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Bishop Barres

Many warm memories

Bishop John O. Barres leaves for Long Island

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Bishop John O. Barres, who has led the Allentown Diocese of the Catholic Church since 2009, will soon transfer his responsibilities to Long Island, as he was recently appointed by Pope Francis to lead the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., which consists of Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island.

Barres, 56, is the first Bishop of Allentown in the diocese's 55-year history to be transferred to another diocese. He will be officially installed in a ceremony Jan. 31.

His time in the Lehigh Valley will be remembered fondly by those who knew him and worked with him, and he will take cherished memories with him.

John Petruzzelli, principal of Bethlehem Catholic HS, said in an email that Barres has for years been a huge proponent of education and a supporter of the school, even making yearly visits to walk the halls and converse with the students. He said he first knew Barres as a friar in Wilmington, Del., almost 25 years ago. "I fondly remember looking out of the school window as a young teacher in Wilmington and seeing then Fr. Barres on the basketball court across the street playing basketball with many of our students."

"Even at that time, the qualities we witnessed here in the Diocese of Allentown were

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PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Wise Men from the East visit the baby Jesus in the Bethlehem stable, specially built on the stage of the Rose Garden Park band shell at Union Boulevard and Eighth Avenue. The shepherds with their children and sheep gather in the hay outside the stable. The Christmas scene is completed with the holy family and Baby Jesus in a manger, surrounded by angels. The Bethany United Church of Christ choir, on the left, sings popular Christmas songs during the pageant. Our coverage continues on page A2.

WELCOMING THE CHRIST CHILD

On a cold winter's day

BY TIM GILMAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The live Bethlehem Christmas Pageant, the re-enactment of historical and Biblical events surrounding the birth of Christ, marked its 38th annual presentation Dec. 10 and 11 at the Rose Garden Park band shell in northwest Bethlehem.

The colder weather affected the turnout to see the admission-free presentation. A cast of 100 costumed participants and live animals, including camels, performed the popular presentation, See **DAY** on Page A2



Angels celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in a stable. The holy family consists of Stacey Morrow, of Bethlehem, as Mary and her infant son Lucas. Joseph's role is performed Gary D. Snyder, also of Bethlehem.

PAGEANT FUNDRAISER
Pageant president David Landis of Bethlehem announced a special fundraiser for the self-supported performance – a steak and fish dinner to be hosted by St. John's Brotherhood of Farmersville on William Penn Highway, near Easton on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call Dennis Koehler, 484-357-2629 or Dave Landis, 610-865-0274.



Chancel Choir of Bethany United Church of Christ protect themselves from temperatures in the 20s during the Dec. 11 performance.



Brock Williams of Hellertown as King Balthasar is accompanied by a camel from the National Bridge Zoo in Virginia and a pair of guards.

PEOPLE SAY
BY DANA GRUBB

What is your personal favorite Christmas tradition? Special thanks to Principal David Horvath and the East Hills MS student council.



"I live in different houses where we receive presents and food. We also sit down and tell each other why we like Christmas."
Andrew



"I like going up to my grandparents' house. We open presents and kind of catch up on things because we don't see them a lot."
Sarah

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The question: What is your personal favorite Christmas tradition?

Special thanks to Principal David Horvath and the East Hills MS student council.



"I like writing letters to other family members at Christmas because we live far away from each other in other states and countries."
John



"Making cookies with my sister. We usually make them two days before Christmas. They're homemade and we put icing on them."
Lauren



"We have like two Christmases. We usually go to my grandma's on Christmas Eve to celebrate and then on Christmas day we spend it with our parents. It's really fun."
Tatiana



"Mine is a Spanish thing. It's called Paranda. The people at my church go around to each other's house late at night and sing at their doors until they wake up. Once they're awake we go into their house and have a little party."
Sarah

Outdoor postal station



PRESS PHOTO BY JANE KNOTEC

Postal clerk Tracey Wigg welcomes customers to the outdoor post office facility at 535 Wood St., Bethlehem. Her home away from home for the next two weeks was built many years ago by a co-worker, Stephen Dzienis. For the Christmas holiday, cards with first-class postage may be canceled free upon customer request. The three different designs include either one of the wise men on kneeling camels, a star or the words Christmas City Station, Bethlehem, PA 18016.

WELCOMING THE CHRIST CHILD



Kevin Landis of Bethlehem, one of the pageant's Wise Men, holds up the newborn Christ child, wrapped in warm swaddling clothes, to the crowd of Christmas Pageant spectators. Baby Jesus is Lucas Morrow, son of Stacey Morrow from Fountain Hill, who played Mary. A popular tradition of the pageant is to have one of the Wise Men take the baby Jesus from the stable area closer to the crowd of spectators so they can get a closer look at the child.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Nathan Rammell, left, as King Herod, outside the royal tent. Additional performers are David Laudenslager as assistant High Priest, Mark Reccek as the High Priest, and Nathan Rathmell Jr. as a soldier.



Gail Hoch of Nazareth leads a billy goat during the procession of costumed shepherds who came to see the new-born Christ child in Bethlehem. The shepherds were of all ages.



Costumed townspeople of all ages walk past the newborn Christ child in a stable at the Rose Garden band shell. The annual re-enactment of the historical and biblical events surrounding the birth of Christ features some 100 costumed participants, with live animals.



Lauren Correll of Nazareth, one of three soldiers on horseback guarding the Wise Men, passes by shepherds gathered outside the stable in Bethlehem and the holy family with baby Jesus. The horses were provided by the Blue Ridge Ranch of Nazareth.

DAY

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a highlight of the Christmas City's holiday season schedule of events. The Chancel Choir of Bethany United

Church of Christ provided live music and Bill Schellhaas narrated the unique production. The pageant committee is looking forward to its 40th anniversary in two years.

BARRES

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present then. He was a caring and compassionate priest, who reached out to others in time of need. He was a great listener and a kind and gentle man," Petruzzelli said.

He said Barres especially enjoyed attending graduations. "He made it a point to be here for that special night to be with our graduates and their families," he said. "Bishop Barres was always one of the last people to leave that night because he stayed and talked with every family that wanted to meet him. He took hundreds

of pictures that night with smiling graduates. I know it meant a lot to our families to have him there. And he wanted to be there."

Though now spending his time in New York, Barres did briefly respond to an inquiry from the Press, saying the diocese and the Lehigh Valley is reminiscent of his earlier position in Delaware; a mixture of big cities and rural areas, but he found exceptional warmth and welcome throughout. Barres said he'll treasure memories of the Lehigh Valley, beginning with visiting with people within the parishes. "They evangelized me. The sporting

events and school plays that I attended where I could interact with the people who make our parishes and thus the diocese strong. I will always treasure the Hispanic community in this diocese. Their deep faith has enriched the church in this diocese. And ecumenical and inter-religious community leaders whom I have met will also be part of my lasting memories."

He said youth outreach was particularly successful and appreciated during his tenure. "A growth in the number of young men and young women who are discerning a possible religious vocation; a strengthening of the

Catholic identity in our schools and the evangelizing spirit of the people in our parishes have all been a blessing to me as bishop. The diocese began using social media, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to reach out to young people using the media that is so important in their lives.

"I have had the great blessing of serving as bishop for the last seven and a half years. You will all always be in my heart, my memories, my prayers and my Masses as I remember our days of 'holiness and mission' together."

Barres' successor has not yet been named.

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7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
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Reverend Cecilia Baxter
Reverend John Kunkel

Holiday special events are listed in the Holiday Happenings column in this paper.

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Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 610-861-5526 or email lvocops-n-kids@att.net or visit www.copsnkidslv.org.

Bethlehem Area Public Library: Daily. Call 610-867-3761 (main) or 610-867-7852 (Southside) or visit www.bapl.org (main) or <http://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm> (Southside); for the newsletter, visit <http://bit.ly/2bTICeZ>.

Moravian Book Shop: 428 Main St. Call 610-866-5481 or visit www.moravianbookshop.com. Book signings: Walter Stoffel: Lance: A Spirit Unbroken, 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 23.

December 21 to 31

Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, ages three to seven. Program: Kids' gift crafts. Daily drop in hours: noon to 4 p.m. Ke-merer Museum of Decorative Arts, 427 N. New St. Cost and information: Visit www.historicbethlehem.org or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-360-TOUR.

Wednesday, December 21

Teen Movie Night. Free. Grades 6 to 12 only. No registration needed. 6:30 p.m. Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

Monday, December 26

Third annual BASD mini-THON Phantoms night to benefit the Four Diamonds fund for conquering childhood cancer. 7:05 p.m. PPL Center, Allentown. Email jwllaesa@basdschools.org or sbeer@basdschools.org.

Tuesday, December 27 - Friday, December 30

Maker Space Days. Drop in anytime to create and build. 3D printer demonstrations on Friday. No registration needed. 6:30 p.m. Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499

Friday, December 30

Library mascot Spike's free dance party; popular songs, children's favorites, family activities and snacks. Open to the public. No registration needed. 11 a.m. Main Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610-867-3761, ext.499.

Saturdays, January 14 - February 11

Yarns & Threads needle crafting for all ages; knitting, crocheting, etc. No registration required. Bethlehem Area Public Library, Southside Branch, 400 Webster St. Visit www.bapl.org/southside/ssprograms.htm or call 610 867-7852.

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MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, December 21

Bethlehem Zoning Board; change of date for this month only. **Snow date for BASD regular board,** 7 p.m. Auditorium, East Hills, 2205 Chester Road.

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

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

Tuesday, December 27

Hanover Twp. Supervisors, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road. There are NO meetings today for the following:
Saucon Valley School Board.
Mayor's South Side Task Force.

Wednesday, December 28

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.
Bethlehem Township Zoning Hearing Board, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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Lehigh University and Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center Partnership promotes innovative thinking

BY CAROLE GORNEY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The coming new year will be full of academic opportunities and challenges for Lehigh University faculty and students when a new partnership takes effect between the university's Baker Institute for Entrepreneurship and the Nasdaq Entrepreneurship Center in San Francisco. Finalized in September, the agreement makes Lehigh an exclusive year-round academic partner in residence at the Nasdaq Center.

"2017 will be a prototype year for us to see how it works," said to Baker Institute Executive Director Lisa Getzler. "We will have some anchor programs, but others might be rotated. We are contemplating something like a study abroad experience - instead to the far-off land of Silicon Valley."

She emphasized that different programs besides just entrepreneurship will come out of the new partnership.

"We will develop programs to be held there with the entire Lehigh faculty," she said. "We will show the way that innovative thinking can be applied across disciplines."

On Jan. 1, a portion of physical space in San Francisco called the "Innovation Hub" will become a dedicated Lehigh University facility, Getzler said. Programming there will be a combination of programs created exclusively by Lehigh, as well as in partnership



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Participating in the Lehigh@NasdaqCenter signing are Bruce Aust, vice chairman of Nasdaq; Lisa Getzler, executive director of Lehigh University's Baker Center for Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation; and John Simon, president of Lehigh University.

with the center.

Faculty will be in residence there for specified periods of time, but not permanently.

"They will remain connected here [the main campus]," Getzler explained.

Lehigh students will also be in residence in San Francisco, where they will receive college credit for hands-on, experience-based, interactive courses in innovation, entrepreneurial thinking and problem solving. The programs and curriculum will be multidisciplinary.

As for student recruitment, Getzler said at this point the num-

bers are difficult to predict.

"The goal this year is to attract students from different disciplines and see what resonates. From there we will be able to build our numbers."

She added that the program is very competitive, with approximately 200 student applications to consider.

"In addition to academic standing, we are looking for a well-rounded resume, for what the program will mean to them, and for what they will bring to the program."

The seed for the new collaboration was sown

through the Baker Institute's LehighSilicon-Valley (LSV) three-credit immersion program that has been held for one week in the winter in the San Francisco Bay area for the past five years. The Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center was established in 2014 and has been looking for an academic partner.

The center had hosted the LSV program, so, according to Getzler, "We were on their radar because we were there, and our perspective aligned with their methodology. At that point, we weren't necessarily thinking about

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Patch Knoll, a Lehigh senior undergraduate design student, participated in the LSV intensive week last year.



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Charles M. Bartish

Air Products global director

Charles M. Bartish, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 1, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospice. Born in Easton, he was a son of the late A. Charles and Justina Y. Bartish. He was the husband of Joanne (Campbell) Bartish for 47 years.

He was a 1965 graduate of Easton Area HI. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Villanova University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in inorganic and organometallic chemistry from Lehigh University.

He was a research chemist, research manager and product safety person in Air Product's chemicals division and global director of product safety over his 36-year career, and retired from the company in 2009.

He represented Air Products on committees and task forces of the Compressed Gas Association.

He chaired task forces in the Society of Plastics Industry and was on the product stewardship committee of the National Paint and Coatings

Association. He was on the advisory boards of Chemtech magazine and the chemical technology program at Lehigh-Carbon Community College.

He was a member and a past president of Northeast Swim Club, Bethlehem; and a member and was on the board of directors of Silver Creek Country Club. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Lehigh Valley, for 48 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Jennifer and her husband Ret. Col. Steven P. Brodfuehrer USMC of Lexington Park, Md.; a son, Charles of Seekonk, Mass.; three grandchildren, Josie, Gunnar and Garrett; a sister, Jane and her husband John Spencer of Vergennes, Vt.; nieces; and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Villanova University annual fund, 800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova, PA 19085.

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

Jeanne H. Bilheimer

BASD secretary

Jeanne H. Bilheimer, 92, formerly of Bethlehem, died Nov. 20, 2016, at Saucon Valley Manor, Hellertown. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late William C. and Maude (Overfield) Herman. She was the wife of the late Willard H. Bilheimer.

She was a 1941 graduate of Liberty HS and later graduated from Bethlehem Business College.

She worked as a plant patrol department receptionist for Bethlehem Steel Corporation during World War II. She was later a secretary in the Bethlehem Area School District for many years. She was a

legal secretary for several area law firms.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Junior League for many years.

She is survived by three sons, Robert and his fiancé Gina Antiga Miller of Bethlehem, John and his wife Sherry of Mt. Olive, N.J. and Thomas of Stroudsburg; two sisters, Elizabeth Hittinger of Bethlehem and Marilyn Wiltsie of Belleville, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Long Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem.

Bob Cohen

member of the Unitarian Universalist Church

Bob Cohen, 78, of Bethlehem, died suddenly Dec. 6, 2016, at home. Born in Springfield, Ohio, he was a son of the late Beatrice (Lopper) and Arthur R. Cohen M.D. He was the husband of Amy Miller Cohen for 42 years.

He attended the Columbus Boychoir School (now the American Boychoir School) from 1948 to 1951, moving with the school from Columbus to Princeton, N.J. He was a graduate of Bexley HS and Cornell University. He earned a master's in English from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctor of education degree in student personnel from Teachers College, Columbia University.

He was the foreign student advisor and acting dean of students at Hunter College, New York City. He then was associate dean of students at Lehigh University. He owned College Admissions Services consulting until he retired in 2010.

He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley, where he sang on the Beacon Choir and cooked meals for the winter homeless shelter.

A Peace Corps volunteer, he taught English literature in Nigeria and was an administrator in Liberia. He sang with Cornell's a cappella group the Cayuga's Waiters and founded Tapioca, an a cappella ensemble. He performed with the British Music Hall shows, the Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra and the Bethlehem Mu-

nicipal Band. He was in the cast of several plays and shows.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Rotary Club for 30 years and was a board member and a past president. He traveled to India for a month as a Rotary group exchange leader. He was on the Bethlehem Arts Council. He was a WDIY-FM radio station board president and was the first programmer to be heard on the air. He was, for several terms, on the Bethlehem Area Public Library board.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Samuel A. and his wife Liliana of East Brunswick, N.J. and Anna C. of Bethlehem; two grandchildren, Madalynn E. and Christopher A. Cohen; a brother, Bill and his wife Randi Cohen of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Marian and her husband Bruce Weiss of Woodstock, Ill.; two nieces, Emily W. and her husband Rich O'Connor of Northbrook, Ill. and Hannah B. Cohen; and twin grand-nieces, Abigail and Isabella O'Connor.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 West Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018; the American Boychoir School, P.O. Box 7468, Princeton, N.J. 08543; or the Community Action Council of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV), 1337 E. Fifth St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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Thomas Barnowski, CBI director of corporate and public safety education, reads "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clark Moore to kindergarteners from Holy Infancy in the Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room.

'Future' NCC students enjoy holiday bazaar

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton Community College hosted its annual Holiday Bazaar for all NCC students and their families at the Fowler Family Southside Center

at 511 East Third St. As in previous years, faculty and staff donated gently used items for students to give as gifts to family and friends for the Dec. 7 event.

For the first time, "future NCC students" were

invited to participate this year. Kindergarten through third grade students from Holy Infancy School gathered in the Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room for the NCC Future Student Bazaar to pick from donated gifts to give to loved ones. They

also were treated to face painting, ornament making and storytelling. NCC dental hygienist students joined the other volunteers in helping with the festivities.



Beverly Bradley, Cops 'n' Kids children's literacy program president, and Tanairy Colon with her book choices and handmade bookworm in a room adjacent to the reading room, where the children picked out their presents. Colon is a student at Holy Infancy School.



Jeannelis Colon, a student at Holy Infancy, has her gift wrapped by volunteer Mary Pat Brake. Both got to be "Christmas mice" for the afternoon.



After picking out their gifts and wrapping them, first graders Kohbe Davis and his buddy Aleksander Vazquez each help themselves to a goodie bag of cookies.



Elementary school students from Holy Infancy get an assist with holiday card making from the Cat in the Hat (NCC student Priya Gupta). Courtney Debosh (center) and Abby Hawley, who volunteered to lend a hand.

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a partnership, however, we had deep ties in the Bay Area through our alumni, who had very prestigious positions in tech startups and venture capital."

Patch Knoll, a Lehigh senior undergraduate design student, participated in the LSV intensive week last year.

"We learned strategies for overcoming the most common sales and business development hurdles for early stage companies," Knoll said, adding that CEOs presented their businesses to the class, which was divided into teams that analyzed and assessed the ventures, debated issues and reached consensus. Then the teams had to present their

findings, conclusions and recommendations.

He called the experience "incredibly helpful."

Knoll also spent a half day at the Nasdaq Center and got involved in some of the preliminary discussions about the collaboration.

"I feel honored that I was part of the group that planted the seed for this partnership," he

said. When the contract was finally signed in San Francisco in September, Nasdaq Center Executive Director Nicola Corzine said, "We are excited to build a new curriculum with one of the best institutions for teaching entrepreneurial studies."

**Northampton Community College
Nonprofit center partners with NCC**

The Philadelphia-based Nonprofit Center and Northampton Community College have partnered to offer a certificate in Nonprofit management, a non-degreed professional development program, in February 2017.

There will be 10 full-day classes totaling 60 continuing education units, including the fundamentals of nonprofit management, effective board governance, marketing, communications skills, program evaluation, financial management, fundraising, human resources, strategic planning, and leadership ability for nonprofit staff and board members.

The courses will be offered at the college's Southside Center. To register, visit www.lifelearn.northampton.edu/modules/, click on "Search Courses," and type in "nonprofit," or call 610-332-8678.

Grant sources workshop Jan. 10

There will be a free grant sources for nonprofit agencies workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 10, 2017, in the Mack Library at NCC's main campus.

The event will highlight services provided by the Foundation Center and introduce the Foundation Directory Online database that comprises information on over 100,000 grant makers. Participants will have an opportunity to use the online database. Bring a flashdrive on which to save information.

To make a reservation, call 610-861-5358 through Dec. 23 and Jan. 3 to 6, 2017.

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For more information, contact NCC at 610-861-5300 or 1-877-543-0998 or visit www.northampton.edu.

**Lock Haven University
Accreditation continued**

The Selected Improvement Commission of the CAEP, in October, decided to continue the NCATE accreditation of the College of Liberal Arts and Education at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels.

According to the report, "This accreditation decision indicates that the education preparation provider (EPP) and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community."

For more information on Lock Haven University, visit www.LHUP.edu or email admissions@LHUP.edu or call 570-484-2011.

DeSales University

Tour and information day Jan. 16

There will be a MLK Day group information session at 10 a.m. on Jan. 16, 2017, at the Center Valley campus. There will be an admissions information presentation and campus tour.

To register, visit <https://apply.desales.edu/Datatel.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=b113fc90-79b5-e611-9402-0050569c3462>.

DeSales University's main campus is located at 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley. For more information, contact DeSales at 610-282-1100 or visit www.desales.edu.

Moravian College

Writer's conference Feb. 3, 4

Guggenheim Fellowship recipient Alison Hawthorne Deming will be the keynote speaker for the 2017 college writers conference on writing and sustainability.

Her most recent nonfiction book is *Zoologies: On Animals and the Human Spirit* (Milkweed 2014). She is the author of three additional nonfiction books and five poetry books.

The conference will be held Feb. 3 and 4, 2017, in the HUB, main campus. For information, visit <http://www.moravian.edu/writersconference2017>.

Moravian College's main campus is located at 1200 Main St. and the south campus is at Main and Church Sts. For more information, call 610-861-1300 or visit <http://www.moravian.edu>.

Penn State Lehigh Valley

New degree programs available

Penn State Lehigh Valley is offering a new four-year baccalaureate degree program in project and supply chain management. The major concentrates on developing knowledge, skills and abilities in project management, supply chain principles and business fundamentals. Additionally, it emphasizes the integration of manufacturing and service operations, logistics, purchasing, and distribution that enable organizations to develop supply chain networks.

A degree in biobehavioral Health is expected to be added in the near future.

For information about the new degree program, email mkm6@psu.edu or call 610-285-5035.

Penn State University's local campus is located at 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley, 18034. For more information, contact 610-285-5000 or visit www.lv.psu.edu.

HEALTH NEWS

**Lehigh Valley Health Network
Singer named Heart Ball 2017 chair**

Dr. Raymond Singer, chief of cardiothoracic surgery at Lehigh Valley Health Network, has been named chair of the 2017 Lehigh Valley Heart Ball. The annual event will be held Feb. 25 at the University Center at DeSales University, 2755 Station Ave., Center Valley.

Singer, has performed about 7,000 procedures during his 25 years of clinical practice experience. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Chest Physicians and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He is a past president of the Lehigh County Medical Society.

The American Heart Association ball's fundraiser, "Hearts in Rhythm Gala", will include dinner, dancing, a silent and live auction and other activities. For information about gala tickets or sponsorship opportunities, visit lehighvalleyheartball.heart.org or call 614-396-3506.

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ABOVE: Verletta Shup brushes snow off her car on Oakland Street before going to work Saturday morning, Dec. 17. Rising temperatures and light rain melted the early snowfall of less than an inch in the Bethlehem area. **RIGHT:** Peyton Virgilio shovels snow off the sidewalk at the front entrance of The Bethlehem Inn Bed and Breakfast on New Street. The senior at Liberty HS was helping his parents, Robert and Suzanne Virgilio, who have owned the bed and breakfast for 29 years. The official start of winter is Dec. 21. The AccuWeather winter outlook is for frequent storms and above average snowfall in the Northeast. Temperatures are predicted to average 3 to 4 degrees lower than last winter. Local residents are advised to dress warmly in layers and protect their hands, feet and face.

Council condemns Cunningham

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Don Cunningham, Bethlehem's former Mayor and Lehigh County's former executive, is now the president and CEO at Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC), a private nonprofit corporation that brings and retains businesses in the Lehigh Valley. More than half of its annual funding comes from Northampton and Lehigh counties, much of it in the form of hotel taxes.

According to LVEDC's 2014 tax return, the most recent

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one available to the public, Cunningham was being paid \$138,000. But he recently decided to accept a \$30,000 salary on the board of directors of Fuling Global, a Chinese plastics company that he helped bring to the Lehigh Valley.

Though Cunningham decided to return the salary, Northampton County Council nevertheless condemned his participation on the Fuling board because it "gives the appearance of a conflict of interest."

The previous day, council also considered

withdrawing a \$70,000 contribution to LVEDC next year to administer the Industrial Development Authority. They relented when the county's own economic development staff told them that they rely heavily on LVEDC.

If Cunningham were a public official, his participation on the Fuling board would be a conflict of interest in violation of the state Ethics Act. But he is now in the private sector, even though much of LVEDC's work is publicly funded.

"While it's perfectly



Don Cunningham was before NorCo Council in May, updating them on economic development in the county.

legal for me to serve, I have learned that perception often becomes people's reality, and I don't want to cause any harm to LVEDC or Fuling," said Cunningham in an email released earlier that day, in which he announced he would accept no salary, thus removing the ethical concern. He asked that Fuling donate his salary to charity.

That did nothing to dissuade Northampton County council from adopting a resolution condemning what had happened.

Hayden Phillips, who sponsored the resolution, was aware of Cunningham's decision to accept no compensation. But he went on with it anyway. "The bell's rung, you can't unring a bell," he said. "I think we should still go through with this."

Bob Werner, who has clashed with Cunningham in the past, called Cunningham's letter a "walkback." "It's an 'I'm sorry' after I hit you." Saying he had no problem with LVEDC, Werner added, "I know Don," and questioned whether Cunningham really was waiving the \$30,000 salary. "If any one of us up here did anything like this at all, we would be fried to death."

Executive John Brown defended Cunningham, stating it is "common practice" among economic development.

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Residency verification investigation reveals some non-compliant students

BY LIZ KEMMERER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Private investigations conducted by DBM Investigations and Consulting, LLC in Bethlehem have, to date, revealed 35 students using BASD services fraudulently. Twenty-five of these students were discovered during the 2015-16 school year, 14 of whom were charter school students, and 10 so far have been uncovered in the 2016-17 school year, of whom three are charter school students.

"On occasion, cases of residency require more time and resources than we truly have to spend in our child accounting office and those we are referring to DBM Investigations," explained Chief HR officer Russell Giordano at the combined committee meeting Dec. 5.

DBM begins an investigation by matching residency information from BASD with that in public databases and then proceeds to investigate leases, knock on doors to inquire who lives at a certain residence, and observe who leaves and enters the house.

"For people who are purposefully misleading us and lying about their address, that requires more intensive investigation," said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy. "We're very pleased with the results and at a very small cost to the district."

That cost is to the tune of \$6,800 for savings of close to \$365,000, assuming all 35 students are in regular education, Giordano clarified. If all these students were in special education, the savings would be closer to \$652,000 as special education requires more resources. The actual savings is assumed to be anywhere in between these two figures.

The 17 charter school students in that mix, again, assuming they are all in regular education, will each save the district over \$10,000 in tuition costs (over \$21,000 for special education), which come directly from the district's



PRESS PHOTO BY LIZ KEMMERER

Chief HR officer Russell Giordano, center, presented a summary of DBM's residency investigation at the combined committee meeting at the Education Center Dec. 5. Chief facilities and operations officer Mark Stein and engineer Arif Fazil of D'Huy Engineering Inc. also presented an update on the HVAC replacement project at East Hills MS and the asbestos abatement project for the building over the holiday.

pocket. "Looking at the list, it's a 50/50 split between students from charter schools and students in our own classrooms who are non-compliant," said board President Michael Faccinnetto. "For those 17 kids, at minimum that's \$170,000 that we've recovered and even more if any of those children are in special education. That's huge savings."

The district receives monthly invoices from each of the 20 charter schools located within its boundaries billing for Bethlehem student tuition. These invoices are reconciled in child accounting where the residency data is compared to that of BASD to verify that the amount owed to the charter is correct, Giordano said. Every discrepancy is discussed with the charter and the district then sends a letter correcting the invoice and subtracting items not owed by BASD.

"We do scrub every one of these invoices," said Giordano. "Charter school invoices get scrubbed in child accounting by someone who handles them with a supervisor verifying. Then they go to the business office. So, before we write checks, we verify that we really are supposed to write these checks."

According to Giordano and board mem-

ber Dr. Dean Donaher, errors in the charter schools' bookkeeping are found on an almost routine basis.

"Charter schools, for instance, can bill from the 21st of the month for the first of the month [even if the child wasn't present at the first of the month], and it's up to us to find these things," said Donaher. "There are no repercussions on them for making these mistakes. This can happen repeatedly to the point where it seems there should be some kind of consequence for their bookkeeping not being accurate."

"It is the rarest of occasions that child accounting doesn't have to make corrections and send a letter explaining what the corrections are," Giordano added. "Over time, the way the system works leaves us with a lot of motivation to do what we do and them with very little motivation to do what they do."

Roy clarified that if a charter does not contest having made a bookkeeping mistake, BASD, like all districts hosting charter schools, still ends up paying the charter the amounts it had subtracted from the invoice by way of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

"When there is a dispute between the district

and a charter, the charter makes a complaint to PDE and PDE deducts it automatically from our next subsidy we get from the state," Roy explained. "Then we have to go file a complaint to get the money back."

"And this is an ongoing exercise every month for 2,000 charter school students that falls on the three people in our child accounting office, on top of everything else they do," said Faccinnetto. "Thank you to the board who supported this. When the administration asked us to spend money on a P.I. it was a gamble to do it, but as you can see it's paid off."

In other news, the board approved plans for East Hills MS to undergo an asbestos abatement project over the Christmas break while the school is empty. This project is in preparation for a routine replacement of the building's HVAC system in the summer.

According to engineer Arif Fazil of D'Huy Engineering, Inc., some parts of the unit being replaced date back to the 1960s when the building first opened.

"We're doing a very strategic focus on some of the highest priority areas of the unit," Fazil said.

"We're excited to have the project design completed and out to bid," stated chief facilities and operations officer Mark Stein.

Bidding is scheduled to open Jan 10 and Fazil and Stein expect the bids to exceed the initial estimate of \$3 million in total project costs.

"We won't know until the bids come back if we'll be able to do the entire project or a piece of it and have to shift our priorities," Fazil clarified. "Until we approve the bids and make the contract, we won't be committed to doing the entire project."

Fazil and Stein hope to bring more solid figures to the January finance committee meeting.

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opment professionals in the private sector, and affords a "learning experience." He indicated that Cunningham's willingness to forego a salary on the Fuling board

should address any misperception. He asked council to withdraw the resolution.

Glenn Geissinger agreed that sitting on a board was not a problem, but accepting money was. He said he believes Cunningham

corrected that error. "I no longer have a problem with it since he's not being compensated," he said.

"At the very least, we should say what he did was wrong," said Council President John Cusick.

Supporting the resolution were Phillips, Werner, Cusick, Peg Ferraro, Mat Benol and Matt Dietz. Voting against it were Geissinger, Ken Kraft and Seth Vaughn.

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Becahi boys are battling for division lead

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic was on the watch list of EPC teams that could surprise this year, but the secret is out for the Hawks two weeks through the regular season.

Becahi is off to a 4-0 start and head coach Ray Barbosa feels that his team has been deserving of their unblem-

ished start. "I think we knew we would be capable of this," said Barbosa. "We knew this was a talented group and as of now they've been playing well."

Junior center Ryan Young has been a major reason for the Hawks hot start, as he's averaged 19 points a game, including a career-high 29 points in last Friday's 70-55 victory over Po-

cono Mountain East. The 6-foot-9 underclassman has quickly exploded onto the scene this year, giving the Hawks a viable scoring option in the low post and perhaps the largest rim protector in the conference.

Pair that with sophomore guard Justin Paz (17.5 ppg) in the backcourt, the Hawks have themselves a complimentary one-two punch.

"Both of these guys have been doing a great job for us so far," said Barbosa. "When you throw in some of the new guys like Jordan Odle, Will Melson and Amir Pettiford, we've been able to come together pretty quickly."

"Now we just have to focus on keeping this going and taking it one game at a time. We can't be satisfied with what we've done."

The Hawks took their undefeated mark up against Liberty on Tuesday night, a contest past Press deadlines, and then close out their schedule before the holiday break at Easton on Thursday.

Heading into this week Becahi (2-0 in EPC play) were battling with Allen (5-0, 2-0) for the Steel Division lead.

A win over Liberty (2-1, 1-1) would be a huge

boost and added cushion for the team heading into the Christmas break.

"One thing that we can always count on with these guys is that they're going to play hard every night," Barbosa said. "This is a big week for us and we know we can get some separation in the division if we play well."

Pates start with 3 wins

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom boys basketball coach Joe Stellato feels his team is right on schedule with where he thought they would be entering the season, as the Patriots entered this week at 3-2 overall.

With back-to-back wins against East Stroudsburg South and Quakertown over the weekend, the Patriots rebounded from an 88-63 defeat to Allen earlier last week.

"We're playing more consistent now on offense, but we're still struggling on defense," said Stellato. "I think when you look at what we've been able to do so far, we're pretty much where we expected to be."

And if Saturday's 61-54 win over Quakertown proved a point, it showed that the Pates can answer in the face of adversity.

With leading scorer Nick King forced out of the game with a first quarter injury, following by losing starter Tyler Muniz in the third quarter, Stellato leaned

on the performance of Lewis Hargett, who scored a career-high 30 points in the win.

Hargett also added 10 rebounds, as the Pates held off a late Quakertown rally, thanks in part to a three-point play by DeShawn Polk with 30 seconds left to put the game away.

"Lewis stepped up and we knew he could do it," Stellato. "If he can stay consistent, it gives us an extra guy we can lean on. Having three options on the floor to get points from would be a big for us."

King has been stellar on the floor this year, averaging 23 points in his first four games this season, but the emergence of Hargett could be what Stellato is looking for when it comes to a one-two scoring combo.

With Dieruff on the road Tuesday, followed by Thursday's centennial rivalry matchup against Liberty, the Pates have a tough week on tap.

"We always tell the kids that we want to win the week," said Stellato. "That's what we'll try to do this week."



Nick King and the Pates started off with three wins this year.

'Canes look to clean things up

BY PETER CAR
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One thing that Liberty's basketball team should be prepared for down the stretch is playing in close games.

The Hurricanes (2-2) went through another nail-biter on Sunday afternoon, falling to Pocono Mountain West 76-74 in overtime at Allen's Swards Gym in the opener of the first Lehigh Valley Round Ball Jamboree.

The four-game slate, which included Whitehall, Parkland and Allen playing teams from out of the area, benefited the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Liberty head coach Chad Landis hopes his team can benefit from playing in another tight game, as they've battled through four close games to start the season, all being decided by an average of 2.5 points.

"Each one of our games this year has come down to the wire," said Landis. "We're putting ourselves in position to be successful, but we need to execute better down the stretch."

If there's been one player that has given Landis comfort this year, it's been senior forward Cameron Hoffman, who poured in a season-high 30 points against PMW on Sunday.

Hoffman has averaged 14 points a game and been the most consistent player on the floor for the 'Canes this season.

"He's our leader and he plays well every night," Landis said. "He's the one guy that consistently gets going every night for us and that's big."

With contests against Bethlehem Catholic (4-0) and Freedom this week (3-2), things don't get any easier for the Hurricanes, especially with Thursday's home tilt against the Patriots marking their 100th meeting between both teams.

"We're putting ourselves in position to win games," Landis said, "but we need to take care of the ball better. We've been averaging 16 or 17 turnovers a game and that has to get better."

"Hopefully, we can continue to learn from these types of games."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LHS falls to Central

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's 61-29 loss to Allentown Central Catholic last Friday night was one of several early season bumps and bruises for the Hurricanes, one to which they are not accustomed, but their ability to regroup will be a key this season.

"We have a lot of freshmen, and they're getting knocked around, and they take it and with such excitement," said Liberty coach Becky Soto. "The older girls are teaching them the ins and outs, and it's helping them bond more and trust each other."

Two things Soto is searching for are consistent scorers and the right combination of players that works best on the floor together.

"Jackie [Arthur] has spurts. Kristina [Polak] hasn't had her run yet," Soto said.

Senior, T'anna Morales, showed to be a reliable scorer on Friday night with 10 points

and was the only Hurricane to score in the fourth quarter.

"She's 5'2, and she thinks she's 8'," said Soto. "It's her drive."

Liberty seniors like Morales, Corinne Lee, Cailin Donegan, and Jen Jetter, are getting their playing time after waiting out a whole starting lineup of seniors last year, the exception being Polak. Then there are freshmen like Isabelle Rosario and Morgan Bokan who are getting time too in order to find that right combination.

"There's a lot of talent here [in the Lehigh Valley]," Soto said. "You can't be a one-dimensional player. You have to be more than a shooter. I call them hybrids. You have to be able to play more than one spot."

After also getting bumped and bruised by Easton last week, and having played Bethlehem Catholic this Tuesday, past Press deadlines, the Hur-

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PRESS PHOTO BY DON HERB

Becahi

Natalie Rhine and the Hawks beat Parkland on the road last week and are now 4-0 on the season.

Freedom girls can't recover in loss to the Canaries

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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A one-point game at halftime became a 10 point deficit by the end of the third quarter from which Freedom could not recover in its 70-66 loss to William Allen last week.

The Patriots began the first quarter with five straight points and three three-pointers by Meckenzie Herman.

Hailey Silfies drained two foul shots to end the first quarter when the Patriots led 16-11.

Foul trouble for the Patriots hit Freedom hard in the second quarter when Allen's Taylor Styles, Millie Troche, and Jakayla Wise combined for eight points from the line. With 2:00 left in the quarter, Troche hit a three to tie the game, and Wise's foul

shots and another bucket by Troche put the Canaries ahead.

Styles and Troche led Allen in the third quarter with a combined seven points, while keeping Herman from doing any more damage.

"We just had to shut her down," said Troche. "They have great hops, and we had to make sure to box them out."

Freedom senior, Kyra Jefferson, ignited a spark for the Patriots

in the fourth quarter after driving the lane and scoring for the fourth time in the quarter, bringing her total to 10 points on the night.

The Patriots came to within four points of the Canaries, but Jefferson then fouled out.

Freedom's Carissa Norder was left alone underneath to score two points, and Rachel Sanchez and Avery Atiyeh had a three apiece in the

final minutes.

Also scoring for the Patriots were Kaitlyn Swint, Yasmine Herrera, and Jennifer Kokolus.

Freedom's record is now 3-2, and Allen's is 3-0.

So far, it's good," Troche said. "We just have to keep our energy up, have good defense, and move the ball around."

'Canes win Penn Manor Tournament

BY PETER CAR
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Timing can be everything in life and Liberty's wrestling team got exactly what they needed over the weekend at the Penn Manor wrestling tournament, coming away with their second consecutive team title.

Matt Maloney (106) and Luke Werner (120) both came away with individual championships, as the Hurricanes outpaced Parkland in the team standings for the title.

The championship weekend came on the heels of a 45-6 loss to Nazareth last Wednesday. Despite bouncing back with a 68-9 win over

Pleasant Valley the following night, the weekend results may have been more meaningful for the Hurricanes.

"Beating Parkland put things in perspective for our team and it was a nice accomplishment after the beating we took at Nazareth," said head coach Jody Karam. "I don't think we're as bad as we wrestled at Nazareth but obviously winning this tournament won't make us complacent either."

Maloney and Werner pinned their way to titles, as Liberty placed nine wrestlers in the tournament.

"It was the first time that Luke ever won this tournament so that was



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Gunner Anglovich picked up a victory against Nazareth despite a team loss.

certainly a positive to "Maloney has worked take away," Karam said. very hard in the offsea-

son and it was very rewarding for him to win. Both of them were quite dominant throughout the tournament."

Other wrestlers to place for Liberty included: Tal-Reese Flemming (113, 3rd), Mike Torres (132, 4th), Damon Moyer (182, 4th), Jaret Figueroa (195, 4th), Jasson Morales (138, 6th), Anthony Emig (160, 6th) and Danny Santiago (145, 8th).

"I think each guy wrestled extremely well and we hit our threshold the last round of the tournament, which basically means each guy met his potential and maxed out on talent," said Karam. "Now we have to take that and improve upon it for down

the road. The event is exactly what we needed with precise timing."

The Hurricanes (1-1) wrap up their final dual meet of 2016 on the road Thursday night against Pocono Mountain East.

Freedom (4-2) wasn't about to travel to Franklin Regional's tournament over the weekend due to inclement weather.

The Pates won their EPC opener last Wednesday over Whitehall, coming away with a 44-24 victory.

They now face the dueling task of taking on Bethlehem Catholic Wednesday night and turn around to face Parkland on Thursday night.

Bethlehem Catholic's Labriola wins first Beast title

BY PETER CAR
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There's a reason Mikey Labriola is the top ranked 170-pound wrestler in the country.

Labriola continued his quest toward a dominating senior season by taking home the Outstanding Wrestler award at the Beast of the East tournament over weekend, winning the 170-pound bracket in relative ease, following a fall over Dom Mandarino of Don Bosco Prep in 5:42.

Labriola was the only Golden Hawk to come away with a title, as

Becahi finished in second place in the team standings with 174.5 points, only behind Blair Academy (290 points).

But the story of the weekend was the dominance of Labriola, who took away his second tournament title in as many weeks and did it in convincing fashion by registering three technical falls and two pins to win his first ever Beast title and becoming the third Golden Hawk in the past four years to win the OW award.

"Mikey is just on a different level than anyone else," said head

coach Jeff Karam. "His work ethic has really picked up from last season and I think that has been a big factor in his success. He really wants to go out each match and score as many points as possible. His conditioning is so good, that he doesn't think about pacing himself because he feels he could go a 20 minute match if needed. Really think he is going to have a special year as the season progresses."

That special year is clearly progressing for Labriola, as he's squarely taken on the leadership role of becoming

Becahi's alpha hawk on the mats.

Outside of Labriola, three other Hawks medaled, including Ryan Anderson, who took second at 120 following a 3-0 defeat to top-seeded Patrick Glory of Delbarton (NJ).

"Overall I was very pleased with the performance over the weekend," Karam said. "I felt we could have a few more place winners. We really lost some tough ones in the placing round and some guys had some tough draws right out of the gate."

"Basically we took

away a lot of things we need to work on from the past two weeks. That is the reason we do these tournaments early in the season. We want to see what the guys are doing right, but more importantly what are some of the key things we need to be stressing in the practice room."

Senior heavyweight Niko Camacho took fourth after falling to Eric Chakonis of Don Bosco Prep 4-2 in sudden victory, while Jarred Papsy won fifth place with a 3-2 win over Don Bosco's Evan DeLuise.

"I'm extremely opti-

mistic about this group and their development this early in the season," said Karam. "Always hope to come out of the first two weeks injury free and we pretty much attained that goal. I'm excited to see how we match up in duals against some of the better teams in the area and state. Really think we have some good depth throughout the line up."

Becahi (1-0) has two duals this week, both at home, as they take on Freedom Wednesday night and then host Emmaus on Friday night.

Liberty boys swim team knocks off Allen in first meet

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's boys' swim team won its season opener against Allentown Central Catholic, 99-82, last Tuesday.

Jase Smith, Anthony Delcorso, Robert Negron, and Jake Evert combined to win the 200 medley relay with a time

of 1:39.95.

In individual events, Chase Ledger won the 200 IM with a time of 2:07.36, and Negron was a double event winner in the 50 free with a time of 21.11 and in the 100 fly with a time of 53.36.

"Central's Charlie Lilj was fighting me the whole time," Ledger

said. Li came in second in 2:14.89.

Ben Stuckey won the 500 free with a time of 5:22.64. Chris Chambers placed second in 5:25.50.

"I was pretty confident about our first meet and going against one of my teammates," said Stuckey. "My time was

better than my first time last year, but I didn't do preseason [swimming] because of cross-country, so I'll keep trying."

Joining Stuckey and Chambers to be the best in the 500 free is teammate, Chase Ledger.

"All three of us tend to compete well against each other," Stuckey

said. Smith won the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.16.

Liberty's boys also won the 200 free relay when Evert, Delcorso, Chambers, and Negron took first place with a time of 1:29.99.

In diving, Kellen Rogers took second place

with 186.60 points, missing first place by seven points, and Liberty freshman, Billy Muniz, was third with 120.05 points.

The Hurricanes will take on the Red Rovers to close out the calendar year on Thursday at Easton.

LHS girls also get a victory against the Canaries

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls' swim team won its season opener against Allentown Central Catholic, 98-80, last Tuesday.

"It was definitely exciting," said senior, Julia McCarthy. "It gave us a sense of how to take on the year."

Sabrina Krotzer, Mc-

Carthy, Samantha Taylor, and Kendra Smith won the first event of the day, the 200 medley relay, with a time of 1:57.05.

Later in the meet, Abby Mack, Greta Stuckey, Taylor, and Anna Lehr won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:46.32.

"We're a close team,

so we can all rely a lot on our relays," McCarthy said.

In individual events, Lehr won the 200 free in 2:04.58 and the 500 free in 5:37.29, and McCarthy won the 200 IM in 2:14.26 and the 100 free in 54.29.

"I was very happy with [my 100 free]. It was right on my best time. It was a nice surprise," said McCarthy.

Smith placed first in

the 50 free in 26.24, and Krotzer won the 100 fly in 1:03.15.

In diving, Meryem Okumus missed first place by 10 points and placed second with a total of 176.40. Madysen DeAngelo was fourth with 131.70, Cara Kuykens was fifth with 124.25, and Alicia Valadares placed sixth with 120.70.

Liberty's girls' div-

ing team has increased by four divers since the beginning of the season, bringing the girls' total to 10.

New additions are juniors, Lehanna Sine and Hannah Graybeal, and sophomores, Evelyn Sharkan and Morgan Edwards.

The Hurricanes will close out 2016 with an away meet on Thursday at Easton.

LHS

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ricanes are still excited about the unknown.

"Yes. It's my job," said Soto. "What I thought I had, and the roles I expected from certain players, transformed into more."

Arthur had seven points, and Polak had six.

Caillin Donegan hit a three pointer, Morgan Bokan added two points, and Jayda Kempfer had one point.

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Before the dance begins, fathers and daughters lines up outside the photo booth to get a memento of the evening. The cowboys chat while the cowgirls wait.

Bethlehem Twp. hosts 11th annual event

BY DOROTHY GLEW
Special to the Press

This year 64 dads and daughters signed up to attend the 11th annual Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Bethlehem Township Community Center. Young attendees at the dance, called the Boots & Bling Ball, ranged in age from three to eight. Not surprisingly, it was a lively affair.



Three cowgirls take a refreshment break. The girl in the middle sports the flashing ring that each girl received in keeping with the bling theme of the dance.



Cebric Hickerson flashes a smile as he dances with his daughter Cameron, resplendent in a white lace dress decorated with lights, a fur cape and a tiara.



Fred Donatelli was both DJ and master of ceremonies.



The lights turn red as dads and their daughters, some in their father's arms, do a slow dance.



Kylene Gill, recreation supervisor for Bethlehem Township, sports a cowgirl hat at the event that she organized. She commented good naturedly on the challenge posed by the need to come up with a different title for the dance each year.



After their daughters finished, the fathers face a greater challenge in clearing the limbo stick. Some of the girls look amused by their father's efforts while others accompanied their dads.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Due to space constraints, for ongoing events, please email, visit or call the following:

Bethlehem: www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village or call 610-739-1775; www.christmascity.org or call 610-332-1300.

Bethlehem Garden Club's decorated trees, inspired by popular Christmas carols; Historic Bethlehem sites; <http://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.

Christmas films. Various times. Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Call 610-332-1300 or visit www.artsquest.org.

Christmas Trees From Around the World, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. Call 610-882-9700. Through Jan. 8.

Doors and Windows of Bethlehem exhibit, Nov. 25 through Jan. 1. North and SouthSide buildings.

Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center, hours vary; through Dec. 26. 505 Main St. Visit <http://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.

Live Advent Calendar, 5 p.m. Goundie House, 507 Main St. through Dec. 23. Visit <http://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.

Putzes (music, narration and Biblical creche-style scenes): www.centralmoravianchurch.org/ 610-866-5661; www.edgeboromoravian.org/ 610-866-8793; www.easthillsmc.org/ 610-868-6481.

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Winter student art exhibit, through Jan. 6, 2017. Corpora Gallery, 321 E. Third St. Viewings by appointment: email ireinhard@charterarts.org.

Thursday, December 22

Swingin' the Holidays with Rob Stoneback Big Band, Dinner: 6 p.m., show: 7:30 p.m., Cost. Musikfest Café, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. <http://www.christmascity.org/event/3670/swingin-the-holidays-with-the-rob-stoneback-big-band/>.

Saturday, December 24

Peter Kearns Memorial Christmas Tree Toss for Charity, 11 a.m., More Miles Automotive, 1458 Steflo Blvd.; <http://ow.ly/p1Ke307bj7V>.

Sunday, December 25

Organ Noël's with Stephen Williams, organist; baritone Ian Murphy; soprano Lauren Smith. 3 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Call 610-865-0727 or visit www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/.

Saturday, December 31

Celtic Spirituality Night; live Celtic music, reflection, meditation, healing and peace. 5 to 6 p.m. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Call 610-865-0727 or visit www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/.

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Moravian speaker offers

Reflections on the Supreme Court

BY DOROTHY GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

This year Moravian College's Cohen Arts and Lecture speaker, Jeffrey Toobin, was both informative and entertaining. Toobin is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

In the course of his legal career, Toobin served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Brooklyn. In 1993 he gave up practicing law and took up journalism. He is now a legal analyst for CNN and staff writer at The New Yorker. He is also the bestselling author of seven books, the most recent of which is "American Heiress," about Patty Hearst.

The program began with welcoming remarks by Robert J. Schoenen, vice chair of Moravian's Board of Trustees. Dr. Jamie Paxton, associate professor and chairman of the History Department, introduced the speaker.

Taking the podium, Toobin expressed his envy of those who live in swing states such as Pennsylvania, "where there are all those great TV commercials, whereas New York is so dull."

Turning to his topic, the Supreme Court,

Toobin told the audience that Justice David Souter, now retired, is his favorite Supreme Court Justice "because he was so weird." He had no computer, no cell phone, no answering machine, but "he had a great perspective on what it is to be a justice."

With the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the court now has four liberal and four conservative justices, and, as Toobin pointed out, it reflects the partisan divisions so pronounced today. He said the election and subsequent approval of a ninth justice will determine the direction the court takes. Three justices, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, age 83; Justice Anthony Kennedy, age 80; and Justice Stephen Breyer, age 78, might be expected to retire before long.

Citing decisions by the court over the years, Toobin illustrated how partisan it can be. During the mid and late 1960s, there was a substantial liberal majority on the court, led by Chief Justice Earl Warren. During his tenure, the so-called Warren Court expanded civil rights, outlawing segregation in public schools. This was followed by passage of the Civil



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Toobin speculates on the future of the Supreme Court. Sometimes, a justice will prove to be less partisan than anticipated, he said.



Robert Schoenen, vice president of Moravian's Board of Trustees, welcomes the audience.

Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. During George W. Bush's administration, the court took a conservative turn with the appointment of justices John Roberts and Samuel Alito. They were instrumental in striking down part of the Voting Rights Act and the McCain Feingold Campaign Finance Law.

Sometimes a justice will prove to be less partisan than anticipated, Toobin said. For example, when Reagan appointed

Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the court, she proved to be a moderate, and not a conservative. Writing the majority opinion for the court in 2003, she came down in favor of affirmative action in college admissions decisions. More recently, conservative Roberts sided with the Democrats in affirming the constitutionality of President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Following his pre-



Dr. James Paxton, associate professor and History Department chair, introduces Toobin.

sentation, Toobin took questions from the audience. When asked if he thinks there will be any decision on gun control in the next few years, he replied that there might be more regulation, but no outright bans. Asked if there should be a mandatory retirement age for justices, he replied in the affirmative. However, he said that it would never happen because it would involve amending the Constitution, and that is "very tough."

When Toobin was asked if he was surprised by the Republican refusal to consider the president's nomination of Merrick Garland to the court, he replied that it was "brazen," coming as it did one hour after Scalia's death, when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that there would be no vote. For all that, Toobin believes that Garland will eventually be approved.

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Weight loss is a popular resolution come the new year. But in spite of that popularity, the resolution to lose weight is no small task. When resolving to lose weight, men and women will encounter an abundance of information about dieting and weight loss. It's difficult to know who to believe and to determine which plans will be effective.

Research published by Shape magazine says nearly one in three young people embark on a new diet each month, but 45 percent give up after one week, and about half abandon their goals within a month. Data released in the Daily Mail in 2013 said that although one in seven (13 percent) women in the United Kingdom stick to a diet for 13 weeks or more, nearly one in five (19 percent) succumb to their favorite food cravings after a month.

What's the magic formula for weight loss? Experts advise that there isn't any. Weight-loss strategies that require fad dieting or restrict certain foods may not produce long-term success. Rather, a lifestyle overhaul is often the most effective weight loss strategy.

• **Recognize that quick fixes do not work.** Drastic weight loss approaches may produce immediate results, but such plans are not sustainable. Drastic plans include certain detoxes and cleanses; diets that eliminate all but a few foods; some prepackaged foods; and food-replacement strategies. Feelings of deprivation or boredom may make people following these diets unsuccessful in the long run. Losing weight means changing one's food and exercise plans over the long haul.

• **Eat in regular intervals.** Researchers at the National Weight Control Registry offer that spacing food evenly throughout the day is the key to successful, long-term weight loss. People who eat healthy food at regular intervals are better nourished, think more clearly and report fewer mood swings than those who eat erratically.

• **Recognize that not all carbs are bad.** People trying to lose weight often hear that they should increase protein consumption and drastically reduce their intake of carbohydrates. While it's smart to reduce consumption of processed carbs and those that are made largely of white flour, there are some healthy carbohydrates, including beans, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.

• **Be flexible.** As a person's body ages, his or her metabolism will change. Men and women should revisit their recommended caloric intake every few years. In addition, men and women can routinely revisit their exercise routines to determine the efficacy of those routines and alter their workouts to reflect the physical changes their bodies are going through as they age.

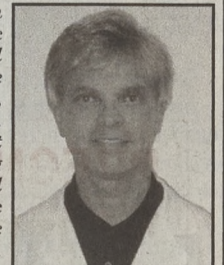
A person's first step before dieting or attempting to lose weight should be to consult their physician, who can help men and women achieve their weight loss goals in a way that's healthy and easy to maintain for years to come.

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Linda Ortega

Lehigh Valley Academy



Grade: Graduated senior
Family members: My family members are Valeria Ortega (mom), Ray Reid (father), Elena Reid (sister), Destinee Negron (sister) and Ariana Reid (sister).

Favorite subject: Theory of Knowledge is my favorite subject. This class allowed me to expand on different areas of knowledge and analyze different aspects of the world. It also challenged me to think outside the box, and this has been really beneficial to me in my community work as well as other classes.

Activities: My main activity is community work.

Next steps: My goal is to attend a university.

Career goals: My career goal is to become a neurosurgeon and eventually run my own practice.

Heroes: I would say my mom is my hero. She has been with me every step of the way and has always been supportive. She has shown me how to push through tough times and be the best I can be. Even when I felt like giving up, my mom has always been there to lift me up. I am so thankful to have a mom who is perfectly imperfect because she has shown me how to grow up to be who I am today and who I will become.

Hobbies: My hobbies are Zumba, reading and running.

Volunteer/community work: I enjoy being very involved in the community and helping out in any way I can. I have created my own groups to walk for breast cancer and autism. Recently I was able to organize my own community event to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer. I try to be involved in my community as much as I can, from cleaning up graveyards to creating events.

Likes: My likes include cheetah print, vintage, traveling, trying new things, football and shopping.

Dislikes: I dislike a lot of noise, clutter/disorganization, camping and spiders.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment has to be the event I organized to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer. I would say this is my greatest accomplishment so far because I was able to expose myself to many different aspects of the business world and gain knowledge and enhance the knowledge I already had. By doing this project, I feel ready to take on many obstacles and opportunities that my come my way, and I am proud to say I was able to accomplish something that would help others.

Advice for peers: My advice would be to do what you want to do regardless what anyone says. It is important to not listen to what others say and let it get in your head, but rather listen to yourself; only you know you. By doing this and trusting/believing in yourself, you can conquer anything as long as you put your mind to it.

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



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Troop 302 members recite the Scout Oath during ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the troops sponsorship by Bethlehem First Presbyterian Church.

Troop marks 100th year with sponsor

BY DANA GRUBB
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Scouts, scout leaders and scouting families gathered recently to commemorate Boy Scout Troop 302's 100th year of being chartered through a single entity, First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem,

During the anniversary dinner in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Minsi Trails Council's representative Don Sachs made a presentation of the troop's charter to Rev. Dr. Marnie Crumpler, pastor of First Presbyterian. Pre-

sentations of proclamations by State Senator Lisa Boscola and State Representatives Steve Samuelson and Marcia Hahn followed. A comedy skit was performed by current Troop 302 scouts and remembrances were offered by Troop 302 Eagle Scouts Dan

Jubinski (1987), James Feuerstein (1996) and Ricky Santee (2002). Troop 302 memorabilia was also on display.

Troop 302 was originally chartered as Troop 2 Nov. 1, 1916, and currently has 36 members, according to Scoutmaster Todd Siegfried.



State representatives Steve Samuelson (135th District) and Marcia Hahn (138th District) present Troop 302 Scoutmaster Todd Siegfried with a proclamation in honor of the troop's 100th anniversary. State Senator Lisa Boscola (18th District) also presented a proclamation from the Pennsylvania Senate.



Troop 302 memorabilia covering the organization's history was displayed, including this baseball cap.

SCHOOL NEWS

BASD: Students selected for PMEA

The Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association District 10 recently named several local high school students for the PMEA upcoming festivals.

Orchestra members will include Ryan Bailis, Freedom HS; and Jocelyn Snyder, Julia Zheng, Chloe Wilcox and Vivian Wong, Liberty HS.

Band members selected are Chloe Wilcox, Micaela Azzati, Rachel Newman, Sarafina Schultheis, Chaihong Nah, Jocelyn Snyder, Seth Bobyak and Wyatt Achey, Liberty HS; and Emily Sylvester, Jana Boksan and Mike Harding, Freedom HS.

Freedom: 50th anniversary ornaments

The Freedom HS 50th anniversary edition collectible ornament is now available from the Class of 2018 student council and the 50th anniversary committee. Email achiafulio@basdschools.org.

Liberty: Students attend state FBLA event

Krytal Nunez, grade 11, and Ceren Alici, grade 12, will represent Liberty HS at the state future business leadership conference in Hershey in the advertising and accounting II areas, respectively.

At the regional level, the fifth place winners were the management information systems team of Indira al-Rashid, Jessica Batoussi and Nancy Ondeki; the marketing team of Liam Fogarty, Grace Mittl and Jonathan Heess; and in accounting I, Elliott Bond.

The sixth place team in management decision-making was Zach Baez, Aaron Mannicci and Carlo Perugini; and the eighth place in journalism went to Shelby Williams.

Calypso ES: School celebrates centennial

The school is the oldest elementary school in the Bethlehem Area School District. The Dec. 6 celebration included alumni, performances from Nitschmann MS students, and a world premier of the new school song, assisted by Dave Fry.

Charter Arts: Open house set for Jan. 5

There will be an admissions open house Jan. 5, 2017, at the school, 321 E. Third St. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be a presentation by school administrators at 6:20 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Visit www.charterarts.org.

Auditions for the next school year will be held Feb. 10, 24 and 25, 2017.

Students residing in Pennsylvania and entering grades nine, 10 or 11 are eligible to audition in one of seven artistic majors: dance, theater, figure skating, instrumental music, visual art, literary arts, or vocal music. A prospective student should first attend an admissions open house.

Auditions will be held by appointment only. For forms and information, visit www.charterarts.org/admissions/.

To submit your news item in SCHOOL NOTES, send the information to George Taylor at gtaylor@tonline.com or mail the information to SCHOOL NOTES, Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, PA 18104.



Life Scout Elliott Bond listens as Troop 302 remembrance speaker and Eagle Scout Dan Jubinski addresses the assembly: "You know what it's like to be a scout because scouting is consistent over time."



The Rev. Dr. Marnie Crumpler, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, accepts Troop 302's Charter from Don Sachs, Minsi Trails Council's director of development.



Participants in Troop 302's 100th anniversary dinner enjoy a hearty meal of fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert.



Over 100 scouts, scout leaders and scouting family members attend the 100th anniversary celebration.



Troop 302 members begin the program.

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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 56%. The record high temperature for today is 63° set in 1920. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 26°. The record low for tonight is -2° set in 2005. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 60% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 81%. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday night with a 50% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 30°. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 43°. Skies will become partly cloudy Saturday with a high temperature of 45°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 46°.

Weather Trivia

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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



John Maldonado is quite pleased with his M&M shingles.



Zorianna Haldeman and her grandmother, Jayne Smith, work together.

Gingerbread night at the township

Bethlehem Township's latest development? Gingerbread Houses. Community Center Director Jackie Gilligan says it's an annual tradition, though many kids began eating the decorations before their homes were built.

Andrew Swercheck has fashioned a chocolate window with licorice stick shutters.



About 30 kids participate in annual gingerbread house construction at Bethlehem Township Community Center.

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Isn't He Wonderful?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is wonderful! The prophet Isaiah foretold, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...and his name shall be called Wonderful" (Isaiah 9:6). The Hebrew word for "Wonderful" denotes something indescribably great; that which is so tremendous and so amazing, that it is literally beyond all description and human comprehension. Everything about Jesus is wonderful!

He is wonderful in His birth! He was virgin born, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). He had only one earthly parent. The Holy Spirit brought about the miraculous birth of the Son of God. The supernatural events surrounding His birth—angels announcing His birth, wise men led by a star to come and worship Him, etc.—witness that He is wonderful!

He is wonderful in His person! Isaiah described Him as "The mighty God" (Isaiah 9:6). He is God incarnate, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). He is the Creator! "All things were made by him" (John 1:3). In Revelation 19:16 He is revealed as "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS!"

He is wonderful in His life! He healed the sick, and saved the sinner. He "knew no sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The good He did far exceeds my ability to enumerate here.

He is wonderful in His death! All of the Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the wonderful work that He did on Calvary as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

He is wonderful in His resurrection! No other can make His claim, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:18).

He remains wonderful yet today! "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Do you know Him?

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'Not a creature was stirring'

... Well, maybe some mice, and St. Nick's reindeer

I began writing as a hobby about a year before I retired as an elementary school teacher. The following has been tweaked over the past 15 years or so. I've had requests each holiday season from readers and friends to see it again. It contains new information.

I adapted the holiday story poem, "The Night before Christmas" by Clement C. Moore, adding natural history information about the winter habits of Keystone State's mammals.

The list of Pennsylvania mammals that are true hibernators, the ones who go into a coma-like state during the winter, is very short.

A black bear, for example, sleeps, but not deeply. It can be easily aroused. It is not a true hibernator while the groundhog almost completely shuts down its vital body systems; it is a true hibernator.

There is no slowing of the black bear's breathing and heartbeat.

So if you disturb a black bear you'd better quickly retreat.

Much like in Moore's poem, the true hibernators have settled down for "A Long Winter's Nap."

The meadow-jumping mouse and the woodland-jumping mouse are true hibernators. Penn's Woods' other mice are

BUD'S VIEW

By Bud Cole



active throughout the winter.

Within the fields and meadows near our house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The jumping mouse's fat little belly would surely shake like a bowl full of jelly.

With its little nose tucked into its chest, until the end of winter in the nest it will rest. Its underground nest was prepared with great care in hope the spring weather soon would be there.

Groundhogs retire to their burrows as the first signs of heavy frost arrive. They spend the winter in a death-like sleep while existing entirely on stored fat built up from food consumed during summer and fall.

Recent research at the Penn State Berks Campus, Reading, found that males will stir and leave the burrows for short periods of time, getting a head start searching for females, not their shadows.

Late winter running of the maple sap is a male groundhog's alarm to wake from his

long winter's nap. His shadow's appearance on February two is a certain hinter, to go back to sleep for six more weeks of winter.

Pennsylvania has nine bat species that live or visit the state. The big brown, little brown, Keen, Indiana and pygmy bats stay and are true hibernators.

They do not even stir to see what is the matter, when the cave's damp roof produces a resounding clatter. In their coma-like sleep they hang clustered together until the arrival of spring brings much warmer weather.

What are other Keystone State wildlife species doing in the winter?

A raccoon takes on a thick layer of fat, but it does not hibernate.

It becomes chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf and you'll laugh at the sight in spite of yourself. While the moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow gives the luster of mid-day to raccoons below.

The familiar striped skunk, like the bear, is able to nap for a few weeks using its fat reserves. I've had a "close encounter of the skunk kind" and I knew just what to do. Back up, stay calm and slowly retreat. But "knowing and doing" are two entirely different concepts. One



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White-tail deer have a difficult time finding food and moving about in the winter when snow and ice cover the ground.

night on my way from my Pocono cabin to the annex, the one with the crescent moon on the door, I met Mr. Skunk face to face.

I looked for a wink of its eye and a twist of its head, signs showing I had nothing to dread. Then laying a finger aside of my nose, in quick retreat back up the steps I rose. Then I gave a safe sigh and also a whistle as the skunk ran away like the down of a thistle.

Gray squirrels are out and about unless there is a lengthy spell of frigid weather.

Where are the grays

as the winter weather sets in? They're playing in my yard with fat tummies and grins. Only extremely cold weather sends them to their tree dens with visions of my suet and birdseed dancing in their heads.

Our State Mammal, the white-tailed deer, is active year round, but unlike Rudolph, Dancer, Prancer and the rest of Santa's reindeer, our white-tails can't dash away, dash away, dash away all. When the snow is deep, has a hard crust or the ground is covered with ice the deer struggle to move about and feed. In winter they survive by foraging on

grasses and woody twigs and buds.

And finally what to my wondering eyes should appear, but the sight of eight splendid white-tailed deer. Standing in my yard, a beautiful sight.

Now it appears I've run out of more words to write.

So Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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Dig these gifts for your favorite gardener

When shopping for holiday gifts, given that gardening is one of the most popular hobbies nationwide, there is sure to be a gardener or two on your list.

This column isn't for gardeners, however. It's for those considerate and well-intentioned friends and loved ones who try their best each year to get their gardening friends the perfect gardening gift. So leave this copy of Focus lying around conspicuously, perhaps with a few items highlighted, and make things easier for those generous souls seeking the ideal present for the gardening enthusiast.

Gardening gifts can be great, but it's hard to express your enthusiasm for another rain gauge when you already have three, or colorful hand tools that you know will break the first time they hit real soil or the beautiful coffee table book on orchids when your special interest is cactus.

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what they need, you might want to stay away from things like pruners and trowels, especially the cheaper ones that break after a few uses.

A great tool is the soil knife, which is handy for many purposes, from planting bulbs, to slicing through sod, to digging out and dividing perennials. Most gardeners say they don't know what they did without one, so that could be a great gift if someone doesn't already have one.

Gardeners spend a great deal of time out in the sun, so comfortable gardening hats, sunscreen, and lightweight long-sleeved shirts are useful.

Items that can help with those aches and pains include kneepads or garden kneelers. Gardening soap, nailbrushes and hand creams to help with dirty or dry, cracked hands are always appreciated.

If your gardener is also a bird lover, winter is a great time to get



PHOTO BY DIANE DORN

Gardeners appreciate good quality, practical, useful gifts.

suet feeders and cakes, birdseed or feeders. A small heater for a birdbath will allow them to provide water all season long without worrying about cracking their birdbath.

Some gardeners like to get those cutesy shirts with gardening sayings on them, gardening crafty things to set around, and mugs that look like pots, but that's not for everyone.

Stocking stuffers could include things like a Penn State soil

sample mailing envelope, poison ivy block, rooting hormone, water-retaining powder for potted plants, or floral shears which are great for trimming small plants or preparing cuttings.

There are so many useful, practical or whimsical garden gadgets. If you know the person you are buying for, you can certainly give them a gift that they will use and think of you throughout the gardening season.

Now you've got the list. It's your job to mark what you'd like in this column, add a few things and leave it around for some gift-giver to find.

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Baum 'Holiday Gift Gallery'

Margaret DeCook, left, with her display of fabric art and fabric wrapped bowls, and Nanette Wallis, right, holding a fused glass "Koi Fish in a Bowl" she created, are among 50 regional artists invited to participate in this year's "Holiday Gift Gallery," through Dec. 22, The Baum School of Art, 510 W. Linden St., Allentown, according to Kristine Kotsch, Baum director of exhibitions and collections. An opening reception, sponsored by Bob and Sandy Lovett, was held Dec. 1. Information: baumschool.org, 610-433-0032.



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ASO CHORUS

Auditions Jan. 26 for 'Resurrection'

Auditions for the Allentown Symphony Chorus, now in its fourth season, will be held 6 - 9 p.m. Jan. 26, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

The Allentown Symphony Chorus, under

the direction of Chorus Director Eduardo Azzati, will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 2 in C minor, "Resurrection," with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestra Diane Wittry, April 8 and 9, 2017, in Miller Symphony Hall.

The chorus rehearsal schedule, an audition application and infor-

mation is at millerartsymphonyhall.org/symphony/about/allentown-symphony-chorus

For questions, contact Donna Fritchey, Orchestra Operations Manager, dfritchey@allentownsymphony.org; 610-432-7961, ext. 205.

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"Tony & Tina's Wedding"

Auditions Jan. 7, 8. Auditions for the ArtsQuest production

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"Tony & Tina's Wedding" will be presented Feb. 10-11, 14, 17-18, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks.

To reserve an audition time, contact ArtsQuest Performing Arts Coordinator Cory Stelzman: cstelzman@artsquest.org.

Actors selected to appear in the performances will be compensated.

Auditionees must email Stelzman by Jan. 5 with their name, phone number, resume, headshot and availability.

Information: tony-lovestina.com, steelstacks.org

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December
A magical thing and sweet to remember.
We are nearer to Spring than
we were in September.
I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.
-Oliver Herford

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Santa Claus & the Belsnickel

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The night before Christmas
is very near
but creatures are stirring,
even the mice.
All quiver in fear, cause
Belsnickel soon will be here.
What? — What happened to
Santa Claus? What happened to
sugarplum fairies,
sweets and spice?
And who's this Belsnickel
fellow?
He's neither jolly nor mellow.
Belsnickel gets children who
are naughty, not nice.
His glaring stare is colder
than arctic ice.

He comes before Christmas
and carries a switch.
This Belsnickel fellow sounds
more like a Halloween witch.
Does this script have
some kind of glitch?
No carrot at Christmas,
only the stick?
Must Christmas come with
some kind of hitch?
None of this Belsnickel stuff
say the kids today.
Just give us our gifts
cause we want to play.
Winter's no time to be
out making hay!
In trumpy brown knickers,

a coat and a cap,
Belsnickel comes to each house
following his map.
His gray beard flowing over his
tattered old scarf,
He carries a switch
to help with his part.
To get your attention
he'll jingle his bell and
scratch at your door.
To lower your guard he'll
scatter peanuts, oranges and
treats on your floor.
When you pick up your treat,
he'll switch at your feet
Before Christmas sun,
he'll come just one more time if

you're good,
to leave nice gifts under your
tree as you hoped he would
That's the Belsnickel;
he's nasty but nice.
Du besser bischt gudt,
der Belsnickel kumpt!
Well kids, have no fear
Belsnickel hasn't been seen
very near for many a year.
These days it's usually Santa
who comes around here

Michael Vianello
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About the Belsnickel

The Belsnickel used to visit the homes of Pennsylvania Dutch children many years ago. In those days, the children were often told during the year, "Du besser bischt gudt der Belsnickel kumpt." (Loosely — you'd better be good, the Belsnickel will come.)

The last sighting of Belsnickel around here reported to us was by Ruth Rinker of Sciota. She grew up in the West End of Monroe County. Ruth tells us that Belsnickel visited her home only once, in 1926. She was around 6 years old then.

Ruth, then Ruth Gougher, lived on the "outskirts" of Kunkletown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gougher, and her younger brother, Walter. It was Christmas Eve 1926, just a little after dark. Ruth and her 4-year-old brother, both in stocking feet, were dressed in their flannel nightclothes — almost ready for bed. Mom and Dad were around, but Ruth's grandfather had gone to visit some neighbors. They heard some sleigh bells jingling. Then, there was a scary rattling on the porch. Suddenly, there appeared at the window an old man in trumpy clothes. He scratched his switch on the window to get the children's attention and scare them. The children were really frightened. They wouldn't go near the door. So Ruth's dad opened the door for Belsnickel.

There stood the Belsnickel. He was an old man dressed in trumpy clothes. He wore brown knickers, boots and a dark overcoat. His long, gray beard flowed out from under a visored cap and poured over his tattered scarf. He was about the same height as her grandfather, but Belsnickel had a potbelly as big as a pillow. Belsnickel only stepped a foot or two into the Goughers' kitchen. He scattered peanuts and oranges on the floor — a very special treat in those days.

This relaxed the kids a little. A sudden rush of bravness came over Ruth and Walter. It was brought on by the treats Belsnickel had spread on the floor in front of him. They moved forward and started picking up the orange and peanut treats. Then, without even the hint of a warning, Belsnickel lashed out with his fresh-cut switch. He started thrashing their legs with the birch twig. It hurt, tells Ruth.

The children scampered and ran. They hid behind the old brown Apollo cookstove. They stayed behind the stove until Belsnickel left. Then the kids came out from behind the old brown cookstove and picked up the treats.

After that they went to bed — their legs still smarting a



little from the Belsnickel's switch. The next morning when they awoke, Ruth and her brother Walter found gifts under the Christmas tree. Belsnickel had returned later Christmas Eve and left them under the tree for Ruth and Walter. That was the one and only time Belsnickel visited Ruth and Walter. After that, it was Santa Claus instead of Belsnickel who visited the Goucher home in Kunkletown each Christmas to leave presents for the kids.

Ruth and Walter liked Santa much better than Belsnickel. Santa doesn't have a switch. Knecht Ruprecht, perhaps a distant cousin of Belsnickel, still visits children in Germany. Several weeks before Christmas, St. Nikolaus and one of his helpers, Ruprecht, visit German children. St. Nikolaus (Santa) has a list with all the children's names. The list tells what things naughty and what things nice the children did during the year. St. Nikolaus gives the kids treats, oranges, candy, apples and nuts, for the nice things they have done.

On the other hand, Ruprecht carries his stick. Ruprecht swats the naughty kids with his stick. The kids sing Christmas songs and recite poetry as part of the festivities. Then St. Nikolaus makes a list of what toys and things the children want for Christmas. Neither St. Nikolaus, nor his nasty helper Ruprecht, return on Christmas Day. Rather, on Christmas Eve, Christkind and the Christmas angels come, unseen by anyone, and place gifts under the tree.

Merry Christmas!

Author's Note:

We asked other people with Pennsylvania Dutch roots if Belsnickel had ever visited them. Only a few had been visited by him. Some said they had heard about Belsnickel from the older folks, but their childhoods were spent years after Ruth Rinker's 1926 encounter with Belsnickel. In the early 1900s, as well as the 1800s, the West End of Monroe County, at the foothills of the Pocono Mountains, was a very remote and isolated area. (So were many other rural areas.) It's rather tempting to speculate therefore that it was difficult for St. Nikolaus, Ruprecht, Christkind and the Christmas angels all to make their way to the West End at Christmastime. Perhaps that is why Belsnickel performed all the tasks of these other Christmas personalities — Ruprecht's switching, St. Nikolaus' scattering treats, and Christkind's leaving gifts. These Christmas personalities are very cooperative indeed. They change and modify their schedules and roles somewhat to accommodate the Christmas customs and calendars of each region, or sometimes each household, they visit. Unfortunately, Belsnickel is another one of those precious and unique elements of the local Pennsylvania Dutch culture that is being lost.

We would like to hear about more encounters with Belsnickel. If you have or if you know anyone who has ever encountered Belsnickel, email tneditor@tnonline.com. We would like to put together a compendium of stories about Belsnickel — before he disappears forever.

Santa and the Belsnickel make a deal



Once upon a time, in the Pocono Mountain forest in Pennsylvania, Santa Claus was bringing Christmas joy to the homes of the mountain forest folks — as well as the rest of the world. He heard some little children crying "What? — How could this be? Children crying on Christmas Eve?" thought Santa.

In a very uncommon event, Santa appeared before the kids.

"Why are you crying on Christmas Eve?" asked Santa.

The children told Santa about the Belsnickel.

The Belsnickel lived deep in the mountain forest. Belsnickel was an older man. In the wintertime, his long gray beard flowed out from under his visored cap and poured over his tattered old scarf.

When he would go out in the winter's cold, he would wear old boots, brown knickers, and a trumpy old topcoat.

The Belsnickel was rigid and strict. His eyes were colder than Arctic ice. And he never put up with any foolishness.

In his younger days, Belsnickel had been a schoolmaster. He was known throughout the land as the meanest and toughest schoolmaster ever.

The children who attended Belsnickel's school were well-behaved due

to Belsnickel's very strict discipline. But they did not enjoy his school.

When Belsnickel finally retired, the kids were happy indeed. They had one of the best parties ever.

Well, after Belsnickel retired, the teachers let the kids get away with murder. The kids didn't do their homework. They partied all the time. And they got into all kinds of mischief. Somebody had to step in and do something. The parents didn't know who to turn to. Finally they sought out Belsnickel. "Belsnickel, you've got to come back," the parents said.

"Since you retired there is no one to discipline the kids. They do whatever they want to do. And they aren't learning a thing in school. Not only that, but the kids have gotten unruly around their homes. And they have become very rude, too."

"But what can I do?" said the grumpy old Belsnickel. "I'm not at the school anymore."

Then Belsnickel had an idea. In the middle of the winter he would get fresh oranges, fruits and nuts — a very special winter treat in those days — and go around to each house. He would use the treats to bait the kids. And when they would come after the treats, he would thrash them with his switch for their naughty deeds.

And so, every year after that, in the

middle of the winter, around Christmastime, Belsnickel would hitch the horse to the old country sleigh. He would go to each child's house. Belsnickel would make scary noises on the porch and scratch at the window with his switch to frighten the children and get their attention. After that he would knock at the door.

The parents would open the door for Belsnickel. Belsnickel would take just one or two steps into the house. He would scatter his oranges, nuts and treats on the floor in front of him. When the children would come forward to pick up the treats, Belsnickel would take his switch to their legs.

The children would scamper and run. They would hide behind the cookstove or whatever was handy.

After the Belsnickel would leave, the children would come out from their hiding places and pick up their treats.

During the year, whenever the children were naughty, the parents would remind them that if they didn't behave, the Belsnickel would put them on his list and come to thrash them on the night of the winter solstice — the longest night of the year.

Well, it worked! The kids were so scared of Belsnickel. All their parents and teachers had to do was remind them that if they misbehaved, the Belsnickel would come at Christmastime and take his switch to them. The children did their homework. They were well-behaved. And they were polite.

But the kids were just terrified of this Belsnickel fellow. And what made it even worse for the kids was that Belsnickel came just a few nights before Christmas.

After the kids told Santa about the Belsnickel, they asked Santa for his help. And they promised Santa that if he would get the Belsnickel to stop coming around at Christmastime, they would behave all year long.

"OK," said Santa. "That sounds good to me. But if you don't keep your promise to behave all year, I'll cross you off my Christmas gift list."

Then Santa asked Rudolph, the reindeer, to lead him to the Belsnickel. "Merry Christmas, Belsnickel!" said Santa when he found him.

"Humbug," grumped Belsnickel.

"Why do you take your switch to the children at Christmastime?" asked Santa. After the Belsnickel finished explaining the reasons, Santa said, "Well, Belsnickel, then all you want is that the children should be good, right?"

"Exactly," said Belsnickel.

"Let me suggest a solution," said Santa.

"I'll keep a list of the kids who have been naughty and the kids who have been nice. I won't leave toys for the naughty kids at Christmas — if you won't go around switching at them any more. No toys will be punishment enough."

"You've got yourself a deal," said the Belsnickel.

"I'm getting very old and very tired. And I really don't enjoy having to go around every Christmas and taking my switch to the naughty children."

"But Santa," said Belsnickel, "if your plan doesn't work and the kids get bad again — well maybe I'll just have to come back!"

"Belsnickel," said Santa, "now you won't have very much to do. Why don't you come up to the North Pole with Rudolph and me. You can help us make toys for the kids. There's plenty of room, and Mrs. Claus is an excellent cook, you'll see."

And so it was. Santa and the Belsnickel had their deal. Belsnickel retired and went to the North Pole with Santa. He doesn't come around anymore — except sometimes he still helps Santa deliver his Christmas gifts in the mountain forests.

These days the parents tell their children when they misbehave — you better be good or Santa won't bring you anything for Christmas!

Belsnickel now lives at the North Pole with Santa and his helpers making toys all summer long for Christmas Eve night.

LV house sales leap 12.4 percent

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley bounced back to a double-digit increase in November, up 12.4 percent to 591 in November, compared to 526 in November 2015.

The November statistics were released Dec. 13 by the Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors (GLVR).

For the year-to-date, closed sales have increased 7.9 percent to 7,260 from 6,726 in 2015.

Pending sales again increased, also by double digits in November, by 12.3 percent to 594 from 529 in November 2015.

For the year-to-date 2016, pending sales have increased 7.7 percent to 7,581 from 7,037 as of November 2015, the GLVR reported.

LV market overview

November data shows that, as has been the case regularly throughout 2016, inventory was down, homes were selling in fewer days, and homes were selling for higher prices.

"The story has remained consistent, in regard to residential real estate," said GLVR CEO Justin Poremba.

"In year-over-year comparisons, the number of homes for sale has been fewer in most communities. Inventory is the lowest it's been since 2005, as it shrank 42.2 percent: 2,410 units in November 2016 versus 4,172 in November 2015," Poremba said.

Fair weather, however, kept the market moving through normally

quiet months. Pending sales were up 12.3 percent. Closed sales were up 12.4 percent. Prices continued to gain traction.

The median sales price increased 5.4 percent to \$178,000. Days on market was down 10.9 percent to 57 days in November from 64 days in November 2015.

The months supply of inventory was down 47.1 percent to 3.6 months in November from 6.8 months in November 2015.

"Financial markets were volatile in the days surrounding the presidential election, but they self-corrected and reached new heights soon after," said Christopher Raad, President of GLVR.

"Long-term indicators of what it will be like to have a real estate developer for a president remain fuzzy, but the outcome is not likely to be dull as we move into 2017," Raad said.

Statistics listed

According to the GLVR report, new listings decreased 12.8 percent to 665 in November from 763 in November 2015.

Inventory levels in November decreased 42.2 percent to 2,410 units in November from 4,172 units in November 2015.

The median sales price increased 5.4 percent to \$178,000 in November from \$168,950 in November 2015.

The average sales price increased 0.8 percent in November to \$198,102 from \$196,486 in November 2015.

The percentage of list price received was up 0.1 percent in November to 96.7 percent from 96.6 percent in November 2015.

The housing affordability index decreased 8 percent in November, compared to November 2015.

Days on market was down 10.9 percent to 57 days in November from 64 days in November 2015.

The months supply of inventory was down 47.1 percent to 3.6 months in November from 6.8 months in November 2015.

Monthly closed sales

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 0.7 percent in October to 687, compared to 682 in October 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 5.7 percent in September to 673, compared to 637 in September 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 4 percent in August to 769, compared to 801 in August 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 11.4 percent in July to 714, compared to 806 in July 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 3.7 percent in June to 858, compared to 827 in June 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 14.9 percent in May to 681, compared to 629 in May 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 15.5 percent in April to 617, compared to 534 in April 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley decreased 4.6 percent in

March to 520, compared to 545 in March 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 23.8 percent in February to 437 from 353 in February 2015.

Closed sales of houses in the Lehigh Valley increased 14.4 percent in January to 445 from 389 in January 2015.

Carbon County

In Carbon County, closed sales were down 7.5 percent. The median sales price rose 5.6 percent to \$120,000. Inventory also remained low, sliding 25.8 percent to 365 units.

GLVR information

The monthly housing data is collected by the GLVR from its Multiple Listing Service, a comprehensive database that includes housing market information from its more than 2,000 Realtor members.

The GLVR is a not-for-profit trade association providing professional development and training resources, competitive market information, legislative advocacy, a peer review and mediation process for members, and a dispute resolution service for consumers.

The GLVR owns and operates the Greater Lehigh Valley Multiple Listing Service, the Greater Lehigh Valley Real Estate Academy and is publisher of Greater Lehigh Valley Real Estate Weekly.

Information: Greater-LehighValleyRealtors.com

Out to 'Sea'

So far, "Manchester by the Sea" is the awards' season and critics' darling.

This reviewer isn't buying it.

"Manchester by the Sea" is nearly insufferable, only salvaged by the fine-tuned performance of Casey Affleck (a favorite of mine; "Gone Baby Gone," 2007; supporting actor Oscar nomination, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford," 2007; and a certain Oscar actor nominee for "Manchester"), whose muted, emotionally-cauterized performance interrupted by violent physical outbursts provides some relief from what is otherwise a dreary prospect. The feel-good holiday season film "Manchester by the Sea" most certainly is not.

Affleck plays Lee Chandler, a Boston, Quincy, Mass., to be specific, supervisor of four apartment buildings who's not only gruff with tenants and the random flirtatious female in the bar, he's downright obnoxious and mean-spirited. He's a poor-man's Scrooge.

What's lurking in his past is "A Christmas Carol" death, haunting and tragedy shared by he and his ex-wife, Randi (Michelle Williams, who also saves the film with a solid and deserved supporting actress Oscar nominee performance) that he was personally responsible (or irresponsible) and one that he just can't seem to get past the painful memory.

On a side note, and without playing spoiler here, why Lee wasn't charged with criminal negligence or involuntary manslaughter is one of the screenplay's chief plot holes. A scene depicts a police interrogation. But nothing is said about what would likely result in a district attorney probe.

Be that as it may dismay, Lee is named guardian of his nephew, Patrick (Lucas Hedges, resembling a younger Jesse Eisenberg and acting with almost as much raw energy) when his brother, Joe (Kyle Chandler), who lives in Manchester, Mass., where he operates a fishing boat, dies. Lee must choose between his newly-inaugurated parental responsibilities and his singular insular drunken malcontent existence. Guess which he chooses?

There are several subplots.

One involves the repair of brother Joe's fishing boat.

Another involves the relationship of Patrick and his girlfriends (scenes of which are squirm-inducing) and his fledgling teen rock band.

The other involves Patrick's drunkard mother, Elise (Gretchen Mol, who reappears briefly as a clean and sober born-again Christian married to none other than who appears to be an uncredited Matthew Broderick. The writer-director treats her commendable transformation with disdain.

The flimsiness of the film is evidenced such that when Broderick appears, it takes you right out of the film. Is that Matthew Broderick, you wonder?

Director Kenneth Lonergan, who wrote the screenplay, tries to fix it in the mix, plastering important-sounding (and admittedly beautiful) choral, classical and symphonic music all over the soundtrack, especially in scenes where there seems to be dialogue or would likely be, but none is heard. This gives the interesting effect of a silent movie scene. However, the acting, direction

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and cinematography of these choral-induced snoozers isn't particularly memorable.

Lonnegan (screenwriter, "Analyze This," 1999; "The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle," 2000; Oscar original screenplay nominee, "You Can Count on Me," 2000; and Gangs of New York," 2002) reveals the story's essence via Lee's ruminative flashbacks. This keeps the viewer off-kilter. Lonnegan pads the meandering, overly-long and depressing film with street whizzes of passing scenery, shots of Lee driving his Jeep Cherokee and chilly scenes of winter, which while snowy and beautiful, render "Manchester by the Sea" even more emotionally cold.

"I can't beat it," Lee concludes.

Fortunately, if you take my advice, you can.

"Manchester by the Sea," MPAA Rated R (Restricted). Children Under 17 Require Accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian) for language throughout and some sexual content; Genre: Drama; Run Time: 2 hrs., 27 min.; Distributed by Roadside Attractions.

Credit Readers

Anonymous: "Manchester by the Sea," unhyphenated, was filmed in Manchester-by-the-Sea (hyphenated), Massachusetts.

Box Office, Dec. 16: "Rogue One" became the second-biggest December opening ever, \$155 million, behind its stable-mate, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (\$247.9 million, Dec. 20, 2015), scuttling "Moana's" three-week run at No. 1, as it dropped to No. 2, with \$11.6 million, \$161.8 million, four weeks;

3. "Office Christmas Party," \$8.4 million, \$31.5 million, two weeks; 4. "Collateral Beauty," \$7 million, opening; 5. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," \$5 million, \$207.6 million, five weeks; 6. "Manchester by the Sea," \$4.1 million, \$14 million, five weeks; 7. "La La Land," \$4 million, \$5.2 million, two weeks; 8. "Arrival," \$2.7 million, \$86.4 million, six weeks; 9. "Doctor Strange," \$2 million, \$226 million, seven weeks; 10. "Nocturnal Animals," \$1.3 million, \$8.8 million, five weeks.

Unreel, Dec. 21:

"Sing," PG: Garth Jennings and Christophe Lourdelet directs the voice talents of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane and Scarlett Johansson in the animation comedy musical about a koala named Buster Moon who stages a singing contest to raise money to restore a theater.

"Passengers," PG-13: Morten Tyldum directs Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen and Andy Garcia in the science fiction adventure about a spacecraft going to a distant colony when two passengers awaken 90 years too early.

"Assassin's Creed," PG-13: Justin Kurzel directs Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Jeremy Irons and Brendan Gleeson in the science fiction fantasy action film about a descendant of a secret assassins society.

"Why Him?," R: John Hamburg directs Zoey Deutch, James Franco, Bryan Cranston and Megan Mullally in the comedy about a father's rivalry with his daughter's rich boyfriend. (Opens Dec. 23.)

Sacred Heart receives stroke certification

Sacred Heart Hospital has received The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval and the American Heart Association-American Stroke Association's Heart-Check Mark for Advanced Certification for Comprehensive Stroke Centers.

With the certification, Sacred Heart Hospital joins an elite group of health care organizations focused on highly-specialized stroke care. To be eligible, hospitals must demonstrate compliance with stroke-related standards as a Primary

Stroke Center and meet additional requirements, including those related to advanced imaging capabilities, 24-7 availability of specialized treatments, and providing staff with the education and competencies to care for complex stroke patients.

Sacred Heart Hospital underwent a rigorous on-site review in August 2016 when Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements.

"By achieving this advanced certification, Sa-

cred Heart Hospital has thoroughly demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of its patients with a complex stroke condition," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission. "Certification is a voluntary process and The Joint Commission commends Sacred Heart Hospital for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate the standard of its care for the community it serves," Chassin said.

"Sacred Heart Hospital

is pleased to receive advanced certification from The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association-American Stroke Association," said Valerie Donahue, Stroke Coordinator, Sacred Heart Hospital, adding, "The certification provides us with the framework to create a culture of excellence."

Advanced Certification for Comprehensive Stroke Centers is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals.

Realtor joins Berkshire Hathaway

Barb Hodick, manager of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Fox & Roach Realtors Macungie Office, welcomes Alyssa Graves as a Sales Associate.

Graves is a member of the Greater Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors.

She resides in Emmaus with her husband, Larry.



Alyssa Graves

LCCC

Enrollment open for Medical Assistant program

Lehigh Carbon Community College's (LCCC) School of Healthcare Science is accepting applications from new or enrolled students for admission for the spring or fall 2017 semester in the Medical Assistant program.

Students will no longer need to wait for admission into the program for the fall semester. Applications will be accepted for consideration of admission throughout the year, until the spring and fall cohorts are filled. Those who successfully pass the CMA exam become certified medical assistants.

Information: Karen Fogle, coordinator of LCCC's Medical Assistant program, kfogle@lccc.edu, 610-799-1516, or academic advisor Kate MacDonald, kmacdonald@lccc.edu, 610-799-1569.

LV MUSIC AWARDS

Vote for nominees through Dec. 28

Voting continues through Dec. 28 for nominees in the 18th Lehigh Valley Music Awards, to be held at 4 p.m. March 5, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

The Lehigh Valley Music Awards, a partnership between the nonprofit Greater Lehigh Valley Music Association and ArtsQuest, celebrates the region's vibrant music industry.

Awards honor the region's performers in a variety of genres, including blues, rock, folk, gospel, hip-hop, jazz and more.

Also recognized will be local music schools, recording studios, music stores and music organizations.

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Tony Orlando wows cancer survivors

Singer Tony Orlando, the man who sang, "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Oak Tree" and "Knock Three Times," was a hit for the second consecutive year as almost 1,500 cancer survivors and their guests took part in Orlando's tribute to those who have fought with cancer and won.

St. Luke's University Health Network sponsored the show that took place Nov. 27 at the Sands Bethlehem Event Center, Bethlehem.

Survivors sang and danced in the aisles, and displayed all manner of yellow ribbons for Orlando, who put on a lively hour and a half concert featuring a medley of hits followed by a collection of best-loved Christmas songs. Santa Claus, a shepherd and others made guests appearances to the delight of the crowd.

"It's an incredible day when people can celebrate a victory over cancer," Nick Taylor, MD, Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, St. Luke's



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY ANNE KEMP, ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK
Tony Orlando and Santa ring in the holidays with Christmas classics during Nov. 27 concert sponsored by St. Luke's University Health Network at Sands Bethlehem Event Center, Bethlehem.

University Health Network, said.

Complimentary tickets to the event were offered on a first come-first served basis to St. Luke's cancer survivors, who were able to bring a guest to accompany them for a nominal fee.

"What makes this show special is that former patients can celebrate and re-connect with their support network outside the hospital," Taylor said.

"We also recognize all those who helped make this event possible through their incredible generosity, including Tony Orlando, the Sands Event Center, Boutique at the Rink, The Regina Patient and Family Support Endowment, St. Luke's Circle of Hope Society and the St. Luke's Auxiliary," Taylor said.

Free information sessions are at EMI on Dec. 29, Jan. 7 and Jan. 11.

For specific dates, times, more course information or to learn more about the tuition payment plan: pdonohue@lccc.edu; 610-799-1574.

To register: visit any LCCC campus or contact our Registration and Student Records, 610-799-1197 and select "3" when prompted.

To request a brochure, call 610-799-1703.

LCCC EMT programs at two locations

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will hold Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) programs for those likely to respond to pre-hospital emergencies or those considering a medical career. Upon successful completion, the student will be eligible to test for the National Registry EMT (NREMT) credential. Minimum age of 16 is re-

quired. Additional costs include text, NREMT testing fee, specialized equipment and clothing, which may vary depending on location of course.

Instruction and skill demonstrations, "hands-on" practical skill workshops and practical experience are presented by Pennsylvania State Certified EMT instructional teams. Prior to acceptance into the EMT program, individuals must provide a physician release form,

proof of health insurance, criminal and child abuse clearances and reading and math placement test scores. It is highly recommended for anyone interested in either class to attend the free information session for the location desired.

EMT Basic classes are held at two off-campus locations: Jan. 15, Cetronia Ambulance Corp, 4300 Broadway, South Whitehall Township, and Jan. 24, Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI), 2100 Mack Boulevard, Allentown.

Managing common form of arthritis

Q. My doctor said I need to reduce my reliance on pain relievers to manage my osteoarthritis pain because of the risk of side effects. Is there another option?

As we age, many of us develop chronic health ailments, such as osteoarthritis (OA), the most common form of arthritis. In fact, 27 million Americans suffer every day from the discomfort and stiffness caused by OA, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

You get osteoarthritis when cartilage, the cushioning tissue within the joints, wears down. This produces stiffness and pain. The disease affects both men and women. By age 65, more than 50 percent of us have osteoarthritis in at least one joint.

You can get osteoarthritis in any joint, but it usually strikes those that support weight. Common signs of osteoarthritis include joint pain, swelling, and tenderness. However, only one-third of people whose X-rays show osteoarthritis report any symptoms.

Treatments for osteoarthritis include exercise, joint care, dieting, medicines and surgery. For pain relief, doctors usually start



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with acetaminophen, the medicine in Tylenol, because the side effects are minimal if taken according to instructions. If acetaminophen does not relieve pain, then non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen and naproxen may be used. Opioids (narcotics) are prescribed, too.

An alternative to drugs is a "medical food." The term medical food, as defined in the Orphan Drug Act is "a food which is formulated to be consumed or administered "enterally" (through digestion) under the supervision of a physician and which is intended for the specific dietary management of a disease or condition for which distinctive nutritional requirements, based on recognized scientific principles, are established by medical evaluation."

Medical foods are not required to undergo premarket review or approval by FDA. They are exempted from the labeling requirements for health claims and nutrient content claims

under the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990.

Manufacturers of medical foods must comply with applicable FDA requirements for foods. The labeling of medical foods must contain: a statement of identity; an accurate statement of the net quantity of contents; the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor; a complete list of ingredients.

Prescription medical foods can be a safer option for managing the underlying cause of a disease such as OA. Like pharmaceuticals, medical foods require physician supervision. However, unlike synthetic prescription drugs, they use highly-purified, concentrated natural ingredients found in foods such as green tea, dark chocolate, fruits and vegetables.

Long-term use of NSAIDs and opioids can have dangerous side effects; especially, for those who also suffer from kidney, stomach or heart conditions. Prescription opioid use, and resulting deaths, have quadrupled during the last 20 years. Opioids carry additional risks for older adults such as heart problems, addiction, falls and other accidents caused by extreme drowsiness.

Your doctor can work

with you to create a personalized plan for managing OA that may include positive lifestyle changes, such as proper diet, exercise, and rest; and a prescription medical food. Limbrel (www.limbrel.com), for example, is a prescription medical food available and indicated for the long-term dietary management of chronic joint discomfort caused by OA.

Physicians use prescription medical foods to treat a variety of conditions in dermatology, obstetrics-gynecology, orthopedics, pain management, podiatry, rheumatology, and vascular health.

Some of the other medical foods are Axona for Alzheimer's disease, Banatrol Plus for diarrhea, Deplin for depression, Fosteum for osteoporosis, Metanx for diabetic neuropathy, and Theramine for myalgia.

Talk with your doctor for more information about prescription medical foods and to find out if they are right for you.

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Perfect gifts to give and receive

In this, the season of gift giving, I'm thinking about timeless gifts to give and receive.

These gifts can't be put in a box or gift wrapped. But they can be freely given. Best yet, they cost absolutely nothing.

I was given one of these gifts when I was standing in line at Sam's Club with a hot chicken burning my hands. Since I was only buying one item, I didn't bother with a cart.

While I was looking around to see where I could put the chicken while I waited in line, a woman in front of me saw my dilemma. "Here, get in front of me," she said.

Like a chain reaction, those ahead of me in line insisted I check out while they waited.

That's definitely the gift of kindness.

The more I receive the gift of kindness from others, the more I want to give it away to others.

Most of us have special gifts, yet many of us don't realize how gifted we are.

There's a quiet guy in our church who has the gift of kindness in spades. Although Bob doesn't say much, his actions say it all.

When someone new comes into our meetings, Bob makes a point of sitting with him and chatting so the newcomer doesn't feel awkward.

When chairs have to be arranged or someone has to stay after a meeting to put the room back in order, he does it without being asked.

A retired plumber, he's been known to make house calls to give someone a hand — all without charge.

And when a wall needed to be painted, he did it.

Quietly, in his own way, he showers the gift of kindness on all who need his help. Yet when I told him I noticed he gave away the gift of kindness, he was truly taken aback.

"I don't see myself as having any special gifts," he said.

A lot of us are like that. We are fast to acknowledge our failings but slow to see the inner gifts that make us special.

My friend Fran has the gift of encouragement. She always seems to find the perfect thing to say that lifts up spirits and makes others feel better.

She volunteers with a program our St. Vincent de Paul Society offers to help people find their way out of poverty. One single father trying to raise five children after his wife died admits he is mired in problems and drowning in depression.

"I never want to come to class each week because I'm so weighed down by what's going on in my life," he told me. "But once I drag myself in the door I find Fran can quickly make me glad I came. Her encouragement makes me think maybe I can do it," the father told me.

WARMEST REGARDS

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It's not that Fran solves his problems for him. She simply gives him the encouragement he needs to tackle his problems.

I understand how she does it because if I talk a problem of my own over with her, she never tells me what to think. She just gives me the encouragement I need to do it myself.

Some people have the gift of fortitude — they seem to have an inner strength that keeps them going no matter what hits them.

Did you ever notice how some who have to deal with a problem let it drag them down to the point where they find it hard to function? But others are gifted with an inner strength that helps them survive one trial after another. They have the gift of fortitude.

My friend Jean has the gift of a happy heart. She tells the story of taking her 80-year-old mother to a waterfront restaurant for her birthday. But nothing pleased her mom, and she complained a lot.

Jean said, "It doesn't matter if it's raining and if you don't like the food. Let's just enjoy each other's company. I'm happy just to spend the day with you."

Her mother looked at her and said, "You have the gift of a happy heart. You always had it."

Jean says that's true. But she never thought of her happy disposition as a gift until her mother said that.

That's one particular gift I also have and I thank God, the giver of all gifts, for it. I know it wasn't something I learned or earned.

After researchers spent years investigating what actually makes people happy, they determined 50 percent of our happiness is due to genetics, 40 percent due to intentional behavior and 10 percent to life circumstances.

So the way I look at it, some of us were given a head start on the gift of happiness even before we were born.

Some people have the rare gift of listening. Instead of just waiting for a pause in the conversation so they can talk, some truly listen and care about what you're saying.

Some have the gift of caring. Some are peacemakers. Others have the gift of wisdom while some have the gift of understanding.

All of that brings me to the important gift of gratitude. The more we are aware of all we have been given, the more gratitude we have. I'm sure each of you can name numerous other gifts.

So here's the question: What gifts do you have?

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

LCCC Course offered First Responders

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will offer emergency responder training through the Pennsylvania Department of Health in a 48-80 hour course for First Responders, those who are first on the scene of an accident or medical emergency, for emergency patient care and

handling to assist ambulance and rescue personnel on scene, and to learn the basics of emergency care and patient handling.

Class are Jan. 17 - May 4, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, LCCC Tamaqua campus, 234 High St., Tamaqua.

To register or for more information: nregistrar@mymail.lccc.edu; 610-799-1197 and select "3" at the prompt.

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 1028 Church Street
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 Rev. Nelson Quinones
 Sunday School 9 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 37 S. 5th St., Allentown
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 Sunday, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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 Pastor Ray Hand
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 Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
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 Breinigsville, PA 18031
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 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Worship 11:05 a.m.
 Handicapped Accessible
 Rev. Andrew Meckstroth,
 Interim Pastor

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 office@faithchurchemmaus.org

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 Whitehall, PA 18052
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 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation
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 9 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 3-10)
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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 902 Lincoln Ave.
 Northampton, PA 18067
 The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz
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 10:30 a.m. Worship
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 Catasauqua, PA 18032
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 Sunday School 9 a.m.
 Worship 10 a.m.
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 767 Almond Road
 Walnutport (Cherryville)
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 9 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
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 Northampton 610-261-2910
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 10:15 a.m. Worship
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 Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible

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 5129 Schochary Road
 New Tripoli, PA
 610-298-8064
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
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 5550 Route 873
 Neffs, PA 18065-0066
 610-767-6961
 www.unionucc.org
 8 a.m. Heritage Worship
 9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May)
 10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship

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 9990 Ziegels Church Road
 Breinigsville, PA 18031
 Phone: 610-285-6157
 Rev. Jeffrey Kistler, Interim Pastor
 www.ziegelschurch.org
 Worship, 8:30 a.m.
 10 a.m. Sunday School
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UNITED METHODIST
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 Church Office 610-395-3613
Macungie Campus
 3801 Brookside Rd., Macungie
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 Sun. Blended Worship 8 a.m.
 Sun. Contemporary 9:15 & 11 a.m.
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 1208 Brookside Rd., Wescosville
 Wed. Contemporary 6:30 p.m.
Catasauqua Campus
 429 Walnut St., Catasauqua
 Sun. Contemporary 9:30 a.m.

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 Joie Jackson Wenner at 610-740-0944 — Ext. 3703

Reporting on Nativity at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit



Children in kindergarten to fifth grade re-enacted the Nativity during the Christmas program.
 PRESS PHOTOS BY DONALD WENNER

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, had its annual children's Christmas program Dec. 11, "A Christmas News Broadcast." Hayden Fermier and Charlie Peters served as news anchors reporting on today's version on the birth of Christ.

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December 24, 2014 6:30 PM
 Family Candlelight Service
 Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger, preaching
 Soloists

December 24, 2014 11:00 PM
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 Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger, preaching
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Church Phone 610-797-0181 HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

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 Saturday, December 24th 7 pm Candlelight Service
 Sunday, December 25th 10:15 am Christmas Morning

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Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24th
 5 p.m. Family Service with Holy Communion
 7 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
 10 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion

Christmas Day Services - Dec. 25th
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 3:00 p.m. Carol Sing/Family Service
 6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols Festival Service
 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY
 10:00 a.m. Festival Communion

NEW YEAR'S EVE
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church

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 7pm - Lessons, Carols & Communion

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December 18
 Sunday School Christmas Program
 8:00 am & 10:30 am
 Service in the Sanctuary

December 24
Christmas Eve Worship Services
 6 pm Candlelight Family Service with Holy Communion
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Asbury Church
 a United Methodist Community
 1533 Springhouse Road, Allentown, PA 18104
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Christmas Services at St. Paul's UCC

December 21:
 7pm - Blue Christmas Service

Christmas Eve, December 24:
 (All Services with Candlelight & Holy Communion)
 2pm - Children's Message
 4pm - Children's Message
 6:30pm - All Choirs with Trumpets and Timpani
 9pm - All Choirs with Trumpets and Timpani

Sunday, December 25:
 9:30am - Lessons & Carols

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
 1249 Trexlertown Road, Trexlertown
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December 24, 2016
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12/18
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Service of Remembrance - 1:00 pm

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12/24
Family Services w/ Communion
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Candlelight Services w/ Communion
9:00 & 11:00 pm

Nativity of Our Lord
12/25 at 9:00 am
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7 PM Family Candlelight Service
11 PM Candlelight Service

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Old-Fashioned Christmas Eve Service

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9:00 pm Service

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Christmas at Jordan

Sunday, December 18
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Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:
The Nativity of our Lord
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Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. Church Service

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Blue Christmas Service - December 21 7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service - December 24 7:00 PM
Christmas Day Service - December 25 9:30 AM

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Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, Dec 24 ... 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service
Sunday, Dec 25 ... 10:00 am

Feast of St. Stephen
Monday, Dec 26 ... 8:00 am

St. John, Evangelist
Tuesday, Dec 27 ... 8:00 am

Holy Innocents and Healing Service
Wednesday, Dec. 28 ... 10:00 am

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Friday, Dec. 23: Cream of wild mushroom soup, pepper steak, white rice, tossed greens with French dressing, wheat bread with margarine, Mandarin oranges.

Monday, Dec. 26: Closed. Merry Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Hanukkah meal: Chicken noodle soup, beef brisket, potato latkes, chilled applesauce, rye bread with margarine, jelly doughnut.

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Broccoli cheese soup, fried chicken breast on bun with lettuce, tomato and mayo; red potato salad, fresh seedless grapes.

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Thursday, Dec. 22: Roasted turkey breast, bread stuffing, French green beans, oatmeal cookie.

Friday, Dec. 23: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, apple.

Monday, Dec. 26: Centers closed. Day after Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 27: Veal parmesan, pasta, butternut squash, diced pears.

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Chicken piccata, wild rice, American blend vegetables, tropical fruit.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

12/21

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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See solution on page B14

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals X

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

BED OF FISH

ACROSS

- 1 Santa — (desert winds)
5 Heroic tales
10 "iZombie" network
15 Marathoner's statistic
19 Promote
20 Horror, e.g.
21 Prefix with gram or liter
22 Strong — ox
23 Start of a riddle
25 "That is to say ..."
26 Piper's garb
27 AWOL part
28 Pat lightly
30 Short literary sketch
32 Riddle, part 2
38 Jailbird
39 Poet's "always"
40 German's "one"
41 Suffix with suc- or lact-
42 Riddle, part 3
51 Starting point
52 Ike's initials.
53 Cell stuff
54 Government loan agcy.
55 Runway user
56 Clumsy sort
58 Dollar pts.
60 He beat Romney
64 Riddle, part 4
70 "Look, I did it!"
74 Ostrich kin
75 Bohea, e.g.
76 That, in Chile
77 Oil gp.
78 Riddle, part 5
83 '90s-'00s boy band
84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
85 Wimbledon unit
86 Swimming (in)
91 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
93 Mind-reading ability
95 Lited syllable
97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik
98 Riddle, part 6
104 Pitching whiz
105 Ballpark fig.
106 Prefix meaning "equal"
107 Syllable after "Mao"
108 End of the riddle
118 Merit the best score, maybe
119 Half of hexa-
120 See 45-Down
121 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 Els of golf
125 Riddle's answer
129 Baseball team count
130 Actress Tierney
131 Plants used in first aid
132 Borscht vegetable
133 Anti-DUI org.
134 More sneaky

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-136

135 Flirty laugh
136 Probability

DOWN

- 1 Slanting
2 Like free banking
3 Acoustic
4 Rock's Perry
5 "I" problem
6 Chapel seat
7 Hotel's kin
8 Set of beliefs
9 Roomy car
10 "No need to share all that," in texts
11 That bloke
12 School pupil, in France
13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
14 Fancy shoes
15 George of "Star Trek"
16 "... true statement, correct?"
17 Dog or cat breed
18 Went inside
24 Ida, borderer
29 British TV network, with "the"
31 Tiny self-propelled machine
33 Clicked-on graphic

- 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
35 With a sharp image, briefly
36 — do-well
37 Long ditch
42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
43 — Magnon
44 Prefix with day or week
45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
46 Sledding site
47 Work like —
48 Cherished by
49 Ramble on
50 Verboten act
57 Feudal lands
59 Cubs hero Sammy
61 Galaxy buy
62 Pal of Larry and Curly
63 Jets' gp.
65 Conifer with toxic seeds
66 Apple choice
67 Sipped on
68 Sex cell
69 Down vote
70 Earthy color
71 Muscles below pecs
72 Handyman's initialism
73 Nixon's veep
79 Actress Annabella
80 Not make the event in time, say

- 81 Other, in Chile
82 Delhi wear
87 Concave pan
88 Stupefy
89 NBC skit show since '75
90 Kin of "Psst!"
92 Secondary details
94 Elegant
96 Voting 69-Down
97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
98 Particles composed of quarks
99 South Pacific region
100 Soho locale
101 Left-leaning
102 Ring around a castle
103 Pa. hours
109 Surrendered
110 Listless feeling
111 Yummy morsel
112 Edge shyly
113 Abbr. at LAX
114 1990s fitness fad
115 "— a drink!"
116 Looked at provocatively
117 Swift homes
123 Wrath
124 Acoustic organ
126 "So fancy!"
127 Peace gesture
128 Nationality suffix

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See solution on page B14

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA
NOTICE OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
DATE: Tuesday, December 27, 2016
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Municipal Building
118 Bridge Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032
PURPOSE: General Committee Meeting
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
Macungie Borough
Request for Proposals
For MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan Engineering Services
Macungie Borough is requesting proposals from qualified firms/individuals to provide engineering and project management services for the Borough's anticipated stormwater pollution reduction plan pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") in relation to the Borough's MS4 program.

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE - WHEREAS, on December 09, 2005, a certain mortgage was executed by Isabel Roque and Virgilio Roque, as mortgagor in favor of Seattle Mortgage Company as mortgagee and was recorded in Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County in Mortgage Document Number 7313627 ("Mortgage"); and WHEREAS, the Mortgage encumbers property located at 812 South Armour Street Allentown, PA 18103, parcel number 640668303996-1 ("Property"); and WHEREAS, the Property was owned by Isabel Roque and Virgilio Roque, husband and wife, by virtue of deed dated September 6, 1996 and recorded September 6, 1996 in Book 1571, Page 698; and WHEREAS, Virgilio Roque Sr. died on February 17, 2016. By operation of law title vests solely in Isabel Roque.

Dec. 21
When making their bid, all bidders, except the Secretary, must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's bid as set forth above in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of ten (10%) percent must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for fifteen (15) days, and a fee will be charged in the amount of \$150.00 for each fifteen (15) day extension requested. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or Cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR
WHEREAS, the Local Tax Collection Law, Act 394 of 1945, as amended, sets forth provisions relating to the compensation of the local elected tax collector; and
WHEREAS, the total compensation of the elected tax collector cannot exceed five (5%) percent of the taxes collected for the Borough; and
WHEREAS, any change to the Tax Collector's compensation must be established no later than February 15 of the year when the office is filed; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of Council to change the rate of compensation for the elected Tax Collector effective January 1, 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The 2017 meeting dates for the Borough of Alburtis are as follows:
Borough Council: Jan. 11th and 25th; Feb. 8th and 22nd, Mar. 8th and 29th; Apr. 12th and 26th; May 10th and 31st; June 14th and 28th; July 12th and 26th; Aug. 9th and 30th; Sept. 13th and 27th; Oct. 11th and 25th; Nov. 8th and 29th; Dec. 13th and 27th
Borough Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
Alburtis Park and Recreation Commission - Jan. 16th, April 17th, July 17th and October 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 3rd Tuesday of each month as needed
Highway/Water/Sewer Committees - last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm as needed
Policy/Personnel/Public Safety Committees - 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed
Pension Board - January 25th at 6:45 pm, April 26th at 6:45 pm, July 26th at 6:45 pm and October 25th at 6:45 pm
Alburtis Borough Authority (Water Authority) - April 24th at 7:00 pm and October 23rd at 7:00 pm
Borough Business Revitalization: First Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Council - as needed
Budget - September 6th, October 4th, November 1st and December 6th
Zoning Hearing Board - as needed

Dec. 21
All meetings are held in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin St., Alburtis, PA. The public is invited to attend.
The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the physically handicapped. If you need any reasonable accommodations for a disability, please call 610-966-4777 to make arrangements.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburtis, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, Pennsylvania 18011, will consider, and may enact, ordinances entitled and summarized as follows:
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 AT 3.83 MILLS (3.75 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES AND 0.08 MILLS FOR FIRE PURPOSES), WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016; CONFIRMING A 2% DISCOUNT ON REAL ESTATE TAXES PAID WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE AND A 10% PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY SUCH TAXES WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE TAX NOTICE; CONFIRMING WITH NO CHANGE IN RATES FOR 2017 THE PER CAPITA TAX, EARNED INCOME TAX, LOCAL SERVICES TAX, REALTY TRANSFER TAX, WATER RENTALS AND FEES, AND THE FEES FOR COLLECTING MUNICIPAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS; AND INCREASING SANITARY SEWER RENTALS AND FEES BY APPROXIMATELY NINE PERCENT (9%), INCLUDING AN INCREASE OF \$10.00 PER CALENDAR QUARTER IN THE FLAT RATE FOR DWELLING UNITS (TO \$120.00 PER CALENDAR QUARTER).
AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION RANGES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT BY THE BOROUGH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017, INCLUDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, THE CHIEF OF POLICE, MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONALS; CONFIRMING THE EXISTING FIDELITY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES; INCREASING THE AMOUNT PAID TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE WAIVER OF MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE TO THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) OF THE AMOUNT THE BOROUGH WOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY TO PROVIDE THE COVERAGE; AND INCREASING THE ANNUAL BOOT ALLOWANCE FOR MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00).
Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburtis Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburtis Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Manager at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.

Dec. 21
David G. Knerer, Esquire
Solicitor

PUBLIC NOTICE
In The Court of Common Pleas
Of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
Civil Action-Law
No. 2016-C-2094

Notice of Action in Mortgage Foreclosure
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff vs. Tara Maria George, Known Heir of Patricia Skudera, deceased and Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or Under Patricia M. Skudera, deceased, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
TO: Unknown Heirs, Successors, Assigns and All Persons, Firms or Associations Claiming Right, Title or Interest from or Under Patricia M. Skudera, deceased, Defendant(s), whose last known address is 1518 West Gordon Street, Allentown, PA 18102.
Your house (real estate) at: 1518 West Gordon Street, Allentown, PA 18102, 549750651143-1, is scheduled to be sold at Sheriff's Sale on March 24, 2017, at 10:00 AM, at Lehigh County Courthouse, 455 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18105-1548, to enforce the court judgment of \$66,375.26, obtained by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation (the mortgagee) against you. - NOTICE OF OWNER'S RIGHTS - YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PREVENT THIS SHERIFF'S SALE - To prevent this Sheriff's Sale you must take immediate action: 1. The sale will be cancelled if you pay back to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation the amount of the judgment plus costs or the back payments, late charges, costs, and reasonable attorneys fees due. To find out how much you must pay, you may call (610)278-6800. 2. You may be able to stop the sale by filing a petition asking the Court to strike or open the judgment, if the judgment was improperly entered. You may also ask the Court to postpone the sale for good cause. 3. You may be able to stop the sale through other legal proceedings. 4. You may need an attorney to assert your rights. The sooner you contact one, the more chance you will have of stopping the sale. (See notice below on how to obtain an attorney.) - YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR PROPERTY AND YOU HAVE OTHER RIGHTS EVEN IF THE SHERIFF'S SALE DOES TAKE PLACE - 5. If the Sheriff's Sale is not stopped, your property will be sold to the highest bidder. You may find out the price bid by calling (610)278-6800. 6. You may be able to petition the Court to set aside the sale if the bid price was grossly inadequate compared to the value of your property. 7. The sale will go through only if the buyer pays the Sheriff the full amount due in the sale. To find out if this has happened you may call 610-782-3175. 8. If the amount due from the buyer is not paid to the Sheriff, you will remain the owner of the property as if the sale never happened. 9. You have a right to remain in the property until the full amount due is paid to the Sheriff and the Sheriff gives a deed to the buyer. At that time, the buyer may bring legal proceedings to evict you. 10. You may be entitled to a share of the money, which was paid for your house. A schedule of distribution of the money bid for your house will be filed by the Sheriff no later than thirty days after the Sheriff Sale. This schedule will state who will be receiving the money. The money will be paid out in accordance with this schedule unless exceptions (reasons why the proposed distribution is wrong) are filed with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after the date of filing of said schedule. 11. You may also have other rights and defenses or ways of getting your house back, if you act immediately after the sale. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE LISTED BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP. Lehigh County Lawyer Referral Service, Lehigh County Bar Assn., 1114 Walnut St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610.433.7094. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Christopher A. DeNardo, Kristen D. Little, Kevin S. Frankel, Regina Holloway, Daniel T. Lutz, Leslie J. Rase, Alison H. Tulio & Katherine M. Wolf, Attys. for Plaintiff
SHAPIRO & DeNARDO, LLC
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King of Prussia, PA 19406
610.278.6800
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
BUREAU OF PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT
LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2017 or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.
LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED IN PERSON BY THE LICENSE HOLDER ONLY. You must bring with you, your PA Driver License or PA Photo ID and payment. Licenses can be renewed at the Development Office at the Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 7, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
PASSED ORDINANCES
The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a special Public Meeting on Monday, December 24th, 2016, held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:
ORDINANCE NO. 3063
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2017 FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN)
ORDINANCE NO. 3064
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL (ADMIN).
ORDINANCE NO. 3065
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2017. (ADMIN)
ORDINANCE NO. 3066
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 11 OF THE 2006 CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING A 25 MPH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR FORNACIARI DRIVE BETWEEN MACARTHUR RD/SR 145 AND MAIN ST/SR 329 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. (BOC)
The above Ordinances are available for review by the public in the Administration offices at Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 21

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Type, Date, Time. Includes Workshop Meeting, Regular Meeting, and Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Dates (Second Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.).

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
2017 MEETING SCHEDULES
The following are the 2017 meeting schedules for South Whitehall Township:
Board of Commissioners - 7:00 p.m. - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The second Wednesday of the month is reserved for 6:00 p.m. meetings, only on an as-needed-basis, or for workshop sessions.
Board of Authority - 3:00 p.m. - 3rd Monday of each month.
Building Code Appeals Board - 3:30 p.m. - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (except the second meeting in November and December is cancelled).
Emergency Management Services - 7:00 p.m., March 9th, June 8th, September 14th, and December 14th. All EMS meetings will be held at Cetronia Ambulance Corps., 4300 Broadway, Allentown.
Landscape and Shade Tree Commission - 10:00 a.m. - 4th Monday of each month (except in November and December, which is the 3rd Monday).
Parks and Recreation Board - 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month. No meetings will be held in July, August, and December.
Public Safety Commission - 7:00 p.m. - 1st Monday of each month (except January and September, which is the 2nd Monday).
Unless otherwise advertised, meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, 18104. Meetings of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board for South Whitehall Township will be advertised appropriately prior to each meeting.
HOWARD L. KUTZLER, Township Manager
Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 27 (ZONING) OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION; 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." that proposes to amend the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance to create a limited township and municipal authority exemption whereby existing or proposed uses and structures owned by the Township or by municipal authorities created solely by the Township shall be exempted from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, so long as such uses and structures are intended for legitimate public use, governmental, or public health and safety purposes. The ordinance will also provide for the severability of parts deemed invalid, a general repealer and an effective date.
The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, for purpose of taking public comment and input concerning adoption of the ordinance described above. The Board of Commissioners will consider adoption of the ordinance at a public meeting commencing immediately after the aforementioned public hearing. Copies of the full text of the ordinance are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18104, and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and meeting.
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 meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.
Renea Flexer, Township Secretary
Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE EAST ALLEN TOWNSHIP 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GENERAL 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM (Nov. 16 and Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM (as needed) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM (as needed) 1st Wednesday (As needed)

Dec. 21 Deborah A. Seiple, Township Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of ROSE J. ERVIN, deceased, late of Bethlehem, 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 Kevin S. Ervin, Executor

Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of ELONA L. KAUFFMAN, a/k/a ELONA LORRAINE KAUFFMAN, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Franklin E. Kauffman, Co-Executor

Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of DONNA C. NUSS, late of Orfield, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that 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 Lisa Wallover

Dec. 7, 14, 21

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice is hereby made that the Board of School Directors of the Whitehall-Coply School District will conduct the following 2017 meetings in the Administration Building, 2940 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners on January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA, to hear the Conditional Use Application of SDR Development, Inc., which is seeking approval of a Conditional Use for the Signature Personal Care & Memory Care Facility project, pursuant to Section 27-803(G) of the Codified Ordinances.

Dec. 21, 28

Notice of Application to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank

Lafayette Ambassador Bank, 2005 City Line Road, Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania 18017, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 1928 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania 18104. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

East Allen Township Reorganization Meetings The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The Board of Auditors of East Allen Township Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the East Allen Township Municipal Building at 5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard, Northampton, PA. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

COND #2016-17B The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building, 5344 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067 to consider the following application: The appellant, Griffin Industrial Realty Inc., requests a conditional use approval to allow for warehousing to be constructed on the subject property.

Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING NOTICE Macungie Borough Council will conduct a workshop on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, to discuss the Pension Plans with Municipal Retirement Trust.

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Grace R. Zeky, Deceased. Late of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary 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 Branch Banking & Trust Co., Executor, c/o Jay R. Wagner, Esq., 111 N. 6th St., Reading, PA 19601.

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of EUGENE R. HILBERT, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executrix named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to BETH A. LORAH, EXECUTRIX

Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Township of Whitehall is soliciting sealed bids for: Contract No. 16-18 "FIRE HOSE" until Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be opened Thursday, December 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Contract documents can be obtained at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, on our website at www.whitehalltownship.org or fax your request to 610-437-6963.

Dec. 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of MARILYN L. PETTY, late of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to SUSAN PETTY BAILER

Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2017 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 3630 JACKSONVILLE ROAD, BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, 18017.

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of ANNA R. MAURER a/k/a ANN R. MAURER, Deceased, late of 3133 Linda Lane, Apt. B, 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: Personal Representative of the Estate of Anna R. Maurer a/k/a Ann R. Maurer, Deceased: Jeffrey I. Maurer

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF ANNA M. DREISBACH, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: FRANK M. DREISBACH

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. BRADER, deceased, late of Laurys Station, 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: EDWIN C. BRADER AND NANCY J. ECK

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE ESTATE OF CHARLES LAKO, deceased, late of 9 Nottingham Lane, Palmer Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Charles A. Lako, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE ESTATE OF FLORENCE D. SNYDER, 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 Nancy Myers, 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.

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE that the proposed budget for the calendar year 2017 for the Borough of Alburtis, Lehigh County, PA, is available for public inspection beginning December 14, 2016 at the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, Lehigh County, PA during normal business hours. Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE that the Board of the Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority will be holding Monthly Meetings at 7:30 PM in the CWSA Public Meeting Room CWSA Building, 3213 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 On the dates below: January 19, 2017 February 16, 2017 March 16, 2017 April 20, 2017 May 18, 2017 June 15, 2017 July 20, 2017 August 17, 2017 September 21, 2017 October 19, 2017 November 16, 2017 December 21, 2017 Dec. 21

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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF FRANK J. KLUCSARITS, deceased, late of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Daniel J. Klucsarits

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF RICHARD D. SEMMEL, deceased, late of Whitehall, formerly of Slatedale, 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: KERRIE L. SEMMEL

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF ZOUHAIRA Y. AZAR, 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 Nazih Y. Azar, 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.

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Larry G. Haberstumpf deceased, Late of West Allen Township, Northampton County, PA. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons indebted to the said estate requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to: Christine A. Boty & Eric S. Haberstumpf, 3525 Altonah Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Dec. 7, 14, 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF MARC S. SABLON, Decedent, late of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to: Executrix: Agnes Y. Sablow

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 Airport Road, Bath, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.

Dec. 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors set the following meeting dates to be held in the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building at 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli, PA:

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that RICHARD D. SEMMEL, deceased, Whitehall, formerly of Slatedale, Lehigh County, PA, Settlor of the Revocable Trust created by Richard D. Semmel and Lois K. Semmel for the Benefit of Members of the Richard D. Semmel and Lois K. Semmel Family has died. All persons having claims or demands against said decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to the trustee or the trustee's attorney as stated below...

Dec. 14, 21, 28

PUBLIC NOTICE EAST PENN BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE The East Penn Board of School Directors shall meet in regular session in the Board Room located in the Administration Building, 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in 2017, unless advertised otherwise.

Dec. 14, 21, 28

Supervisors Re-organization: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30pm. Any business brought to the attention of the Board may be discussed. Auditors Re-organization: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00pm. Janice M. Meyers Heidelberg Township Administrator

Dec. 21

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF BETTY M. BELZ, deceased, late of 2734 Diane Blvd., Allentown, PA All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executor or his attorney named below: Executor: Marica Ann Colpan

Dec. 7, 14, 21

ESTATE OF ANNA R. MAURER a/k/a ANN R. MAURER, Deceased, late of 3133 Linda Lane, Apt. B, 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: Jeffrey I. Maurer

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390 HELP WANTED
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390 HELP WANTED
ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Upper Milford Township (population 7,292), Lehigh County, PA seeks a dynamic, experienced, and skilled person to serve as Assistant Township Manager. This person may be assigned to fulfill any of the duties of the Manager. The Manager has authority to direct and supervise all day-to-day operations of the government, and serves as the central point of contact for the three-member Board of Supervisors, staff, and the community. The Manager administers an annual budget of \$2.6 million (including a GF budget of \$2.3 million and State Liquid Fuels budget of \$300,000). Current staff consists of: 1) Township Manager; 2) Zoning Officer/Building Code Official and Code Official; 3) Planning Coordinator and Sewage Enforcement Officer; 4) Secretary/Treasurer; 5) Administrative Assistant. Other employees include: six fulltime public works employees and 4-5 part time or seasonal employees. Assets currently include eight properties equaling approximately 137 acres with three active Parks and Facilities, two active Administrative and Maintenance Facilities and 55 miles of roadways and related infrastructure within an 18.5 square mile area. Police service is through The Pennsylvania State Police. Candidates should have and must demonstrate: (1) municipal management experience in a municipality of similar size and complexity; (2) knowledge of modern local government management principles, practices, programs, and innovation; (3) Degree in related field; and (4) dynamic leadership ability and strong organizational skills. Salary range \$56,000 or more D.O.Q. with benefits; actual salary to be based on experience and qualifications. Candidates should send cover letter, resumé, salary history & expectation limited to 6 pages and contained in a single attachment to info@uppermilford.net. Deadline is noon on Thursday January 12, 2017. Upper Milford Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. www.uppermilford.net

390 HELP WANTED
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Redeemer Church of North 19th St. in Allentown has an immediate opening for a Sexton. This position is part time and requires approximately 20 hours per week. Weekend hours are not required unless special church functions such as weddings or funerals are scheduled. Previous experience is helpful but not required. A complete job description is available through the church office at 610-434-1291 or can be sent by email contacting Craig Long at chief41@enter.net

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