Nanovic and his wife are the parents of three children.



## Judge Joseph J. Matika

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On November 8, 2011, Joseph J. Matika was elected as the nineteenth judge to serve on the bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County. Judge Matika began his duties as judge after being sworn in on January 2, 2012. On January 2, 2022, after having been

retained, began his second ten-year term on the bench.

Judge Matika is a 1980 graduate of Panther Valley High School. He furthered his education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Government. Judge Matika obtained his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in Bridgeport, Connecticut in June 1987.

Judge Matika served as Assistant District Attorney from 1994-2011. Additionally, prior to taking the bench, he was a sole practitioner from 1988 until 2000. In 2001, Judge Matika along with Attor-

ney Joseph Velitsky established the law firm of Velitsky and Matika in Summit Hill where for 12 years they maintained a general practice of law. He has also held many solicitorships throughout Carbon and Schuylkill counties over the years.

Judge Matika handles a variety of civil, criminal and orphan's court matters along with children & youth and domestic relations cases. He also oversees the County's Veterans and Drug Treatment Court.



## Judge Steven R. Serfass

**Judicial Secretary:**  
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Judge Steven R. Serfass is currently serving his tenth year on the Court of Common Pleas, having been elected by the voters of Carbon County in 2009. He became Carbon County's

eighteenth Judge when he was sworn into office on January 4, 2010. He was retained to another 10 year term in 2019.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Serfass has attained extensive experience in handling all types of civil and criminal proceedings.

A lifelong resident of Carbon County, Judge Serfass graduated from Lehigh-ton Area High School and continued his education at Dickinson College where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history, cum laude. He went on to earn his juris doc-

tor degree at Temple University School of Law.

Judge Serfass maintained a general law practice in Palmerton for fourteen years concentrating on municipal law, business law and civil litigation.

He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 2000 to 2004.

Judge Serfass and his wife, Jenny, reside in Palmerton with their children, Benjamin and Hannah.



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**Jason M. Rapa, Esquire**, is a lawyer licensed and admitted to practice law in the State of Pennsylvania and before all three Pennsylvania Federal Courts, the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is the founder of Rapa Law Office, where he handles all matters of general practice law, with a focus on bankruptcy, civil litigation and estate administration.

Since 2002, Jason has successfully represented hundreds of consumers in cases against debt collection agencies, collection law firms and credit reporting agencies, recovering millions of dollars for his clients. Super Lawyer Magazine has recognized Jason for his work in defending and vindicating the rights of consumers in his consumer rights litigation practice. Jason maintains memberships in the National Association of Consumer Advocates and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, keeping him on top of the latest developments and trends in the fields of bankruptcy and consumer protection law. He is a two-time attendee of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act boot camp held by Peter F. Barry of Minnesota and Jason routinely lectures on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act at state and national consumer law conferences, as well as Continuing Legal Education seminars for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and local bar associations.

In addition to bankruptcy and civil litigation, Jason devotes a significant portion of his practice to estate planning and administration. Jason has participated in the Wills for Heroes Program providing no-cost estate planning documents to veterans and first responders. Jason also assists the Carbon County Area Agency on Aging by preparing wills, powers of attorney and healthcare powers of attorney for Carbon County senior citizens.

**Matthew J. Rapa, Esquire**, is an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Pennsylvania, as well as in Federal Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania. Matthew is a native of the Lehigh Valley and is a founding partner of Rapa Law Office, P.C. He attended East Stroudsburg University, where he graduated summa cum laude and was a captain of the East Stroudsburg University football team. Following college, Matthew continued his education at Widener University School of Law. While at Widener, Matthew participated in the Trial Advocacy Program and discovered his passion for criminal law. Before graduating, he volunteered in the Widener Law Clinic to assist indigent citizens and interned at the Monroe County Public Defender's Office.

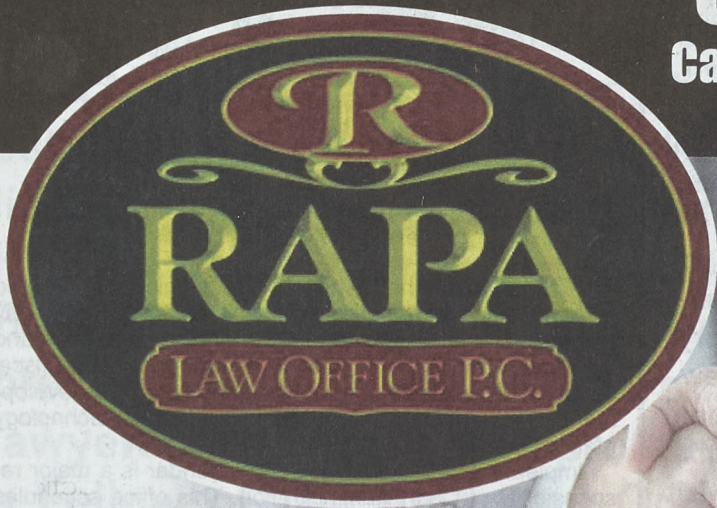
Upon graduation, Matthew partnered with his brother at Rapa Law Office, P.C. and began dedicating himself to criminal defense. In addition to representing individuals privately in criminal cases, Matthew served as a part-time public defender in Carbon County for three years in order to assist indigent individuals while gaining invaluable experience in cases ranging from traffic offenses to homicide charges. Through his training and experience, Matthew has learned that no two cases are exactly alike and each case deserves an individualized strategy based on the facts of the case and each client's needs. With keen attention to detail and relentless work ethic, Matthew has achieved countless victories in the courtroom which include numerous trial acquittals and complete dismissals based upon violations of clients' constitutional rights.

As a result of his accomplishments in the courtroom, Matthew has received various awards recognizing his skill as a defense attorney. From 2013 through 2018, Matthew was named a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers Magazine. Only 2.5% of the attorneys in Pennsylvania are selected to Rising Stars. The American Society for Legal Advocates has recognized Attorney Rapa as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Criminal Lawyers in Pennsylvania. Most recently, in 2019 and 2020, Matthew was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the area of criminal defense by Super Lawyers Magazine.





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The District Court Administrator oversees the following departments: Court Administration including Judicial Chambers Staff, Court Reporters and Tipstaves; Adult Probation; Juvenile Probation; Domestic Relations; Court Computer Information Systems and the Magisterial District Courts. A close working, cooperative relationship exists between the Court Administrator and the Court-Related Offices which include Children and Youth, Prothonotary's Office, Register of Wills/Orphans' Court, the Clerk of Courts/Bureau of Collections, District Attorney, Public Defenders Office and Sheriff's Office.

## Carbon County Prothonotary

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**Second Deputy: Heather L. Williams**

**PFA Clerk/Coordinator: Karen Flexer**

**Automation/Passport Clerk:**

**Daphne C. Gasker**

**Phone: (570) 324-2481**

**Fax: (570) 325-8047**

In November of 2019, Kayla Semmel was elected as Prothonotary of Carbon County.

Family matters of Divorce, Custody, and Protection from Abuse account for the largest areas of case filings. Passport applications and notary affidavits are part of the daily process that takes place in this office. Electronic imaged documents are available to the Court since 2000. Since December 2014, all civil cases can now be viewed on the internet for a yearly fee.

In 2022, a total of 60,764 docket entries, 20,703 pleadings imaged, and 118,570 scanned pages, 1,388 letters imaged and 1,470 scanned letter pages were processed. Attorneys and interested persons can contact Court Administration.



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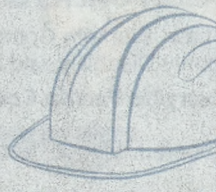
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*Rashunda Yuhas, Rachel Moyer, and Emma Kelsall*

**Domestic Relations**

**Domestic Relations Intake Officer II:**

*Stacy Kattner*

**Domestic Relations Specialist II:**

*Tracy Smith, Kimberly Swartz and Kaitlyn Harris*

**Domestic Relations Specialist I:**

*Jennifer Rossino*

**Domestic Relations Hearing Officer:**

*Debra Smith, Esquire*

**Domestic Relations IV-D Attorney:**

*Cynthia Dyrda-Hatton, Esquire*

**Phone: (570) 325-2681**

**Fax: (570) 325-2443**

**Mission Statement**

The functions of the Domestic Relations Office are to:

- Establish paternity
- Establish and maintain Support Orders
- Enforce financial and medical Orders
- Locate absent parents.

Since July 1, 1998, the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office has been a part of the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System, known as PACSES. All counties in Pennsylvania are a part of this statewide-computerized system. As of October 1, 1999, a centralized office in Harrisburg, known as the State Collection and Disbursement Unit (SCDU), handles all support payments and check processing. This has changed the way support money is collected and disbursed in Carbon County. All other services are still provided through the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office.

The Domestic Relations Office does not address problems with custody and visitation. The appropriate legal authority to handle these matters is either an attorney or the Court. You can contact the Prothonotary's office for more information at (570) 325-2481, or click on the CUSTODY link here for forms and instructions on filing a custody complaint.

**How to Contact Us**

The Carbon County Domestic Relations Office is located at 76 Susquehanna St., 2nd floor, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 30, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You can contact the office by phone at (570) 325-2179 or (570) 325-2681 or by fax at (570) 325-2443. You can contact SCDU for payment information at their toll free number, 1-877-727-7238. You can also access your case through the Internet by using the PACSES portal at [www.support.state.pa.us](http://www.support.state.pa.us)



# Office of the District Attorney

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| <b>Clerk of Orphans' Court</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3172<br>Fax (610) 782-3928                 | <b>Lawyer Referral Service</b><br>Phone (610) 433-7094<br>Fax (610) 770-9826       |
| <b>Court Administration</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3014<br>Fax (610) 871-2779                    | <b>Library and Information Services</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3385                    |
| <b>Court Transcription Unit</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3300<br>Fax (610) 782-3648                | <b>Marriage License Office</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3173                             |
| <b>Custody Office</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3390<br>Fax (610) 782-3866                          | <b>PFA Office</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3390<br>Fax (610) 782-3866                    |
| <b>Divorce Master</b><br>Phone (610) 782-3820<br>Fax (610) 871-1456                          | <b>Pretrial Services</b><br>Phone (610) 289-2410<br>Fax (610) 289-2440             |

## Lehigh Domestic Relations

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**455 W. Hamilton Street - Room 320**  
**Allentown, PA 18101**  
**(610) 782-3185**  
**Fax (610) 782-3725**  
**Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lehigh County Domestic Relations Section is to provide services to dependent children and spouses through establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders, and enforcement of support orders. This mission is accomplished with respect for the needs of all parties involved in the support case.

The Domestic Relations Section provides all services in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws, and local Rules of Court.

### Introduction

The Domestic Relations Section (DRS) is part of the Family Court of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas which provides support services to custodial parents seeking financial support from an absent or non-custodial parent. Additionally, the DRS establishes support orders for dependent spouses.

The DRS consists of judges, managers, hearing officers, conference officers, and various technical and clerical support staff. The DRS staff is assisted by the PACSES (Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System) statewide computer system and is trained to make recommendations to the Court for support amounts when the parties involved in the support case are unable to come to an agreement.



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Magistrate:  
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Allentown, PA 18102  
Phone: 610-432-3084  
FAX: 610-433-0130

## District 31-1-08

Magistrate:  
Michael J. Pochron  
2851 South Pike Ave  
Allentown, PA 18103  
Phone: 610-797-8724  
FAX: 610-791-1401

## District 31-1-02

Magistrate:  
Rashid Santiago  
501 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18101  
Phone: 610-432-8700  
FAX: 610-432-0140

## District 31-2-01

Magistrate:  
Karen C. Devine  
501 Hamilton St  
Allentown, PA 18101  
Phone: 610-782-3834  
FAX: 610-871-2793

## District 31-1-03

Magistrate:  
Ronald S. Manescu  
1428 Hamilton St  
Allentown, PA 18102  
Phone: 610-434-7903  
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## District 31-2-02

Magistrate:  
Jacob E. Hammond  
3900 Hamilton Blvd  
Allentown, PA 18103  
Phone: 610-434-2070  
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## District 31-1-04

Magistrate:  
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1501 Lehigh St  
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## District 31-1-05

Magistrate:  
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## District 31-3-01

Magistrate:  
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106 S Walnut St  
Slatington, PA 18080  
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## District 31-1-06

Magistrate:  
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## District 31-3-02

Magistrate:  
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Green Hills Commerce  
Center  
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## District 31-1-07

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East  
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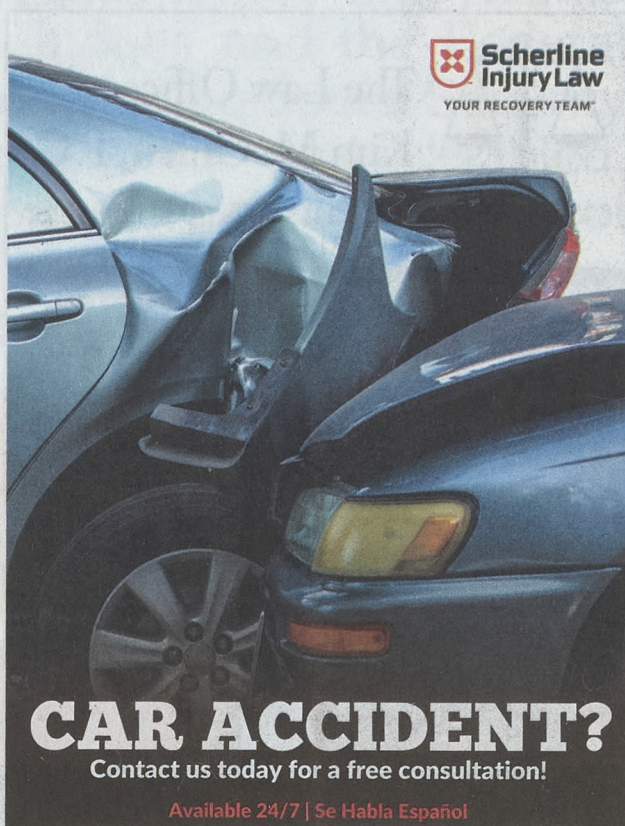
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Attorney Kim Gillen received her Juris Doctor degree from Widener University School of Law — Harrisburg Campus in 2007 and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar the same year. Through many years of practice, she has acquired deep experience in essential legal disciplines, with particular concentrations in family law, estate planning, labor law, landlord/tenant law and contracts. On the criminal side, her caseload includes defense for traffic offenses, misdemeanors, felonies, DUI offenses, and juvenile cases.

She is appointed as Conflicts Counsel in Carbon County for criminal cases and is also a court-appointed arbitrator, having served as chair on arbitration panels. In 2021, she was named the first dependency review Hearing Officer in Carbon County; she continues in this role today.

Attorney Gillen is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Carbon County Bar Association, where she has been association secretary since 2015. From 2012 through June 2021, Attorney Gillen was solicitor for the Carbon County Office of Children and Youth Services. In addition, in January 2023, she joined the Juvenile Court Hearing Officer Committee. In March of 2023, she began working as a GAL/Parent Attorney in Lehigh County.

She has served as the Carbon County Bar Association Zone II Delegate to the state bar association. Since 2009, she has been a member of the Carbon County Board of Directors.

A 2000 graduate of Pocono Mountain High School, Kim received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Sociology from Penn State University in 2004 with honors. At university, she performed with the Penn State Blue Band at Beaver Stadium. She resides in Lehighon with her husband, Jim, and their two young sons.



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# Carbon County Magisterial District Courts

## Jurisdiction of District Justices

District Justices are authorized to hear the following types of cases:

### Civil Cases:

1. Claims for money up to \$12,000 (not including interest and court costs).

Note that a district justice does not have jurisdiction to hear any claim in which legal ownership of real estate is at issue.

2. Claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

### Criminal Cases:

1. Summary offenses, including motor vehicle violations.

2. DUI cases if : (a) it is a first offense, (b) there are no personal injuries, and (c) the defendant pleads guilty.

3. Third degree misdemeanors if the defendant pleads guilty. District judge also preside over arraignments, fix bail, and issue arrest and search warrants.

They also issue Emergency Protection from Abuse Orders on nights, weekends and holidays when the Court of Common Pleas is closed.

### District Court #56-3-01

340 Center Avenue  
P.O. Box 356,  
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Boroughs of Jim Thorpe, Lehighon and Weissport; Packerton, Jamestown and Penn Forest Township

Phone: (570) 325-2751  
Fax: (570) 325-5538

District Judge: Eric M. Schrantz  
Office Supervisor I: Wendy Smelas

Secretary II: Kym Houser  
Secretary I: Susan Joyce & Kelly Sheridan

### District Court #56-3-02

401 Delaware Avenue  
2nd Floor,  
Palmerton, PA 18071

Boroughs of Palmer-ton, Bowmanstown and Parryville; Townships of Towamensing, Lower Towamensing, and Franklin

Phone: (610) 826-3707  
Fax: (610) 826-6914

District Judge: William J. Kissner

Office Supervisor I: Jamie Graver

Secretary II: Michelle Huszar

Secretary I: Lorrie Young

### District Court #56-3-03

417 East Ridge  
Street

P.O. Box 203,  
Lansford, PA 18232

Boroughs of Lansford, Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, Township of Mahoning, East Penn & New Mahoning

Phone: (570) 645-3024  
Fax: (570) 645-5544

District Judge: Casimir Kosciolk

Supervisor I: Donna Peck

Secretary II: Carla Bartelt  
Secretary I: Timothy Wutke

### District Court #56-3-04

71 West Main Street,  
Weatherly, PA  
18255-0017

Boroughs of Weatherly, Beaver Meadows, and East Side; Townships of Packer, Lausanne, Lehigh, Banks and Kidder

Phone: (570) 427-4100  
Fax: (570) 427-8730

District Judge: Joseph Homanko  
Office Supervisor I: Karen Rayno

Secretary II: Dianna Berry  
Secretary I: Tracey Sell & 2 vacancies



# *Welcome to Strubinger Law*

The attorneys of Strubinger Law, P.C., are local lawyers who have aggressively represented clients in the courts of Carbon County, Monroe County, Lehigh County, Northampton County and Schuylkill County. Also, our attorneys have represented clients in the Federal Courts in the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania. In addition to trying jury trials in the state and federal courts, the attorneys of Strubinger Law, P.C. have extensive experience handling cases before governmental agencies. Specifically, our attorneys regularly appear before the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Judges and the Federal Administrative Law Judges hearing Social Security cases representing the injured and disabled.

Our attorneys have vigorously acted on behalf of their clients with respect to work related injuries, auto accidents, and slip and falls. These instances have resulted in cases for workers' compensation benefits, personal injury and social security disability.

With more than 30 years of experience, Attorney Strubinger is the only lawyer in Carbon County to be certified as a specialist in the practice of Workers' Compensation as authorized by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This is an accomplishment of a limited amount of attorneys throughout the Commonwealth.



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