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## Health dept. season update

Get flu shot as soon as possible

Pennsylvania Department of Health officials have provided an update on the 2021-22 flu season and encouraged Pennsylvanians to get a flu vaccine as soon as possible.

"With the growing number of flu cases amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to remind Pennsylvanians to take preventative measures, including getting a flu vaccine to protect themselves, their family and communities from the flu this season," Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Denise Johnson said. "If you do become sick with the flu, it is imperative that you stay home. If you are at risk for developing serious complications from the flu, or feel extremely ill, you should see a medical professional immediately to determine your need for testing or isolation."

Flu activity is high across the commonwealth. As of Jan. 18, there have been 28,475 laboratory-confirmed flu cases. There are flu cases in all 67 counties. Influenza A and B have been identified by laboratory testing. Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), experiencing symptoms of fever and cough or sore throat, has increased slightly since last week. While flu seasons vary and

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**DR. KING HONORED ON SOUTHSIDE**



Bethlehem City Councilwomen Kiera Wilhelm, Hillary Kwiatek, Rachel León and Grace Crampsie Smith attend. The man in front of Smith is unidentified.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

## 'Speak up when we see wrong'

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Cold and icy weather did not keep Esther Lee and members of the Bethlehem NAACP from celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 17. Usually, the annual celebration starts with speeches at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Carlton Avenue in South Bethlehem, but the below freezing weather and snow prompted a change in plans.

Participants did, however form a caravan at the park and then went under police escort to planned celebrations at the Charles Brown Ice House on Sand Island.

Lee issued a clarion call to attendees. "I challenge you to move forward, because God is with us."

One of the speakers, Pa. Representative Steve Samuelson summed up the general sentiments of the crowd.



NAACP Bethlehem President Esther Lee with Rayah Levy. Lee issued a clarion call to the community. "I challenge you to move forward, because God is with us."

"Speak up when we see a wrong," said Samuelson. "Replace hate with love. We need to reflect on how we can work together for hope, justice and love."

United State Representative Susan Wild, who showed the audience a picture of her with the late Rep. John Lewis, attended and offered her support for the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

"We don't have a vote fraud problem in the United States," said Wild. "We have a vote suppression problem. This is no time for complacency."

Executive Director Dawn Godshall of the Community Action Lehigh Valley, spoke about the homeless.

"The homeless are looked at as criminals, but they are not," said Godshall. "They are seen as bad folks; they are not."

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**PEOPLE SAY**

BY DANA GRUBB

Who do you think will advance in the NFL play-offs this weekend?



"The Chiefs and 49ers."  
Janet Fixl  
Nazareth



"Definitely the Bills, the Bengals, Niners and Buccaneers."  
Bill Lawler  
Allentown

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## 'It has been a long, long arduous 22 months'

BY NATHANIEL JASTRZEMSKI  
njastrzemski@tnonline.com

After two years, misinformation and skepticism regarding the ongoing worldwide epidemic is still rampant, much to the vexation of the professional health community.

In response, Lehigh Valley Hospital Network hosted a live-streamed COVID-19 "Reality Check" meeting of health specialists Jan. 14

Infectious Disease Chair Dr. Timothy Friel laid out the basics: Treatment has improved, but the Omicron variant is still serious and the healthcare system is deeply stressed.

He said illness numbers are unlike anything seen thus far in the long pandemic - 800,000 patients on a daily basis nationwide, breaking all records, with hospitalizations and deaths predictably higher as well. And testing, emergency and express care locations are all being pushed to a huge degree - as many as four times

as many patients as normal.

"All the news is not necessarily bad," Friel said, noting Omicron is less likely than previous variants to cause serious disease, though it is much more transmissible.

It can still cause disease, doctors warn, and mortalities due to COVID complications are still high. "Remember," Friel said, "COVID can lead to a cascade of other medical problems."

While the learning curve for treating COVID has flattened, Friel said, "It has been a long, long arduous 22 months. It has been a long, difficult and challenging ride for all of us."

Dr. Kathleen Kane, Muhlenberg ER director, stressed the unsustainable pace of incoming patients, but said they are working hard to keep up with demand. "If they need care, they need care. If they come in, they are our patients," she said, but, "they are coming in unending droves."

"Every one is going above and beyond every minute of every day to try to take care of our patients, but that's really hard to do when the water keeps getting deeper and deeper."

Kane said discerning when to visit the ER today is a difficult prospect for the public,

but do come for treatment if you are experiencing trouble breathing, chest pain, signs of serious issues such as stroke or stomach pain combined with the inability to keep food down. But do not come to the ER for mild symptoms or for testing.

Hazleton Dr. Jodi Lenko echoed the sentiment regarding testing; do not show up at a hospital or care center without notice - ask a medical provider about the type and need for a sensitive PCR test. If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms while at home and you have access to a home test, use it and trust the results. "It's a very good test in this situation. You don't need a PCR to confirm that you have COVID after you've had a positive home test. These tests have taken some of the burden from our labs," Lenko said.

And if that is the case, stay home and isolate yourself from others. If the result is

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**REALITY CHECK**

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Dr. Kathleen Kane  
Muhlenberg ER director

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Who do you think will advance in the NFL play-offs this weekend?



"The Bills and Tennessee and I'd say the Packers and Rams."  
**Brian Renshaw**  
Bethlehem



"The Bengals will play the Bills next week, and the Packers the Rams."  
**Chase Sipel**  
Bethlehem



"Probably the Titans and Bills, and Bucs and Packers."  
**Dylan Shupp**  
Bethlehem



"The Bengals and Chiefs, and I feel the Packers will play the Buccaneers."  
**Liam Sipel**  
Bethlehem

**STATE POLICE**

**'Use of Force' media workshop Feb. 17**

The Pennsylvania State Police will be partnering with the Lehigh University Police Department and Northampton County District Attorney's office on Thursday, Feb. 17 to present, "When Force is Used: Social, Organizational and Legal Considerations" for members of the media only.

The goal of this presentation and demonstration is to provide members of the media with a unique opportunity to enhance their understanding of police use of force and the use of force training provided to Pennsylvania State Police cadets.

The presentation begins at noon and will provide attendees with an overview of the criminal and civil standards which govern police use of force.

Members of the media who attend will be allowed to visually and audibly record most content; however, there may be some instances where recording is prohibited. RSVP can be submitted online: <https://forms.office.com/g/YLkiQNOREN>

**Border Patrol arrests Forks Twp. man**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers arrested a Forks Township man at Philadelphia International Airport last Wednesday. He's wanted on felony child sex assault charges.

CBP officers arrested Michael Pierre Boumal, a 65-year-old U.S. citizen from Forks Township after he arrived aboard a flight from Doha, Qatar, shortly after 4 p.m. He was wanted by Forks Township Police Department on a 2012 warrant for felony criminal attempt to commit aggravated indecent assault of a child; corruption of a minor; and indecent assault of a person less than 13 years of age.

CBP officers confirmed with Forks Township Police that the arrest warrant remained active. Officers then met the flight as it gated and escorted Boumal to CBP's Federal Inspection Service area where officers verified Boumal's identity and confirmed that he is the subject of the arrest warrant.

CBP officers turned Boumal over to Forks Township Police Department detectives who were on scene for Boumal's arrival.

The National Crime Information Center is a centralized automated database designed to share information among law enforcement agencies.

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negative, think of the safety of your loved ones and community and stay safe just the same.

The hour-long conversation can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/lvhealthnetwork/videos/1269130256912699>

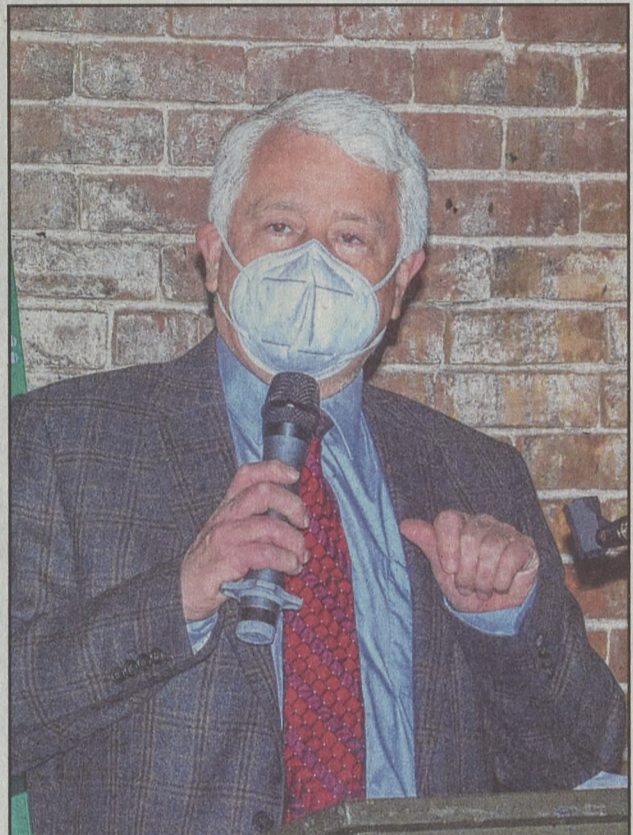
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A color guard from Liberty HS performed opening ceremony honors.



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**HONORED**

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Ce-Ce Gerlach, an Allentown City Councilwoman, said, "We have to reframe the system. Elected people who are not doing things for the homeless, we need to vote them out."

Rayah Levy urged community solidarity by, "Working together as a community."

A speaker who identified himself as Pastor Dan rejected the idea that the homeless are criminals. As to mental health policies that contribute to homelessness, he recalled that when

the Allentown State Hospital closed, psychiatric patients were literally turned out on the street.

Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy praised the BASD school board's response to racism by pushing back on the notion that teaching history is equivalent to the ideas of so-called Critical Race Theory.

Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure said, "It's time to live up to our Declaration of Independence."

McClure also affirmed that he is for funding the police. "Because we need the police."

McClure, Wild and Samuelson were but a few of the political leaders who came to pay their respects to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Also attending was the City of Bethlehem's government: Mayor William Reynolds, Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene L. Heller, City Councilwomen Rachel León, Hillary Kwiatek, Grace Crampsie Smith and Kiera Wilhelm.

The ceremony closed with a rendition of "We Shall Overcome," the hymn of the civil rights cause in this country.

**FLU**

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more people are getting tested more frequently, as COVID-19 symptoms can be like flu symptoms, this week's report is higher than this same week last year and even higher when compared to this same week in 2019. At this time, it is still below the state epi-

demical threshold. There have been 16 deaths reported in Pennsylvania during the current flu season thus far.

"It is not too late to get your flu vaccine if you have not already done so," Deputy Secretary of Health Preparedness and Community Protection Ray Barishansky said. "We know that people who get the flu after being vac-

inated have less severe symptoms and are not sick for as long as those who do not get vaccinated. We also know that the COVID-19 vaccines do not protect you from getting the flu. So, while we have been encouraging everyone to get COVID-19 vaccines, you still also need to get your flu vaccine."

The flu vaccine is available as an injection

for anyone six months or older and as an injection or nasal spray for anyone two or older. Flu vaccines are available at your doctor's office, pharmacy, local walk-in clinic or grocery store. COVID-19 and flu vaccines can be received at the same time.

It is extremely important that in addition to getting vaccinated, Pennsylvanians should practice healthy habits, such as covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, frequently washing your hands, and remembering to disinfect commonly touched objects, including door-knobs, light switches, countertops, cell phones and computers. You can also take advantage of the COVID Alert PA app to monitor your flu and COVID-19 symptoms, since they are similar.

Additional information on how to stay healthy and prevent the spread of flu and COVID-19 can be found on the Department of Health's website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

**COUNTY PRISON:** The Director of Corrections reports that, as of Jan. 18, there are 60 cases of COVID-19 among inmates at Northampton County Prison (NCP). Since the start of the pandemic, 397 inmates have tested positive; 337 have finished their quarantine periods or are no longer at NCP. Twenty Department of Corrections employees are currently in quarantine after testing positive for the virus.

Due to the influx of positive COVID-19 inmates being transferred from other jurisdictions, NCP Administration has decided to suspend all inmate transfers into and out of the facility. The suspension went into effect Jan. 18 and will last through Feb. 17. NCP will no longer accept individuals on only a State Parole Detainer. They must have Northampton County charges and/or a Northampton County commitment. State runs will be permitted for transfer with a negative COVID-19 test. If someone is received on an out-of-county bench warrant with no local charges, the other county will be contacted and the individual will be temporarily held for a reasonable amount of time in the Booking Center until picked up by the other jurisdiction.

There are currently 641 inmates in residence at NCP.

**AROUND TOWN**

Following the directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit public gatherings, several of the following meetings / activities might be changed, canceled, streamed or online. Masks may be required. Check websites and social media as available.

**Current Items**

**ARTSQUEST GUIDELINES:** ArtsQuest has a number of best practices and procedures based on guidelines from the CDC, City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visit [artsquest.org/safety](https://artsquest.org/safety) to view current health and safety guidelines.

**BETHLEHEM PALETTE CLUB:** Members' Juried Exhibition of Bethlehem Palette Club members' art work to Feb. 13. Closing reception: 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 13. City Rotunda Gallery, 10 E. Church St. Open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; closed weekends and holidays. Club membership open to artists and those interested in the arts. Visit [www.bethlehempaletteclub.org](http://www.bethlehempaletteclub.org).

**4-H SEEDLING SALE:** The Northampton County 4-H annual seedling tree and fruit tree sale. Benefits the 4-H youth in the county and supports various programs (camps, fairs, trips, annual achievement banquet and other activities). For order forms call or email the Penn State Extension - Northampton County Office. ORDER DEADLINE: Feb. 1.

**NEW NIHM EXHIBIT:** The Works of a Mechanical Genius: legacy of Bethlehem's General Superintendent and Chief Engineer John Fritz. The innovative ironmaster, founder of the American steel industry, built and oversaw operations at the Bethlehem Iron Company from 1860-1893. Through October National Museum of Industrial History, 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmih.org/virtual-museum>; call 610-694-6644 for schedules. Hours, dates, timed ticket purchases, COVID-19 protocols and information: visit [www.nmih.org/visit/admission-hours-and-directions/](http://www.nmih.org/visit/admission-hours-and-directions/)

**Wednesday, January 26**

**Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room.** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ages three and up. Masks are mandatory. For information, visit [www.lvcopsnkidsiv.org](http://www.lvcopsnkidsiv.org)

**Adult Bible study,** 11 a.m. Women's Ministries, ages 14 and older. 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Thursday, January 27**

**Chair Exercises:** 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Seniors 50 and up. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Tuesday, February 1**

**Bridge players,** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Details, information: call 610-867-4681.

**Civil War Roundtable,** Eastern Pennsylvania, Lehigh Brigade. "We Fight for Our Rights, Liberty, Justice, and Union: The Battle of New Market Heights" (U.S. Colored Troops) presented by Tim Talbott; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Center 100 Hotel, (formerly the Holiday Inn), 7735 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville. Reservations, call 610-253-4549, email [Duffysocw@aol.com](mailto:Duffysocw@aol.com) or visit [www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org) by noon Jan. 28. For zoom meetings, information and registration, visit [www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1)

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**BAPL Book sale - full indoor** in basement of the Main Library; capacity limit of 50 shoppers at a time due to COVID protocols. Noon to 8 p.m. 11 W. Church St. Most credit / debit cards accepted. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/events/book-sale-feb-2022/](http://www.bapl.org/events/book-sale-feb-2022/)

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**Next Book Sale Feb. 2**



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**Hoping to shake the winter blahs,** the Bethlehem Area Public Library's first book sale of 2022 is scheduled for Feb. 2 from noon to 8 p.m. and Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. COVID protocols will remain in place, with masks required and capacity limits in place. The usual large selection of books, DVDs, records and CDs will be available for patrons to shop for their favorites, and most credit cards are accepted. Visit [bapl.org](http://bapl.org) for updates and additional information. **Above:** Moravian University students Jocelyn Schienholz and Julia Luisser shop at the December 2021 book sale looking for topics in the fantasy genre or anything that was eye catching.

**Free rapid COVID-19 tests available**

The Biden administration says testing is an important tool to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Public health experts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend Americans use at-home tests if they begin to have symptoms, at least five days after coming in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or are gathering indoors with a group of people who are at risk of severe disease or unvaccinated.

To help ensure Americans have tests on hand if a need arises, the Biden administration is purchasing one billion at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests to give to Americans for free. A half-billion tests will be available for order Jan. 19 and will be mailed directly to American households.

There will be free tests available for every household and to promote broad access, the initial program will allow four free tests to be requested per residential address. Starting Jan. 19, Americans will be able to order their tests online at [COVIDTests.gov](http://COVIDTests.gov) and tests will typically ship within 7-12 days of ordering.

To ensure equity and access for all Americans, the administration will also launch a call line to help those unable to access the website to place orders and work with national and local community-based organizations to support the nation's hardest-hit and highest-risk communities in requesting tests.

In addition to this new program, there are many other options for

Americans to get tested. There are now over 20,000 free testing sites across the nation, including four times as many pharmacies participating in the federal pharmacy free testing program as there were in January 2021, as well as federal

**As of Jan. 15, insurance companies and health plans are required to cover eight free at-home tests per covered individual per month.**

surge free testing sites, with more free testing sites opening each week.

In addition, the administration provided schools \$10 billion in American Rescue Plan funding to get tests to K-12 school districts. And the administration invested nearly \$6 billion in ARP funding to cover free testing for uninsured individuals and support testing in correctional facilities, shelters for people experiencing homelessness, and mental health facilities.


As of Jan. 15, private health insurance companies are required to cover at-home COVID-19 tests for free - and made an additional 10 million COVID-19 tests available to

schools nationwide, each month. This means consumers with private health insurance coverage will be able to get these tests for free. Insurance companies and health plans are required to cover eight free at-home tests per covered individual per month. That means a family of four, all on the same plan, would be able to get 32 of these tests covered by their health plan per month. As part of the requirement, the administration is strongly incentivizing plans and insurers to allow people to get these tests directly through preferred pharmacies or retailers with no out-of-pocket costs, with the plan or insurer covering the cost upfront, eliminating the need for people to submit reimbursement claims.

The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, has already awarded several of the contracts that will result from this process - with over 420 million tests already under contract. Given the volume of tests being procured and the diversity of manufacturers, additional contracts will be awarded.

The administration will partner with the United States Postal Service to package and deliver tests to Americans that want them. All orders in the continental United States will be sent through First Class Package Service, with shipments to Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories and APO/FPO/DPO addresses sent through Priority Mail.

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**Smoke Alarms at Home**

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

**SAFETY FIRST**

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more

technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions.

- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

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**Rosemarie (Mark) Campbell**

bookkeeper; musician



Rosemarie (Mark) Campbell, 90, of Bethlehem, died peacefully Jan. 17, 2022, at St. Luke's. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of Jerry and Julia Mark. She was the wife of the late Jack Campbell for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Liberty HS Class of 1949.

She was a part-time bookkeeper. She played and taught classical piano. She danced and did so into her 90s.

She was a life-long parishioner of St. Anne Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a son, Kyle (Judith) of Bethlehem; daughters Karen Fitz-Maurice (Jeffrey) of Newtown, Nancy Anderson (Harold) of Bethlehem and Judith Malizia (Michael) of Stuart, Florida; a son, John (Kathleen) of Media, a daughter, Mary Jo Cambridge of Homer, Arkansas; a son, Christian (Yvette) of Allentown; and a daughter, Jacquelyn Miller (Joseph) of Brick, New Jersey; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Leonard Mark of Camp Hill; and a sister, Geraldine Miller of Fork Union, Virginia.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017; or to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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

**Richard Lawrence Transue**

Army Old Guard member



Richard Lawrence Transue, 72, of Lower Saucon Twp., died at home Jan. 11, 2022. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Gilbert L. and Gladys A. (Stark) Transue. He was the husband of Bonita A. (Millhouse) Transue for 40 years.

He served in the Old Guard during the Vietnam war in the U.S. Army.

He worked in the beam yard and in the combination mill for Bethlehem Steel Corp. until he retired. He also worked for Reeb Mill Work.

He was a member of the NRA, Steel City Gun Club and the Hellertown Democratic Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Nicole Baranowski; a son, Richard A. and wife Shannon; four grandchildren, John Baranowski, Hope Saracino, Alan Transue and Tighe Transue; a brother, James Adamek; and a sister, Patricia Gregory and husband James.

Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

**Adriana Maria Rose Ramos**

SLUHN customer service representative



Adriana Maria Rose Ramos, 39, of Bethlehem Township, died Jan. 7, 2022. Born in Allentown, she was a daughter of Dr. Jose L. Ramos Caro, M.D. and Dr. Maria Antonia Martinez Ramos, M.D.

She was a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic HS. She earned an associate's degree in communication from Northampton Community College.

She was a customer service representative at St. Luke's University Health Network.

She was a parishioner of St. Anne's Catholic Church, with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother.

She was a pianist, singer, writer and crafter.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her fiancé, Trevor Behr; a sister, Isabel Antonia Ramos-Lebron and her husband Amaury Lebron and their daughter Antonia Esperanza Lebron; grandmother, Zayda Caro; aunt, Zayda C. Ramos; and extended family.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 E. Washington St., Bethlehem, PA, 18017.

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**Robert Howard Stewart**

Edgeboro Moravian Church member



Robert Howard Stewart, 65, of Bethlehem, died Jan. 12, 2022. Born in Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late Robert H. and Mary E. "Betty" (Eisenhardt) Stewart.

He was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corp. for a decade until his work life was shortened by a disability.

He was a lifelong member of Edgeboro Moravian Church, where he sang on the choir, played on the dart baseball team and helped make mints, candles and sugar cakes.

He is survived by three sisters, Bonnie Skinner and husband David of Duanesburg, New York; Barbara Barcoucky and husband Len of Pittsburgh and Holley Weavil and husband Terry of Mt. Carmel, Illinois; seven nieces and nephews; and eight great-nieces and great-nephews.

Contributions may be made to Edgeboro Moravian Church, 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem PA 18017.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.

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The newly sworn-in Bethlehem City Council: (from left) Kira Wilhelm; Dr. Paige Van Wirt; Michael Colón; Rachel León; Hillary Glatt Kwiatek; and Grace Crampsie Smith.

## Southside projects are delayed for new council member review

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Plans to alter the skyline of South Bethlehem were tabled by the freshman class of Bethlehem City Council Jan. 18. The new date to consider three "certificates of appropriateness" has been pushed to Feb. 15.

By then council, which has three new members, hopes to have selected a seventh member to fill the chair vacated by former councilman and now mayor William Reynolds and to have their newly-appointed legal counsel, Brian J. Panella, on the job.

Council Vice President Grace Crampsie Smith made the motion to delay the decision on three separate COAs, all concerning projects slated for South Bethlehem. She said new members of council should be given more time to study such large projects before making a decision. She also wanted to wait until the newly-appointed solicitor was able to

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New solicitor Jack Spirk (left) with his part-time Assistant City Solicitors Loren L. Speziale, Maraleen Shields and Matthew Deschler.

review the projects and offer the best advice to the council.

One delayed project would put a new five-story building on what is now a parking lot next the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Performing Arts on East Third Street.

The second delayed approval for a COA is for a nine-story building to replace smaller build-

ings between 317 and 327 South New Street.

Council also delayed a COA for the transformation of the former Holy Infancy School at 127 East Fourth St. into 24 residential apartments.

In other business, newly-hired City of Bethlehem solicitor Jack Spirk introduced the legal team for the city. The part-time as-

sistant city solicitors are Matthew Deschler, Loren L. Speziale and Maraleen Shields.

Spirk was previously council for Bethlehem City Council, a job now held by Panella.

Spirk was also the City Solicitor under former mayor John Callahan and is back in the same position under recently elected Mayor Reynolds.

Spirk said the new team will have "duty-days" when they would be expected to be available for city business. He said reviewing the approximately 500 city contracts will be a large part of their jobs.

Reynolds introduced his new Right-to-Know officer, Zachary Cole-Borghini. Cole-Borghini last week was sworn in as a newly-elected Lehigh County Commissioner.

Reynolds also mentioned his new Information Officer and Communication Support team, Love Media LLC, owned by George Wacker, whose contract was approved by council.



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## Revenue surplus in '20-21 audit

BY JENN RAGO  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

During the first financial committee meeting of 2022, Chief Financial Officer Stacy Gober presented to the board and Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy the 2020-21 audit, which concluded with a surplus of \$7,762,879.24. The annual audit is provided by Gorman and Associates. A team of six to eight CPA's arrive one week in June, two weeks in October, and several days in December to review and collect necessary data. Gober said the professionalism and availability of Gor-

man and Associates year round is exceptional.

The year was financially stable, given the pandemic uncertainties at the time of budget adoption. Actual expenditures were 2 percent under budget. The local economy held strong and taxes were paid. The only recommendation was for non-public schools (in the district) to spend down their federal funds in a more timely manner.

Prior to finalizing the final audit, the board approved and committed to

designating \$16 million to the capital reserve fund for future capital improvements. Projects in the works are upgrading the HVAC, resurfacing the tennis courts, auditorium lighting, FHS roof and engineering fees for Federally funded projects.

All recommendations are in line with Policy 620. Policy 620 limits the amount assigned to the general fund not less than 5 percent and not more than 8 percent. This helps provide stable cash

flow through the summer months and for stable bond ratings. The advantage for the district is not needing to plan for times of low anticipatory revenues.

Roy said, "Clean audits appear routine in this district, but that is not to minimize the exceptional work of the financial staff and the responsible budgeting and planning by the board members." Board President Michael Faccinnetto said, "Taxpayers can see that money is being spent wisely and well managed."

Following the directives established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit public gatherings, several of the following meetings / activities might be changed, canceled, streamed or online. Masks over the nose and mouth are required in all government offices and buildings. Temperature checks may be made. Check websites and social media as available.

**Municipal news**

**BETHLEHEM YARD WASTE:** The Yard Waste Facility may be closed at times due to inclement weather and other factors. Check the city website. Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center, 635 Illick's Mill Road, will not be accepting Styrofoam materials until further notice.

**BETHLEHEM FIRE TRUCK:** The Bethlehem Fire Department was recently awarded \$800,000 from the Northampton County Relief Block Grant Program to replace Fire Engine #3. The new Engine #3 (E3) and its equipment are housed at the Schweder Fire Station located on Bethlehem's Southside. E3 responds as the primary engine in the Southside district to all high priority medical incidents and supports Bethlehem EMS, in addition to all other emergency incidents requiring multi-unit responses.

In addition to responding as the primary engine for QRS responses, E3 is the first engine due to Northampton Community College's Fowler Campus, Wind Creek, and I-78. It also serves as the primary QRS engine to a majority of Bethlehem's Latino Community. E3 is designated as a mass decontamination engine by Northampton County for response in the event that it is requested.

The Bethlehem Fire Department is throwing a community celebration in conjunction with the City of Bethlehem and the Hispanic Center Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m. Kids will get to meet "Sparky," the Fire Department's mascot and enjoy refreshments. They can then help "push" E3 during the housing ceremony at the Schweder Fire Station once the new engine takes a lap around the block from the Hispanic Center to the station.

Community members and leaders are invited to take part in this celebration. The event is free to the community.

**FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS:** Some meeting dates may have changed for February due to Presidents' Day and other events or holidays.

**TAP TO PAY PARKING:** Customers using the Bethlehem Parking Authority garages will soon be able to pay for their parking sessions by tapping their smartphone, credit card or debit card on signage placed within BPA garages.

The Bethlehem Parking Authority is introducing a mobile app only pilot zone on the 100 block of West Packer Avenue between Brodhead Ave. and Vine St. starting Jan. 31.

The mobile app, ParkMobile, allows customers to start and stop parking sessions, add multiple vehicles to their account and create notifications to alert them when their parking session is about to expire. For customers without a smart phone, there is an option to pay by text, which is always available through ParkMobile.

Customers can expect Tap to Pay to go live in all BPA garages by the beginning of February. The BPA plans to install detailed signage detailing the mobile app only pilot zone. The pilot is expected to last three to six months.

**Wednesday, January 26**

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

NorCo Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 6:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Snow date for the Bethlehem Area School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., East Hills Middle School auditorium

**Tuesday, February 1**

NorCo General Purpose Authority, 8:15 a.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Current and recent meetings are located online at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFLFG5Y9Uj0jADKaRE1W3xw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFLFG5Y9Uj0jADKaRE1W3xw).

NorCo Farmland Preservation, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

**Wednesday, February 2**

Historical Architectural Review Board, 5 p.m. Masks are required. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Submit public questions, comments, name and phone number 24 hours in advance via email to [planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:planninginfo@bethlehem-pa.gov)

Fountain Hill Finance, P.W., Personnel, House committees, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.

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



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

From left, architect Carlos Tovar and John Callahan from Peron Development present a proposal for a new five-story mixed use building for 305 E. Third St.

**HCC reconvenes for long meeting**

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Having found itself one member shy of a quorum for the hearing scheduled for Dec. 20, 2021, the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission reconvened for a special in-person, masked hearing Jan. 5. The HCC usually meets toward the end of the month.

At nearly three hours and 20 minutes, new commissioner Desiree Strasser and her colleagues were in for a long evening.

Assisted by architect Carlos Tovar, John Callahan from Peron Development was granted a certificate of appropriateness for a new 5-story mixed use building at 305 E. Third St. Previously reviewed and rejected by the board at the Aug. 30, 2021 meeting for 307 E. Third St., the revised proposal with a revised address was approved.

The proposed masonry-clad building includes 1,990 square feet of retail space with 44 one- and two-bedroom apartments on the upper floors. The commissioners stipulated James Hardie fish scale siding for the top floor Mansard-like roof, brick veneer for a stairway, and half-round copper gutters with round downspouts. Applicants are to provide additional cut

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PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Part of Holy Family Manor in West Bethlehem, which more than a century ago was part of the Eugene Grace estate, must look to its aging roofs.



One of the street-view renderings provided by Peron Development for a proposed project for 305 E. Third St.

Architect Jordan Clark returned with revisions to a proposed 9-story high rise for 317-327 S. New St., which had previously been

structures. The property at E. Third and Taylor streets is currently a surface parking lot with no

tabled at the November 2021 meeting.

By incorporating previous board recommendations, Clark received approval for the new construction that would call for the demolition of several structures on the site, while still retaining the façades of two of the existing historic buildings. "Thanks for putting the work into it," said Vice Chairman Craig Evans.

Design changes include replacing aluminum paneling from the upper two floors with limestone veneer and adding a cornice at the roof line. Rear exit doors are to be centered with window bays above, and awnings added over the doors.

Clark also represented the Holy Infancy School repurposing project at 127 E. Fourth St. He scored a COA to convert the 4-story 1925 Italianate Revival style brick into 24 apartments over a commercial space.

The exterior work is limited to opening previously closed window openings and replacing all doors and windows with energy efficient units. An exterior ramp on the side of the building is to be reconstructed to be ADA compliant. The new windows will replace old replacement windows with a design

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**Yesterday:  
A look  
back to  
the 60s,  
70s & 80s**

With the NFL Wild-card weekend concluded, the Eagles' loss to Tampa Bay wasn't their most significant one that also occurred down South.

That honor belongs to the inaugural Wild Card weekend back in 1978



**Yesterday**

**By Jeff Moeller**

when the NFL expanded its regular schedule to 16 games as well as its postseason.

It easily can be one of the forgotten Eagles' playoff games, but it certainly had some unforgettable moments in a heartbreaking loss.

Does the thought of punter/kicker Mike Michel trigger any memories?

This latest installment of my look back at YESTERDAY - a trip back in time to the late 1960s', 70s' and sometimes dipping into the early 80s' - is a recollection of some of the more memorable events from 1978 and surrounding years involving events, pop-culture situations and items.

It was Dec. 24, 1978 and the 9-7 Eagles traveled to cold and rainy Atlanta, who was in search of their first-ever playoff victory. This was the year of the "Miracle of the Meadowlands" game involving the Joe Pisarcik-Larry Csonka fumble, and Herb Edwards' return for the game-winning score.

Head coach Dick Vermeil elected to have Michel handle the place-kicking duties after Nick Mike-Mayer went down with a rib injury in Week 12. Michel whiffed on a punt, and missed two extra points down the stretch.

Yet, Vermeil decided to stay the course with him.

The Eagles dominated play most of the game and carried a 13-0 lead into the fourth quarter. Michel has missed an extra point on one of the two touchdowns.

Atlanta quarterback Steve Bartkowski - once seen as the Aaron Rodgers of the late 1970s but injuries slowed his career - took advantage of an Eagles' fumble and orchestrated a 7-play, 85-yard drive.

After Atlanta's defense stopped the Eagles, Bartkowski flipped a 37-yard touchdown pass to Wallace Francis, and the extra point gave the Falcons a 14-13 lead with 1:39 left to play.

Ron Jaworski drove the Birds down to the Atlanta 16 with 13 seconds remaining.

Out came Michel for a 33-yard attempt. Unfortunately, he shanked it right.

Michel never played another NFL game. Mike-Mayer was traded to Buffalo, and bare-foot lefty kicker Tony Franklin took over in 1979.

Most people forget about this Christmas Eve crusher. It was a tremendous game to

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**Bethlehem hockey team playing well**

**BY KATIE MCDONALD**  
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The Freedom and Liberty Ice Hockey Clubs have collaborated to create Bethlehem Ice Hockey, and the varsity team, currently preparing for a playoff push, won big on Friday night with a 14-4 victory over Phillipsburg in the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League at The Rink in Whitehall.

Phillipsburg led just once after Shane Redden scored the game's first

goal. Stephen Callaghan (Freedom) scored for Bethlehem four minutes later, and Richard Giering (Liberty) followed up with a goal on a power play.

With the game tied at 3-3, Ryan Hathaway (Freedom) put Bethlehem ahead in the final minute of the first period.

Matt Fanning (Moravian Academy) was the lone scorer for either team in the second peri-

od with two goals. Bethlehem scored four straight goals early in the third period, all within less than two minutes.

Fanning achieved a hat trick when he scored Bethlehem's last goal of the night with one minute remaining on the clock.

Also scoring for Bethlehem were Chris Fanning (Moravian Academy), Brady Roche (Freedom), Stephen Garquilo (Freedom), and No-

lan Schleppey (Freedom). Assists were made by Callaghan, Chris Fanning, Nick Moniz (Freedom), Hathaway, Landon McRae (Freedom), Matt Fanning, Giering, and Justin Gichiengo (Liberty).

Aidan Swenor (Freedom) made 11 saves for Bethlehem.

Coached by John Snyder and assistants Paul Fischer and Shane Watson, along with team manager E.J. Powers, Bethlehem's record is

8-3-1 as of Jan. 23.

Other teams in the league are Central, Emmaus, Nazareth, Northampton Black, Northampton Orange, Parkland, and Southern Lehigh.

Bethlehem's next game will be a rematch with Phillipsburg, scheduled for Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Municipal Rink.



**PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB**

Freedom's Joey Bodnar wrestles Parkland's Will Sallitt during a recent match. Bodnar won by fall.

**Wrestling championships for EPC this weekend**

**BY PETER CAR**  
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The East Penn Conference wrestling championships take place this weekend at Easton Area Middle School with wrestling starting at 9 a.m.

The only match for certain as of print deadline is the 2:30 p.m. championship match between Bethlehem Catholic and Nazareth.

Wrestling gets underway at 9 a.m. with the 13th, 15th and 17th place matches kicking off the day.

At 10:45 a.m., action moves to the seventh, ninth and eleventh place matches before the 12:30 p.m. round for third and fifth place.

Matchups pit teams from the EPC's two divisions against each other based on where they finish in the regular sea-

son. Since, Bethlehem Catholic and Nazareth will be at the top of the standings, they meet in the finals.

Here are the EPC standings heading into Wednesday.

**Division A**

Nazareth	11-0, 7-0
Stroudsburg	13-5, 5-2
Emmaus	12-7, 5-2
Northampton	7-1, 5-1
Whitehall	7-5, 4-3
Allen	2-10, 2-5

ES South	5-13, 2-5
Dieruff	1-7, 1-7
PM East	1-11, 0-6

**Division B**

Becahi	6-0, 5-0
Easton	12-3, 6-1
Freedom	15-2, 5-1
Parkland	10-2, 4-2
Liberty	9-7, 3-3
Pleasant Vy	6-14, 2-4
PM West	3-9, 1-5
ES North	2-12, 0-4
Central	0-6, 0-6



**PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN**

Krishna Mangroo and the Patriots recently took on Pocono Mountain East.



**PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN**

Joe Barnes and the Hurricanes are eyeing a playoff berth.

**LHS, FHS eye playoff berth**

**BY PETER CAR**  
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With the regular season heading down the home stretch, many local teams are pushing to solidify postseason berths.

Liberty and Freedom are both in those predicaments, however,

they're both also in different circumstances.

The Hurricanes (9-7) need two wins in their final six contests to guarantee a District 11 spot and they hope they can get to that point this week with a three game slate against Nazareth (11-4), Dieruff (2-13) and Muhlenberg.

"Clinching a playoff spot was one of our goals at the beginning of the season," said head coach Nigel Long. "We continue to have that goal in mind. We still have a lot of work to do to accomplish that feat."

Liberty won two out of three last week, knocking off Easton

and East Stroudsburg North. That one loss last week was a 41-39 defeat to Central Catholic. The Vikings have been the best team in the area this season, but playing tight against one of the state's top teams was a bit of a moral victory for Long's team.

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**LHS swim teams win again**

**BY KATIE MCDONALD**  
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The Liberty Hurricanes swam away with their home meet against the Easton Red Rovers last Thursday when the Hurricane girls won by a score of 113-73, and the Hurricane boys won by a score of 120-56.

Sarah Park, Morgan Muller, Brooke Sergent, and Chelsea Hearn combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:00.73, and Corbin Eisenhardt, Malcolm Collins, David Gabrielle, and Danny Lehr teamed together to win the same event in 1:45.53.

Immediately afterward, Sergent returned to the water and won the 200 freestyle in 2:08.34, and Patrick Gilhool competed in the same event, his first of the day, to take first place in 1:48.09.

Addison Collins also won his first event of the day, the 200 IM, with a time of 2:00.17, and Lehr placed first in the 50 free in 23.07.

Sergent won the 100 butterfly in 1:01.26, and Gilhool was also first in the fly with a time of 51.58.

Eisenhardt sprinted to first place on the 100 free in 51.44, and distance winners in the 500 free were Julia Pinter with a time of 5:49.23 and Addison Collins with a time of 5:02.54.

Sydney Taylor, Hearn, Park, and Sergent gained first place points in the 200 free relay in 1:48.75, and Gilhool, Caleb Stein, Addison Collins, and Eisenhardt did the same for the Hurricane boys with a time of 1:30.50.

Pinter won the 100 backstroke in 1:09.62, and Lehr was first in the same event with a time of 55.21.

Two more Hurricanes won the 100 breaststroke, Muller with a time of 1:17.08 and Malcolm Collins with a time of 1:02.23.

Liberty shut down Easton in the 400 free relay with Pinter, Monica Bruno, Muller, and Taylor's first place time of 4:19.72, and a winning time of 3:22.37 for Gilhool, Addison Collins, Lehr, and Stein.

The Hurricanes will have taken on Parkland on Tuesday, past Press deadlines, before hosting Pocono Mountain West on Thursday.

# Rovers rally, top BC

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Monday night's girls basketball game between Bethlehem Catholic and Easton was the kind that didn't disappoint as the Red Rovers came back from a 10 point deficit at halftime to claim a 38-37 victory over the Golden Hawks at Becahi.

"That third quarter got away from us a little bit. We got open looks, but it's a make or miss game, and for us, in the first half, we were going in," said Becahi coach Jose Medina. "Second half, we didn't make them, but our defense kept us in. Up by one with 10 seconds to go, you can't ask for anything better than that."

The Hawks led 37-36 with a little over two minutes left, and held possession for the next 90 seconds or so. Easton had fouls to give, and finally drew a one-and-one with 28 seconds left. The miss was rebounded by Easton, and Makena Zimmerman landed a shot from the corner with time running out.

Becahi was able to get two shots off before time expired but couldn't convert.

It was Zimmerman who started things off for Easton with a three pointer in the first 30 seconds of play. Becahi's Cici Hernandez responded with her own three 30 seconds later, and when Easton lost the ball on a pass that went out of bounds, Becahi's Stephanie Donato landed a three pointer followed by another from Keyara Walters.

The second quarter belonged to the Hawks as the Red Rovers lost the ball out of bounds again, and Donato drained two



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN  
Mirynet Colon and the Becahi girls, shown here vs. Dieruff, fell to Easton Monday night.

more threes. Santos scored on a layup after a steal by Yarian Fernandez who made a pass to Santos while flat on her stomach, but three consecutive turnovers by the Hawks in the third quarter resulted in three easy buckets for Easton's Anye Staton, and Coach Medina called a timeout.

"Just to settle them down and get them focused on things we could control," Medina said. "One thing we talk about is ABC, always be confident. That's what we were reminding them of."

But the Hawks were held to just two points and scored those two on a bucket by Akasha Santos on a feed by Hernandez at the very end of the third quarter to tie the game, 27-27.

As the fourth quarter played out, it appeared as if Walters' earlier three point play would be the difference

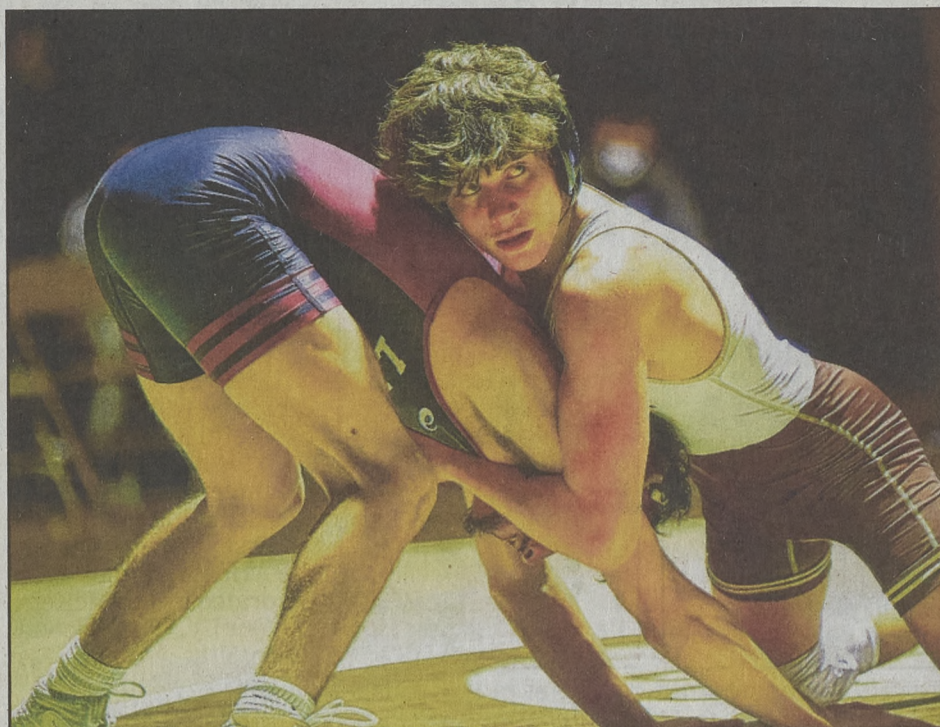
in the game while the two teams traded scores throughout the first six minutes. While time was on the side of both teams as Becahi led 37-36 with two minutes left, the difference in the game became whether the Hawks could hold off the Red Rovers for that much time.

"We've got to go in, do our job, and I give them a lot of credit. They fought, and Easton did a great job, and today was their day," Medina said. "[Tuesday] will be our fourth game in five days, so we're finding out a lot about ourselves."

Easton's Evalyse Cole had a game high 11 points.

Donato was the top scorer for Becahi with nine points, followed by Hernandez and Kendra Rigo who had eight apiece.

The Hawks will have a second chance at the Red Rovers this Friday night at Easton.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN  
Dante Frinzi and the Hawks have a big week ahead.

# Another big week for BC

BY PETER CAR  
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There aren't many weeks during the regular season where Bethlehem Catholic's wrestling team gets excited about, but last week was one of them.

The Hawks improved to 6-0 on the dual meet season after knocking off Easton 49-9 and then earned a 30-18 win over Notre Dame Green Pond in their toughest bout of the season.

It was a big week for the team and head coach Jeff Karam acknowledged the importance for it, especially last Saturday's win over Notre Dame.

"Last week was great and really important for the program to be involved in matches with that level of excitement and energy," said

Karam. "It will provide needed experience for the coming weeks. Notre Dame really gave us a great challenge and I think it will benefit both programs."

The Hawks have another big week ahead with Parkland (10-2) and Freedom (15-2) on deck before heading to Saturday's EPC wrestling championships where they'll take on Nazareth (11-0) in their biggest match of the season.

The Blue Eagles are the only team in the area that can match the Hawks quality on paper and it will give area fans their best match of the season.

"Really looking forward to the next challenge this weekend against Nazareth," said Karam. "It should be and great dual and hope-

fully we can pick things up from the match that can help us for the following week. Assuming we both meet up again in team districts."

Freedom has a rivalry week slate with Liberty on Wednesday and then Thursday's battle against Becahi. The Pates hope they can find themselves in the mix to wrestle in Saturday's third place round, but that won't be determined until after Thursday's meets. At the very least, they'll be wrestling in the fifth place bout.

Liberty (9-7) has their match with the Pates followed by East Stroudsburg North on Thursday.

The Hurricanes are likely to wrestle for ninth place this weekend.

with our improvements over the course of the season."

Freedom (7-8) will be fighting till the end for a playoff berth with seven games left on the schedule.

The Pates have a daunting week against Southern Lehigh (14-3), Bethlehem Catholic (11-4) and Nazareth (11-4). Head coach Joe Stellato knows this is a crucial week for the team where

they need wins to stay on pace in the postseason push.

"This is a make-or-break week," said Stellato. "This team is a work in progress and we knew this going into the season. We're still aware of the work that needs to be done to become a consistent team. We have to stay focused on one game at a time, but we are not good enough to look ahead."

# Pates fall to Hornets in swimming action

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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The upside for Freedom swimmers in hosting a powerhouse like Emmaus is that it provides stiff competition for the Pates, which produce some best times and a share of top finishes despite the Patriot girls team loss, 116-62, and a team loss for the Patriot boys, 95-61.

Another plus for the Pates in last Tuesday's swim meet was an opening event, momentum win for the Freedom foursome of Andrew Ehret, AJ Black, Luke McClure, and Ryan Rummel in the 200 medley relay with a time of

1:47.27. McClure went on to place second in the 200 IM in 2:18.87, and second in the 100 butterfly in 59.48.

Deb Belen also had two second place finishes for Freedom, one in the 50 freestyle in 27.47 and another in the 100 free in 1:01.71.

Because the Patriots have no divers this year, Emmaus was able to gain 13 points in the diving event, covering first, second, and third places.

Freedom's Aliah Corrado just missed first place in the 100 fly with a time of 1:08.03, out touched by Emmaus's Georgia Magditch in

1:07.99. Rummel came in third in the 100 free, missing second place by just half a second to Emmaus's Jack Niggel who finished the race in 56.25.

Ehret scored top points for the Patriot boys when the Freedom senior won the 500 free in 5:01.67 and the 100 backstroke in 54.78.

The Patriots will have hosted East Stroudsburg North on Tuesday, past Press deadlines, before traveling across the road to Moravian Academy for an out-of-conference meet on Saturday morning.

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"Central Catholic is a well coached and a very talented team," said Long. "We gave them a fight which I am very proud of our team for. Our defense has risen to the occasion over the last week. I am excited for these last six games of the season. A lot of work left to do, however, I have been pleased

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watch, and you can find it on YouTube.

More Old School: If you were a junior in high school in 1977-78, this was about the time when the Driver-Ed teacher would take you out before your test. First, you had to complete the classroom end of it, and then you took to the road.

At Notre Dame, I remember being filled with anxiety about the thought of going out on Route 22 with legendary football coach Marty Hlay. The Driver-Ed cars back then had the extra emergency brake on the passenger's side just in case.

If you could pass that test, you were on your way. But the real nerve-racking test came next.

Remember going to the State Police barracks to gain your license? You had this intimidating burly, stern, and barely talking trooper enter your car and tell you to drive around a course. You then had to wait to see if you passed. The master plan certainly gave you an initial respect for the road.

Phanatical Phillies Debut: On April 25, 1978 in a game between the Phillies and the Cubs, the Phillie Phanatic made its debut. He re-

placed Phil and Phillis, who were the mascots from when Veterans Stadium opened in 1971. When a home run was hit, Phil would light a cannon, and the water fountains danced in the air behind the fence.

Played by University of Delaware football coach Tubby Raymond's son Dave, the Phanatic was an instant success not only in Philly, but also across the country. The move also re-energized baseball mascots such as the San Diego Chicken, Mr. Met, the Expos' Souki, and the Braves' Bleacher Creature to name a few.

One of the lost ones was A's owner Charlie Finley's mule, Charley-O, which would sometimes bring relievers to the mound from the bullpen.

The Phillies' 92-70 season also was the final year of one of the better three-year runs in club history, as they won 292 games, but no World Series.

After an offseason in 1979 that saw the end of manager Danny Ozark, the Phillies won their first-ever title the following season.

A final Phillies thought...if you were in college in the late 70s or early 1980s, did you ever attend any of their "College Nights?"

Sights and Sounds: At the movies, the top flicks in 1978 were

"Grease" as Olivia Newton-John continued to burst onto the scene and the classic, "Animal House" (the references are too many), both of them highlighted the summer.

Don't forget "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" with its unforgettable lyrical taps. And the scariest film of 1978? Halloween was, hands down.

The top song of 1978? It belonged to the late Andy Gibb, whose "Shadow Dancing" further extended the Bee Gees run from "Saturday Night Fever."

"Laverne and Shirley" dominated the television front in 1978.

Read On: If you were a teen in 1978, "Seventeen" was the magazine to read for girls, and "Sports Illustrated," "The Sporting News," and "Sport" were the boys' side.

For boys, the end of each week was special when "Sports Illustrated" would be on the stands Thursday and "The Sporting News" arrived for Friday.

How many of you miss the old "newspaper stores" that carried newspapers, all types of magazines, and comic books.

It was such a simpler and easier life then.

As they used to say, "Catch you on the flip side."

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After being transferred from another rescue, **Gwen** is on the hunt for her furr-ever home. This adorable 1.5-year-old is ready to prove that black cats are good luck as she purrs her way into your heart. Gwen is cat friendly and would be a great addition to any family.



At 1 year old, **Arya** is looking for someone to understand that despite her age, she is one smart cookie. This Akita Husky mix is super playful and loves spending time with people of all ages. Arya can often be found hunting down a toy to play fetch or voicing her opinion when things don't go her way.

**HCC**

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to replicate what is shown in a circa 1929 photograph of the school.

The applicant was instructed to provide cut sheets and product materials to the commissioners.

Both properties are owned by developers Rafael Palomino and Jeffrey Quinn.

Touchstone Theatre Facilities Manager Chris Egging received permission to install a new EPDM roof system on top of the existing flat white coated surface at 321 E. Fourth St. Included is the removal and disposal of the existing terra cotta coping stones and installing half-inch CDX plywood on the inner face and solid 2 by 10 inch lumber on top of the revealed brick surface.

Egging explained the masonry work under the terra cotta coping stones "is crumbling and falling out." The resulting leaks are causing extensive damage to the interior walls.

Chairman Gary Lader offered to allow a newer material painted dark bronze to replace the deteriorated terra cotta.

The circa 1890 brick building with a twentieth century addition is owned by the nonprofit.

Ali Kishar was granted a COA for signage for his new restaurant at 127-129 E. Third St. His New Jersey-based sign maker, Rod Delgado from Smart Graphics, participated by phone.

The approved signage features "King Wing" with a cartoon rooster head for across the cornice in PVC letters, as well as a similar vinyl window sign.

The applicant agreed to remove existing LED lighting in the window. He was advised to attach the sign band lettering to an Azek backer board with a pin stripe around it. The vinyl window stickers should not be outlined in white as originally proposed.

The circa 1890 Federal Revival style building, owned by PJ Century, LLC., was the former location of New York Gyro.

Holy Family Senior Living CEO Joseph Shadid, assisted by Maintenance Director Randy Smith, were advised to return with product options that look more like slate for their tabled roof replacement proposal for 1200 Spring St.

The facility is located in the historic Eugene Gifford Grace mansion in the Mount Airy District. Grace (1876-1960) served as president of Bethlehem Steel Corp. from 1916-45 and board chairman until 1957.

The three and one-half-story brick building was built in the early twentieth century in a Classical Revival style. It is a sprawling interconnected structure with a rear addition built in 1968.

They were advised to consider replacing any deteriorated slate shingles in kind by Roger Hudak. He said, "Slate will outlast all of us."

For a second time, the commissioners tabled Scott Bartkus' façade proposal for 210-212 E. Third St.

Although Bartkus revised his plans and the commissioners welcomed his intent, the board recommended he consult with a licensed design professional who is familiar with historic district guidelines.

"Any change to those windows is going to be an improvement," remarked Historic Officer Jeff Long after noting that storefront changes over many years lost defining features, leaving the structure with no identifying style. "Any change to the building," replied Bartkus.

The proposal involves removing vinyl siding and replacing it with brick veneer on the east façade, replacing or covering over the PermaStone on the north façade with brick veneer, as well as restoring the glass storefront and replacing three double-hung windows. The veneer is to match the brick on the west wall.

The applicant was provided a packet of storefront guidelines and was advised to return with more detailed plans that include dimensions and relevant product specs.

The circa 1900 two-story masonry building is owned by 210 E. 3rd Street LLC. and home to The Aging Moon, a cheese and party tray catering business.

All voting was unanimous.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and residents in a designated historic district who wish to make alterations to a building's exterior. The commission's recommendations are later reviewed, and then voted on by city council before any project is allowed to proceed.

**'Home Alone' top tree in HBMS contest**

Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites (HBMS) has announced the winners of the Trees of Historic Bethlehem: Cinematic Trees decorating contest. The Trees of Historic Bethlehem display is a time-honored tradition in Bethlehem. This year each tree was decorated by Bethlehem Garden Club members and other volunteers to reference classic holiday movies.

First place went to the "Home Alone" tree decorated by the McKenzie family. The Second Place Tree winner was "Miracle on 34th Street" decorated by HBMS volunteers Maria Fernandez and Betsy Fisher. The Third Place Tree is "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," decorated by Bethlehem Garden Club members Nancy Caldwell and Sally Roe.

"The Trees of Historic Bethlehem is one of our favorite Christmas traditions," Kay McKenzie said of her experience decorating the winning tree. "Getting to decorate a tree this year was a thrill for us. We're glad to know everyone enjoyed our take on 'Home Alone.' Come see what we come up with next year."

There were 27 Trees of Historic Bethlehem decorated and located across five historical sites, including the Kemmer Museum of Decorative Arts, the Moravian Museum, Single Sisters' House, Luckenbach Mill



PRESS PHOTO BY JENN RAGO

The "Home Alone" tree decorated by the McKenzie family took first place in the "Trees of Historic Bethlehem: Cinematic Trees" decorating contest. "The Trees of Historic Bethlehem is one of our favorite Christmas traditions," Kay McKenzie said of her experience decorating the winning tree.

and 1810 Goundie House. HBMS saw over 700 visitors for the popular, annual tour. Visitors were asked to vote for their favorite trees with slips of paper by each tree and the votes were tallied after the closing of the exhibit Jan. 9.

In addition to thanking the hard-working volunteers who made the creative displays, HBMS thanks the sponsors who helped make this event possible in 2021:

- Wood Heat - "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) - "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"
- Equinox Benefits Consulting - "Elf"
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- Equinox Advantage Real Estate - "Miracle on 34th Street"
- The Express-Times, Lehigh Valley Live - "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
- Lehigh Valley Press - "The Santa Clause"
- I Heart Media - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"

**State police Camp Cadet registration opens Feb. 1**

Pennsylvania State Police Troop M will once again host Camp Cadet June 5-10 at Camp Fowler, 5851 Horseshoe Road, Orefield. Camp Cadet is an overnight summer camp for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15.

The goal of Camp Cadet is to introduce cadets to the diverse criminal justice system and establish a positive relationship between law enforcement and youth, while living in an atmosphere similar to an actual State Police Academy.

Presentations will include various municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This camp stresses teamwork, honesty and integrity, while developing discipline and self-esteem, which will promote good decision-making at a young age.

At the completion of the week, cadets will not only be proud of their accomplishments, but also gain an understanding of what it takes to be a police officer. For those who are interested in attending Troop M Camp Cadet, registration can be done by going online and registering at [troopmcampcadet.org](http://troopmcampcadet.org).

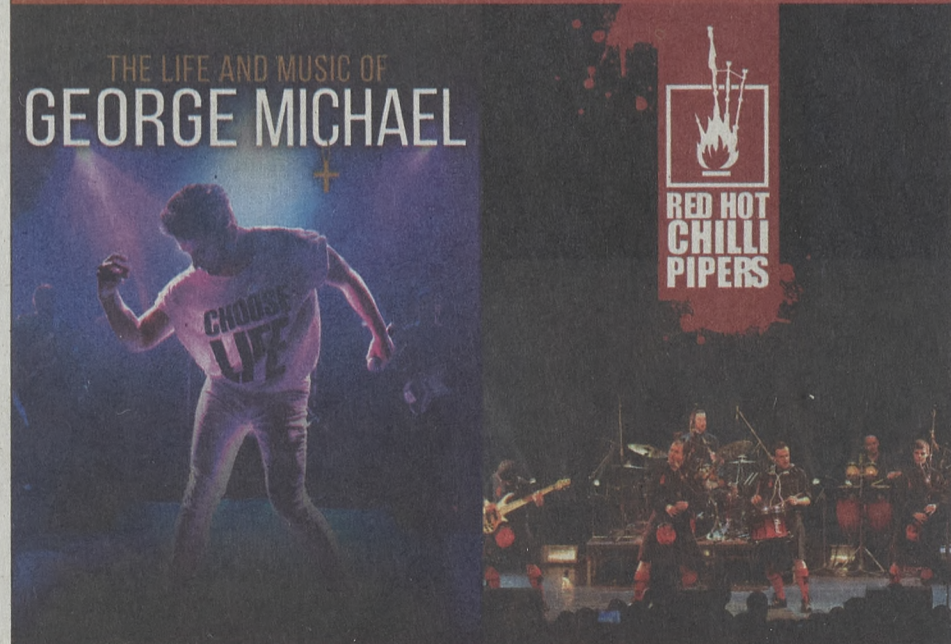
Registration is open from Feb. 1-28 and limited to the number of applicants.

For information on the Pennsylvania State Police, visit [psp.pa.gov](http://psp.pa.gov).



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Lehigh Valley Active Life, 1633 W. Elm S., Allentown, has the following dances with bands and disc jockeys planned for 7-10 p.m. Saturday nights in January and February.

- The cover charge includes light refreshments.
- Jan 29: "DJ Jerry Deane";
- Feb 5: "KATO";
- Feb 12: "Bootschootin" with Peggy Sue Country Dance; and
- Feb 26: "DJ Jerry Deane."

For more information, call 610-437-3700.



**Diana Garcia, Jadian Gonzalez, Jaylene Gonzalez, Camilla Gonzalez and Jan Carlos Torres** wait their turn while the elves gather their gifts.

**Families line up outside** the front door of New Bethany Ministries on Fourth Street, awaiting entrance to the to-go Christmas Brunch and visit with Santa Claus and gift distribution.

# Christmas Day at New Bethany

**BY LANI GOINS**

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Across the country, children looked forward to Christmas morning with great excitement, but sometimes even Santa Claus needs a little help. So Santa Claus came to the New Bethany Ministries building on Fourth Street on Christmas Day.

Five members of the New Bethany staff and eight volunteers filled in for Santa's elves. Toys and gifts filled a large room, arranged in neat order on and below tables. By the time the doors opened, a significant line had formed

on the sidewalk. The children, anticipating a visit with Santa Claus, kept the atmosphere light and festive.

Due to COVID restrictions, only one family was able to enter at a time. As they were admitted, arriving families were greeted and given numbers. Hot food and fruit and snacks to go were provided. The families would move to a waiting area.

A runner brought cards for each family, with the numbers and the ages to the elves, who quickly gathered toys and gifts. The presents were then

packed into a large box. Santa kept the children entertained while they waited.

Once the box was ready, a worker brought it to the family. After family members had seen Santa and received their gifts, they exited the building, and the next family was moved to the waiting area.

Families did not need to pre-register; they simply came to New Bethany on Christmas morning.

"We have always done a Christmas Day brunch," explained Veronne Demesyieux, assistant executive director. "It has just

evolved over the years, including Santa and gifts for the children." She said 96 families were served on Christmas Day.

Santa also got some help from the Grace Lutheran Church Giving Tree, and Holiday Hope Chests from the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. New Bethany Ministries provides food, hygiene products, financial counseling and other services to families in the Lehigh Valley.

More information can be found on their website: [Newbethanyministries.org](http://Newbethanyministries.org)



**Neveah Brink (red dress), Jordan and Kiera** with their box of gifts.

**New Bethany** volunteers and staff also served a to-go brunch and snacks to the families once they were checked in for the gift distribution.



**Michaela and Deniah** smile with Santa Claus.

**Staff and** volunteer elves pulled gifts from well-organized tables, according to the ages of the recipients. Once all the gifts were gathered in a box, the box was brought to the waiting area for delivery.



**Yvonne and Yvonne** with Santa Claus. The elf in charge is Adam Asabado, who also filled the suit in the Allentown Halloween Parade.

**Jamelyn, Nacir (front), Harris, Gabby, Daniel, Ruby and Tenesha** gather for a group photo with Santa Claus.



**Kaiden and Makai** with Santa Claus. Their box of gifts is in front.

# Alexandria Nehme

Notre Dame HS

Grade: 12

Family: Dad - Nehme Nehme; Mom - Georgia Nehme; Sisters Therese (21) and Katerina (19), and brother Joseph (11)

**Favorite subject:** My favorite subject is theology. This year we are learning about the meaning of life on a deeper level and it has opened my eyes to many new things. Theology has always been something I found a joy in learning.

**Activities:** Varsity soccer (captain), Key Club, Greenhouse Club, Friends/Peer Listeners, Student Council (Student Body President), NHS (National Honors Society), MYO (Maronile Youth Organization), Yearbook Club, Track & Field

**Next steps:** I plan to go to college after high school to continue my academic career.

**Career goals:** I plan to major in finance and minor in political science, and I am also considering attending law school after I receive my bachelor's degree.

**Heroes:** My parents are my heroes. They have shown me how important it is to always work hard to succeed but also enjoy life and find happiness. They have motivated me to be the person I am today and have given me the confidence to always be my true self.

**Hobbies:** Some of my hobbies include baking, reading, watching movies, working out, and hanging with friends and family.

**Current job(s):** I do not currently have a job, but in the summer I work at Northampton



Country Club.

**Volunteer/community work:** I volunteered as a greeter at St. Luke's Anderson, at my church - Our Lady of Lebanon, doing many different things, and I have done community service for school activities.

**Likes:** I like meeting new people and trying new things. I like vacationing and seeing new places. I like when I succeed after working hard, and I like to laugh and have fun.

**Dislikes:** I really dislike avocados. I dislike being forgetful and being late. I dislike dishonesty and dislike airplanes.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** So far my greatest accomplishment is being student body president and captain of the varsity girls soccer team.

**Advice for peers:** Never sell yourself short because you never know what you are truly capable of accomplishing in life.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

## 'You Guys' share friendship, stories

Since 1990 a group of Liberty HS graduates from classes in the 1960s have gathered on Dec. 26 at a local "watering hole," according to Bethlehem resident Joe Kempfer. Initially, they met at The Minsi Trail Inn and on Dec. 26 met for drink, food and conversation at The Wooden Match. COVID prevented a meet up in 2020 and affected turnout in 2021. In high school, they were

generally active in sports and over the past three decades have gathered to continue "friendships and tell war stories." A number of them served our country in the armed services during the Vietnam War era. Their numbers have shrunk as time, distance, COVID and deaths have affected attendance. This year nine showed up to celebrate and remember people, places and

events. Kempfer coordinates this event and a golf outing each year. They take the group nickname from the "Goonies" movie and the line in it by actor John Matuszak's character 'Sloth', "hey you guys." **Above:** Liberty HS graduates Joe Kempfer, Ken Roach, Ron Kline, Pete Zumas, Spiro Zumas and Butch Macri gather at the Wooden Match Dec. 26. Barry Stahr also attended.

## BETHLEHEM AREA VTS

By Skye Burton

### Skills, career events

In preparation for the Feb. 23 Pennsylvania ProStart Invitational being held at The Penn State Conference Center in State College, students from Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School participated in the PA ProStart Culinary Arts Boot Camp hosted by the Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Culinary Arts Center, located in Punxsutawney. There will be 13 teams participating in the Feb. 23 competition.

Students attending the boot camp included Treyvon Fitzpatrick, LI-12; Josiah Correa, LI-12; Joslyn Buss, LI-12; Joseph DeDona, FR-12 and Greg Joseph, LI-12. Students participated in a welcome session, food production, knife cuts, recipe costing, teamwork-professionals and then a final wrap-up. Seven schools participated in the Boot Camp.

Mr. Fortunato secured a PA ProStart grant with the assistance of Hope Sterner, director of education with the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association. The grant assisted with paying for some expenses for the Boot Camp, the textbooks and curriculum materials.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) month is February and the week of Feb. 7-11 is SkillsUSA week. Career and Technical education month promotes public awareness of the concept that our education directly prepares students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, hospitality and management, and many more areas.

To highlight these two significant events, the five local career and technical schools which participate in the SkillsUSA Council, under the direction of Andy Hammer and Amy Silvo, will participate in the ProStart competition. On Feb. 2, 89 students from Bethlehem and numerous students from the other local career and technical schools will be competing at the Sure Stay Plus Hotel Best Western Lehigh Valley and Agricultural Hall in Allentown. The leadership competitions at Best Western are not open to the public. However, we invite you to the Agri-Plex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to see our talented students compete for the gold. First-place students will continue on to Hershey Lodge for the State Confer-

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## NBM to oversee Trinity Soup Kitchen

An agreement with Trinity Episcopal Church transfers soup kitchen operations to New Bethany.

New Bethany Ministries (NBM), a local nonprofit providing basic-need services, housing, and support that lift individuals out of poverty, announced that it will oversee and manage Trinity Soup Kitchen food service operations at Trinity Episcopal Church on East Market Street in Bethlehem.

The transition comes as a result of the mutual vision and goals of service to the community maintained by both Trinity Church and NBM, which prompted a close working relationship at a time when NBM sought to expand its services in the North Bethlehem area.

Trinity Soup Kitchen operates noon - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, offering lunch for takeout during the pandemic.

New Bethany's food services, which contin-



New Bethany has the capacity to sustain Trinity operations in the short term, this project will ultimately need to be the result of new philanthropy."

Trinity's rector, The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, said she is delighted that the Trinity Soup Kitchen will continue as a service of NBM.

"Our church's legacy for serving the food-insecure on the northside of Bethlehem will continue with our mutual agreement and continued support," she said. "It is an ideal match so that services may continue in our part of Bethlehem."

The agreement was underwritten by the Synergy Fund, a partnership between United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Valley Community Foundation that promotes and supports nonprofit mergers to ensure the project is viable and agreeable for all parties.

ue to expand to meet the needs of those who are served, and Trinity Episcopal Church's Soup Kitchen are closely related, both having been organized as a singular interfaith ministry in the 1980s to meet increased local needs after major layoffs at Bethlehem Steel. With the help of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and support from the City of Bethlehem, New Bethany formed as an independent agency in March 1985. Trinity

Soup Kitchen continued as a grant-funded operation through Trinity Episcopal Church.

"New Bethany has proudly integrated Trinity Soup Kitchen into our services, and we are gratified to reach more people in the Lehigh Valley," said Marc Rittle, NBM executive director. "By extending our work into North Bethlehem, we are following our strategic plan and can greatly increase our impact on the community. While

## HANOVER (LEHIGH CO.) TOWNSHIP

### New fire chief introduced

BY CASSANDRA DAYOUB  
Special to The Press

Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Council held a reorganization meeting Jan. 10 at the municipal building, 2202 Grove Road.

Council Chairman Bruce Paulus was not in attendance, which delayed the election of the council chairman, as three board members voted to re-elect Paulus.

Councilman Michael Woolley was re-elected as vice chairman, and Councilmen Rick Tocci and Robert Lawlor took new oaths of office, as their previous terms had expired.

Council voted to consolidate resolution 2022-3 through resolution 2022-23 into a single motion, which re-elected township positions. The group passed all of the resolutions, reappointing all previous positions held in 2021 to be



PRESS PHOTO BY CASSANDRA DAYOUB

Hanover Township, Lehigh County, Councilmen Rick Tocci and Robert Heimbecker take the oath of office Jan. 10. Also pictured are Councilmen Michael Woolley and Robert Lawlor, and Vicky Roth, township clerk/tax collector.

carried over to 2022. A complete list of elected officials can be found on the township website, hanleco.org.

Following the reorganization meeting, council held its monthly pub-

lic meeting. Nick Marlowe was introduced as Han-Le-Co Fire Company's new chief.

Marlowe, who has served the fire company for many years, said

he is looking forward to leading in his new position.

Han-Le-Co Fire Company representatives were asked to take an oath in front of the council.

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Students attending the culinary arts boot camp: Treyvon Fitzpatrick, LI-12, Josiah Correa, LI-12, Joslyn Buss, LI-12, Joseph DeDona, FR-12 and Greg Joseph, LI-12.

### YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
	22 / 2 7-13 mph NW	28 / 16 1-9 mph SW	35 / 15 5-9 mph W	26 / 12 16-19 mph NW	31 / 18 7-13 mph W	26 / 11 3-6 mph W	29 / 16 1-6 mph WNW

**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 22°, humidity of 47%. Northwest wind 7 to 13 mph. The record high temperature for today is 72° set in 1950. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 2°. North wind 1 to 9 mph. The record low for tonight is -3° set in 1948. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 28°, humidity of 46%. Southwest wind 1 to 9 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with an overnight low of 16°. South wind 5 to 9 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of isolated snow, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 64%. West wind 5 to 9 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of isolated snow, overnight low of 15°. North wind 9 to 16 mph.

**Weather Trivia**

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Answer: In 1948, Major Fawbush correctly predicted that atmospheric conditions were ripe for a tornado in Norman, Okla.

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## It's cervical health awareness month

The National Cervical Cancer Coalition, a program of the American Sexual Health Association, recognizes January as Cervical Health Awareness Month. More than 14,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer each year, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening. Both in the U.S. and

internationally, the disease takes the greatest toll on vulnerable populations lacking access to health care. ASHA President Lynn Barclay says this is simply unacceptable in an era when virtually every case of cervical cancer is preventable: "Science has given us incredible lifesaving tools in the form of highly accurate screening tests and safe, effective vaccines. We have

the means to prevent cervical cancer: the question is do we have the will?" Barclay notes that cervical cancer is largely a disease of poverty. "Universal access to health care is a basic human right. It's heartbreaking and outrageous that one's ability to access care to prevent cervical cancer too often comes down to privilege and wealth." She adds that access

to medical care is only part of the solution: "Stigma leads many patients and health professionals alike to avoid conversations around sexual health. Sex is healthy and natural, and our health services need to reflect that." For more information, visit [www.ncc-online.org](http://www.ncc-online.org) or [www.ashasexualhealth.org](http://www.ashasexualhealth.org).

*Contributed article*

## BAVTS

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ence April 6. St. Luke's University Health Network recently partnered with BAVTS. Students in the Health Careers programs at BAVTS have been hired as PCAs to help with staffing. As part of the students' training, they have worked on the various floors: Emergency Department, Cardiac inpatient, Med/Surg inpatient, Acute Rehab Center, and Oncology inpatient.

Students have been involved in moving patients with limited mobility, vital signs, ambulations, answering call bells, and have been engaged in using EPIC for electronic medical records.

Seniors Kelsey Ressler, FR; Jazmine Rodriguez, FR; Chase Hendrickson, FR; Madison Phillips, FR; Allya Walters, LI; Rebecca Taney, FR; Abigail Schreck,

NO; and Keyma Poole, FR, are participating in the program. "We love having students on P9 Oncology. Our team loves engaging with students and helping them grow in the medical field. Students always come in with positive attitudes and the patients see that and appreciate it. Every day staff completes many tasks, but having students reminds us that those tasks are complex and interesting. It truly is fulfilling when you get to teach students," said Paul Muth BSN, RN, Patient Care Manager PPH9, of St. Luke's University Hospital, Bethlehem. Brandon Koch, NO-12, and Ethan Woods, FR-12, were both brought on by the hospital as Facilities Engineering Interns recently. So far both groups of students have expressed positive feedback on the experience.

## Pet health, wellness company to open facility

Governor Tom Wolf announced recently that pet health and wellness company Spot & Tango has selected Pennsylvania as the location for its first manufacturing facility, creating close to 100 new jobs in Lehigh County. "We are thrilled to welcome Spot & Tango to Pennsylvania and grateful for its investment into Lehigh County communities and the state as a whole," Wolf said. "Our commonwealth is the best place to do business, and my administration remains committed to pro-

viding the assistance that will help companies grow and succeed here. With Spot & Tango planting roots in the Lehigh Valley, they can better serve pet parents throughout the country, all while bringing good-paying manufacturing jobs to the region." Spot & Tango has leased a 66,700-square-foot facility at 7520 Morris Court in Upper Merion Township. This project, which will allow the company to in-source a portion of its product

manufacturing, includes leasehold improvements, equipment acquisition, and training. Spot & Tango anticipates the facility being operational this summer. "We explored a variety of locations throughout the Northeast and selected the Lehigh Valley due to its close proximity to major metropolitan centers, infrastructure and talent pool. We are looking forward to working with the Governor's office, local leaders and building a long-term relationship with the community" said Russell Breuer, CEO and founder.

The company received a funding proposal from the Department of Community and Economic Development for a \$288,000 Pennsylvania First grant, a \$150,000 workforce development grant to help the company train workers, and was encouraged to apply for the department's Manufacturing Tax Credit program. Spot & Tango has committed to investing approximately \$20 million into the project and creating at least 96 new, full-time jobs over

the next three years. The project was coordinated by the Governor's Action Team, an experienced group of economic development professionals who report directly to the governor and work with businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania. "Spot & Tango is the latest entry to the fast-growing food, beverage and pet food production market in the Lehigh Valley," said Don Cunningham, President and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. Founded in 2018, Spot & Tango is a personalized pet health and wellness company that is focused on providing dogs with the highest quality, human-grade meals excluding artificial additives, fillers, and inexpensive preservatives. The company delivers its products to 48 states in the United States.

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cil, but declined to do so under the rationale they serve the township, but do not take oaths under the township.

In other business, council discussed construction work on Chestnut Grove Park's basketball court. Township Engineer Al Korte explained the court is beyond repair and is in need of a new surface and equipment. In order to move forward, council must pass a bill to allow Korte to put in bids for the removal of the existing court. Council approved the action with four votes.

Council also gave approval for Township Manager Melissa Wehr to advertise new waste collection contracts. Wehr will advertise the contracts Feb. 4, 8 and 12. The new contracts include weekly or biweekly recycling options and Christmas tree removal available for a few weeks after the holiday. Council approved with four votes. Council will meet 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the municipal building for the next workshop meeting. To view the agenda, visit the township's website and click on the council department page.

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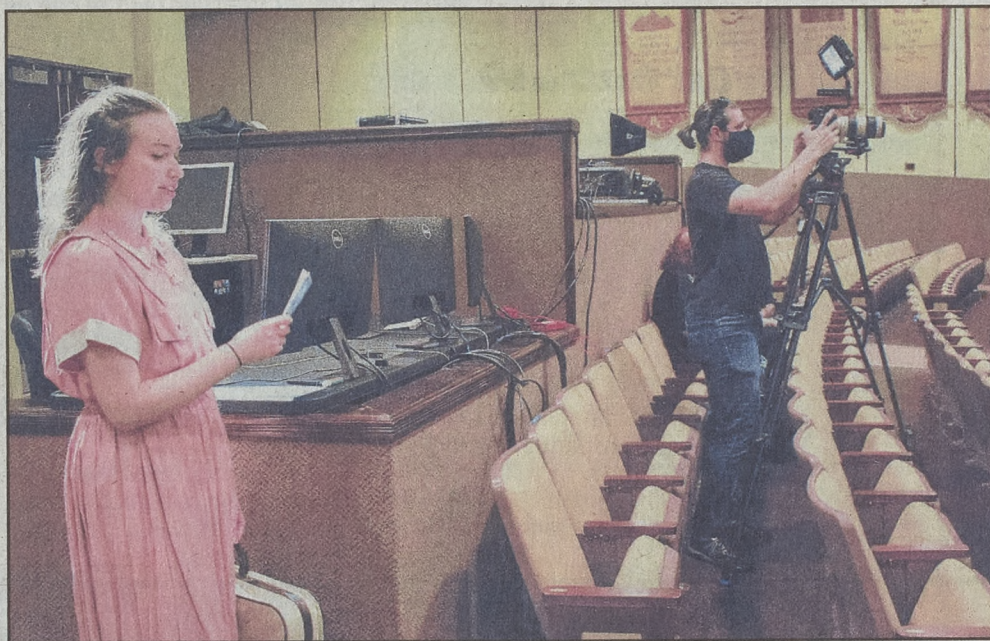
## State Theatre 2022 Freddys 27 high schools ready musicals; WFMZ show in 20th anniversary

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to The Press

While the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic dropped the curtain on all but a handful of high school musicals in 2020, most school districts in the Lehigh Valley decided the show must go on for the spring 2021 season.

That should change for the 20th anniversary of the Freddy Awards, with an in-person show planned, 7 p.m. May 26, in the theater and broadcast live on WFMZ television and website.

According to State Theatre Center for the Arts Freddy Awards Coordinator and Producer Jamie Balliet, there are 27 high schools in the Lehigh Valley and Warren County. See **FREDDYS** on Page B2



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From left, Student Sydney Bennett (Percy Talbott), and freelance videographer Jared Sokirka get ready for opening scene during May 18, 2021, rehearsal of Bethlehem Catholic High School's "The Spitfire Grill."

## 8 DAYS A WEEK Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**"An Evening with Branford Marsalis,"** 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. Marsalis, above left, raised in New Orleans, is a son of Dolores, a jazz singer, and Ellis Louis Marsalis, Jr., a pianist-music professor, and brother of Jason Marsalis, Wynton Marsalis and Delfeayo Marsalis, also jazz musicians. Branford Marsalis, who plays soprano, alto and tenor saxophone, led the Tonight Show Band on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" (1992-'95). Marsalis performed with Sting, singer-bass player, the Police, on "The Dream of the Blue Turtles" (1985) and performed with him in studio and on tour until 1999. The Branford Marsalis Quartet's album, "I Heard You Twice the First Time" (1992), received a Grammy Award, Best Instrumental Jazz Album, Individual or Group. Marsalis co-starred in writer-director Spike Lee's film "School Daze" (1988). Marsalis played with the Grateful Dead (1990-'94). Marsalis wrote the music for the Broadway revival of August Wilson's play, "Fences" (2010). The quartet, in addition to Marsalis, saxophones, is: Joey Calderazzo, piano; Eric Revis, bass, and Justin Faulkner, drums. Marsalis was guest soloist, Allentown Symphony Orchestra (2016). Tickets: Miller Symphony Hall box office, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown; www.millersymphonyhall.org; 610-432-6715



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**Mike Dawes, Yasmin Williams,** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2, Musikfest Café presented by Yuen-gling, Bethlehem. Dawes, above, an English guitarist, is known for composing, arranging and performing multiple parts simultaneously on a single guitar. Dawes was named Best Acoustic Guitarist in the World two years in a row (2017, 18) by Total Guitar Magazine-MusicRadar reader polls. Williams, below, who grew up in Virginia, is an acoustic finger-style guitarist with an unorthodox style of playing. She graduated from New York University with a degree in Music Theory and Composition (2017). Her first album, "Unwind" (2018) was followed up with "Urban Driftwood" (2021). Tickets: box office, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem; www.steelstacks.org; 610-297-7100



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## Student Poetry Project accepting entries

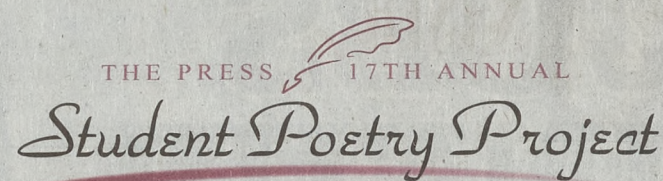
BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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Submissions are now being accepted for the 17th annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories. The first, second, and third place selections in each category will be published in the April 27 and April 28 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and websites.

The student in each of the three categories whose poem is selected for publication on the front page of the Focus section may have his or her photo published, with the permission of the student's parent or guardian, published in the Press Focus section.

Three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be interviewed on "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon,"



6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. April 25, WDIY, Lehigh Valley Community Radio, 88.1 FM, www.wdiy.org.

The entry guidelines:

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

2. Poems are to be submitted in PDF form and should not exceed one page in length using a font no smaller than 10 point. No illustrations will be accepted.

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

4. Each student may submit up to three poems, which must be his or her original composition. Each poem should be a separate entry. Individual poems should be at least 10 lines in length. However, students may submit up to three shorter poems on a single theme with a title, on a single page. Single poems shorter than 10 lines will not be accepted.

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

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

7. Entries must be received (by U.S. Mail or email) by 5 p.m. March 18.

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

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

10. For ideas on teaching poetry, go to: facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest/ Please follow the Poetry Project facebook page for a "Poem of the Week" and other information about poetry: https://www.facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest

## Playwright at Pa. Playhouse for LV premiere of her play



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY PATRICIA HARRIS

Playwright Lenore M. Skomal plans to attend the Lehigh Valley premiere of her play, "The Exes," being presented Jan. 28-Feb. 13, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem.

### CURTAIN RISES



By Kathy Lauer-Williams

For its first show of 2022, Pennsylvania Playhouse will present a new comedy its playwright says was written in homage to Noel Coward and Neil Simon.

"The Exes," penned by award-winning writer Lenore M. Skomal, has its Lehigh Valley premiere Jan. 28-Feb. 13.

The seven-person comedy dealing with bickering exes on the wedding day of a daughter had its off-Broadway debut in

2019.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic, the Playhouse performance is only the second time the comedy is being staged.

Skomal will be in Bethlehem to talk with the cast about the show's characters and do a talk-back with the audience after Jan. 28 opening night and Jan. 30 matinee performances.

"I am really excited to see the show and how it plays on a smaller stage," says Skomal, who resides in New York City.

After its off-Broadway run, the show was booked at more than one dozen theaters, including Penn- See **SKOMAL** on Page B5

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# FREDDYS

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N.J., participating in the Freddys and planning spring musicals for 2022.

The 2020 Freddys were virtual. The 2021 Freddys included one song-and-dance number that was socially-distanced.

Says State Theatre President and CEO Shelley Brown in an October 2021 interview with Lehigh Valley Press Focus, "This year, so far, one-half of the participating schools say they are doing full-out musicals."

"People have always said, 'What are you going to do for the 20th to make it [The Freddys] really special?' For me, doing it is going to make it special," Brown says in the October interview.

In 2021, with support from school administrators, parents and the community, high school theater departments, student thespians persevered despite the ever-changing obstacles thrown their way.

In order to follow CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID social distancing and safety protocol, shows were performed outdoors and/or recorded digitally for on-line viewing.

Liberty High School's "Urinetown" and Freedom High School's "Pippin" played to live audiences on separate weekends in Bethlehem Area School District Stadium.

"Pippin" was chosen to match the talents of the available students, says Freedom director Justin Amann. It was also a flexible fit for the cast of 24.

It was an easy decision to go forward with a show for 2021, according to Amann, saying, "The harder part came with how to pull it off and when would be the best time to do it."

A three-day nor'easter in February 2021 burst an HVAC pipe in the auditorium, providing another challenge for the Freedom production.

"Our stage was flood-



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From left, freelance videographer Jared Sokirka receives instructions from "The Spitfire Grill" director Diana Tice at May 18, 2021, Bethlehem Catholic High School dress rehearsal.

ed and we lost our stage for two months," relates Amann. "We were practicing in hallways. We were in dance rooms. We were in the gymnasium. We were outside ..." Sets for the show were built in the auditorium aisles.

It was decided to devote limited resources to live performances because the stadium could

accommodate a large socially-distanced audience.

Catasauqua High School's theater department chose to digitize its production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and release it as a video on demand (VOD) for budget reasons. The play was selected because it could be done with a

small cast.

"I had only 12 students that were really interested in doing a show. This show fit the bill, plus I felt it was 'pandemic friendly,'" explains director Brenda McGuire, who adds, "You didn't have to put students close together to get the story across."

Key scenes were digitally recorded in and around the high school campus. "I feel this was a positive learning experience for the exploration of another part of the entertainment industry," McGuire says.

"The Spitfire Grill" at Bethlehem Catholic High School was presented live in-person for one performance, with a digital recording available as VOD for one week.

In part, the play was chosen for its small cast and simple staging. Most of the action takes place in a diner with a few scenes outside the back door.

More importantly, according to director Diana Tice, "It was a very chal-

lenging piece of work." The musical drama was selected for its "story of redemption" in complicated relationships. "We believe that if we raise the bar high they will definitely reach it. And they sure did," says Tice.

Northampton Area High School opted to put together a tribute video, "Songs from Seasons Past: A Musical Revue."

"Because our show is typically in March, we felt a showcase would most closely follow the COVID-19 protocols that were still in place at NASD," says director and choreographer Gianna Neal.

"We were able to give students the opportunity to perform musical theater numbers while also staying safe, which were our top priorities," Neal adds.

When the pandemic abruptly ended the 2020 season, most high school theater departments were able to repurpose costumes and sets from canceled shows for subsequent productions.

"Doing this musical revue, we were able to reuse a lot of the beautiful sets and costumes that we had made for 'Cinderella,'" Neal says.

Freedom director Amann says that much of the set and costumes from its shut-down "Mary Poppins" were adapted for a virtual 2020 production of "A Christmas Carol." Costumes, props and set pieces were loaned to Northwestern Lehigh High School for its 2021 production of "Mary Poppins."

Freedom got its renovated auditorium back in time for a November 2021 run of "Miracle on 34th Street."

COVID-related circumstances thwarted 2021 seasons for several theater departments, including those at Salisbury High School, William Allen High School, Dieruff High School, Notre Dame High School, Lincoln Leadership Academy and Moravian Academy.

Every director interviewed for this article overflowed with praise for students involved in the theater productions.

"I really think that students are more resilient than adults. We learned to be adaptive," says Amann.

Despite setbacks, directors and students welcomed the chance of acquiring new skills. Like McGuire, some directors look to digitally record shows while still offering in-person live performances.

With pandemic restrictions preventing the Freddys' evaluations process for a second year, the State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, and WFMZ-TV produced another televised and online tribute for the Freddy Awards in 2021.

While adhering to COVID protocols, young actors from schools were brought together outdoors to film musical numbers for the "Freddy Awards Celebration," televised May 27, 2021.

Information: <https://statetheatre.org>; 1-800-999-7828

## AT THE MOVIES

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Dear Jacquelyn,  
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Dear Reader,  
The best way to conquer procrastination is by creating a to-do list.

When you make a checklist of everything that needs to be done, the task does not seem so overwhelming. You can mark things off over a week, a month or a year.

Even though a year feels quite long, some

### RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



people need that timeframe. Once it is written down on paper and posted where you can see it on a daily basis, you are more prone to follow through.

There is an art to creating and keeping a to-do list. The list should have tasks in priority and a time frame of completion. You can continue to add to your list and delete as you accomplish each goal. You may even want to list actionable steps and who to contact for items requiring an-

other person, such as a plumber or handyman.

make a commitment not to respond to unnecessary texts until your project is complete.

Whatever it is that you are avoiding, just do it and get it over with.

You will feel better and have more time to concentrate on the things you enjoy.

Respectfully Yours,  
Jacquelyn

Have a question?  
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## Do we have a fear epidemic?

What do you think is the main epidemic facing us today?

The most common response to that question is generally COVID or omicron. With omicron spreading like a wildfire in high winds, it's a scary situation.

As we keep hearing stories about friends and neighbors who contacted omicron even though they were fully vaccinated, we worry about getting it, too, especially if we are older or medically compromised.

Now, experts are saying we have something worse than omicron — a fear epidemic.

That fear epidemic is also taking its toll, even if we don't get the virus.

Many of us are becoming imprisoned by our fears," said one psychologist. "It's a prison of our own making."

Health commentator Dr. Marc Siegel calls it the politics of fear, which is being fueled by another epidemic — that of misinformation.

We could get whiplash from the way recommendations about avoiding COVID keep changing, and it's so convoluted we don't know what to believe. Siegel says that's a big factor in creating an epidemic of fear.

Some readers have written to say I'm one who is caught in the fear epidemic. If that means I'm taking every reasonable precaution against getting COVID then I guess I am.

I won't fly to see my family, won't eat in indoor restaurants and I wear an upgraded mask everywhere. If I think I'm sick, I isolate.

It's a small attempt to protect myself and others. OK, now it's time for a personal confession. Somewhere along the line of taking precautions I lost perspective and let my COVID fears consume me.

Because I know my immune system is down due to recent gallbladder surgery, I doubled all precautions.

But that precaution was blown out the window when intense pain was making it impossible to take a normal breath.

My surgery was only three days before that and the surgeon said I might have developed a serious leakage problem. He advised going to the emergency room for a CT scan and other testing.

We have a great local hospital. No matter where one goes in that hospital, everyone from the nursing staff and other professionals to the volunteers are extraordinary.

I had confidence I would find help in the emergency department. And I did — after an impossibly long 11-hour wait.

I had no idea what was happening in hospitals and emergency rooms across the country. Sure I heard hospitals were overrun, but the meaning of that only hit home when I was forced to go to the emergency room for much-needed help.

I saw firsthand how there simply were more people needing help than there was room for their treatment.

Sitting in that emergency room was as scary

### WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik  
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for me as the pain I was having. While I spent days avoiding people so I wouldn't get COVID, all that was literally out the window when I had to wait for 11 hours in a filled emergency room. But still the people kept coming.

To make more room, what looked like a sheet was drawn across the end of the room where suspected COVID cases were being screened.

I'll tell you this, I think every health care professional should be lauded for the way they press on, working under difficult conditions to take care of us.

People were grumbling about the long wait, but when it was our turn we got their full attention.

A male nurse told me he had good news when my CT-scan results came back. My pain was caused by a kidney stone, not a problem with my recent surgery. But it was two long days and nights of unrelenting pain.

When I came down with a sore throat the next day, I worried that I had contacted COVID in that waiting room.

My daughters were sure that's what it was.

The voice of reason in all that turned out to be my husband, David. He insisted I was living in fear, imprisoned by my own mind. He was right.

If I get a sore throat, I say, oh, no. it's COVID.

My two daughters are even worse. If I say I'm sick in the stomach, an outcome of the surgery, they say, it's COVID. They fear omicron so much because it is highly contagious but they did everything to avoid getting it.

It didn't matter. My daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter all got taken down by omicron, even though they are isolated in Maine.

They are convinced eventually everyone will get omicron.

There appears to be two distinct kind of people when it comes to COVID.

Some are ultraconservative, like me. I'm doing everything to stay safe, even if it means sacrificing social events I long to attend.

Others are strangely sure they will never get it. My hairdresser didn't get the vaccine and refuses to wear a mask. She says if you think you won't get it, you never will.

And some take it one step further, insisting "It's a bunch of baloney. They're just trying to control us."

Two guys who believed that are now among the hospitalized patients with COVID.

It still won't change anyone's mind.

I never thought something like COVID could be such a divisive issue.

With headlines screaming about the record number of cases, it's easy to be fearful.

The challenge is to keep fear from overtaking reason.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

## Daughter, 12, happy in her alone time

Q: My 12-year-old daughter spends most of her time in her room drawing, writing and doing other creative things. She has few friends and no desire to hang out with other kids, but seems happy. She is doing very well with virtual learning and needs minimal guidance. Yet, I am concerned. Shouldn't she want to go to parties or to the mall with kids her age?

Not every child needs a large number of friends or enjoys going to parties, said the Family Project panel.

"It sounds like there are a lot of positive things going on here. She is creative and is comfortable with self-study. Don't foist your own values on her. She is a different person than you. There's nothing that says you have to have a lot of friends at age 12," said panelist Joanne Raftas.

"The problem seems to be she's not doing what

### THE FAMILY PROJECT

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



you think a child should be doing. Keep in touch with her feelings to make sure she's OK. Check in with her periodically to make sure what she is doing is her choice. Fostering her creativity is the best thing to do," said panelist Denise Continenza.

There is a chance she has social anxiety and staying home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic encouraged that tendency, the panelist agreed.

"She is not being challenged to work on her social skills at home. When she returns to in-person classes she may go back feel a little weird or anxious. This could be feeding into that aspect of herself. However, a lot of kids like virtual learning because it's easier to do their own thing," Raftas

said. "She seems like she's happy. Don't worry too much. Just encourage her to continue to communicate with other kids," added panelist Pam Wallace.

The panelists wondered how she was doing socially prior to the pandemic.

"Has she become more creative during virtual learning?" asked panelist Mike Daniels.

"She's being positive and doing well with school. Not all kids have to have a lot of friends," Raftas noted.

"If it isn't broke, don't fix it. It seems she is happy and using her time wisely. Just keep making sure there is communication between you and her," Raftas said.

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefanynak, school counselor; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Joanne T. Raftas, reg-

istered play therapist and counselor, and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

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

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## Testosterone; eye twitch; Legionnaires disease

Q: I'm 68 and thinking of taking testosterone. Will it help me to feel younger?

There is controversy as to whether testosterone therapy should be used in men who have naturally lower testosterone levels because of aging.

It remains unclear whether restoring earlier testosterone levels benefits older men.

For example, studies found that healthy men who took testosterone medications got bigger muscles, but in most studies the men weren't stronger. And, if you suffer from erectile dysfunction, taking testosterone may not relieve your condition.

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By Fred Cicetti  
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breathing as you sleep, reduced sperm production, fluid retention, baldness, skin reactions, enlarged breasts, testicle shrinkage, acne, and excess blood production that can increase your risk of heart disease.

Q: I have a problem with twitching eyes. Is that a symptom of anything?

Eye-twitching, also called eye spasms or blinking disorder, is known technically as blepharospasm. It usually is not a serious condition.

In most cases, the eyelid spasms stop on their own. The most common causes are fatigue, stress, prolonged staring, eye strain, and caffeine. The best remedies are more sleep, relaxation techniques, reduced caffeine, warm soaks, eye drops, and correcting vision deficiencies.

In most people, eye-twitching develops spontaneously. However,

the symptoms of dry eye frequently precede it.

You should see an eye doctor if twitching continues for more than one week, completely closes your eyelid or affects other parts of your face. Other symptoms that require medical attention are a drooping upper eyelid, redness, swelling, or a discharge from your eye.

Q: How do you get Legionnaires' disease?

Most people become infected with Legionnaires' disease when they inhale microscopic water droplets containing legionella bacteria. If you choke or cough while drinking, you can get water in your lungs. If the water contains legionella, you may develop Legionnaires' disease, which is a form of pneumonia.

Legionnaires' disease primarily affects the lungs. However, it can cause infections in wounds and in other parts of the body, including the heart.

Those who are especially vulnerable to Legionnaires' disease are older adults, smokers, heavy drinkers and peo-

ple with weakened immune systems.

If not treated, Legionnaires' disease can be fatal. Immediate treatment with antibiotics can usually cure Legionnaires' disease.

The legionella bacteria usually are found in water. They grow best when the water is warm. Legionella is often found in hot tubs, plumbing, water tanks, whirlpool spas on cruise ships and large air-conditioning systems.

Legionnaires' disease is common in the United States. About 25,000 cases of the illness occur each year and cause more than 4,000 deaths. The fatality rate is similar to that of other forms of pneumonia, which is about 15 percent.

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## It's Girl Scout Cookie time



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Shaeoynn Hartman, Ava Lundy, Morgan Heintzelman and Hailey Smith sell Girl Scout Cookies at a drive-thru event Jan. 22 at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, 3231 Tilghman St., Allentown. The girls are members of Girl Scout Troop 6647.



Hailey Smith, Taylor Frey and Gwen Lundy brave the frosty weather Jan. 22 selling Girl Scout Cookies in a safe atmosphere.

Advertising for the drive-thru cookie event are Tina and Kaylee Frey, a mother and daughter team.



# Snake plant an indoor charmer

The snake plant is a long-lived, unfussy, succulent houseplant.

Having historically been in the genus Sansevieria, with the advancement in genetic research, the snake plant has been reclassified into the genus Dracaena.

The genus Dracaena also includes such commonly known houseplants as Madagascar dragon tree, corn plant, and lucky bamboo.

There are more than 70 species of snake plants originating in Africa, southern Asia and Madagascar.

With the variation of height, form, color and leaf structure represented in the different species and cultivars, you should be able to find a place in your home or office for this fascinating plant.

The plant has easy requirements. It needs well-drained soil. Choose a cactus potting mix or one with perlite. Water only when the plant is dry. You can kill it by over-watering. You can neglect to water the plant one month or so and it will be no worse for wear. Snake plants enjoys

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bright indirect light but tolerate low-light areas very well. Keep the plant out of the direct sun, as it can burn.

It is best to choose a heavy pot for the taller varieties because the weight of the leaves can topple the plant, especially when the soil is dry. The plant doesn't mind being snug in its container. It can break a clay pot if it gets too root-bound. Choose containers with drainage holes to prevent soggy soil.

Dust the leaves occasionally. If there is damage to a particular leaf, remove it by cutting it off at the soil level. For a more robust plant, fertilizer monthly during the growing season with an all-purpose fertilizer at half-strength.

Few pests and diseases bother the snake plant. Because of over-watering, root rot is a common affliction of snake plants.

Mealybugs and spider mites occasionally bother it.

The snake plant is a pass-along plant since it is easy to propagate. While you can take leaf cuttings to begin new plants, it is most easily propagated by division.

After a few years, the plant will create offspring. Remove the plants from the container, divide them and repot with new soil. The plant likes to be repotted with fresh potting media every five years or so.

If you have a pet, be aware that all species of the snake plant are toxic because they contain saponin toxins.

With the increased popularity of the snake plant, varieties of it are common at local garden centers. Whichever snake plant you choose to bring into your home, it will provide years of interest with minimal care.

**Winter Houseplant Tips:** A dry home can lead to problems. During the winter months, interior air in a house often gets dry. You can use a humidifier to try and

keep the air moist. Plants, as with people, need light. It's difficult to get a lot of light when the days are so short.

Move your plants to windows and areas that get light during the winter. Clean off leaves that have gathered dust so they can absorb the light better.

Winter is a good time to prune. This depends on the type of plant you have. Succulents need very little pruning, if any. But if you have indoor plants that are vining plant, this is a good time to prune.

Repot woody plants so that they are ready to start budding and grow when spring comes around.

Check indoor plants for spider mites, aphids and mealybugs. Treat with insecticidal soap or neem oil as needed.

"Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners. Information: Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-391-9840; Northampton County Extension Office, 610-813-6613.



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The snake plant is an ideal choice for beginner gardeners because it is difficult to kill. It's great in a container and grows well on the floor or on tabletop displays

## SKOMAL

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sylvania Playhouse, but performances were canceled when the pandemic hit in 2020.

The Playhouse is the first community theater to stage the show.

"Whatever they do, I will be thrilled," Skomal says. "I want to see what they see."

The comedy marks the first directorial project for Mark Stutz following his retirement in December 2021 after nearly 20 years as director of visual and performing arts for Parkland School District. Stutz hasn't directed

at the Playhouse since the 1980s when he helmed "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" and "The Mad Woman of Chaillot."

"I was looking for a small cast for my re-entry into community theater," says Stutz.

"The blending of a Neil Simon type setup combined with a Noel Coward sense of status really attracted me to the project. The script is well-crafted and allows the actors to really get into their characters," Stutz says.

In the play, self-made billionaire Richard (Thomas Mattei) and his best friend Dick (Shaun Hayes) were married

successively to the same woman, strong-willed Mavis (Rebecca Pieper).

As Richard is preparing for his daughter's Christmas Eve wedding on a snowy day in Boston, Mavis shows up uninvited with her Danish fiancé, Marcel (Aidan King), in tow.

Sarah Rice plays Victoria, the champagne-swilling spoiled bride.

The cast is rounded out with a stuffy English butler, Prim (Bill Joachim), and Dick's snarky son, Garrett (Chris D'Imperio), in the comedy of marriage and divorce that is irreverent and heartfelt.

Skomal was inspired years of professional

by Coward and Simon to write a farce that is a commentary on a narcissistic personality.

"Divorce has become common. I wanted to explore how people handle it," Skomal says.

She also wanted the comedy to be attractive to community theaters.

"There are roles for mature actors, a single set and costumes that are easy to source," she says.

"The Exes" is Skomal's second play and her first comedy. Her first play was "Bluff," a drama about mental health that debuted off-Broadway in 2016.

With more than 30 years of professional

writing experience as a journalist, columnist and author, Skomal has published 17 books and won numerous literary awards. "Bluff" was first written as a novel and was a finalist in literary fiction category of the International Book Awards 2012.

Skomal founded Broadway Bound Theatre Festival, to showcase new playwrights, in New York City.

"I am very proud that we have put on 110 shows since 2016," she says.

"The Exes," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, 11-12, and 3 p.m. Jan. 30, Feb.

6, 13, Pennsylvania Playhouse. Attendees must wear face masks. Seating is socially-distanced. Tickets: box office, 390 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem; www.pasplayhouse.org/tickets; 610-865-6665

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

### Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that the following Ordinances shall be considered, and if appropriate, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Ordinance #2022-01: Proposing to amend the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 (Administration and Government), Part 6 (Pension Plans) by authorizing the adoption of the Upper Macungie Township Nonuniformed Employees Defined Contribution Pension Plan as set forth more fully in the body of the ordinance and its exhibits.

Ordinance #2022-02: Proposing to amend its Police Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances shall be on display at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building at the address indicated above, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on file at The Parkland Press, Allentown, PA, where they may be inspected.

Kalman Sostarecz, Township Secretary

Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH

Notice is hereby given, that the following Ordinances will be introduced at the meeting of the Borough Council on February 7, 2022:

ORDINANCE #865, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 11, HOUSING, PART 4, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES, §402(1)(C) BY REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF A RENTAL LICENSE FOR AN UNREGULATED RENTAL UNIT, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE #866, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FOUNTAIN HILL, CHAPTER 15, PART 3, PROHIBITING PARKING AT VARIOUS TIMES, AMENDING SECTION 302 (c) (3), BY ADDING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES & SIGNS

A Public Hearing will be held on ordinances #865 and #866 on February 7, 2022, at which time the Ordinances will be considered for adoption. Upon adoption, said ordinance will become effective in accordance with law.

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

Eric C. Gratz, Borough Manager

Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Building Code Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 07, 2022 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#02 22 001 The Appeal of Mimukumar & Kanan Desai, for property located at 6530 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA; 1) Seeking an appeal of the interpretation of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) by the Code Official relating to Sections 304.1.1 Unsafe Conditions; 304.3 Premises Identification; 304.4 Structural Members; 304.5 Foundation Walls; 304.6 Exterior Walls; 304.7 Roofs & Drainage; 304.10 Stairways, Decks, Porches, and Balconies; 304.12 Handrails; 304.13.2 Openable Windows; 304.15 Doors; 304.17 Guards for Basement Windows; 305.1.1 Interior Structure Unsafe Conditions; 305.3 Interior Surfaces; 305.5 Handrails and Guards; 505.4 Water Heating Facilities; 604.3.1.1 Electrical Equipment; 605.1 Electrical Equipment Installation; and 703.3.1 Fire Blocking and Draft Stopping. 2) an appeal that the provisions of the code do not apply relating to Sections 304.1.1 Exterior Structure Unsafe Conditions; 304.2 Protective Treatments; 302 Sanitation; 308 Rubbish & Garbage; 403.3 Cooking Facilities; and 504.1 Required Plumbing Facilities, General. And 3) an appeal that an equal or better form of construction is proposed. Appellants seek clarification to the provisions of the code claiming the Enforcement notice dated 1/4/22 is too vague.

The board will take testimony, deliberate and may make a determination on this request at this hearing. A full copy of this application is available for public review during normal business hours at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Office.

Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard.

Duane A. Dellecker, BCO Building Code Administrator

Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA ZONING HEARING BOARD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AT 7:00PM

The Salisbury Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown PA 18103. The meeting will be held to hear the following cases:

APPEAL NO. 21-0314 - 1033 SOUTH CEDAR CREST BLVD 1033 Cedar Crest, LLC seeks to appeal the Zoning Officer's Decision of November 23, 2021 denying the applicants' zoning application to expand the parking lot located at 1033 South Cedar Crest Blvd and maintain the existing nonconforming buffer yard when measured from the new lot line. In the alternative, applicant seeks variances from §27-803.2.A and §27-803.2.C(1) to allow a buffer yard of 8' (30' required) with parking spaces within the required buffer yard (none permitted). The property is located within the C-1, Office-Laboratory zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 21-0215 - 2844 SOUTH PIKE AVENUE Appeal of Thomas Williams Sr. for a Special Exception per §27-306.2 (Attachment 2) to maintain two additions (totaling 1,328 sq. ft.) which would expand the use as a Construction Company Headquarters at 2844 South Pike Avenue. Applicant also seeks variances from §27-603.7E, §27-603.8, and §803.2A for the same additions. Specific variances requested are: paved area setbacks (5 ft. required, none proposed); parking lot trees (6 required; none proposed); and buffer yard (30 ft. required; none proposed). The property is located within the C2, Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.

APPEAL NO. 21-0417 - 750 EAST ROCK ROAD Appeal of Michael and Donna Gross for a special exception, as per 27-806.3.C(1), to expand the existing non-conforming use at 750 East Rock Road more than 5% by constructing a 540 square foot carport. Applicants also seek a variance to increase the building coverage (10% permitted; 12% currently; 14% proposed). The property is located within the CR, Conservation-Residential zoning district.

All applicants and interested parties must attend in-person. Requests for more information, and to review the files in advance, should be directed to Kerry Rabold, Planning & Zoning Officer, at krabold@salisburytownship.pa.org or 610-797-4000 x5825. Jan. 26, Feb. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Weisenberg Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building at 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA (still a COVID-19/Zoom hearing), so limited attendees (socially distanced) at the Township Building. The Zoning Hearing Board will consider the following Appeal:

Case No. 2022-1, Appeal No. 320. A hearing in the Appeal of Tamar and Katrina Pedersen (with a mailing address of 5092 North End Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066) who are seeking Special Exception relief for a bed and breakfast from Sections 1217.05 and 1004.08 as well as variance(s) from Sections 1004.08, 1217.05, as well as 1002 in the Rural Conservation District, as well as potential favorable interpretations revolving around Applicant's proposed use as a bed and breakfast. The Applicant seeks the following zoning variance(s), Special Exceptions, and/or interpretation(s) from the aforementioned provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance for the additional use of the property as a bed and breakfast, which shall include, but not be limited to the aforementioned Sections of the Weisenberg Township Zoning Ordinance.

The parcel identified for the Owner is 5092 North End Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066 (PIN 543855693285 1).

The above-referenced property is located in Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of the Appeal Application, plans and supporting documents filed with the Appeal Application, are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during regular business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

In light of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and resulting health concerns, the within hearing is being advertised as a public hearing but the hearing will be conducted via Zoom online as well as advertised at the Township Building to allow for all interested parties, objectors and witnesses to testify via either phone through the advertised number or direct participation via Zoom, and/or questions may be raised directly to the Township prior to the meeting with those questions answered at the meeting. The Applicant will be testifying either at the Township Building or via the advertised Zoom online and can be cross examined via Zoom or via phone on said date of hearing. Please contact Weisenberg Township for further information pertaining to the online Zoom account and/or the call-in number which will be posted and advertised at the Township Building as well as the requisite online account and phone-in will be provided upon request to the Township.

NEIL D. ETINGER, SOLICITOR WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Jan. 26, Feb. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Comprehensive Park, Recreation, Open Space Plan Update Committee will meet on February 16, March 16, and April 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at the North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, (Ironton) Coplay, PA. Brenda Norder, Secretary NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP Jan. 26

Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Special Board meeting Thursday, January 27, 2022 5pm https://northampton-edu.zoom.us/j/923967486 Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of North Catasauqua, PA will hold a public hearing on Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 5:30 PM in Borough Hall located at 1065 Fourth Street, North Catasauqua, PA 18032. The subject of the hearing will be the request of:

APPEAL No. 2021-02 New Image Enterprises LLC and Neel Shall LLC is required to appear before the Borough of North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board for a Special Exception Hearing and including a request for variances. The intended subdivision will also propose 4 apartments and single-family dwelling. The property is located at 1021 5th Street in the R2 (Two-family Residential Zoning District). The proposed use is found in the North Catasauqua Zoning Ordinance, Article 4 (Permitted Land Uses per District); Section 402 (R2 Two-family Residential District); 1.3 (Uses by Special Exception); A-5 (Multiplex). This use is a special exception by ordinance and is permitted by right provided that all the standards and criteria are satisfied with approval & authorization granted by the North Catasauqua Zoning Hearing Board.

The following variances will be discussed:

Z.O. Article 4 Permitted Land Uses, Section 402 R2 two-family residential district, 2. Bulk and Area Requirements, R-1/R-5 Minimum Lot Width.

Z.O. Article 4 Permitted Land Uses, Section 402 R2 two-family residential district, 2. Bulk and Area Requirements, R-2/R-5 Minimum Yards.

Z.O. Article 7 Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations, Section 704 Parking Requirements, 6. Design Standards... 6.2 ...10 feet from any Property Line....

Z.O. Article 7 Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations, Section 704 Parking Requirements, 6. Design Standards... 6.3 All parking area shall be physically separated from public street by concrete and by a planting strip.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.4 Setbacks, a) Apartment building shall be a minimum of 20 feet from any property line.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.5 Parking, a) ...minimum off-street parking standards....

Z.O. Article 4 Permitted Land Uses, Section 402 R2 two-family residential district, 2. Bulk and Area Requirements, R-5 Minimum Lot Area, 10,000 square feet. The area of proposed Lot 1 is 8609.46 square feet, a variance from the ordinance of 1390.54 square feet.

Z.O. Article 4 Permitted Land Uses, Section 402 R2 two-family residential district, 2. Bulk and Area Requirements, R-5 Building Coverage, 35 percent. The area of proposed Lot 2 is 5790.54 square feet with a building coverage of 2189 square feet/37.8%, a variance from the ordinance of 163 square feet/2.8%.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.1, Maximum Residential Density, Number of Bedrooms/2-2500 SF/dwelling unit. Proposed Lot 1 is 8609.46 SF (4-2 bedroom) with an allowable calculated density of 3.44 units, a variance of 0.64 units. 4 units being allowed on 10,000 SF.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.2, Minimum Lot Area, A lot of not less than 10,000 SF. Proposed Lot 1 is 8609.46 SF, a variance of 1390.54 SF.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.3, Open Space and Community use Area, ...10% of the lot area ...used for open space and/or community use. This was not addressed.

Z.O. Article 5 Use Definitions and Regulations, Section 502 Use Regulations, R. Residential Uses, R-5 Multiplex, 1. Development Regulations, 1.4, Maximum Residential Density, c) The minimum open space shall be ten percent of lot area. This was not addressed.

Z.O. Article 6 General Regulations, Section 601 Accessory Structures, 3. Setback Schedule, R-2 District 3 feet. The garage as an accessory structure has a required setback of 3 feet from the side property line.

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.

Jan. 19, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Salisbury will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the Lehigh Avenue Stormwater Improvements Project. The Work will include construction of approximately 1,100 linear feet of stormwater piping and associated structures within the Township road right-of-way. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM (prevailing time) on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening/review.

Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com).

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to the Township of Salisbury 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. 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. Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids.

Township of Salisbury Cathy Bonaskiewicz - Township Manager

Jan. 19, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, will consider for approval at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of February, 2022, Ordinance No. 851 amending Chapter 4 of the Code of the Borough of Coplay "Codified Ordinances", by adding certain sections to Chapter 4 Buildings dealing with certificates of occupancy and repealing all ordinances inconsistent therewith. Copies of the complete text of the proposed ordinance are available for review at the Borough of Coplay Municipal Building located at 98 S. 4th Street, Coplay, Pennsylvania during normal business hours. Kimberly Bachman Secretary - Treasurer Jan. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

THE CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT will receive sealed bids in the District Administration Office, 201 North 14th Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032, until 11:00 AM (prevailing time), Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for LAWN MOWING AND RELATED SERVICES for three (3) mowing seasons in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Bids will be publicly opened at the District Administration Office and read aloud immediately following the deadline for receipt.

Prospective bidders may review and obtain bidding documents at the District Administration Office at the above address. Proposals must be submitted on regular forms provided by the School District and shall be sealed in an envelope identified with the bidder's name and marked "BID FOR LAWN MOWING AND RELATED SERVICES". Prospective bidders shall furnish their name, name of representative, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number at the time they obtain bidding documents.

Bidders' proposals must be accompanied by proposal security in the form of either a certified check, certified bank treasurer's check, bank cashier's check, cash or a bid bond with satisfactory corporate surety in the form provided in the bidding documents. The amount of the proposal security shall be equal to 10% of the total amount bid.

A Performance Bond in the form provided in the bidding documents in an amount equal to 100% of the total amount for all years of the contract, with satisfactory corporate surety, shall be required by the successful bidder prior to the execution of a contract.

All Bids shall be irrevocable for sixty (60) days after the bid opening date.

The CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT reserves the right to in its discretion to reject any or all Bids or parts thereof or items therein and to waive any defects, errors, omissions, mistakes, irregularities, or technicalities in Bids.

Catasauqua Area School District 201 North 14th Street Catasauqua, PA 18032 Robert J. Spengler, Superintendent

Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Salisbury will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the Laubach Park Stormwater Improvements Project. The Work will include construction of three stormwater basins, plantings and associated pipework and storm structures. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM (prevailing time) on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Bid results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening/review.

Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com).

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to the Township of Salisbury 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. 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. Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids.

Township of Salisbury Cathy Bonaskiewicz - Township Manager

Jan. 19, 2022

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

LOVE OF SOLVING CROSS

- 1 Picked instrument
6 Type of small grocery store
12 Bobbly light source
20 Viva voce
21 Spoil, as "my parade"
22 Roast joke
23 Like baggy clothes
25 Winter wreath ornament
26 Gave away temporarily
27 Money, informally
29 Jagger of the Stones
30 "Raggedy" doll
31 Monty Python tune about a logger
37 Addams who created Morticia
40 Quick attack
41 Cover girl Macpherson
42 "— gratia!" ("by the grace of God")
43 Dwell in the company of
46 Outer: Prefix
47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)
49 Had to admit a goof-up
50 "Behold!," to Caesar
53 Totally bummed out
55 Stuff in a sty
56 Avian hooters
58 Texas banner
61 Big twitch
63 Safari sight
65 Envoy's asset
66 "There — comparison"
67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor
72 Anita of jazz
75 Env. notice
76 Estrada of TV
77 Ones staring
81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"
84 Grammy winner Bareilles
87 "And how!"
88 German city on the Elbe
89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"
91 Web page
93 Slacks
94 Extra charge
96 Pea-souper in England
98 Anticavity gp.
99 Supreme Norse god
101 "I love you," to Luisa
103 Jane in an 1847 novel
104 Go bankrupt, say
108 Del.-to-Vt. direction
110 Bakery treats
111 Snootiness
112 Noisy tigers

19x19 crossword grid with numbers 1-126 indicating starting positions for clues.

- 116 Cite famous people as friends
120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?
123 Accepted, as conditions
124 Made flush
125 Maggot, e.g.
126 Sailor's dining place
127 Shows as an "encore"
128 Clifflike
28 Frightful dino
31 Chilling Chaney
32 Strong desire
33 "Selena" actress, to her fans
34 Nonalcoholic beer brand
35 Georgia city near Atlanta
36 Ornamental street tree
37 Bivalve mollusks
38 Ask for moola
39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics
40 Turkey, e.g.
44 Pleasant odor
45 Do some yard maintenance
46 Poet's twilight
47 Major battle
48 Crude model of a despised person
51 Choke up
52 Give the OK
53 Strong desire
54 Big mil. alliance
57 Dull, dark bluish-gray
59 Decorative sewing case
60 Burlap bags
62 Most cunning
64 — uncertain terms
68 Pricey liver spread
69 Superhero creator Lee
70 Agcys., e.g.
71 "Nifty!"
72 Chum from way back
73 El — (treasure city)

- 74 Vying venues
78 Uplift
79 Whirlybird blade
80 Whirl-out battle
82 Six-pt. scores
83 Driver's 180
85 Year, to Caesar
86 Garnet, e.g.
90 Ladd of "Shane"
92 Shows lip-curling contempt
94 Holiday tree
95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist
97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"
99 Carry to excess
100 Spanish explorer Hernando
101 Grew vigorously, old-style
102 Former Disney exec Michael
105 Sword types
106 Duck type
107 Mosaic maker
108 Autumn mo.
109 Manicurists file them
112 Divests (of)
113 Ireland, in Ireland
114 Be a driver
115 See 89-Across
116 "Rambo" setting, briefly
117 Era or eon
118 "— Doubtfire"
119 Fluffy lap dog, for short
121 Safari sight
122 Safari sight

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE**

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 to hear the following appeal:

#01 22 001 The Zoning Appeal of Michael & Perla Ceron, 8298 Scenic View Dr., Breinigsville, PA 18031; for a variance from Section 27-403.4.F(3) "Additional Requirements for Accessory Uses" to allow the placement of a fence which is not in conformity with this section. The property is situated in the R3 Zoning District. The Parcel Identification Number is 5455666339531.

Applicants must appear at the hearing.  
All interested parties may appear and be heard.  
Daniel DeMeno  
Zoning Officer  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
BIDS WANTED**

Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., February 11, 2022, for the following:

**Science Supplies**

All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the Eschoolmall easyBid application process at [www.eSchoolmall.com](http://www.eSchoolmall.com); the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission. Bid instructions and specifications can be obtained from Andrew Barnett at 610-769-4111, ext. 1682 or [barnetta@cliu.org](mailto:barnetta@cliu.org). Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on February 11, 2022.  
Patricia T. Bader LCSJ/PB Board Chairperson  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Joseph L. Gallucci**, deceased, late of the Township of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Address: **Lyn C. Williams and Sharon M. Place, Co-Executrixes**  
c/o Jamie Michael McFadden, Esq.  
3055 College Heights Blvd., Suite 2B  
Allentown, PA 18104

or to her Attorney: Jamie Michael McFadden, Esq.  
Address: 1055 College Heights Blvd., Suite 2B  
Allentown, PA 18104  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.com (details below) and at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, on the conditional use application of Woodmont Properties, LLC, who is seeking approval pursuant to Chapter §27-1003 of the Township Zoning Code to permit for a mixed use development at the property located at 3370 PA-Route 100, Macungie, PA 18062; PIN 547358862563. The property is located in the C-Commercial Zoning District. The public hearing is conducted pursuant to Section 27-2403 of the Township Zoning Code. All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing.

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

The Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will continue indefinitely "hybrid" meetings and hearings to maximize public participation. To attend virtually, the registration link to the meeting will be posted on the Township's home page at [www.lowermac.com](http://www.lowermac.com) at least 48 hours in advance. Virtual citizen comments will take place via the "Chat" window.  
Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners  
Jan. 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL  
ZONING HEARING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Due to the Pandemic Emergency, ongoing Municipal Building Construction, and pursuant to Act 15 of 2020, the regular, monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Webex.com (Please see [whitehalltownship.org](http://whitehalltownship.org) for further details), to hear the following appeals/applications:

**DOCKET # 2006 - Quarry Street Whitehall Development, LP - 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 212 Quarry Street and 217 Chestnut Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 640812431716 and 640812410733**, the subject property is located in a R-5A High Density Residential w/o Apts. Zoning District. Applicant is requesting variances and special exception to Sec. 27-76 E (1)(a)(5) Minimum Lot Area: 10,000 square feet required for all other uses (adaptive reuse multi-family housing); 7,200 square feet provided. Sec. 27-145 D Parking Design Standards Minimum Aisle Width: Minimum Width of 2-Way 90 Degree Parking = 25 feet; 22 feet provided. Sec. 27-145 F Parking Design Standards Concrete Curbing: All parking areas shall be confined within concrete curbing or guardrails but not anchored bumper blocks; The existing parking lot is confined with anchored bumper blocks and macadam curbing. Sec. 27-145 P Parking areas shall maintain a maximum setback of 10 feet from any street, alley, or highway right of way; 0 feet existing nonconforming provided. Sec. 27-199.1 F(1) Parking Stall Dimensions: May be reduced to 9'x18' - (8) Existing Nonconforming 8.5'x18' Parking Spaces are provided at 212 Quarry Street lot. Sec. 27-104 A One principal use required at 217 Chestnut Street Property. Variance requested to permit two uses as follows (1) Single Family Residence (2) Parking lot for off-premises apartments at 212 Quarry Street. Sec. 27-199.1 F(2) Parking area setbacks from on-site buildings and from surrounding streets may be reduced and screening requirements may be reduced if providing screening is impracticable due to site configuration and existing nonconformities. Requesting a determination by Zoning Hearing Board that providing screening is impracticable due to site configuration and existing nonconformities. Sec. 27-145 M Special Exception for Off-Site Parking Agreement within 300 feet of the site, in the same zoning district; 6 spaces at existing nonconforming 217 Chestnut Street Outdoor Parking Lot provided. Continued to this meeting for deliberation and decision, with consent of the Applicant.

**DOCKET # 2022 - Whitehall Sunrise, LLC - 1002 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 1002 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549786010140**, the subject property is located in a C-2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is proposing to re-develop the Property and construct a warehouse building 50' in height in place of the existing nonconforming structures which exceed 80' in height at the highest point. Applicant requests a favorable interpretation of Sec. 27-106 of the Zoning Ordinance that the proposed reduction in height of the proposed warehouse is permitted as a continuation of a non-conforming building or structure. In the alternative, Applicant requests a variance from Zoning Ordinance Sec. 27-80 E(5) to exceed the maximum height limitation of 35' for the proposed warehouse.

**DOCKET # 2023 - D.R. Horton, Inc. c/o Erin Lee Witt - 260 Detweiler Road, Suite 103, Harleysville, PA 19438. Location: 4302 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548958690932**, the subject property is located in a R-4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is proposing to develop the property by subdividing it into 60 single family residential lots. Applicant is requesting variances to Sec. 27-74 E(1)(a) and Sec. 27-74 E(1)(b)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow 37 of the proposed lots to have less than the minimum required lot size, and 46 of the lots to have less than the minimum required lot width. Applicant also requests Variances to Sec. 27-114(D) and (E) for minimum lot size and minimum lot frontage in areas of steep slopes.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. Comments and questions may be submitted to [CGittinger@whitehalltownship.com](mailto:CGittinger@whitehalltownship.com).

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status, and disability status of the Applicant.

The Whitehall 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 Zoning Officer 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.

The Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board has an obligation to affirmatively further fair housing and to review all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil right statutes. This includes taking meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.

The Zoning Hearing Board, in its land use and zoning decisions, does not discriminate against persons based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status and reviews all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. Public comments made on the basis of bias and stereotype concerning people within these protected classes will not be taken into consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board in its deliberations.

Christopher W. Gittinger  
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Jan. 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Alexander P. Kubat**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Nora Diaz**, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Elwood F. Brinker**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Glenn Elwood Brinker**, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Gloria M. Wasko**, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Nancy Jean Stanley**, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Helen Morrison Downey, a/k/a Helen Nagle**, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to **Donald M. Downey III**, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Sandra L. Almgren**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Valerie M. Gagliardi and Sherri A. Schuler**, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Katarzyna Watson**, Deceased, late of Center Valley, 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: **Chad E. Watson, Executor C/O Pamela N. Zetterberg, Esquire, Attorney for the Estate**, 4461 Kohler Drive, Allentown, PA 18103.  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of David W. Christman**, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **Blaine A. Christman, Admin.**  
c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, STECKEL AND STOPP LLC  
125 S WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON, PA 18080  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Richard D. Lauchnor**, deceased, late of Washington Township, Lehigh County, PA, 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: **SANDRA LAUCHNOR NEFF, EXECUTRIX C/O KEITH W. STROHL, ESQUIRE STECKEL AND STOPP LLC**  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON PA 18080  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Richard A. Smith**, deceased, late of City of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA, 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: **TERRY KOVALCHICK, EXECUTRIX C/O STEPHEN A. STRACK, ESQUIRE STECKEL AND STOPP LLC**  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON PA 18080  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Dorothy A. George**, deceased, late of Whitehall, formally of Balliettsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **Sonia E. Fink a/k/a Sonia Ethel Fink C/O STECKEL AND STOPP LLC**  
Executrix or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp LLC, By: Stephen A. Strack, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF George L. Tomasic**, deceased, late of Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, PA, 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: **JANICE M TOMASIC AND DAVID G TOMASIC, CO-EXECUTORS**  
C/O STEPHEN A STRACK, ESQUIRE STECKEL AND STOPP LLC  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON PA 18080  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF Matthew William Polkowski**, deceased, late of Borough of Slatington, Lehigh County, PA, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **SEAN M. POLKOWSKI, ADMINISTRATOR C/O STEPHEN A. STRACK, ESQUIRE STECKEL AND STOPP LLC**  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON PA 18080  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Amelia B. Gogle**, deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, 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:

**Roger A. Gogle, Jr. Ronald A. Gogle, Executors**  
c/o John O. Stover Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Or to their attorney:  
John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Tadeusz Gjondla**, deceased, late of 4452 Spruce Street, Township of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration d.b.n. 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 **Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102**  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Dallas W. Cornelius**, deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: **Nicholas Jon Metrick, Administrator c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire**  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Or to his attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Dorothy G. Derhammer**, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**William A. Derhammer, Executor**  
c/o David M. Roth, Esquire  
123 N. Fifth St.  
Allentown, PA 18102

Or to his attorney: David M. Roth, Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
123 N. Fifth St.  
Allentown, PA 18102  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Dorothy M. Shively**, late of Orefield, 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: **David Shively, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102** or their Attorney, **Larry R. Roth Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102.**  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Jeffrey Lee Donat**, 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: **James E. Donat, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102** or his Attorney, **David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102.**  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Josephine A. Von Alt**, 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: **William J. Von Alt II, Executor, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102** or his Attorney, **Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102.**  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Marc S. Berry**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Bernadette Berry**, 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: **Bernadette Berry, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102** or their Attorney, **Larry R. Roth Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 N. 5th St., Allentown, PA 18102.**  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF PAUL F. KRAMP, JR.**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Brian L. Kramp, Executor, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown PA 18102** or his Attorney, **Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Mary Ann Smith, a/k/a MaryAnn Smith**, deceased, late of Lowhill Township, 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:

**Edward J. Smith Patricia A. Schiebel, Executors**  
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Or to their attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
The Roth Law Firm  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF PAUL H. FULMER**, late of Forks Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above named Estate have been granted to **Ryan A. Fulmer and Nicole M. Fulmer**. All persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having demands or claims to present the same without delay to: April L. Cordts, Esquire, 391 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18020.  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DAVID A. WALLACE**, Deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Nancy W. Humes, Administratrix**  
c/o David B. Schwartz, Esquire  
514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
or to: David B. Schwartz, Esquire  
514 Fullerton Avenue, Suite 2  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Christopher Jagielski** deceased, late of North Whitehall Township, Lehigh County Pennsylvania, Letters Administration have been granted to the under signed, 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

**Jason M. Jagielski, Administrator c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**

Or to his Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of WILLIAM F. BECHTEL**, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

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

Or to her Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**  
Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of DONALD J. WENDLING, a/k/a DONALD JAMES WENDLING**, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

**Ardyth A. Yorging, Executrix Darryl J. Wendling, Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**

Or to their Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Faye L. Hartzell, a/k/a Faye LaRue Hartzell** deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

**Margie K. Wenner, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**

Or to her Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of FRANCOISE ROHRBACH, a/k/a FRANCOISE KERCMAR ROHRBACH**, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

**Elwood R. Rohrbach, Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**

Or to his Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062**  
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against 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 administrator or to their attorneys named below:  
Decedent: **ELEANOR E. MOYER**

Date of Death: September 27, 2021  
Late of: Allentown, Lehigh County Pennsylvania  
Executrix: **Robert S. Moyer**  
c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire  
211 W. Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire**  
211 W. Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE OF IRENE C. KELLER**, late of the Borough of Catawauqua, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payable without delay to:  
**BONITA M.L. LANTIERI**  
 632 South Chester Road  
 West Chester, PA 19382  
 or to her Attorney  
 John L. Obrecht, Esquire  
 1731 Main Street  
 Northampton, PA 18067-1544  
 Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**EARL C. HOFFMAN, SR., a/k/a EARL HOFFMAN, a/k/a EARL C. HOFFMAN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF EARL C. HOFFMAN, SR., a/k/a EARL HOFFMAN, a/k/a EARL C. HOFFMAN**, deceased, late of Alburtis Borough, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to Earl C. Hoffman, Jr., who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment without delay to: **Earl C. Hoffman, Jr., Executor**, c/o CRAIG B. NEELY, Esq., 209 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, 610-928-1188.  
 Jan. 12, 19 & 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**ESTATE OF THELMA M. KIESS**, 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:  
**Patricia J. Pechacek, Executrix**  
 c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire  
 WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.  
 2610 Walbert Avenue  
 Allentown, PA 18104  
 Jan. 12, 19, 26

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Patricia J. Henriquez Intervivos Trust Agreement. **Patricia Jaye Henriquez a/k/a Patricia J. Henriquez**, Deceased. Late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 10/26/21. This Trust is in existence and all persons having claims or demands against said Trust or decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to **Jack A. Henriquez, Trustee**, c/o Edward H. Butz, Esq., 1620 Pond Rd., Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104. Or to their Atty.: Edward H. Butz, Lesavoy Butz & Seitz LLC, 1620 Pond Rd., Ste. 200, Allentown, PA 18104.  
 JAN. 19, 26, FEB. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that in the estate of the decedent set forth below the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the persons named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to them or their attorneys and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or administrators named below.  
**Estate of Edna B. Balmat, deceased**, late of Lower Macungie Township  
**Bruce M. Balmat, Executor**  
 c/o 6943 Sunflower Lane  
 Macungie, PA 18062  
**Paul T. Fabiano, J.D., LL.M.**  
 6943 Sunflower Lane  
 Macungie, PA 18062  
 Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, make payment without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:  
 Decedent: **VERNON R. SNYDER**  
 Date of Death: November 8, 2021  
 Late of: Lower Nazareth Township,  
 Northampton County, Pennsylvania  
 Executor: **Arthur R. Snyder, Jr.**  
 c/o Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire  
 211 West Broad St.  
 Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
 Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire  
 211 W. Broad Street  
 Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
 Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE NOTICE**  
**ESTATE OF JOAN McDONALD BAUER** of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary, 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:  
**Barry D. Long**  
 2813 Suncrest Dr.  
 Allentown, PA 18104  
 Or to his attorney:  
 Curtis C. Creveling, Esq.  
 CREVELING, CREVELING & CAPPELLINI  
 123 North Fifth Street  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
 610-435-8711  
 Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in the Estate of **JOAN McDONALD BAUER** of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary, 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:  
**Barry D. Long**  
 2813 Suncrest Dr.  
 Allentown, PA 18104  
 Or to his attorney:  
 Curtis C. Creveling, Esq.  
 CREVELING, CREVELING & CAPPELLINI  
 123 North Fifth Street  
 Allentown, PA 18102  
 610-435-8711  
 Jan. 12, 19, 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ESTATE OF TIMOTHY W. HUNGER**, Deceased. Late of Allentown City, Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 6/19/20. 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 **Patricia L. Hunger, Administratrix**, 155 E. Fairview St., Allentown, PA 18109. Or to her Atty.: Kathleen B. Murren, Skarlatos Zonarich, 320 Market St., Ste. 600 West, Harrisburg, PA 17101.  
 Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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In addition, human eyes do not adjust to changes in lighting very quickly, according to Pierre Paul Driving School in New York. The older a person gets, the longer his or her eyes will take to adjust to changes in lighting. In fact, it can take up to seven seconds to recover from the blinding glare of headlights. That's enough blindness to swerve off the road or potentially hit something.

While glare can be problematic, drivers can take certain steps to make it safer to drive at night.

- Get a vision and health check.** Changes to vision can impact how glare affects certain individuals. Vitamin A deficiency can cause night blindness, also known as nyctalopia. Eye shape changes, including a condition called keratoconus, can affect vision. Cataracts and diabetes also impair vision. Visit with a primary care physician as well as an eye doctor to diagnose conditions that can make night vision worse.
- Change your line of sight.** Do not look directly into oncoming headlights. Rather, look slightly down and to the right side of the road so that you're not focusing on the beams.
- Get glare-resistant coatings on eyeglasses.** Speak with an optician about eyeglasses with anti-glare coating. This will significantly reduce the amount of glare. VisionCenters.com says standard plastic lenses reflect around 8 percent of the light that reaches glasses, while high-index lenses reflect up to 12 percent of available light. Anti-glare coating allows 99.5 percent of available light to reach the eyes, essentially eliminating glare. Those who don't wear eyeglasses can purchase specific anti-glare glasses to wear in high-glare conditions, such as when looking at computer and phone screens.
- Clean the windshield.** Dirt and grime found on the windshield can refract light and make glare worse. Therefore, clean all windows and mirrors thoroughly, inside and out.
- Flip the rearview mirror to "night" mode.** This will make it appear as though lights coming from behind are dimmer.
- Repair scratches and cracks.** Glare can be exacerbated by any imperfections in the windshield. Repair cracks or scratches promptly.

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# Explore various wedding styles

Every wedding is different, even if many share some common components. As couples plan their weddings, learning about some popular wedding styles can help them create a ceremony that suits them.

## Classic wedding

Classic weddings are the storybook traditional weddings that many people dream about for years. Key elements include a tuxedo for the groom and a white gown for the bride. Formal attire is reserved for the rest of the wedding party. The ceremony is conducted in a place of worship before everyone retires to a fancy catering hall for the reception. Traditional weddings also may include the time-honored customs like toasts, cake cutting, bouquet toss, and parent-child dances.

## Beach wedding

Beach weddings often are casual, laid back affairs. Dresses may be less structured and flow with sea breezes, while guys may even don shorts with linen shirts or jackets. Guests can expect the party to be much more free-flowing and the traditions of classic weddings may not be part of the celebration.

## Bohemian wedding

Free-spirited individuals may dive head first into a bohemian style wedding. According to wedding planner David Tutera, a boho wedding is casual and comfortable. It tends to come off chic but appears that way with minimal effort. Decor is typically humble and blends harmoniously with nature. A boho wedding may take place outdoors or in another less traditional venue, such as a farmhouse or botanical garden. Wedding party attire may



be mismatched and showcase each person's individual style.

## Modern wedding

Brides and grooms who crave contemporary and current trends may prefer a modern wedding. Graphic color schemes, clean lines and minimalistic flowers might be part of a modern wedding. Attire may be angular and edgy, and the venue may run the gamut from sleek museum

to a city rooftop.

## Destination wedding

Couples who love to travel and don't want to worry about the minutiae of wedding planning may find a destination wedding is a good fit. Destination weddings last more than one day and focus on relaxation, activities and lots of fun. Destination weddings tend to be less formal and less traditional than classic weddings. Due to the

remote locations, destination weddings also can be smaller and more intimate, as many invitees may be unable to attend. Yet those who can attend often get to enjoy tropical islands or mountain retreats.

Wedding styles are as unique as the people getting married. Choosing a theme that has the right feeling can help couples make the most of their special days.



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### Did you know?

A wedding is a tough time to experience a bad hair day. Clothing styles, time of day and weather all can dictate a wedding hairstyle, but ultimately one of the most important factors in a wedding hairstyle is finding a stylist who understands you and can exercise your vision.

A patient, understanding stylist who is open to viewing different photographs and drawing inspiration from various places, as well as running through a few trial styles, can help brides (and grooms) look their best.

In fact, trials are a must to ensure that a chosen style will work with your hair texture. If you plan to get your hair colored, professionals recommend doing so about three weeks in advance of the big day so it looks natural and any potential snafus can be remedied beforehand.

Your stylist may suggest a light trim prior to the wedding so that the ends are fresh and healthy. And since you're putting your faith in a qualified stylist, trust their expertise and vision.

Keep an open mind to their suggestions. You may fall in love with one of the options you hadn't considered.

## How to find your wedding florist

Weddings join the lives of two loving individuals so they can share their future with one another. Various elements help make weddings both momentous and magical.

Some weddings adhere to themes that are designed to make an impression and showcase couples' personalities. Floral arrangements are key components of wedding themes, as they help to establish ambiance at both the ceremony and reception.

Flowers can easily

help couples achieve a desired vibe, whether that's rustic, romantic, modern, or even whimsical. Skilled florists may use a variety of flowers and foliage, as well as dramatic displays to help create the couple's wedding day vision. According to an internal study from the wedding advice and planning resource The Knot, which surveyed more than 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, the average cost of wedding flowers was \$2,000 in 2019. However, the cost of floral

arrangements can vary depending on the scope of the arrangements and choice of flowers, including whether they're in season or not.

It is essential for couples to spend time vetting potential florists to find one who will produce their desired vision at a price that fits their budget. These guidelines can make the process go more smoothly.

Establish your theme early on. Floral arrangements will complement and enhance other elements of the wedding, including color scheme and the wedding theme. If your wedding theme ties into a specific season, you will work with the florist to find blooms and other pieces that coordinate. For example, winter weddings with white, ice blue and silver color schemes may coordinate with white ranunculus flowers, dahlias, dusty miller foliage, and viburnum berries.

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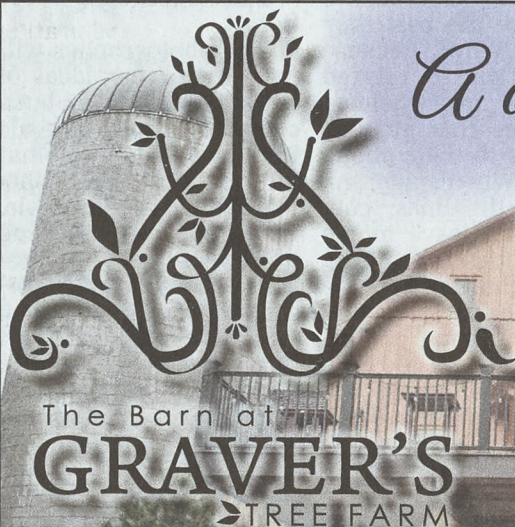
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## Wedding day photography tips

Few things document weddings more effectively than photographs. Carefully curated wedding albums and portraits hung on walls serve as daily reminders of a couple's special day.

Photography is often left in the very qualified

hands of professional photographers. However, couples can pitch in to make their photos really pop. These picture pointers from industry insiders can help couples put their best smile forward.

### Leave ample time

A carefully orchestrat-

ed timeline can ensure photos are the best they can be. Why? Because a couple who is relaxed and not overwhelmed will notice that attitude translates to their photographs. When planning wedding timelines, couples should leave ample opportunities for getting dressed, chatting with the wedding party and going through various photography settings to grab great photos, advise the experts at Martha Stewart.

### Put together a short list

The photographer will have his or her ideas of which shots to cover, but a couple with specific goals in mind should relay that information to their photographer. For example, if a grandparent is getting up in years, request some solo photos of that person so you can look back on happy times together. Certain couples want to be snapped posing with a beloved pet. Putting that

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on the list helps ensure it will happen.

### Enlist a family photo coordinator

If the photographer does not have his or her own assistant, recruit someone who is assertive to help wrangle everyone for the family shots. Attempt to get family photos when family members are relaxed but not too far rumpled by dancing or having a good time.

### Play your style safe

A wedding day is not a time for the bride or groom to try a dramatic new style, according to photographer Amanda Lamb. Resist the urge for a daring cut or color. It's also likely not the place to try out new facial hair or heavy makeup. A couple unaccustomed to the way they look may be shy in front of the camera.

### Delve into the details

Prepare wedding details, like gowns, shoes, accessories, etc., in advance to save time once the photographer arrives, suggests Desi Mendoza, a pro from Dez and Tam Photography. Invest in a beautiful hanger for the wedding gown as well, because you may want to photograph that on its own.

### Learn to pose

Couples can practice posing in front of mirrors to get a feel for body positions that put them in their best light. A photographer's advice in regard to posture is invaluable as well. Create space between arms and the body and learn how to angle the body so you look your best.

Photos will capture wedding day memories forever. Couples can put themselves in the best positions for success by following some photography guidelines.

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# Make candles an illuminating part of the ceremony

The warm, undulating light cast off by a candle adds an unmatched ambience to a space. Multiply that candle by many and it can create a truly awe-inspiring atmosphere.

Candlelight is a must at any evening wedding and can be a key to a successful party as guests tend to loosen their inhibitions in a dimly lit room. While candlelight can add a warming glow to post-wedding festivities, it can play a significant role during the ceremony itself.

Flickering flames within a dimly lit chapel or alternative ceremony site can establish an intimate setting in which a couple exchanges vows. Candles can even become a focal point of the ceremony. For example, some couples may opt to light a unity candle during their cere-

monies. The unity candle symbolizes the joining of the families and merging of two individuals into one blended family. Representatives from both families, typically the parents of the couple, come up and light a candle for each side of the family. Then the bride and groom will light a center candle from these two candles. The center candle then represents the unity of the new family and their commitment to each other.

**Apart from the unity candle, there may be other ways candles play a role in the ceremony. They can be religious and secular. Candles can symbolize different things, including:**

- casting away darkness and showing how love can brighten life,
- candles can provide direction and draw cou-



ples together,

- a candle can represent the love that lights up the couple's world, and

- the warmth of a relationship mirrored in the warmth of the candle.

Apart from symbolism and ambience, there is an added benefit to including

candles in a wedding ceremony. Brides magazine says that the amber light given off can make for beautiful photos as well. Speak with a photographer about the best ways to arrange candles to fully take advantage of their photographic potential.

## FLORIST

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tations. It is easier to explain color palettes to a florist with examples in hand. Show the

florist the types of arrangements you prefer and have actual fabric swatches from bridesmaid gowns or groomsmen vests so that colors can be complemented.

- Create a list of desired items. Florists may

sell items a la carte or have packages of common floral pieces for wedding celebrations. Types of floral arrangements include bridal bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets, maid of honor bouquet, corsages for mothers/grandmothers, boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers/grandfathers, flower girl headpiece, petals to sprinkle, table centerpieces, altar arrangements, pew or chair decorations, and cake decorations.

- Go easy on aroma. Tread lightly when selecting blooms that have strong aromas. They may be beautiful, but many people are sensi-

tive to smells. Allergies also may be exacerbated by flowers with strong aromas. Discuss options with the florist before proceeding.

- Explain your budget. Research the average cost of floral arrangements and let the florist know what you can afford. This can help the florist narrow down options or make substitutions that fit your theme and your budget.

Couples can take certain steps as they choose floral arrangements for their weddings. Cost should not be the only factor in the decision, even though it is an important one.

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## Consider food allergies when planning wedding menu

Wedding guests will remember many aspects of the ceremony and reception. For guests who have food allergies or require specialized diets, dinner can be memorable for all of the wrong reasons. But it doesn't have to be.

Even though weddings

are all about the happy couple's wants and needs, special attention should be placed on ensuring guests' comfort. Individuals with allergies and dietary restrictions warrant extra caution. Any food can cause an allergic reaction, but eight types in

particular, often referred to as the "Big 8," are responsible for the greatest numbers of adverse reactions. Milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soy comprise the Big 8. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Food Allergy Research and Resource Program says the Big 8 accounts for about 90 percent of all food allergies in the United States.

Couples need to recognize the likelihood that at least one person at the wedding will have a specialized food need. Most people with dietary restrictions will be very understanding that eating out is a challenge, especially at a wedding. But

couples can take steps to ensure that guests with food allergies don't go hungry.

- Ask about allergies on the response card. Some couples request that guests choose their food preferences on their RSVPs. Include a spot where guests can mention serious food allergies.

- Choose a caterer very carefully. Caterers are increasingly adapting to common food restrictions. Express specific food avoidances or what you want to be included and find a caterer who specializes in this type of cooking.

- Offer allergen-free appetizers. Martha Stewart See **MENU** on Page 13

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# Music is an important component of wedding celebrations

Few things set the mood of a wedding more effectively than music. Beautiful songs often are incorporated into wedding ceremonies, and romantic or upbeat songs intermingle to create a festive mix at receptions.

Playlists curated specifically for weddings can be found online to help couples narrow down their options. According to *Wedding Forward*, a wedding planning guide, wedding planning experts and modern couples agree that wedding playlists should be have a 60/40 split of classics and new wedding songs.

Music is a personal choice, but couples may benefit by considering who will be in attendance at their weddings. In so doing, couples can ensure the music played at their weddings reaches as many people as possible there:

**Wedding processional song:** The wedding processional is the moment the wedding party walks down the aisle. Music may be a traditional hymn, classical music or a favorite contemporary song.

**Bridal processional**



**song:** In many traditional wedding ceremonies, the bride walks down the aisle separately, with her father or both parents. She customarily will have a different song from the rest of the wedding party. While "Bridal Chorus/Wedding March" is a traditional choice, some brides may prefer a different tune.

**Wedding recessional song:** Again, depending on the ceremony location and choices, the recessional may be a classical piece or a hymn. Some couples choose an upbeat song for their first official promenade as a married couple.

**Wedding party entrance song:** Couples can ask their music vendor to put together the majority of the songs for their reception, but they may want to choose their own wedding party entrance. This song typically is a fast-paced, upbeat song that gets the crowd pumping and ready for a fun night. Think "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz or "Can't Stop the Feeling!" by Justin Timberlake.

**First dance:** The first dance song is another personal choice for the

couple. Slow songs traditionally are chosen, but couples who want something a little different have increasingly selected faster songs and paired them with rehearsed choreography. "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran has become a popular first dance song.

**Other songs:** Couples also will select songs to complement dances with their parents, cake cutting, garter toss, and any other special traditions or moments. They also can make requests to include songs of different eras to appeal to guests of all ages.

Music is an important component of wedding celebrations and deserves some extra consideration to ensure everyone has a great time while cutting a rug.

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# The evolution of wedding favors

Wedding favors have changed - and in many cases for the better. Favors have evolved from the inexpensive trinkets purchased in bulk into more personalized mementos that guests can cherish.

Today's couples are interested in customizing their weddings and offering guests something meaningful, or at the very least, edible, so that favors don't immediately get relegated to the trash can. According to Heather Jones of Wente Vineyards in California, favors have moved from "goodie bags" toward items that are experimental and fun. Wedding planners from across the country offer these wedding favor trends that couples may want to incorporate into their own celebrations.

## Welcome bags

Rather than take-home bags, welcome bags have replaced the traditional favor trinket at some weddings. Many weddings have become multi-day events that ask guests traveling from out of town to attend a wedding weekend. To help



greet them and make their experience memorable, couples may fill a gift bag with items guests can use or enjoy during their stay - like a bottle of locally sourced maple syrup or some handmade soaps from a nearby shopkeeper.

## Experience gifts

Instead of a candle or a monogrammed cake server, think of experiences to offer guests. A coupon for free drinks at a nearby brewery, a tour of a local attraction while guests are in town or a group excursion for guests attending a destination wedding can be fun and will help guests create lasting

memories.

## Charitable donations

Some couples feel that favors are wasteful and would rather set aside a portion of their wedding budgets toward giving back. In such situations, a donation to charity in guests' names can be the way to go. Guests can vote on two favorite charities advertised on a special table at the wedding reception. The one with the most votes will get the

proceeds.

## Late-night snacks

After a night of celebrating, some guests may want the festivities to continue, but may need some extra sustenance to make it through a few more hours. Some couples are eschewing traditional favors in lieu of making room for extra food or beverage expenses that can include after-party treats. These may run the gamut from wood-fired pizzas to food truck vendors to extra desserts. A tasty take-home option also may be given, such as fresh zeppolis or beignets, or even a personalized bottle of wine. Even if the food and drink is not consumed right away, there's a good chance it will hit the spot when guests return to their hotel rooms.

Wedding favors are changing to keep up with the times and keep guests feeling extra special.

## MENU

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art Weddings suggests serving customized bite-sized hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour to allow for easier customization. This gives guests with allergies the ability to pick and choose their pre-entrée bites.

Label foods and let guests with severe allergies dine first. Buffets should be clearly labeled so those with allergies can avoid certain foods. Also, those with severe food allergies should have

first shot at the buffet to limit cross-contamination from serving utensils.

Create separate meals. A caterer may be able to make separate meals for certain guests, particularly if they have advanced notice.

Don't forget desserts and drinks. Allergens can be included in drinks and desserts as well. Offer gluten-free desserts and gluten-free beer as well.

Dietary restrictions are another factor that couples must consider when planning their weddings.



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## Choosing a honeymoon destination

Once couples have tied the knot, hit the reception dance floor and thanked their friends and family for joining them, their thoughts might start looking ahead to their honeymoons.

Statistics vary in regard to how much couples

spend on their honeymoons, but those heading overseas can expect to pay thousands of dollars on such getaways. Couples planning their honeymoons want to get the most for their money while also ensuring their first trip together as newlyweds is as memorable as possible. The destination couples choose can go a long way toward making that happen, and couples can consider various factors as they work together to choose a locale for their honeymoons.

### Activity level

Some couples might want their honeymoons to be filled with activities, while others might prefer more low-key trips spent relaxing at seaside

resorts. Couples can discuss which types of trips they prefer and be willing to compromise if their desires differ.

### Travel

Some couples may prefer to travel throughout their honeymoons, while others may want to stay at the same resort for the duration of their trips. Couples who want to travel may find a backpacking trip to Europe is a romantic way to indulge their sense of adventure, while those who prefer something more quiet may find a beach resort more to their liking.

### Budget

Budget is a strong consideration for many couples as they plan their honeymoons. Because

honeymoons can be expensive, couples who don't want to sacrifice on their first trip together as a married couple can begin planning their trips early, even looking for ways to cut costs on their ceremonies and receptions if their honeymoons are a bigger priority.

When planning their honeymoons, couples also can take steps to save money. For example, delaying a trip until a few months after the wedding can help covers get back on their financial feet and enjoy their dream getaways. Couples visiting resorts also may want to opt for all-inclusive packages, which can provide great value, particularly on food and beverages.

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# Questions to ask prospective wedding officiants

Couples make many decisions when planning their weddings. Everything from the design of save-the-date cards to the color of the napkins at the reception tables requires couples' input. Choice of officiant is another decision that's worthy of significant consideration.

Many couples may have an officiant in mind before they begin planning their wedding. In such instances, couples may choose an officiant who's affiliated with their place of worship or even a friend or family member who's been ordained or certified to officiate weddings. Couples with no such option can ask the following questions as they look to hire an officiant for their wedding.

## Can you legally officiate our wedding?

Each state has its own requirements regarding who can sign the paperwork necessary for couples to be considered legally married. An officiant should meet these requirements.

## What services do you provide?

Some officiants will do more than officiate the wedding. Some will help couples obtain their marriage license and even submit the documentation after the wedding. Those services can be important, but many couples are more concerned with what officiants will do before and during the ceremony. Ask if the officiant will write his or her own remarks to be delivered during the ceremony. Some couples may want to write remarks for the officiant, while others may need help crafting the message they want to convey.

## How flexible are you?

Ask how officiants handle feedback and how willing they are to deliver



remarks they did not necessarily write themselves. Some officiants may have a template they customarily follow, but that doesn't necessarily mean they won't stray and personalize the ceremony based on couples' wishes. Couples should ask such officiants how far they're willing to stray from their routine if necessary.

## Do you have a portfolio?

Written testimonials from past clients can be invaluable, but couples can get a true feel for an officiant's style by watching video of ceremonies they've officiated in the past. Ask prospective officiants if they can share video of weddings they've presided over. It's not a red flag if officiants have no such video, which couples may have forgotten to share. But video can help couples get an accurate idea of how officiants may preside over their ceremony.

## Will we work together prior to the ceremony?

Many officiants will ask to meet with a couple at least once before the wedding so they can get to know them as well as possible. Ask each officiant

if this is their policy. Pre-wedding meetings can be conducted in person or via Zoom. When discussing meeting before the wedding, ask the officiant if he or she will attend the wedding rehearsal. It's not

customary for officiants to do so, though some might be willing to attend the rehearsal, especially if the ceremony will feature any elaborate components that require their involvement.

## Miscellaneous considerations

Couples also may want to broach some additional topics when questioning prospective officiants. Such topics may include:

- Officiant's attire
- Backups if the officiant falls ill prior to the ceremony
- Officiant fees, and if extra services like attending the rehearsal incurs additional charges
- Officiant's experience

Couples can ask prospective officiants various questions in an effort to find the right person to officiate their wedding.

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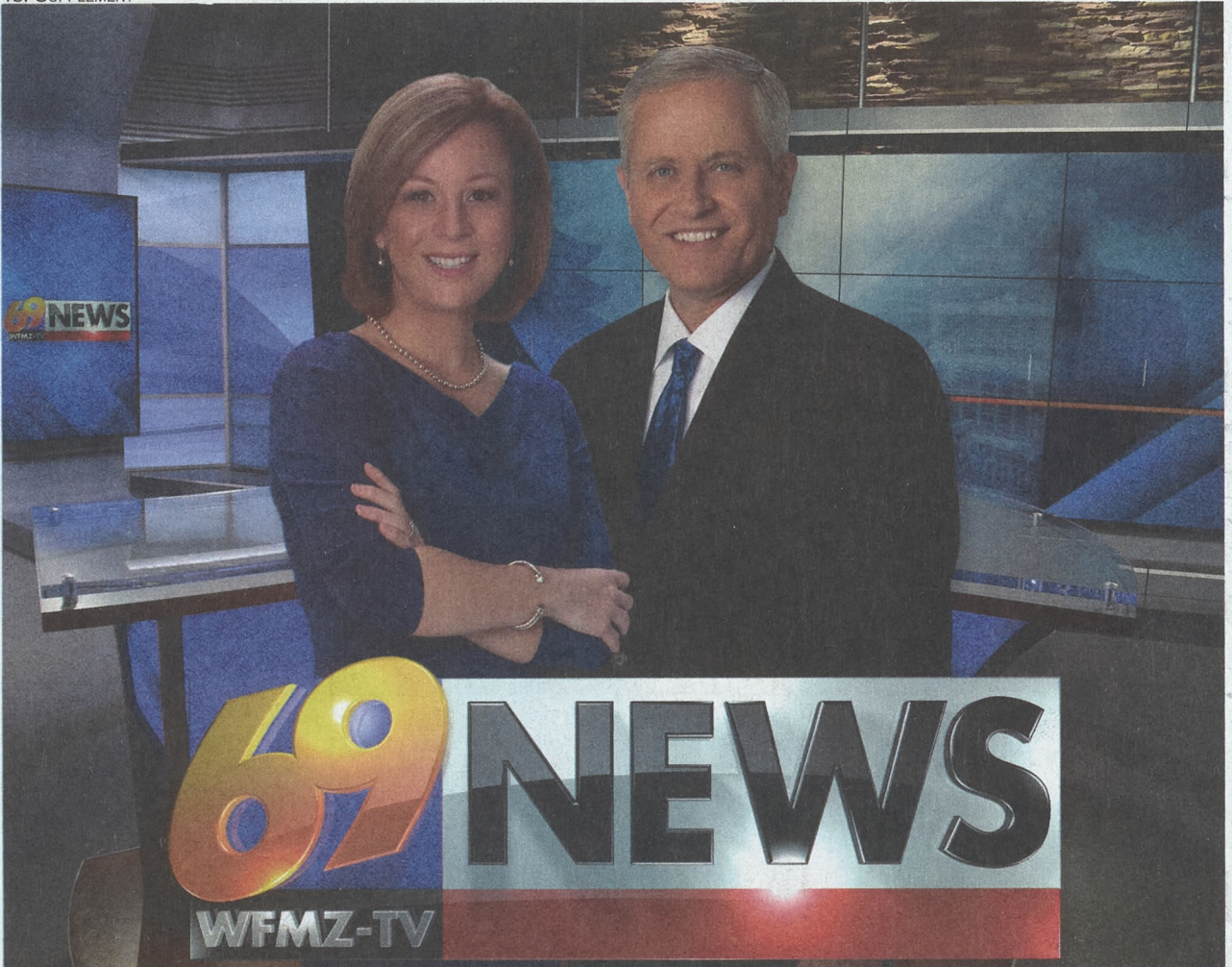
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