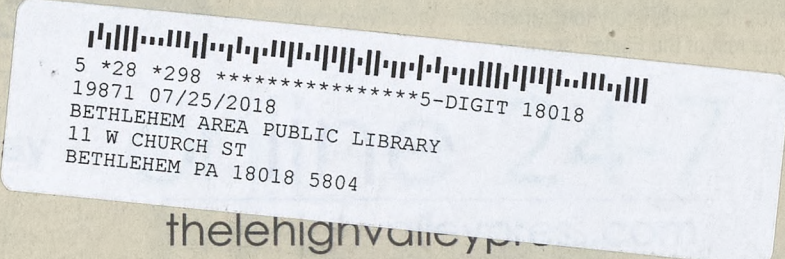




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BY DANA GRUBB

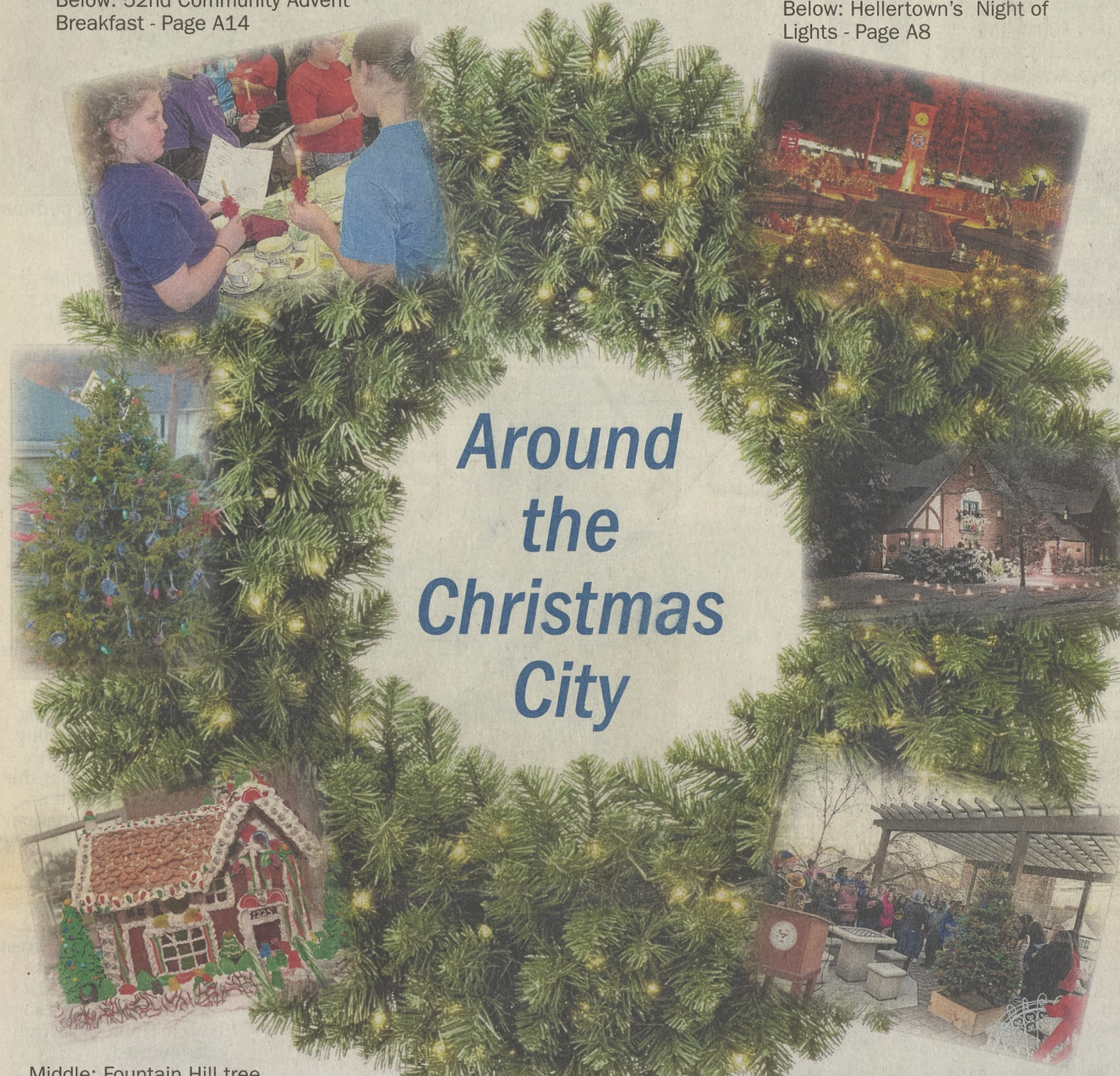
How do you think the injury to quarterback Carson Wentz will impact the rest of the Eagles' season?



"Not much of an impact the rest of the regular season, but in the play-offs it will have an impact."  
**Andrew Gery**  
Whitehall



"Nick Foles knows the system well. It depends on how quickly he can get adjusted. The running game needs to play well and the defense."  
**John Kilduff**  
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## Flu onset has no warning; get shot now

BY CHRIS REBER  
creber@tonline.com

**The CDC recommends that everyone over 6 months of age gets a flu shot, but they prioritize children under 5 and adults over 50.**

After more than 40 years dealing with infectious diseases, Dr. Luther "Pat" Rhodes says you can't predict when the peak of flu season will hit.

That's why Rhodes, an infectious disease specialist at Lehigh Valley Health Network, encourages everyone to get a flu shot each fall, regardless of the outlook for the upcoming season.

"The only thing you can say about flu is there will be a sudden surge, an increase of cases, and calling it would be like predicting the weather," he said.

It's that time of year, when doctors warn the public of the upcoming flu season.

Over the years, Dr. Rhodes has seen flu's peak come as early as October, while in other seasons, infection rates will remain low until well after Thanksgiving.

Rhodes says that despite what some say, there is no way to get

the flu from the flu vaccine, so you might as well get the shot.

The vaccine can take up to two weeks to become effective, so Rhodes recommends getting a shot before you hear about the flu spreading.

"Even though there's no raging headlines of widespread flu, it's the best time to be vaccinated because there is plenty of vaccine, and it takes a good 10-14 days to become fully effective."

The CDC recommends that everyone over six months of age get a flu shot, but they prioritize children under five and adults over 50.

Rhodes says that a child can be contagious for seven to 10 days, as opposed to about five for a healthy adult. Also, adults tend to self-quarantine because of their symptoms, while children could be more likely to come in contact with someone else while they're sick.

Vaccination drives have been taking place around the area

in recent weeks. Over a recent weekend, LVHN vaccinated more than 7,700 people during drive-thru vaccination events at Dorney Park and Coca-Cola Park.

While there are no big drives scheduled in Carbon County, people can walk into a local pharmacy and get vaccinated, no appointment necessary.

The shots are covered by most insurance plans, and are free if you have Medicare Part B, according to Mike Silvonek of First National Pharmacy in Lehigh Valley.

Silvonek said he has already seen a lot of people coming in for flu shots. But he said they'll continue offering them throughout flu season.

"If you haven't gotten it, please consider getting it because everything is saying the flu season is going to be bad," Silvonek said.

So far, flu rates have not spiked. Rhodes says he watches out for the spread of flu data from

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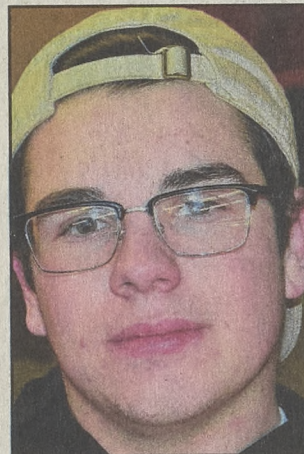
How do you think the injury to quarterback Carson Wentz will impact the rest of the Eagles' season?



"I think the team has a good chance of doing well because they have a good team. But, I do believe that it will affect them a little bit because Carson had good energy."  
**Martin Smith**  
Allentown



"I think that they're going to have a little bit of trouble, but they've been really good this year and I think Nick Foles has a good supporting offense and defense."  
**Lauren Amicao**  
Center Valley



"I feel it's going to be a struggle. They'll be able to get a post season win. Foles has the experience and has the players around him."  
**John Fetter**  
Bethlehem



"It's going to be tough. Wentz is very disciplined. His teammates trusted him. He has all of the attributes of an excellent quarterback."  
**Patricia Savarese**  
Lower Nazareth Twp.

**FLU**

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a local testing laboratory in the Lehigh Valley. Because they test samples from multiple hospitals, they will immediately detect an uptick. He'll also pay attention to the rate of people calling out sick from work, which is one of the best indicators, in his opinion.

There's actually a term in the medical field - "presenteeism," which

means when someone transmits an infectious disease by coming to work when they shouldn't have.

His advice to parents and those looking to stay healthy, is to take any preventive action you can, especially staying home.

"People should take any preventive measures they can personally, to be able, willing and honest enough that if they're ill, to stay home," he said.

**PEOPLE**

**Becahi graduate honored**

Jessica Hamati-Attieh of Allentown, has been named to the All-Mid-Atlantic Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

The Bethlehem Catholic HS graduate is pursuing a bachelor of science in exercise science at Lebanon Valley College.

She was the college's top offensive player throughout the season. In LVC's Conference semifinal-round match at Arcadia, she became the ninth player in program history to record 1,000 kills or more.

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**AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: SOUTHSIDE**



PRESS PHOTOS BY SELENA CINTRON

After Councilwoman Olga Negron lit the tree, attendees applaud.

**Southside welcomes the holidays**

BY SELENA CINTRON  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

A heart-warming celebration of Christmas took place Dec. 1 in the Tranquility Park of Southside Bethlehem. Dozens of people attended the event, which included a few hours of holiday songs, warm popcorn, carol singing and the lighting of a Christmas tree.

Music by Broughal MS Band and Chorus echoed in the park, with cheerful singing and playing instruments. Parents, friends and passersby joined along in the holiday cheer as the students played Christmas music such as "Jingle Bells," "Joy To The World," and more, before Anna Smith from Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem welcomed everyone in attendance in both English and



Councilwoman Olga Negron and State Representative Steve Samuelson connect in front of the Tranquility Park Christmas Tree.

Spanish.

Bethlehem Councilwoman Olga Negron led the lighting ceremony. The bare tree was then lit with colorful lights of red, green and yellow.

"I am a proud resident of the Southside of Bethlehem for the last 21 years," Negron said. "Some friends and I saw this place as once an abandoned spot for years and it is exciting that this is the fourth year that we are celebrating the tree light ceremony."

"I want to thank everyone for attending this great event. This is an amazing way to start our Christmas holidays," she added.


After many posed for pictures by the tree, everyone gathered to carol along Fourth Street to the Bethlehem Area Public Library Southside Branch. Cookies, cocoa, crafts and activities awaited.



Broughal MS students sing Christmas carols for their friends and neighbors.



Broughal MS band members play Christmas carols as friends, family, and passersby gather around.

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

**Wednesday, December 20**

**Holden evening prayer,** light meal: 5:30 p.m.; worship: 7 p.m. For information, email [church@stpetersbethlehem.org](mailto:church@stpetersbethlehem.org) or call 610-867-0519.

**Thursday, December 21**

**Really Terrible Orchestra,** 7 p.m. Kirkland Village, 1 Kirkland Circle.

**Friday, December 22**

**19 years of Vision and the Arts** opening reception, Fox Optical, 28 E. Third St.

**Sunday, December 24**

**Breakfast forum:** Thomas Paine (These Are The Times), Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center St. 9 a.m.  
**Model Train Open House,** 1 p.m. Lehigh and Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

**Monday, December 25**

Merry Christmas!  
 Bethlehem Area Public Libraries closed.

**Tuesday, December 26**

Bethlehem Area Public Libraries closed.

**Wednesday, December 27**

**Holden evening prayer,** light meal: 5:30 p.m.; worship: 7 p.m. For information, email [church@stpetersbethlehem.org](mailto:church@stpetersbethlehem.org) or call 610-867-0519.

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, December 20**

**Snow date: BASD Board,** 7 p.m. East Hills MS auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.  
**Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority,** 5:30 p.m. 3535 Orth St.  
**Fountain Hill Council work session** (if needed), 7 p.m., 941 Long St.  
**Lehigh Co. Commissioners** (change of date for this month only), 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

**Thursday, December 21**

**Bethlehem City Redevelopment,** 4 p.m., 10 E. Church St.

**Wednesday, December 27**

**Bethlehem Parking Authority,** 4:30 p.m., 85 W. North St.  
**Bethlehem City Zoning Hearing Board,** 6 p.m., 10 E. Church St.  
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- Christmas City Follies,** weekends to Dec. 22. 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. 321 E. Fourth St. Visit <http://www.touchstone.org/> or call 610-867-1689.
- Christmas Trees From Around the World,** round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. Call 610-882-9700. Through Jan 1.
- Christkindlmarkt:** Thursday through Sunday through Dec. 23; PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Hours: Thursday, Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Saturday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 23: 6 p.m. close. HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets available.
- Christmas City Village/Weihnachtsmarkt,** wooden huts with gifts, vendors and artisans. Downtown Bethlehem, through Dec. 23; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Information: visit [www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village](http://www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village).
- Doors and Windows of Bethlehem** exhibit, through Jan. 1. North and Southside.
- Gilded trees from around the world-** Bethlehem Garden Club, Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, Apothecary, Single Sisters', Nain-Schober and 1810 Goundie Houses. HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets available. Visit <http://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.
- Gingerbread houses** free display, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, through Dec. 21. Country Meadows, building 1, 4011 Green Pond Road, 18020. Visit [www.countrymeadows.com/communities/bethlehem-pa/gingerbread](http://www.countrymeadows.com/communities/bethlehem-pa/gingerbread).
- Holiday Putz Trail,** 505 Main St. Traditional Moravian Nativity scenes at the Moravian Museum, Gemeinhaus, Single Sisters' House, 1810 Goundie House, Central Moravian Church; ends Jan. 14, 2018. HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets available. Visit [www.historicbethlehem.org](http://www.historicbethlehem.org) or call 1-800-360-8687.
- Live Advent Calendar,** 5:30 p.m. Goundie House, 507 Main St., through Dec. 23. Visit <http://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.
- NMIH: Gingerbread Bridges and Skyscrapers exhibit,** National Museum of Industrial History, 602 E. Second St. Hours and information: visit <http://nmih.org>.
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**AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: FOUNTAIN HILL**

**Fountain Hill initiates new tree**

BY TRACY RICE  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Fountain Hill Tree Lighting took place Dec. 3 at the Tinsley-Jeter Triangle. This year's tree is much smaller because the old one had become too large to maintain where it was located. The ornaments on the tree were made by Fountain Hill ES students. The Broughal MS Band provided a selection of music and Girl Scout Troop 82048 provided the song, "Where is Santa?" Council President Larry Rapp, was master of ceremonies and

the Reverend Robert Potts from St. Ursula's Church gave the invocation. Desmond Kale was the student honored to flip the switch to light the tree. Mayor-elect Carolee Gifford said a few words to welcome everyone. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived and escorted everyone to the new facility for Epic Church, two blocks from the triangle. Refreshments and snacks were provided by Epic Church this year and members of American Legion Post 406 were there to provide special treats for all the kids.



PRESS PHOTOS BY TRACY RICE

**Fountain Hill's** new Christmas Tree is all lit up. The old tree had become too large for Public Works to maintain.



**Desmond Kale** has the honor of lighting the Christmas tree. With Kale is Borough Executive Administrator Anthony Branco.



**Mayor-elect** Carolee Gifford offers a few words about the cleanup of the Tinsley-Jeter Triangle and the wonderful turnout for the tree lighting.



**Broughal MS Band** performs some Christmas songs for the borough gathering.



**Mr. and Mrs. Claus** arrive and get ready to greet youngsters in the crowd.



**Ornaments** for the new tree were made by Fountain Hill ES students.



**Members of Girl Scout Troop 82048** of Fountain Hill sing "Where is Santa?"

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**Lillian R. Gaul**

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Lillian "Lil" R. Gaul, 101, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 24, 2017, at Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Fountain Hill. Born in South Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Mary (Peter) and Joseph Kerso. She was the wife of the late Thomas J. Repsher and the late Anthony Gaul.

She worked for R.K. Laros Silk Mill and for Schoenen's Market, both in Bethlehem.

She was a member of the former St. John's Hungarian Catholic Church and recently of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem, where she was a member of the Sodality.

She volunteered with the church and at St. Luke's Hospital.

She is survived by a niece, Dolores Mervan; a nephew, Tommy Philippi; a great-niece, Pat and her husband, Tony Schaffer; a great-nephew, Richard and his wife, Cami Philippi; other nieces; nephews; great-nieces; and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Steve and John Kerso; two sisters, Helen Koller and Margaret Philippi; and a nephew, Richard Philippi Sr.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne's Catholic Church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017; or to Cedarbrook - Fountain Hill Annex, 724 Delaware Ave., Fountain Hill, PA 18015.

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

**Phyllis J. Longenbach**

doctors' group assistant

Phyllis J. Longenbach, 85, of Nazareth, died Nov. 20, 2017, at Moravian Village, Bethlehem. Born in Upper Nazareth Township, she was a daughter of the late Clinton Kratzer and Miriam (Siegfried) Kratzer. She was the wife of Harry N. Longenbach for 62 years.

She was a Nazareth Area HS graduate. She attended Churchman's Business School, Easton.

She was an administrative assistant for the former practice of Doctors Eaton, Abad and Hemmley, Bethlehem, for 20 years prior to her retirement. She was previously an administrative assistant for several finance companies.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth. She sang with the choir there and at St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton.

She was a charter member of, and a soprano with, the Concord Chamber Singers, Bethlehem, for 45 years. She was a soloist for weddings and on a local radio show. She was a board member of the Daughters of American Revolution and a former member of the Nazareth Junior Women's Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Eric and his wife Lucia of Saylorburg; a sister, Karen (Kratzer) Reimer of Nazareth; a son-in-law, Christopher Churchill Esq. of Lancaster; four grandchildren, Adam Longenbach and Sarah, Emily and Matthew Churchill; and a great-granddaughter, Adrianna Longenbach. She was predeceased by two daughters, infant Ellen and Edie Churchill; and three brothers, Kenneth, Vincent and Dale Kratzer.

Contributions may be made to the Clarke School for Hearing and Speech, 455 S. Roberts Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2131; or c/o the funeral home, 211 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA 18064.

Arrangements were made by Bartholomew-Schisler Funeral Home, Nazareth.

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8 p.m. Sat., 1 to 5 p.m. Sun., through Dec. 23; 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 26 to 31. Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St.

**Wednesday, December 20**

**Teen Holiday Movie Night** for grades six to 12, 6 to 8 p.m. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 399.

**Thursday, December 21**

**Christmas City Tasting with South Italy Imports**, live music by Craig Thatcher and Nyke Van Wyk. 6 to 9 p.m. Historic Hotel Bethlehem 457 Main St. Visit [www.hotelbethlehem.com](http://www.hotelbethlehem.com).

**Friday, December 22**

**Photos with the real Santa A. and Mrs. Claus.** Noon to 5:30 p.m. Lower level. Main Street Commons Building. 559 Main St. Check website in case of changes: [www.santa-a-claus.com](http://www.santa-a-claus.com).

**Saturday, December 23**

**Photos with the real Santa A. and Mrs. Claus.** Noon to 5:30 p.m. Lower level. Main Street Commons Building. 559 Main St. Check website in case of changes: [www.santa-a-claus.com](http://www.santa-a-claus.com).

**Sunday, December 24**

**Photos with the real Santa A. and Mrs. Claus.** Noon to 6:30 p.m. Lower level. Main Street Commons Building. 559 Main St. Check website in case of changes: [www.santa-a-claus.com](http://www.santa-a-claus.com).

**Model Train Open House**, 1 p.m. Lehigh and Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum, 705 Linden St.

**Wednesday, December 27**

**Winter Woods art and STEM activities** - woodland theme, no registration. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Information: visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 499.

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**'Souper' day for New Bethany Ministries**

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Donors and supporters came together to celebrate New Bethany Ministries' accomplishments in the community by hosting a soup luncheon at The Event Center at Blue in Bethlehem Township.

Rabbi Emeritus Allen Juda of Brith Sholom Congregation delivered the invocation.

After lunch, New Bethany Ministries Executive Director Diane Elliott welcomed her guests and reviewed some of the accomplishments and programs of NBM.

She said the organization would soon be completing renovations on a four-bedroom single family house that should be completed by the end of this year and be available for rental in January 2018.

"We will be opening our new choice-based food pantry," Elliott said. "This will quadruple space, and increase refrigeration for fresh foods. As donations permit, it will be available to those in need on a weekly basis. It will open in the first quarter of 2018. We plan to have an open house; I hope you will all attend."

Elliott said the space vacated by the old pantry will be used by the new Center for Community Partnerships. She said this center will house partnerships that address mental health issues, find housing, employment, offer English as a second language, have educational and nutrition classes and also provide New Bethany with meeting space.

"We will also be looking at after school programming for children," Elliott said. "It will also be home to the Ruth Heiperin Reading Room."

"I believe that we are only limited by the willingness and imagination of our volunteers. If you are interested in being involved, please let me know."

Elliott thanked those who she said helped organize the event.

"My thanks to Bob Price and Rich Hooper, who worked tirelessly to bring us all together." She said, "Thanks to Blue for your incredible support for these 26 years. And thanks to the family that has offered to match our freewill offering up to \$20,000."

"Our goal is to provide a place where healing can happen - a place that is warm, caring and respectful, and where there are moments of joy," she said. "You are vital partners in this effort. Your support, empathy, warmth and smiles demonstrate to those we serve that, 'Everyone does matter.'"

Keynote speaker Ashley Russo entertained



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President of ASR Media Productions Ashley Russo and keynote speaker First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union's Lisa Deutsch and Sharon Laudone of Working Dog Press pause before the Souper Day luncheon.



New Bethany Ministries aid recipient Jose Carrasco helps himself to the soup at the Souper Day luncheon. Carrasco shared his experiences with the attendees at the Souper Day luncheon.

the 345 guests then led them through text-to-give instructions that allowed them to pledge monetary gifts to the charitable organization.

Russo, an enthusiastic dynamo with a bright smile and engaging personality, is a two-time Emmy-winning executive producer, host of The PEAK TV. She is also the president of ASR Media productions.

She also walks the walk when it comes to social issues. As a parent, she told the diners, she wanted to raise her children to be "financially responsible and community minded."

According to Russo, her kids skipped believing in Santa Claus and instead got money from Mom and Dad with the challenge to give the money away.

"We took them to visit a half a dozen nonprofits where they experienced the needs in our community first hand," she said.

One of those nonprofits it visits her children made was a trip to New Bethany Ministries, she explained in an interview following her presentation.

She said it was part of her own upbringing. Her family gave back. Among her first exposures were to a special learning center, to a senior facility and to a Big Sisters program.

"It's part of who I am and who I want my family to be," she said.

Also speaking was a recipient of New Bethany Ministries' help.

"I was homeless and didn't have anywhere to go; New Bethany Ministries helped me from going crazy," testified Jose Carrasco, addressing attendees.

Carrasco said the staff at New Bethany would "push me to take the steps I needed [in order] to change things."

Not only did Carrasco get off the streets, he got the guidance that helped



Emmy award winner Ashley Russo, keynote speaker for the Souper Day luncheon.

turn his life around. With that help he got a job.

He said his next step is to go to school.

"I want to keep moving forward; never looking back," he said. "Having been homeless...I don't take anything for granted."

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Legislative Assistant to Pa. State Representative Steve Samuelson and New Bethany Ministries Executive Director Diane Elliott visit the Souper Day luncheon.



BASD School Board member Dean Donaher and his wife Diane Donaher, executive director at IronPigs Charities, at the Souper Day luncheon.



# Board rejects 'pencil-like structure'

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It's back to the drawing board for young entrepreneur Dallas Basha of Lehigh Properties, LLC. The Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission again tabled his proposed new residential over retail building during the Nov. 20 hearing at city hall.

Basha, a Lehigh University graduate currently living in Florida, made several revisions to his previously rejected construction proposal for a vacant lot he owns at 13 W. Morton St. Although Basha's resubmitted proposal eliminated an originally planned seventh story and visible roof pent, the height of the building in relation to its footprint was still a major issue with BHCC.

Basha argued that some of the buildings in the South Bethlehem Downtown Historic District were taller than his proposed project. Chairman Philip Roeder pointed out that nearly all of them had been built before the historic district guidelines were established. Roeder added that the New Street parking garage and other buildings that had been approved by the board were located on streets wider than W. Morton Street and the lots for those structures were considerably larger. Several people who live or work near the site were each given time to address the board with their views. Gail Domalakes said, "I just think the building's too tall." She and the others opined that a three or four-story building would be more appropriate.

Breana Holland said

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In front, from left, board members Ken Loush, Arnold Trautman and Vice Chairman Gary Lader study elevations for 502 E. Fourth St. as Justin Tagg of BDA Architects explains the renovation proposal for the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley. In back, between Lader and Tagg are Elizabeth DeCarlo from St. Luke's and Nathan Nace of BDA Architects, who are also involved with the project.

she still has the same concerns about the project that she had at the Aug. 7 hearing, saying, "I think it is bad for the historic district."

Kim Cartell-Smith, who had referred to the project as a "pencil-like structure" at the previous hearing, continued her opposition to the now six-story building proposal. She stressed that adhering to the district's guidelines was critical to revitalizing the Southside.

Dana Grubb spoke of how he, as the acting director of Community & Economic Development for the city, and others crafted the historic district ordinance in 1999. "We don't want to change what works in Bethlehem," Grubb said.

Bill Scheirer, who had served on the Mayor's Task Force for the Revised Zoning Ordinance, said of the taller buildings that had

sprouted up over the years, "Mistakes should not be replicated."

The BHCC advised Basha to simplify the building design and reduce the structure's height, then return with a site plan, and elevations for all four sides of the building, including how they relate in scale to surrounding structures.

Disappointed, but not deterred, Basha accepted the advice from the board and neighborhood residents, saying, "I'm here to listen."

Seth Cornish and Christine Ussler recused themselves from this agenda item for potential conflicts of interest. George Donovan took over for Ussler as historic officer for this one agenda item.

Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley, represented by Justin Tagg and Nathan Nace of BDA Architects, along with Elizabeth DeCarlo from

St. Luke's University Health Network, was granted a certificate of appropriateness for installation of a new exterior canopy, ADA ramp, and stairs for 502 E. Fourth St. The former St. John's Windish Hall was also approved for exterior facade restoration in selected areas and new aluminum frame windows throughout to replace old vinyl and glass block windows that were not original to the building. All hollow flush metal entry doors will be replaced with more historically acceptable doors. Phil Roeder and Chris Ussler suggested that the architect submit an application for a state variance to allow for the installation of double doors for the main entrance. Currently, the doorway would be considered too narrow for them as defined by code. Approval was granted pending submission of scale shop drawings that clarify window, door and railing details to Roeder and Ussler for review.

Storefront and window signage for the Hot Plate Soul Kitchen at 201 E. Third St. was unanimously approved. Terrence Burns, the proprietor of the soul food restaurant, agreed to the board's recommendation to add a color band around the blue and orange storefront sign. His logo for the vinyl window signage was approved as submitted, as long as he follows city zoning guidelines regarding size.

Greek Meat Guy at 129 E. Third St., represented by ethnic eatery owner Nicholas Malitis, received a COA for a new pin-mounted sign with 12 inch blue PVC See HCC on Page A6



From left, Gail Domalakes, Breana Holland and Kim Cartell-Smith are among several residents who voice their concerns about the proposed six-story building for 13 W. Morton St. at the Nov. 20 BHCC meeting. "I think it is bad for the historic district," said Holland, center.



Dallas Basha, owner of the vacant lot at 13 W. Morton St., tries to persuade BHCC to approve his proposed six-story, residential over retail building for the site.



Flanked by Historic Officer Christine Ussler, left, and board member Beth Starbuck, Chairman Philip Roeder holds up a copy of the proposed window signage for the Hot Plate Soul Kitchen at 210 E. Third St.

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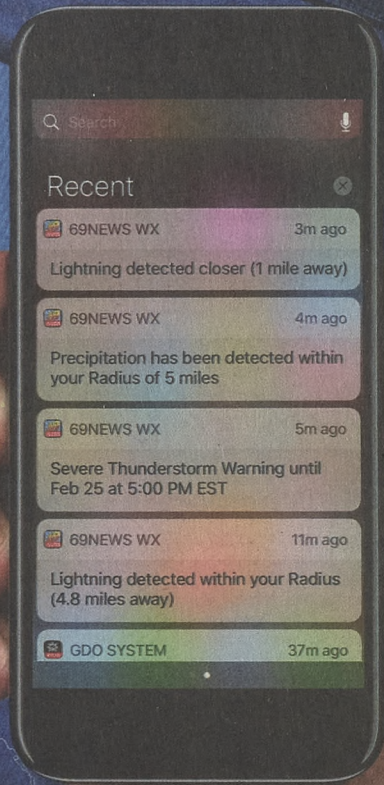
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The free rebate application forms for 2017 payments will be available early next year. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. The income limits are \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded.

For claim form PA-1000 and related information, visit [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) or call 1-888-222-9190. Free filing help is available at Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior community centers and state legislators' offices.

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## POLITICS

Nothstein to run  
in 15th District

Olympic medals winning cyclist and Republican Lehigh County Commissioner Marty Nothstein has announced his bid to run for the seat of retiring U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent in the 15th Congressional District.

The Emmaus HS graduate is the executive director of the Preferred Cycling Center, Upper Macungie Township. Elected in 2015 as a Lehigh County at-large commissioner, he has been the board of commissioners chairman since January. He has stated that, if elected, he would self-impose a term limit of no more than four terms, or eight years.

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## Gaming Board awards final grants

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At its Nov. 27 meeting, Northampton County's nine-member Gaming Board awarded \$530,834.40 in impact grants to the municipalities surrounding Bethlehem's Sands Casino. But they may have played Santa Claus for the last time.

Under recent changes to the state gaming law, county authorities will lose control next year over how gaming funds are awarded. They will be replaced by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. This state group will decide from Harrisburg how to dole out this money. NorCo's Authority will still monitor outstanding grants, but there is no longer local control over how local gaming money is spent.

Under the old gaming law, the board would first award grants to the five municipalities surrounding the Sands Casino, along with Bethlehem and Northampton County. These are Hellertown, Freemansburg, Bethlehem Township, Lower Saucon Township and Hanover Township. These communities were entitled to priority, but had to establish that the money being sought was to counter an impact of gambling. Since six members of the nine-member board are from these communities, that guaranteed that the lion's share of gambling revenue went to those communities.

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PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Gerald Yob, James Pennington and David Heintzelman are three of the Gaming Board's nine members.

Lower Nazareth representative Jim Pennington said, "The goose that laid the golden egg isn't there anymore." Chair Jay Finnigan (from Hanover Township) agreed. "I think one of the reasons this authority will not exist in the future is because 31 or 32 municipalities expected to get rollover funds a little more consistently than they did," he said, referring to municipalities outside of the six communities that surround the Sands Casino.

"This is not a budget-filling mechanism for municipalities. This is merit based, and I don't think we ever really looked at it. I think it was how we can get this money into our budgets to make the money go away so it doesn't go to the other municipal-

ities. And shame on us, that we allowed that to happen."

Northampton County is holding \$745,314.90 for grants. The priority communities submitted \$842,722.05 in grant applications. Bethlehem Township alone was seeking \$336,800 of this sum, or 45 percent for an ambulance, fire marshal SUV and two patrol vehicles.

After listening to Finnigan's assessment, Northampton representative Tony Pristash proposed awarding only \$339,776.29 of this sum.

Nolan, who had asked for 45 percent of the money, complained that Bethlehem Township was being treated unfairly, but Pristash answered him. "This is not a matter of fairness and equality. It's a matter of impact. You prove

the impact, you get the award. That's how this board works."

Nolan ended up being the sole No vote on Pristash's proposed distribution.

No sooner had it passed than an amendment was offered by Bethlehem representative Joe Kelly to add \$191,058.11 to fund police officers in Hellertown and Freemansburg. That passed over the objections of Finnigan, Pristash and Pennington.

The two motions combined represent a grant of \$530,834.40 to the priority municipalities as follows: Hellertown (police officers); Freemansburg (police officers, patrol vehicle); Northampton County (court interpreter); Hanover Township (license plate recognition system); Bethlehem Township (patrol vehicle) and Lower Saucon Township (patrol vehicle).

The nine-person board includes Kelly (Bethlehem), Nolan (Bethlehem Township), Gerald Yob (Freemansburg), Finnigan (Hanover), Dave Heintzelman (Hellertown), Donna Louder (Lower Saucon), Pristash (Northampton), John Dally (Pen Argyl) and James Pennington (Lower Nazareth). Karen Collis is the executive director.

The remaining funds will be devoted to administration fees expected to accumulate as the board winds down.

## Board reviews financial forecasts

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Gretchen Naso, a principal officer from RKL LCC, briefed commissioners on the a five-year financial forecasting model at the Nov. 21 meeting. She analyzed the county's finances for the last five years to give planners an idea of how financial decisions today may affect the future.

"One of our goals was to allow the commissioners to take the financial information that's out there and kind of distill it until it becomes more manageable."

She said the plan will

allow the commissioners to do financial trend and historical analysis. Naso said RKL had met with Lehigh County departments and tried to understand what drives their financial decisions. The plan, according to Naso, is based on an analysis of 1,200 different accounts.

She described her plan as a "beta number two" and would welcome any comments prior to delivering a final report.

The plan was presented in several parts

to include pension fund payments and other employee expenses. The plan allows commissioners to plug in assumed expenditures to help them see potential future effects.

Commissioner Brad Osborne praised the plan, saying, "This will help us see the downstream effect" of financial decisions.

In other business, the commissioners heard and forwarded recommending approval of several bills, with final votes scheduled for the

next meeting.

Among those were bills that approve a professional services agreement with the Lehigh County Historical Society. "They are outstanding in their field," said Commissioner Amanda Holt, one of the sponsors of the bill.

Another bill that will address a pet peeve of the commissioners is one that will require an electronic copy of the county's annual budget to be provided along with the written copy. The bill is sponsored by Commissioners Amanda Holt and Michael Schware.

## LEHIGH COUNTY



Bethlehem resident Dana Grubb points out what he has against the proposed six-story building for 13 W. Morton St. He urged the board to enforce the ordinance he helped craft in 1999.

## HCC

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letters. The business logo, "Eat In, Takeout & Delivery," and phone number in white vinyl letters for the window were approved. The commercial property is owned by Joseph Pearl.

BHCC granted approval to Ashley Matlock's proposal to install a window sign for her Rise Above Hair Studio at 333-335 S. New St. The white letters of her logo form a circle around a keystone with "RA" in the center. D & P Management own the building.

Mark Plosa was approved by the board to replace the existing roof at a row house he owns at 323 W. Fourth St. with shingles similar to what had been previously installed.

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

BRIEFLY  
BETHLEHEM POLICE

Horses benefit  
ends Dec. 23

The Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police are sponsoring the sale of Clip Clop Chocolates to benefit the horses of the Bethlehem Mounted Police. The milk chocolate, pecan and caramel candies are available at Aardvark Sports Shop - Bethlehem, Altered Images Hair Studio, Apollo Grill, Artsy Diva Boutique, Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley/Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Bone Appetit Barkery, Cigars International downtown store, Clusters Handcrafted Popcorn - Bethlehem, Corked, Donegal Square, Edge Restaurant, Fashion Cleaners, Hand Cut Crystal, Intrigued Salon, La Petite Provence, Mamma Nina's, Musselman Jewelers, Ripper's Pub, Rosanna's Restaurant, Seasons Bethlehem, Spy Shop Bethlehem, Tapas On Main, Thai Thai II, Twisted Olive and Vintage Flair.

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## Why Jesus Came

Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Prescott was teaching a class for police officers in the Salt Lake City Library on March 5, 1994. During a break he stepped into the hallway, and saw a gunman forcing people into a room. Prescott, who was dressed in street clothes, fell in line with the group and became the 19th hostage. When the gunman announced the order in which hostages would be executed, Prescott identified himself as a police officer. A fight ensued, and Prescott, in self-defense, shot the gunman. All of the hostages were released unharmed. The officer placed himself at great risk, but he was not thinking of himself, he was thinking about the danger the hostages were in!

John 1:14 declares that God "was made flesh, and dwelt among us." He came because we were held hostage to sin and were hopelessly in danger of eternal spiritual death. He entered our world to save us! Yes, saving us was what the Incarnation was about! Matthew 1:21 says, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." He came "to save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11) and "to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). He "gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us" (Galatians 1:14).

Imagine it! God, who could have crushed the world because of its sin, came into the world to be crushed for our sin. The very One who said that everyone who sinned would die, came to the world to die in our place. He both pronounced the judgment and took the judgment upon Himself. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God's love for us was the reason He came to save us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

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**AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: COUNTRY MEADOWS**



**Carolyn Albert, Mae Trexler, Trudy Spine and Joe Koch** are on hand to view the entries. Both Mae and Joe are 101 years old.



**Beverly Ann Smith and Deb Knicos** from Bev's Cake and Candy Supplies were two of the judges for the contest. Here they are looking at one of the entries.



**An entry from Sacred Heart Senior Living** by Saucon Creek.

**Gingerbread at Country Meadows**

Country Meadows Senior Living Center in Bethlehem held its first gingerbread house contest, with proceeds to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Categories included traditional, out of the box and student (12 and under). Judging took place Dec. 6. First prize in each

category is a \$150 gift card; second prize a \$100 gift card; and third prize a \$25 gift card. Traditional winners: First, Arden Courts of Allentown; Second, Werner Family; and Third, Cynthia Bilheimer. Out of the Box: First, Jennifer Collins; Second, Kerri Gerencher; and Third, Cynthia Bilheimer.

Student: First, Kaelyn Gerencher. Honorable Mention: Amelia Balandovich; Alexandria Manor of Nazareth; and Sacred Heart Senior Living. All submissions will be on display through Dec. 21. Country Meadows is located at 4011 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem.



**An entry from Amelia Balandovich**, who is 80 years old.



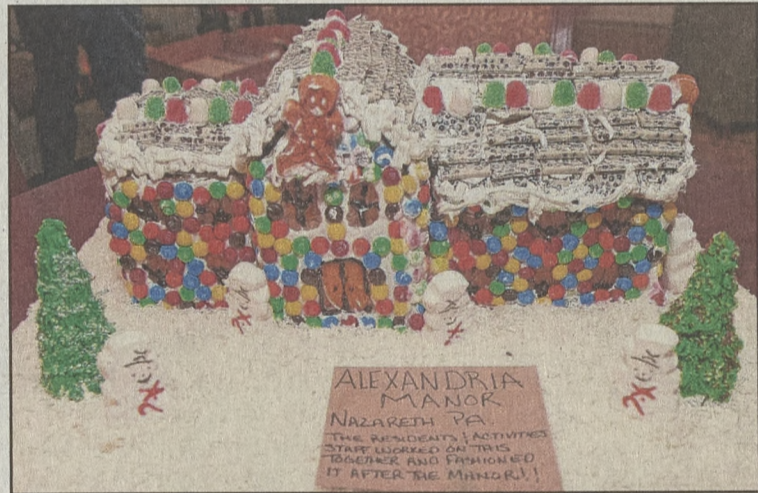
**An entry from Cynthia Bilheimer.**



**Holly Kresge** of Country Meadows holds one of the ribbons awarded to the winners.



**Laurine Cleaver, Donna Wilde, Lemy Siegfried and Althea Hutter** view the entries.



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## VOLUNTEERS

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

**CHARTER ARTS** - The Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts, 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, is seeking volunteers to work in the school's box office for the 2017-18 performance season. Volunteers may choose which music, theater, dance, and theatrical ice shows they would like to work. They will receive free admission to those shows. Contact Debra Storm at 610-868-2971, ext. 3154.

**MEALS ON WHEELS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**, Bethlehem, is seeking meal delivery volunteers (18+ years). Contact Kerri Young, 610-691-1030 x20, [kerig@mealsonwheelspa.org](mailto:kerig@mealsonwheelspa.org).

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**TABOR MENTORING PROGRAM**, Bethlehem, invites volunteers to become mentors and change lives. Tabor's Mentoring Program matches individuals with children and youth who could benefit from getting a different perspective on life. Contact Nykea Alvarez Macey, 610-551-5583, [Nykea.Alvarez-Macey@tabor.org](mailto:Nykea.Alvarez-Macey@tabor.org).

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## AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: HELLERTOWN



The area around Hellertown Borough Hall is adorned with holiday lights.

PRESS PHOTOS BY MARK KIRLIN

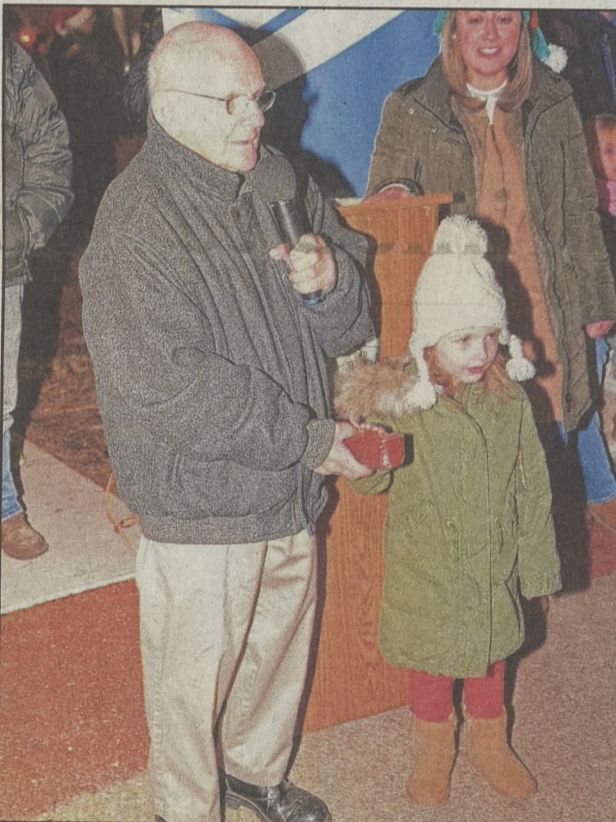
## Lighting Up the Night in Hellertown

Hellertown held its Light Up Night in the area around Borough Hall Nov. 24 to celebrate the start of the holiday season. Holiday spirit for all ages was on display throughout the evening. Included were festive lights, music, food, trolley rides and a large screen showing of the movie "Elf." Also, a variety of dances were



Santa's appearance made many Hellertown area children very happy.

performed by the En Avant School of Dance and the Saucon Valley Dance Conservatory. Other events included caroling by Girl Scout Troop 748 and music performed by the Saucon Valley HS Band. The evening was capped off by a very special appearance by Santa Claus, who gave everyone a chance to have their picture taken with him.



Hellertown Mayor Richard Fluck, assisted by Vera Hegedus, flips the switch to turn on the holiday lights. More photos on A16.



En Avant School of Dance performers Rachel Snyder (center) along with Kylie (left) and Brooke (right) complete a dance number.



Saucon Valley Dance Conservatory members performed with holiday hoops.

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Ray Barbosa

Becahi boys  
basketball coach

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**TROUT UNLIMITED**

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited will present a program: John Mauser speaking on "Conservation Projects and Fishing Opportunities in the Marshalls Creek Area."

The event will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Catsauqua High School, Rm. C219, located at 2500 Bullshead Rd., Northampton.

The public is invited to attend. Questions, call 610-262-7598.

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**BASEBALL**

Notre Dame High School is hosting a six week baseball camp starting January 7.

Notre Dame High School head coach Michael Bedics will direct the program in conjunction with U.S. Baseball Academy. Classes are available for players in grades 1-12 and are limited to seven players per coach. Sessions are offered in advanced hitting, pitching, catching, fielding and base running.

Space is limited. Registration is now underway.

For more information, visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com, or call toll-free 866-622-4487.



FILE PHOTO

Zach Glenn and the Hawks are aiming for another big year on the wrestling mats.

**Hawks aim for dominance**

BY PETER CAR  
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It may be a different group of wrestlers for Bethlehem Catholic this year, but many people expect more of the same.

The Hawks enter the season with a preseason national ranking of No. 13 by Intermat and look to push their way toward the top of the PIAA dual meet podium after falling to Nazareth last year in the district and state dual meet championships.

Head coach Jeff Karam comes back for his 10th year leading the program that looks to stay in the conversation of the state's best.

"We have a good group of returning ju-

nior varsity wrestlers who were part of the junior varsity district championship last year," Karam said. "Plus getting three guys back from season ending injuries last year (Mikey Lewis, Cole Handlovic, and Matt Arciuolo) will definitely help us."

The names that will battle out for starting spots this year include Jr. Dillon Murphy (106-113); Jr. Nate Lackman (106); Fr. Matt Mayer (106/113); So. Matt Lackman (120); So. Kenny Herrmann (120/126); So. Tyler Blatnik (120/126); Sr. Zach Glenn (126/132); Jr. Ryan Anderson (132/138); Sr. Jarred Papsy (132/138); So. Cole Handlovic (138/145);

Fr. Jamier Jimenez (138/145); So. Jaden Youwakim (138/145); Jr. Luca Frinzi (145/152); Sr. Mikey Lewis (152/160); So. Matt Arciuolo (152/160); Jr. Henry Pavis (152/160); Sr. Tommy Schadt (160); Jr. Joey Kurtz (160/170); So. Tavion Banks (182); Sr. Robert Spezza (195); Sr. Joseph Bozzi (195/220); Sr. Nate Andrew (220) and Jr. Jase Crouse (285).

After losing four 100-match winners (Mikey Labriola, Niko Camacho, Luke Carty, and Jody Crouse), plus regional champ Ryan Zeiner to graduation, Karam has some holes to fill, despite the talent level that comes through the hallways at Becahi.

"Getting the young guys experience in big match situations to prepare for the end of the year will be key for us," said Karam. "Getting out on bottom as well, definitely cost us in team states last year."

The Hawks throttled Pocono Mountain West and Emmaus last week for their first dual victories, but face their first task of the season Wednesday night when they travel to Northampton.

They hit the road tomorrow night to Stroudsburg before gearing up for the Tony Iasiello Christmas Tournament next Thursday and Friday.

**'Canes primed to compete**

BY PETER CAR  
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Expect more of the same with Liberty's wrestling program this season. It usually doesn't matter who the Hurricanes graduate, they always are a team that wrestlers hard, is prepared and develops their own talent.

Following last season's 15-7 finish, which saw them come away with a state runner-up in the graduated Luke Werner (Lock Haven), head coach Jody Karam enters year 25 leading Liberty's program with expectations always to be a competitive force in the East Penn Conference.

The top wrestlers for Karam this year are Fr. Connor Werner (106); Jr. Matt Maloney (113-120); Jr. Tal-Reese Flemming (113); Sr. Sebastian Mateo (120); Jr. Michael Torres (132); Jr. Travis Brown (126); So. Jason Rezac (138); Sr. Danny Santiago (152); Sr. Eli Santiago (160); Jr. Josh Taliban (170); Jr. Damon



FILE PHOTO

Matt Maloney is back for the Hurricanes this season.

Moyer (195); Jr. Jake Amhad (220) and Jr. Jayden Freeman (285).

Liberty started the season off with a tournament championship at the Bear Duals in Boyertown and then improved to 6-0 on the year with a win over Whitehall last week.

The Hurricanes host East Stroudsburg North tonight and Northamp-

ton tomorrow night. Thursday's dual with the K-Kids will give Karam an opportunity to tie Frank Gutierrez's mark of 327 all-time victories.

Liberty then looks forward to hosting their Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic next week.

"We have solid team balance, we're young,

and looking for the same leadership we had last year to emerge," said Karam on this year's potential. "I would like to see three individuals qualify for PIAA championships. As a team I'd like to see a top five finish at districts and top four in the league."

**BC looks to rebound**

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic suffered their first setback of the season over the weekend, falling to Abington 63-53 on the road Saturday night, giving the Hawks (2-1) their first taste of defeat on the young year.

Despite the loss, it was a test against a state qualifier from a year ago and undoubtedly one of the best teams the Hawks will come across throughout this season.

Justin Paz led the way for the Hawks with 17 points and Ryan Young added 15 points, as Becahi battled back from

a 31-16 halftime deficit, only to trail by six points with two minutes to go without pulling off the upset. Head coach Ray Barbosa knew that Abington would be a formidable opponent, but was happy to see how his team performed against a tough squad on the road early in the season.

"Overall I think we are getting better," Barbosa said. "We are 2-1 right now and we still have a couple things to clean up, but it is a long season. We will keep working everyday in practice to get better."

The Hawks take on

Liberty Tuesday night before wrapping the week at home against Easton on Friday night before the Christmas break.

It'll be their first action against divisional opponents this year.

Liberty (2-2) bounced back from a difficult 51-36 defeat to Central Catholic on Friday night to top Pocono Mountain West 57-55 on Sunday afternoon at the LV Jamboree at Whitehall.

With Tuesday's contest against Becahi on tap, it'll be an opportunity for the Hurricanes to gain some momentum. See **HOOPS** on Page A10

**Pates look to battle in EPC**

BY PETER CAR  
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Expectations might be tempered for the Patriots heading into this season, but Freedom is always looking for improvement as head coach Brandon Hall enters his eighth season at the helm of the program.

The Pates are coming off a 13-9 season, bring back some valuable pieces, but also are young and inexperienced in other spots to make this winter's campaign difficult.

"This season will be challenging as we compete in the East Penn Conference, Clearfield Duals and Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic," Hall said. "I know the seniors on this team want to improve on last year's finish. We have some new and inexperienced wrestlers who are excited to compete as well. The absence of a few wrestlers (various reasons) adds to the challenge. Practices and strength/conditioning training have been going well thus far."

Back for the Pates include So. Louis Vargas (106-113); So. Connor Huber (106-120); Sr. Gianni Palaos (126-138); Sr. Andrew Youwakim (132-145); Sr. Andy Evans (132-145); Sr. Ben Huber (145-160); Jr. Sebastian Gibbs (152-160); Sr. Marco Augello (160-182) and So. Max Marrero (182-195).

The Pates went 4-1 at their season opening dual meet tournament at home and then downed Pocono Mountain East last week before falling to Easton 40-25.

They face a tough task this week when they host Nazareth on Wednesday night, followed by a trip to Parkland on Thursday.

They'll get some individual action next week at Liberty for the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic.

Hall hopes that through all the challenges they do encounter this season, that battling in the EPC will prove its worth toward their end of season goals.

"The team is looking to again qualify for team districts, improve in the EPC and on last season's record," he said. "We will need to be healthy, our seniors will need to shine and we'll need to shorten the learning curve for new wrestlers in the line up if we are to have success this season."



PRESS PHOTO BY ROB MERCHANT

Liberty's Will Harper, right, puts up a shot against Central Catholic last week.



# Hawks beat Parkland

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Bethlehem Catholic and Parkland's girls' basketball teams stayed within reach of each other for the first half of their EPC season opener, but everything changed in the third quarter as the Hawks scored 11 unanswered points leading to their 57-43 victory over the Trojans last Tuesday night at Becahi.

"It was a slow first half. We needed to close out on shooters more because they were killing us on shots," said Becahi guard Taliyah Medina.

Parkland's Claire Courter was one of the

Trojans' biggest threats last Tuesday night, scoring 14 points that included two threes in the second quarter.

"What we talked about, mainly, was not letting them speed us up because once they sped us up we were turning the ball over," said Becahi forward Morgan Orloski, who had back-to-back threes early in the fourth quarter.

"I wouldn't have had them without Hope Brown and Abby Brown. Both of them passed me the ball. Abby's a really hard worker for us, so whatever we put at her, she follows through with it."

Medina appeared to open up the gates for the Hawks, scoring on a steal, followed by a three pointer.

"In the huddle, my dad [Coach Jose Medina] said something like they're on the ropes and we were hitting them hard, and he said to keep going because soon they're going to get tired, so that's what we did and we just persevered," she said.

Natalie Rhine also had a three for the Hawks for a total of 11 points.

Becahi will travel to Easton this Friday night after having taken on Liberty on Tuesday.



Jalessa Lanier and the Hawks knocked off Parkland in an early-season contest.

PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

# BC top-10 at Beast

BY PETER CAR  
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Bethlehem Catholic didn't have one of their most prestigious showings at the Beast of the East tournament in Delaware over the weekend, but the Hawks scraped together a valiant effort to finish tied for ninth in the team standings, despite only having 11 wrestlers compete in the event.

The Hawks had three wrestlers medal as sophomore Matt Lackman (120, seventh), sophomore Kenny Herrmann (126, fourth) and senior Jarred Papsy (138, fifth) came home with hardware from the event.

With several starters missing, including returning PIAA place-winners junior Ryan Anderson and senior Zach Glenn, Becahi put together a quality tournament considering the circumstances.

"We performed fairly well considering we were missing four or five starters," said head coach Jeff Karam. "Had three guys (Nate Lackman, Luca Frinzi, and Robert Spezza) lose in the placing round. The guys out were mostly injury related, but nothing really serious. I did not let anyone coming off football to wrestle, thought it would be too much this early in the season without a lot of practices. I'm pretty happy with everyone who competed, but the place winners did an outstanding job. Going to a tournament like this really shows us a lot we need to work on as we prepare for the league matches."

The Hawks (2-0) now prep for this week's set of matches against Northampton (2-0) on Wednesday night and Stroudsburg tomorrow. Both bouts are on the road and should give them their first real tests of the season after pounding Pocono Mountain West 66-6 and Emmaus 55-10 last week.

"Looking forward to two good matches this week and they should both be very competitive," said Karam. "As always, toss up bouts will be crucial and getting bonus points in other matches. Not sure yet if we'll have everyone back for Northampton, but I should have a couple guys back this week."

Liberty (6-0) will look to stay hot this week as well with bouts on Wednesday and Thursday. The Hurricanes host East Stroudsburg North on Wednesday before facing their toughest bout of the year on Thursday against Northampton at home.

Freedom (5-2) is coming off a 40-25 loss to Easton last week and face two of the EPC's toughest programs this week as well with Nazareth on deck Wednesday night before hitting the road to Parkland on Thursday.

Both the Patriots and Hurricanes will then gear up for the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic next Thursday and Friday (Dec 28 and 29) at Memorial Gymnasium.

## DARTS

### Suburban Dart League Standings

Salem Luth	34	8	.810
Christ UCC	25	17	.595
Bath Luth	21	18	.538
St. Paul's	22	20	.524
Dryland	20	19	.513
Emmanuel	18	21	.462
St. Stephen's	17	22	.436
Salem UCC	15	21	.417
Messiah	16	23	.410
Ebenezer	15	24	.385
Farmersville	16	26	.381

Dryland (6-3, 5-2, 1-0 10in) at Christ UCC

D - Bernie Yurko 6-13, Shawn Sigley 5-13, Larry Golick 5-14.

C - Dave Shaver 6-12, Joe Hunsicker 4-12.

St. Stephen's (8-6)

at Salem Luth (11-5, 9-2)

SL - Bill Hoke Sr. 8-14, Bill Hoke Jr., Brian Frankenfield 8-15, HRs - Kyle Taylor, Austin Hoffer, Tyler Frankenfield (2).

SS - Jon Hoysan 4-9, Gary Buczynski 4-13, Ed Wychock, Travis Beahn 4-14, HRs - Alan Antry, Nathan Naprava.

Farmersville (3-0) at St. Paul (7-3, 5-0)

SP - Rich Kern 4-12, HRs - Amber Gross, Abby Kern.

F - Gene Grim 4-12.

Bath Luth (8-1, 5-3) at Messiah (1-0)

BL - Dan Stillwell 5-13 HR, Scott Henninger, Dave Fisher 4-13.

M - Norm Schoenberger 5-11, Rich Hasonitch 4-11, Charlie Highdecker HR.

Ebenezer vs. Salem UCC postponed

Bye - Emmanuel

Bethlehem Inter-Church Dart Baseball league Standings Week 1-13

East Hills 28 11 .718

Holy Trinity	25	14	.641
Christ Lutheran	23	16	.590
Schoenersville	23	16	.590
First UCC	21	15	.583
Bethany UCC	21	18	.538
St. Matthews	19	20	.487
Fritz Wesleyan	17	19	.472
College Hill	18	21	.462
WS Edgeboro	18	21	.462
St. Peters	16	23	.410
Holy Cross	13	23	.361
Trinity UCC	13	23	.361
Christ UCC	12	27	.308

RESULTS 12/11

Trinity UCC @ College Hill 4-3, 7-1, 1-5; WS Edgeboro @ Schoenersville 4-5, 2-3, 2-4;

Bethany UCC @ Christ Lutheran 1-2 5-0 6-4; East Hills @ Christ UCC 2-1 5-3 3-0;

First UCC @ St. Matthews 6-1, 2-3 (11in), 3-5; Holy Trinity @ St. Peters 6-3, 3-1, 6-0.

HIGHLIGHTS 12/11

1) Matt Fullman 7-14, Larry Roth 6-14, and Bob Scholl 5-11 for Trinity UCC.

2) Dave Greenwald 4-11 for College Hill.

3) Dan Miller 7-14 and Bill Jones 6-10 for WS Edgeboro.

4) Bud Walker 6-12 and Don Dilliard 5-11 for Schoenersville.

5) Marlin Bozes 7-12 for Bethany UCC.

6) John Buss 5-12 for Christ Lutheran.

7) Bob Koehler 5-10 for East Hills.

8) Stan Czeck 6-14, Bill Roth 5-9, and Mike Tietsworth 2-5 for First UCC.

9) Dave Horveath 5-6 for Chris Fassl, playing his first match, had the Game-Winning RBI in Game 2 for St. Matthews.

10) Dale Wesner 8-14, Kevin Ashner 6-14, and Dale Mack 6-15 for Holy Trinity.

# LHS boys top Central

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty's boys' swim team hosted Allentown Central Catholic last Tuesday and defeated the Vikings 99-78 in their first meet of the season.

Jase Smith, Chris Chambers, Robert Negron, and Grant Smith swam to a first place finish in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:44.73.

Jake Evert won the boys' teams first indi-

vidual event, the 200 freestyle, with a time of 1:50.21.

Yousef Ismail placed first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:16.93.

Negron won the 50 free with a time of 21.16 and the 100 butterfly with a time of 53.62.

In the diving event, Kellen Rogers came in second with a score of 179.60, Sergio Alvarez was third with a score of 120.05, and Patrick Ad-

ams placed fourth with a score of 71.0.

All three divers combined to score nine team points for the Hurricanes.

Jase Smith won the 100 free with a time of 54.46, and Chambers won the 500 free with a time of 5:26.81.

In the 200 free relay, Negron, Jase Smith, Ben Service, and Ryan Wycherley took first place with a time of 1:39.64.

# LHS girls beat CCHS

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty's girls' swim team scored a 103-77 victory over Allentown Central Catholic in its first meet of the new season last Tuesday at Liberty.

The Hurricanes had a large share of first place finishes in individual events after Anna Lehr, Natalie Richardson, Samantha Taylor, and Greta Stuckey opened the meet with a first place finish in the 200 medley relay with a time of

1:58.68.

Lehr then won the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:04.83, as well as the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:03.52.

Taylor won the 200 IM with a time of 2:19.87, and Stuckey won the 50 free with a time of 27.22.

Abby Mack took first place in the 100 free with a time of 57.53.

Kay Wetmore also had a first place finish in the 500 free with a time of 5:34.55.

Madison Drager, Richardson, Sabri-

na Krotzer, and Mack teamed up to win the 200 free relay with a time of 1:48.03.

Although Central Catholic took first place in diving, the Hurricanes placed second, third, and fourth, earning nine team points for Liberty.

Cara Kyukens came in second with a score of 166.70, Leahanna Sine placed third with a score of 121.75, and Alicia Valladares was fourth with a score of 117.90.

# FHS girls win two

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's full schedule of girls' basketball this week actually began this past Saturday with a 64-61 overtime victory for the Patriots over Mahanoy Area.

The Patriots then proceeded to defeat East Stroudsburg South, 65-21, on Monday night.

"We talked about keep moving the ball, keep running our offense, and just do what we do," said Freedom se-

nior Kyra Jefferson. Defensively, the Patriots wanted to make a statement and pressed early in the game.

"We want to put pressure up with pressing and showing our aggression toward the ball, so the offensive team doesn't set up their defense. We want to startle them," said Patriot forward Hailey Silfies.

The Patriots led the Cavaliers 37-15 at halftime.

"We're a lot smaller than we were last year, so we have a lot more guards than bigs, but honestly, I don't think there's much of a difference. I think we're a lot faster this year than last year, so we're looking at pushing the ball a lot more," Silfies said.

Yasmine Herrera had three three pointers in the game for the Patriots on Monday night.

Freedom's first league game of the season resulted in a 52-48 loss to William Allen on Dec. 12 at Allen.

"We each had our own runs, but then we had to foul toward the end and they were making their free throws," said Silfies.

Jefferson also noted the Canaries' aggressiveness and the size of the home crowd as not helping in the Patriots' pursuit of a victory.

Both Jefferson and Silfies scored in double digits in that game. Allen's Kion Andrews had a game high of 25 points.

This Thursday, Freedom will host Wilson West Lawn, and on Friday, the Patriots will host Liberty.

"I always do [look forward to the Liberty game]," Jefferson said. "It's always great energy."

## HOOPS

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tum before the holiday break if they can reel off two straight wins against two of the top teams in the EPC. The Hurricanes also travel to Downingtown East on Saturday.

Freedom (1-3) lost to Allen and Quakertown last week as they try and

figure out their early season puzzle.

The Canaries held on for a 65-62 division win early in the week before the Pates suffered a 51-39 road loss at Quakertown on Saturday.

Now the Pates gear up for an important week featuring Dieurff on Tuesday night and a trip to Southern Lehigh on Friday.

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# Book recounts city's firefighting heritage



It wasn't until 1876 that there was enough interest to establish a lasting fire company in South Bethlehem. Named the Protection Hose Company No. 1, it was housed in this building at 341 E. Fourth St., the present location of the Touchstone Theatre.



The Broadway Social Gastropub now occupies the former home of the first Lehigh Hook and Ladder Company at 217 Broadway in South Bethlehem. The volunteer company was founded in 1884 by some of the leading citizens of South Bethlehem after a raging fire destroyed the Bethlehem Opera House and many of the adjacent Palace Row businesses.

BY CAROLE GORNEY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fire was a constant threat to the Moravian community that had settled in 1741 on 500 acres of land on the north side of the Lehigh River in what is now part of the city of Bethlehem. Many of the community houses were built partly of wood, and were interconnected to protect the residents against the harsh winters. Some farm buildings were made with logs, and filled with flammable contents. All of these structures were highly vulnerable to fast-spreading fires.

The story of how vulnerability to fire was addressed by the early settlers and those who followed in succeeding decades is told for the first time in historical detail in the beautifully illustrated book, "Firefighting in Bethlehem: 1741-1917." Co-authored by Chris Eline, Nancy Rutman and Karen Samuels, the book's content is based on contemporary news accounts, archival records and rare artifacts and photographs.

During a recent slide presentation sponsored by the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society in Seidersville, the authors told the audience that the community's first fire department began in 1747 after major fires in 1741 and 1745.

Rutman, a local historian noted for her Facebook page the "Lehigh Valley Historical Archive," explained that the first fire department consisted of a bucket brigade. "Every household had a bucket to bring to the fire. It was hand-to-



PRESS PHOTOS BY CAROLE GORNEY

"Firefighting in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania" co-authors Karen Samuels and Nancy Rutman presented a slide show of some of the 200 images from their new book to a standing-room-only audience in Seidersville. Sponsored by the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society, the presentation also discussed the extensive research that helped uncover some of the most interesting and revealing stories of the city's early firefighters and the challenges they faced.



Chris Eline, a Bethlehem firefighter for the past 24 years, is a co-author of the firefighting book. He is noted for having gathered photographs and related artifacts from the fire department's history, and created display cases for the items throughout the city.

hand combat." The Northside didn't get its first fire engine until 1763. Named "Perseverance," it was built in London, and arrived four days too late to fight the destructive fire at the Linseed Oil Mill. It had side pump handles, and took six men on each side to work it, according to Rutman.

The Moravians purchased their second fire engine, "Diligence," from Germany in 1792. Its advantage was that the pump handles were on the front and back, allowing the engine to work in narrower spaces. It was used until

the 1860s. Both engines are on public display in Bethlehem, Samuels said. "It's amazing that these engines are still around."

"Firefighting in Bethlehem" is divided into four sections corresponding with the four boroughs that existed until the mergers of South and West Bethlehem with North Bethlehem to eventually become the City of Bethlehem in 1917. The fourth borough, Northampton Heights, remained a separate political entity as Bethlehem Township. Fire companies

formed first on the Northside and, according to Samuels, they were all volunteer until payment of firefighters began in the 1890s. Rutman added that despite agitating for years for horses to pull the heavy fire engines, including the first fire steam engine purchased in 1869, the North Borough refused to buy any horses until 1872.

By the time South Bethlehem had organized its first sustainable fire company in 1875, the state legis-

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# Lehigh Valley organizations seek to help struggling Puerto Rico

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"The Lehigh Valley has shown time and time again that we take care of our own," said Allentown Councilman Julio Guridy speaking Nov. 21 at a rally in Fountain Hill asking for money to help area charitable organizations to meet the challenges of providing help to the refugees from Puerto Rico fleeing the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria.

"I'm not too proud to beg," said Guridy, who was born in Dominican Republic. "I beg us all to consider how lucky we are to be spared the devastation and who have the resources to help. If you can afford to \$5 or \$500 or even \$5,000, we need that contribution today."

Guridy teamed with Bethlehem City Councilwoman Olga Negron to bring the message to the public - the need now is for cash to deal with the crises.

"This is personal," said Negron who was there with her recently-arrived elderly and ailing parents who found housing at the Lehigh County Housing Authority's apartments on Seneca Street in Fountain Hill.

"I am fortunate that I could get my mother and father here without a lot of assistance, but hundreds of others who have relocated to the region are not so fortunate."

Highlighting the crises, Mary Colon, interim executive director of Hispanic Center in South



**PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES**  
Carmen Inostroza and Yamilka Santiago who have recently arrived from Puerto Rico attended the meeting.

Bethlehem said, "We are a very small agency that struggles to meet the need in the best of times. These are not the best of times."

Colon said people need money for security deposits and advance rent.

Lucy DeLabar, executive director of Casa Guadalupe of Allentown, said her agency has worked with more than 60 Puerto Rican refugee families; she said more arrive every day. DeLabar said she has too few resources to assist those who have already arrived, much less the many more expected in the weeks and months ahead."

DeLabar said the shelters are full, apartments

are unaffordable, and hotels and motels are unaffordable. These charitable agencies need money for food, clothes and other basic necessities according to DeLabar.

United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley Vice President Marc Rittle said in-kind contributions such as coats are helpful, but that the most valuable resource is is money and gift cards.

The small meeting room was crowded with news reporters and photographers; also there were representatives of several charitable agencies and school districts. Among the attendees were two recently arriv-

ing Puerto Rican women, Carmen Inostroza and Yamilka Santiago. Also attending was Elizabeth Martinez of the Allentown School District who asked Alan Jennings, executive director of CACLV, "Is FEMA is helping with housing in this situation?"

Jennings said three states have been declared host states by FEMA, but that Pennsylvania is not one of them. "We are working to join the list of host states," said Jennings. "We need to get FEMA to recognize Pennsylvania as a host state."

Red Cross representative Mar Torres said her agency is doing case monitoring on the situation. "We are helping people with medical needs such as glasses, wheelchairs, and medicine such as insulin," said Torres.

Allentown school board member Elizabeth Martinez, who is also a legislative assistant for Pennsylvania Representative Peter G. Schweyer, said approximately 250 students displaced from Puerto Rico have been admitted to Allentown School District. She said Puerto Rican refugees have all be coming to Schweyer's office seeking help.

Donors can send tax deductible checks payable to "Estamos Listos" to Community Action committee of the Lehigh Valley. CACLV's address is 1337 east Fifth Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Donors can also give through CACLV's website [www.caclv.org](http://www.caclv.org).



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Bethlehem Councilwoman Olga Negron said, "This is personal." She is here with her recently-arrived elderly and ailing parents.



School Board member Elizabeth Martinez, who is also a consultant for Pennsylvania Representative Peter G. Schweyer, is one of approximately 250 students displaced from Puerto Rico who have been at Allentown School District. Former Bethlehem Area School Board member Auria Ortiz is on the right.

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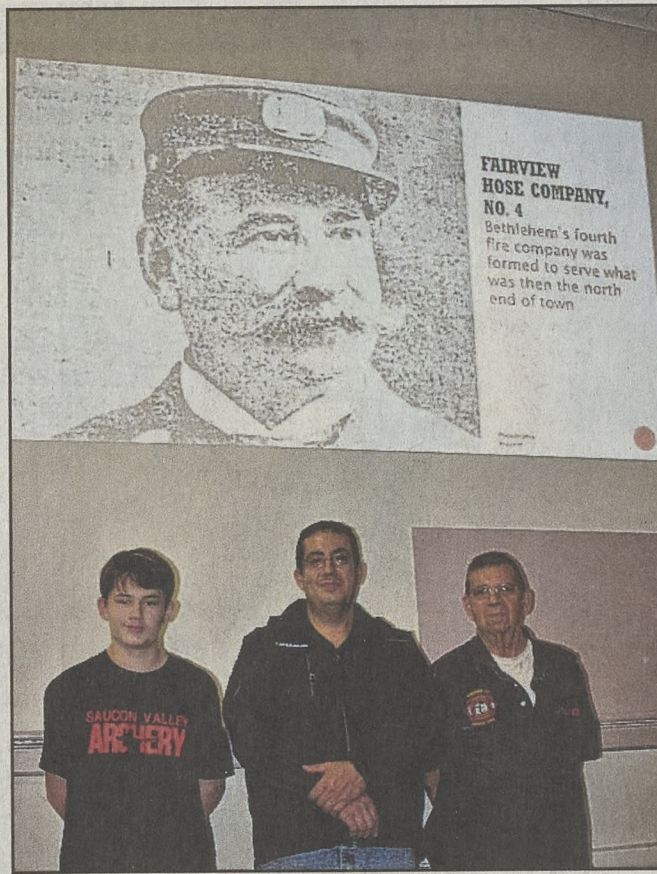
lature voted to allow fire companies to raise funds. Many did so by sponsoring balls, carnivals and even Christmas putzes. "Some of these [companies] evolved into social clubs and beer halls - not much about firefighting," Rudman observed.

Each of the four boroughs had their own different fire-fighting equipment, according to Eline, who is a 24-year veteran of the Bethlehem Fire Department. If there was a fire in one borough, other boroughs couldn't help because things like hose couplings weren't compatible. "Toward the end of the 19th Century, they decided they had better coordinate, so they standardized sizes of hookups for hoses," Eline said.

A disastrous fire in 1884 completely destroyed the Bethlehem Opera House on the South Side in part because of poor firefighting equipment and inadequate water pressure. The borough's response was to purchase the first hook and ladder truck, and establish the Lehigh Hook and Ladder Co. #1 with its own building.

Bethlehem Steel in the South Borough established its own fire company, and upgraded it, Samuels said, after several serious fires during World War I that were immediately suspected of being sabotage.

Eventually firefighting became very competitive, with fire companies in the four boroughs vying with each other over who had the best equipment, Samuels continued. "Newspapers were very good at covering everything, which is how we got our information."



Photographs of that antique equipment and the courageous firemen who used it are among the 200 images featured in "Firefighting in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania:

1741-1917." The book is available at Amazon.com or the publisher's website at perseverancepublishing.com.

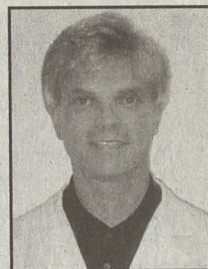
The grandson, great grandson and great-great grandson of S. Charles Seckelman, revered in the 1880s as the "King of Bethlehem Firemen," are pictured standing under a photo of their ancestor after the slideshow on the newly published firefighting book. Samuel Yardumian (l) lives in Huntingdon Valley, and Randy and Cody Yardumian are from Hellertown. Seckelman was chief of the Bethlehem Fire Department for three years and afterward organized and served as captain of a volunteer company on the north end of the city until his death in 1900.

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**AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: ADVENT BREAKFAST**



Jan Miller, Barbara Miller and Connie Glagola join in singing, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES



Jenna and Bay Burke attend the Advent Breakfast with Bay's grandparents.



ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert, Senior Vice President at Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce-Bethlehem Lynn Collins Cunningham, and Bethlehem City Council President William Reynolds participate in the Advent Candle-lighting ceremony.

# 'A little like finding home'

## Moravian Village hosts 52nd Advent Breakfast

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

"They are things of the heart that last," said Reverend John M. Gibbons as he gave the invocation before breakfast. He was speaking at the 52nd annual Community Advent Breakfast hosted by Moravian Village Dec. 2.

The breakfast, attended by those celebrating the beginning of the Advent season, attracted business leaders, political leaders and a good number of attendees from Moravian Village.

From the beautiful nativity scene at the entrance to Moravian Village's dining hall, to the Christmas trees, the magnificent building was decorated as a testament to the spirit of Christmas.

Each table's center



Hands lighting Advent candles during the candle ceremony

piece, a large, lighted beeswax candle on a disk with surrounding smaller candles that each guest would light from the central source, was handmade by the Central Moravian Church Candlemakers

especially for the occasion. Jan Christensen led the candle-lighting ceremony.

"The candle is a religious symbol of great antiquity," explained a brochure provided by organizers. "In 1747,

Bishop John de Watteville used a candle to tell the story of Christ's birth during a service for children."

The red ribbon on the candle represents the blood of Christ, while the beeswax candle represents the purity of Christ, according to organizers.

ArtsQuest CEO Kassie Hilgert was the featured speaker at the event.

"Finding Bethlehem was a little like finding home," said Hilgert, alluding to her childhood home of Winston-Salem, N.C., where there is another Moravian congregation and church.

Bethlehem City Council President J. William Reynolds also attended the celebratory breakfast marking the beginning of the Christmas season.



Broughal MS students Bonnie Landes and Melony Nonnemacher take part in the Advent celebration.



The Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir made its annual appearance at the Community Advent Breakfast, providing seasonal music early in the program.



Louise Keim, a resident at Moravian Village, attend the Advent Breakfast.



Fatima and Tim Gilman attend the Advent Breakfast. Tim Gilman serves on the organizing committee for the Advent Breakfast.



St. John Zion AME Youth Choir under the direction of Winston Alozie provided music during the Advent Breakfast.



Broughal MS Chamber Choir, led by Amy Putlock, welcomed guests as they entered Moravian Village.



**AROUND THE CHRISTMAS CITY: LUMINARIA NIGHT**



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

There were some complaints about the snow earlier in the evening Dec. 9, but afterward the scene was beautiful for Bethlehem's 20th Luminaria Night. More photos on A16.

**Beautiful event for wonderful cause**

BY DOROTHY GLEW  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The evening of Dec. 9 marked the 20th anniversary of a beloved tradition in Bethlehem and throughout the Lehigh Valley, Luminaria Night. On that night rows of white paper bags holding a lighted candle anchored in sand are arranged in rows up and down streets, creating a magnificent sight. All of the money collected for the Luminaria kits goes to New Bethany Ministries, which serves the needs of the poor.

New Bethany, an interfaith ministry, began in the early 1980s to alleviate poverty in Southside Bethlehem. Throughout its 32-year history, New Bethany has provided a host of services to the very needy, including meals, clothing, showers, permanent housing



Nicole and Mike Layden brave the storm to light luminaria on the walk to their home.

for the homeless, and financial management for the mentally ill. This nonprofit agency is supported by numerous local groups, as well as religious organizations, individual donors, foundations, organizations and corporations.

However, New Bethany's biggest source of support is Luminaria Night. The

fundraiser could not take place without the involvement of numerous volunteers. Some prepare and distribute the Luminaria kits at the Memorial Pool Building on Illick's Mill Road. Others include regional captains who make sure that everyone in a neighborhood has a chance to participate, and block captains

who take orders for the kits, pick up the kits at the pool building, and deliver them to their neighbors.

Luminaria's beginnings were modest. In 1997, three women, DeAnn Martin, Donna Acerra and Joanne Anderson, sold kits on three streets and raised \$300 to benefit a needy family. In subsequent years several charities, including New Bethany, benefited from the event. So impressed were the three women with the work of New Bethany that in 2003 they affiliated permanently with the organization. In the 16 years since, a total of \$750,000 has been raised. In 2016, 3,700 participants raised \$92,000. The growth of this effort on behalf of New Bethany has been, as Joanne Anderson observed, "one little light at a time."

**Making it happen**



Jenny Boyle, a student at Saucon Valley HS who lives in Bethlehem, gathers bags of candles to distribute to neighborhood volunteers. Asked why she has done this for three years, Jenny said she simply wants to help New Bethany.



Marilyn Wetmore pauses in front of bags of sand that will thousands of luminaria. 2017 is Marilyn's 10th year as a luminaria volunteer.



Among the numerous students helping at Memorial Pool are two exchange students at Northampton Community College, Imma Anikina (left) and Olga Maltseva. Both young women are from Russia, Imma from the region of the Ural mountains, Olga from Siberia.



Two of the founders of Luminaria Night, Donna Acerra (center) and Joanne Anderson (right) join Kate Cohen, New Bethany's Director of Development and Communications, to welcome volunteers picking up supplies.



Liberty HS students Dane Sinks and Vaibhar Gowda volunteer to carry boxes of luminaria makings to people's cars.



Snow flies as Marty Mazzolla lights a luminaria outside his home on Sycamore Street in Bethlehem.



Fiona Bennett joins her father in placing luminaria on the sidewalks of their corner property.

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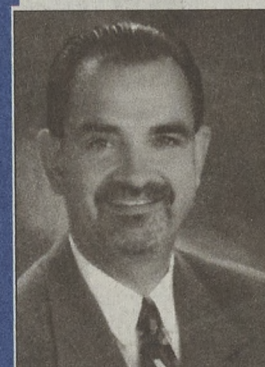
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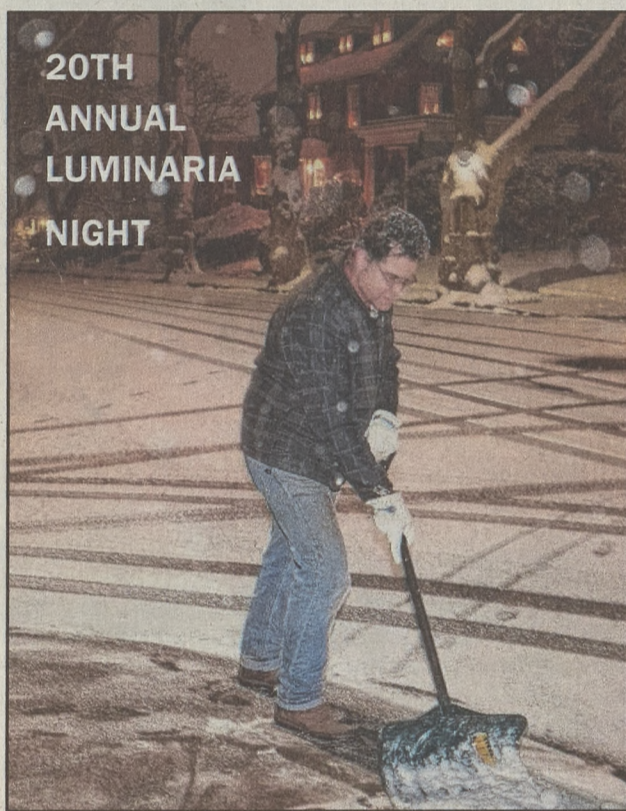
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**The crew from Traditions of America**, the 55+ community in Saucon Valley, picks up luminaria at Memorial Pool for 140 families. From L-R are Bob Happel, Bill Walker, Angelo Perri, Vinny Frisby and Gary Gilbert.

**HELLERTOWN'S LIGHT UP NIGHT**



**Community members** join Girl Scout Troop 748 in singing Christmas carols. Coverage starts on page A8.



**Jessica O'Donnell** of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Of Commerce outlines the evening's events.



**Hellertown's Main Street** is lined with lit wreaths and candles for the season.



## A family Christmas

### David Phelps brings hope of the season to State Theatre concert

BY MAKENNA MASENHEIMER  
 Special to The Press

Multi-Dove and Grammy Award winner David Phelps performs classic Christmas songs at the State Theatre Center for the Arts, 7 p.m. Dec. 22. The former member of the renowned Gaither Vocal Band for 20 years will lend his powerful tenor to the sounds of the season.

"This is our nineteenth annual Christmas tour. I can't believe I've been doing anything that long. Every year in November we pull out the Christmas music and dust it off and we come up with some new arrangements to add to it.

"Whatever tour we were on ... this year we were on the hymnal tour, 'A Journey of Faith' ... we set that aside and go into 'Classic Christmas' until the end of the year. There's always this bit of excitement in coming back to these songs and having the chance to sing them once again," Phelps says in a phone interview.

The State Theatre concert is expected to run about 2 hours and 15 minutes, including intermission.

Phelps was raised in Tomball, Texas, and graduated from Baylor University, majoring in music and vocal performance. He directed the Baylor Religious Hour Choir. He sang tenor in the Gaither Vocal Band 1997 - 2005 and 2009 - 2017.

Phelps credits Bill and Gloria Gaither for guiding his musical journey.

"I used to be in the Vocal Band, I left in March of this year. I had a long tenure there with the Vocal Band and it was wonderful. I always dreamed of working with Bill and Gloria Gaither and they are life-long mentors to me. Just to watch how they run their organization and how they present their music, I've definitely been a student all those years," says Phelps.

"I traveled solo all during the time I was with the Vocal Band, so it's like one thing is just taking over the other. It's not like I have just started brand-new, so that really has helped.

"Solo work is always different than the Vocal Band. The Vocal Band is more like: you step in, you do the part that's given to you. As a soloist, you step out and you are directing the ship, so to speak. It's a lot more work and a lot more pressure, but it can be a lot of reward as well."

Phelps' solo albums include "One Wintry Night," "Christmas with David Phelps," and "Hymnal."

"I love our arrangement of 'Joy



"David Phelps Christmas," 7 p.m. Dec. 22, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton

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To The World.' There are great brass parts on it. 'O Holy Night' is one of my longtime favorites. It just seems like it never gets old. To think that generations have sung that before me and that it's still a viable song and so elegantly captures the mystery of the season. It really does speak to the magnificence of the song."

Phelps' plans include resuming the "Journey of Faith" tour in the spring, a video of a concert performance and a studio project.

The Christmas tour is a family affair.

"I started out with a really good momma. That kept me grounded. And I have a wonderful family. We love being around each other and my wife has just been an incredible support system for me throughout all of my career growth. We've made all of the decisions together. So when things get too crazy I know I have a safe place to come home to," Phelps says.

Phelps and his wife, Lori, have four children: Callie, Maggie Beth, David Grant and Coby. The family is featured in the video, "The Best of David Phelps."

"We have always made this a family thing. My sister plays trumpet in the band, has for years. My daughters travel and sing with me. My music director now for

19 years is my wife's cousin. The other people in the band have been there 10, 12 years, so they might as well be family. Our hope is that every night that kind of bleeds over into the music that we present and it's just a time when we can all gather together and share the same message."

Phelps wants his audience to be uplifted by the Christmas tunes and leave the concert with hope.

"I do want them also to experience world-class music. We do work so hard with our band, we have a seven-, eight-piece band that we travel with. We work so hard to create a great musical experience for the family. Music, for me, is less about the studio and more about the stage. It's more about standing in front of people and delivering a message that can move them emotionally," says Phelps.

"We'll be honing that until the last night of the tour. It's just something that we keep at. We are singing about Christmas and songs about new birth and new hope and the joy in the world. We have the chance to maybe lighten someone's load a little bit."

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

## 8 DAYS A WEEK

### Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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**Winter arrives:** Lehigh Valley's own The Wizards of Winter, featuring former members of The Trans-Siberian Orchestra and other rock powerhouses like Rainbow, Alice Cooper Band, and Ted Nugent Band, return to rock in the holidays with their own brand of Christmas magic, 4 p.m. Dec 17, State Theatre for the Arts, Easton. The 2 1/2-hour concert features new music from the groups' third album along with progressive-rock favorites from the group's self-titled 2014 debut album and 2015's "The Magic of Winter." Wizards of Winter was formed in 2009 by Scott Kelly as a Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) tribute band. The Wizards' 2017 lineup includes original members, Kelly, keyboards, music director, and his wife, Sharon Kelly, lead vocals, flute; TSO original members Tommy Farese, drums; Guy LeMonnier, lead vocals, and Tony Gaynor, narrator, and Greg Smith, bass; Fred Gorhau, lead guitar; Mary McIntyre, vocals, keyboards; Shawn Marie, vocals; T.W. Duffy, lead guitar; Vinny Jiovino, lead vocals; Ellie Krasner, vocals, violin, and Dave Bizigotti, bass. Tickets: State Theatre Center for the Arts box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org; 1-800-999-7828; 610-252-3132



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**A fly musical:** Sing for America presents "Peter Pan," Dec. 28 - 31 and Jan. 3-7, Mauch Chunk Opera House, 14 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe. The Gilbert Family, based in the Easton area, is once again presenting a show to raise money for Blue Star Mothers of Lehigh Valley's emergency fund, which helps local military families with bills, travel expenses and other needs. The family's first production was "Cinderella" in 2011. Since then, Sing for America has raised more than \$45,000, which has helped with rent, food, heating and electric bills, plane tickets to see a wounded soldier before surgery, and even Christmas presents for military families. Curtain times, ticket information: singforamerica.net; SFAproductions@singforamerica.com; 610-417-2189; mcohtj.com/december; 570-325-0249



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**Back to the '80s:** Jessie's Girl presents its "Back to the Eighties Show," 8 p.m. Dec. 29, Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe. Jessie's Girl performs renditions of 1980s' hits. The group's musicians and singers dress up as singers and groups who had many of their first big pop and rock music hits during the 1980s, including Bon Jovi, Cindi Lauper, Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Prince. Tickets: Penn's Peak Box Office, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe; pennspeak.com; tickmaster.com; 800-745-3000

## Good fences make good rabbits

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Rabbits are cute, but they can do a great deal of damage to your ornamentals.

They can nip young saplings off at snow height and girdle larger plants by eating a large amount of the bark.

The character of the bark on woody plants influences rabbit browsing. Most young trees have

rough bark, but feed on and damage the young sprouts that have smooth bark.

What can you do? First, make sure you are dealing with rabbit damage. It can be identified by gnaw marks on older woody growth or clean-cut, angled clipping of small branches, primarily within two-and-a-half feet above ground (unless the snow is very deep). The average width of the tooth mark is about .08 inches.

Voies and squirrels also damage bark, but their marks are much more narrow. Deer also eat young branches, but they tear at the stems and leave a ragged edge, rath-

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## Social media on the block

**Dear Jacquelyn,**  
I had a friend on social media who got carried away with political posts, and I ended up blocking the person. At the time, I felt relieved. A couple of weeks went by and I forgot all about this. Then I ran into my "blocked" friend at the grocery store. I wasn't sure if I should say hello or pretend I didn't see the person. In the moment, I decided to give a slight nod and hurried out of the store. I realize blocking the person wasn't the smartest way to handle this. Can you suggest a better way to handle Facebook friends who are so passionate in their opinions?

**Dear Reader,**  
Facebook is probably the most popular social networking website, yet many of us never think

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about Facebook etiquette. As long as you use some common sense, you should easily be able to use Facebook and not offend others.

You've found yourself in the crossfire of ranting posts for or against a particular political issue, party platform, or elected official. Some people feel they must recap the news du jour and then add their highly emotional opinions for all of their friends to see.

If you find these comments and statuses weighing heavily on your shoulders, there are ways

to delicately deal with this type of self-appointed social media news commentator. Most social media platforms offer a way to adjust your settings to a private mode.

A good option may be to simply unfollow the person, rather than blocking or unfriending them. You can still be their friend on Facebook, you just won't see their posts. I have found this option refreshing, as I can keep in touch with people I care about, but out of touch with their political opinions, which I often don't care about.

Blocking a friend will give you a temporary sense of relief and control over the situation. But, like you found out, if you live in a small town, chances are good you might run into that

person. Remember, they were on your friends list because, at some point, you decided to be social media friends. Do you really want to sever the relationship?

Probably not.  
Your encounter at the store created an awkward situation. Next time, say hello. Attempting to repair a relationship is far better than escalating a social media war.

**Respectfully Yours, Jacquelyn**  
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## Life is but a moment

This morning over breakfast my husband and I were talking about commercials that stayed in your mind for years, long after they were off the air.

Sometimes, a catch phrase in certain commercials becomes part of our vocabulary.

David recalled "Where's the beef?" uttered by the infamous Clara in the Wendy's commercial.

I mentioned, "Mikey likes it" from the Life cereal commercial. He never heard that one.

"When did it air?" he asked. I guessed it was about 40 years ago.

"Forty years ago is a long time," he said.

It depends on what you're talking about. Trying to remember something from 40 years ago does, indeed, sound like a long time.

But when it comes to your life span, 40 years is but a blink in time.

I went to a motivational talk where something the speaker said jumped out at me, landing smack in my mind and staying there.

What she said was, "We're here for just a moment."

Of course that's just another way of saying life is short. Somehow, because we hear it so often, that's too much of a worn-out expression. It doesn't hit with force.

But when the speaker reminded us we are here for just a moment, it stayed with me and has influenced my thoughts and actions.

I keep asking myself, if this is the last moment I will have, will I want to spend it like this? Often, that thought makes me do an about-face.

Here's an example that happened a while back when my feelings were hurt by one of David's offhand comments.

Just as I was ready to return that comment with a zinger of my own, I asked myself how I would like to spend the moment if it were one of my last ones.

Instead of retorting, I laughed and gave David a hug. He gave me a bigger hug back.

See that? Actually acknowledging life doesn't go on forever can help us make better use of the time we do have.

I confess that ever since I heard that motivational talk I'm more conscious about how I spend the moment at hand. As much as possible, I try to make it count in some way.

I know life isn't filled with all highs. We all have plenty of problems as well as an occasional heartbreak.

When that happens to me, I try to remember the phrase, "This too shall pass."

Because it does. A moment in time is so fleeting. It's like life itself.

I find that being aware of the fragility of life makes me more determined to make the moment at hand a good one.

When I went for a walk the other day, I met an old man sitting on his porch. I didn't know him but it was clear he wanted to talk. When he smiled, I noticed he had fewer teeth than a jack-

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o'-lantern.

Instead of hurrying by, I chatted with him, realizing I could make the moment a good one for both of us. I was surprised at how bright and interesting he was.

He told me he and his wife are having a neighborhood party next week. My husband and I are invited, he said. We won't know anyone, but I bet it will be interesting.

All that and it just started from a simple moment of exchanging pleasantries.

It's surprising what comes our way when we are open to it.

That happened on another walk when I met my neighbor Steve. He said he was having a tough time getting by because his sister just died.

"At 62, she was way younger than me and had nothing wrong with her," Steve said.

Then he mentioned his serious heart condition that has no easy fix.

"My sister's death hit me smack in the face with just how short life is. I don't think mine will be that much longer, either," he worried.

I told Steve when you realize unpleasant realities like that, there is only one thing you can do in response. He wanted to hear what response I meant.

"Hang on to every moment. Squeeze every bit of joy you can summon throughout your days. And make every moment you are given count for something," I told him.

Whenever I lose someone I love, I know my responsibility is to remember all the good moments we shared, then to honor those who left this earth by living my life in a meaningful way.

A long time ago a very close friend of mine suffered though the unexpected death of her 46-year-old husband.

I went home to my own husband that night with steaks for his dinner. Because we were pouring money into fixing the house, we didn't have much left for splurges. We ate way more hamburger than steak.

My husband thought it was a crazy time to splurge when we had just lost someone we loved.

My thought was we shouldn't wait for special moments that might not be ours to have. Rather, we should take the moment at hand and make it special. Our friend's death reinforced that.

We have no control over how much time we are given.

All we can control is how we spend that time.

When we realize we are only here for a moment, how we spend that moment becomes paramount.

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## Say bye to boy's tantrums

**Q. My four-year-old throws tantrums every time we have to go somewhere. I dread the holidays because it is such a battle to get him to leave his grandparents' house, a store or a party. What can the panel suggest I do to make the transitions peaceful?**

It is not unusual for a four-year-old to have difficulty making transitions, according to panel member Denise Continenza. "Plus, it could just be his temperament to get focused and very involved in what he is doing, so it becomes difficult for him to make changes. If mom knows that it is going to be an issue, she should plan ahead."

That planning can involve finding ways to prepare the boy before it is time to leave. One way, panel member Chad Stefanyak suggested, would be to tell him, "We are going to leave in 10 minutes, so pick up your toys," then, in a few minutes later say, "We are going

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to leave in five minutes so let's put on your coat."

Try to make the departure entertaining and even a learning experience, panel member Mike Daniels added. The child can learn numbers, for example, by putting the timer on your phone and setting it in front of the child so he can see the numbers running down, Daniels explained.

The parent could also have a special toy or something the boy enjoys waiting for him in the car, panel member Wanda Mercado-Arroyo said. She explained, however, that four-year-olds can become accustomed to getting away with anything they want, so they need structure and they need discipline. "If you tell the child you are leaving, be consistent. Stick to the point, but don't

raise your voice. Remain calm."

"The parent has to look at how she approaches the situation because the tantrums have somehow rewarded him by giving him extra time. They achieved a purpose," Stefanyak said.

"When he does transition well, and doesn't have a tantrum," Continenza said, "the parent should be rewarding that." It doesn't have to be a toy or something tangible all the time, but a verbal recognition that the child has behaved well. "Wow, you were so good when we left grandma's house tonight."

Daniels said it sounded like the parent always is expecting a tantrum. "She goes into the transition with dread, and the child might pick up on that and wonder what is wrong. That might be a trigger for the tantrum."

Panel member Pam Wallace said the parent needs to engage everyone involved, grandparents, spouse, friends, in the steps to be taken to help

in the transitioning.

"The other point I would make is that the parent should pay attention to where the child is transitioning from," Daniels said. "There may be different plans to deal with leaving a store, or party or grandparents' home."

The panelists concluded with these words of comfort: "It's temporary."

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

**Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildv.org. The Family Project weekly column is a collaboration of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.**

## Age compromises immune system

**Q. I seem to be getting sick a lot lately and I'm worried that my immune system isn't working right. Could that be a reason?**

A diminished immune system could be the cause of your problems. Go to your doctor for a check-up and diagnosis.

The immune system is a network of cells, tissues, and organs that work together to defend the body against attacks by organisms such as bacteria, parasites, and fungi that can cause infections.

The cells that are part of this defense system are white blood cells, or leukocytes. Foreign substances that invade the body are called antigens.

No two individuals have the same immune system. Some people seem to be dressed in a suit of armor against infections while others get flooded whenever there are bugs about.

When it comes to germs, getting older has advantages and disadvantages.

As we age, our immune systems develop defenses against antigens. We

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acquire antibodies to the germs we've defeated in the past. Because of this phenomenon, adults tend to get fewer colds than children.

Now for some of the bad news:

The thymus, which is located behind the breastbone, is one of the organs of the immune system. The thymus is where immune cells (white blood cells) called T lymphocytes (T cells) mature. The thymus begins to shrink when we are young adults. By middle age it is only about 15 percent of its maximum size.

Some T cells kill antigens directly. Others help coordinate other parts of the immune system. Although the number of T cells does not decrease with aging, T-cell function decreases. This causes parts of the immune system to weaken and increases the risk for becoming ill.

Macrophages, which are white blood cells that ingest antigens, don't work as quickly as they used to. This slowdown may be one reason that cancer is more common among older people.

There are fewer white blood cells capable of responding to new antigens. Thus, when older people encounter a new antigen, the body is less able to remember and defend against it.

The amount of antibodies produced in response to an antigen is less in older people, and the antibodies are less able to attach to the antigen. These changes may partly explain why pneumonia, influenza, infectious endocarditis, and tetanus are more common among older people and cause death more often. These changes may also partly explain why vaccines are less effective in older people.

Later in life, the immune system also seems to become less tolerant of the body's own cells. Sometimes an autoimmune disorder develops; normal tissue is mistaken for non-self tissue,

and immune cells attack certain organs or tissues. Among the autoimmune disorders are: lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma and ankylosing spondylitis.

Diabetes, which is also more common with increasing age, can also lead to decreased immunity.

There are immunizations that are important as we get older. Adult tetanus immunizations should be given every 10 years. A booster may be given sooner if there is a dirty wound.

Your health-care provider may recommend other immunizations, including Pneumovax (to prevent pneumonia or its complications), flu vaccine, hepatitis immunization, or others. These optional immunizations are not necessary for all older people, but are appropriate for some.

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**PRESS PHOTOS BY DANIEL HAMM**  
Katianna Cherewaty of Allentown makes a craft at the Dec. 9 Breakfast with Santa at Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown.



Olivia, Carter and Liam Quinn of Lower Macungie Township have their photo taken with Mrs. Claus and Santa at the Nativity Lutheran Church's Breakfast with Santa.



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**Church of the Good Shepherd UCC Christmas Services**

**Sunday, December 24**  
 Sunday School 9am  
 Worship 10:30am (fellowship following)  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Multi-generational service 3pm  
 Traditional Candlelight 6pm  
 135 Quarry Road, Alburtis PA 18011-9353  
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**You're Invited to Hope Community Church**

7974 Claussville Rd.  
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**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 7 pm Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:15 am Service • 7 pm Candlelight Service

In case of inclement weather, check our website [www.hopecc.org](http://www.hopecc.org)

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**

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**Christmas Day**  
 9:30am

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 10am Family Worship with puppets & skits  
 7pm Worship & Candlelight with Holy Communion  
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11am  
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**Bethany United Church of Christ**  
 600 West Market Street, Bethlehem

**Come Worship with Us CHRISTMAS EVE!**

10:45 a.m. Non-traditional Service for Children & Families

8 p.m. Traditional Worship: Musical Prelude

8:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

**Concordia Lutheran Church**

2623 Brookside Rd. Macungie  
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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 3:00 p.m. Family Service with Children's Nativity  
 6:00 p.m. Choral Service  
 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 10:00 a.m. Festival Communion

**PEACE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. JOHN'S UCC**  
 139 North Fourth Street  
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December 24, 2017 3:00 PM  
 Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger, preaching

December 24, 2017 6:30 PM  
 Family Candlelight Service  
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 Soloists

December 24, 2017 11:00 PM  
 Traditional Candlelight Service  
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**Christmas Worship Schedule**

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

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

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

St. John, Evangelist and Healing Service  
 Wednesday, Dec 27 ... 10:00 am

Holy Innocents  
 Thursday, Dec. 28 ... 8:00 am

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7:30pm Lessons, Carols & Communion

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**Christmas - December 25**  
 10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service & Communion  
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**Christmas Eve Services**

2:00 & 4:30  
 Lovefeast & Candlelight

7:00 Candlelight

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**Christ Church UCC**  
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 610-865-6565  
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**December 24, 2017**  
**Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Family Service  
 Share the excitement with your family with candles, costumes, and carols.

7:00pm Candlelight Worship  
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# Christmas Celebration Services

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 Blue Christmas Service - December 21 7:00 PM  
 Christmas Eve Service - December 24 7:00 PM  
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 Sunday, December 24, 2017  
 9:45 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent Service  
 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Service  
 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion Service  
 Sunday, December 31, 2017  
 9:45 AM Lesson and Carols Holy Communion Service  
[www.jwsunionchurch.org](http://www.jwsunionchurch.org)  
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**Christmas at Jordan**  
 Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve: The Nativity of our Lord (No AM Services)  
 2:00 p.m. service with Holy Communion; our Family Service at 5:00 p.m., featuring our Children's Choir and a gift for each youngster attending; and Services of Carols and Candlelight, arrive 15 minutes early for special music at both 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.  
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 Wescosville Campus 1208 Brookside Road, 11 PM  
 Catasauqua Campus 429 Walnut Street, 9:30 AM  
 Christmas Day Worship Wescosville Campus, 10 AM  
 BethanyUMChurch.com  
 (Macungie Campus Only)  
 Candlelight Services  
 Manger Petting Zoo 2 - 5 PM  
 Family Photo Booth 1 - 8 PM  
 Refreshments

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 9 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion  
 December 31 Sunday Morning Service 9:15 am  
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**Christmas Eve**  
 Traditional Worship 1 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM  
 Services with carols, a Christmas message, and candle lighting, held in the Sanctuary (communion at 11 PM)  
 Family Service 3 PM  
 A service led by children, with candle lighting, held in the Sanctuary  
 Open Door Alternative Worship 4:15 PM  
 A service featuring familiar and modern songs led by the Open Door Band, a Christmas message, candle lighting and communion, held in the Worship Center  
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# A sense of 'Wonder'

"Wonder" is a wonderful film that deals with the topic of bullying and should be seen by school students and families.

The film is not presented as an anti-bullying film per se and it is much more than that.

"Wonder" is about August "Auggie" Pullman, who has undergone 27 surgeries after he was born with mandibulofacial dystosis, known as Treacher Collins Syndrome.

"Wonder" is told from several points of view, highlighted by title cards of each character's name and then, with narration by each, relating his or her point of view. These include flashbacks and partial retelling of the same scenes. It's a bold concept and not altogether successful because it's presented in too off-hand a manner.

Stephen Chbosky (director, screenwriter, author, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," 2012; screenwriter, "Beauty and the Beast," 2017) directs "Wonder" from a screenplay he cowrote with Steven Conrad (screenwriter, TV's "The Patriot," 2015-16; "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," 2013; "The Pursuit of Happiness," 2006; "Wrestling Earnest Hemingway," 1993) and Jack Thorne (screenwriter, "War Book," 2014) based on the novel by R.J. Palacio.

"Wonder," as befits its title, evokes a gentle sense of wonder. Auggie (Jacob Tremblay, "Room," 2015) is attending a fifth-grade prep school after being homeschooled in Brooklyn, New York City, N.Y. He still doesn't want to give up his replica NASA space helmet because it hides his face. Auggie is fascinated by the solar system and wants to be an astronaut who gets to return to the moon.

"Wonder" has a nice geeky, nerdy undertone, even to depicting a school science fair as a genuinely cool event (which we all know it is, of course). There's a sense of metaphor concerning relationships that evokes the definition of the word, "precept" (a rule that regulates behavior or thought); Newton's First Law (an object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and in the same direction unless acted upon by an unbalanced force.); Thornton Wilder's 1938 play, "Our Town," which is presented as a student play, and the idea that one should always try to be kind.

Unfortunately, many scenes are over-lit and with lighting not favorable to the lead actors. This may have been necessary because of the extensive makeup for Auggie by special makeup effects designer Arjen Tuiten. The camera angles, scene direction and acting are too typical.

The sprightly soundtrack by Marcello Zarvos includes pop songs evocative of

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
By Paul Willistein  
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the theme, especially, "We're Going To Be Friends," written by Jack White and performed in two versions by The White Stripes and Caroline Pennell.

The acting is quite good, including that of Tremblay, even under all that prosthetic makeup. His sister, Olivia, "Via" (Izabela Vidovic, TV's "The Foster," 2015-18, in a memorable and sensitive portrayal), is resentful but understanding of the attention paid to Auggie by their parents.

As Isabel, Auggie's mother who has put her thesis aside to homeschool her son, Julia Roberts (Oscar recipient, actress, "Erin Brockovich," 2001; Oscar nominee, actress, "Pretty Woman," 1991; Oscar nominee, supporting actress, "August: Osage County," 2013, and "Steel Magnolias," 1989) gives a measured, even-toned performance.

As Nate, Auggie's father, Owen Wilson ("Zoolander," 2016, 2001; "Midnight in Paris," 2011; "Marley and Me," 2008; "Wedding Crashers," 2005; Oscar nominee, screenplay co-writing, "The Royal Tenenbaums," 2001), has some warm and compelling moments.

Mandy Patinkin ("Homeland," 2011-18) has an impressive turn as Mr. Tushman, prep school principal. Sonia Braga plays Via's grandmother. Daveed Diggs (Grammy, "Hamilton" cast recording; TV's "Blackish," 2016-17) is noteworthy as Mr. Browne, the fifth-grade teacher. Ali Liebert is Ms. Petosa, a science teacher impressed by Auggie's knowledge.

Auggie is bullied by fellow fifth-grade student, Julian (Bryce Gheisar). Auggie's classmate, Jack (an excellent Noah Jupe), befriends him. Another fifth-grader, Charlotte (Elle McKinnon), is sympathetic. Summer (Millie Davis) stands up for Auggie. Miranda (Danielle Rose Russell) is Via's best friend. Justin (Nadji Jeter) is Via's boyfriend.

Despite its flaws, "Wonder" will fill your eyes with tears and your heart with joy. You will depart the movie theater with a sense of wonder.

"Wonder," MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested Some material may not be suitable for children. May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.) for thematic elements including bullying, and some mild language; Genre: Drama, Family; Run time: 1 hr., 53 mins.; Distributed by Lionsgate.

Brooklyn, and Manhattan, New York City, N.Y.

**Box Office**, Dec. 15: "Star Wars: Episode VIII - The Last Jedi" returned The Force to the box office, opening at No. 1 with \$220 million, the second largest opening weekend since "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" opened with \$247.9 million in 2015, keeping "Ferdinand" opening way back at No. 2 with \$13.3 million, and dropping "Coco" puffed down two places after a three-week run at No. 1 to No. 3, with \$10 million, \$150.8 million, four weeks.

4. "Wonder" dropped one spot, \$5.4 million, \$109.2 million, five weeks; 5. "Justice League" slid down three slots, \$4.1 million, \$219.4 million, five weeks; 6. "Daddy's Home 2" stayed in place, \$3.8 million, \$96.5 million, six weeks; 7. "Thor: Ragnarok" dropped two places, \$3 million, \$306.4 million, seven weeks; 8. "The Disaster Artist" slipped four places, \$2.6 million, \$12.9 million, three weeks; 9. "Murder on the Orient Express" tracked down two places, \$2.4 million, \$97.2 million, six weeks. 10. "Lady Bird" flitted down one perch, \$2.1 million, \$25.9 million, seven weeks.

**Unreel, Dec. 22:** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," PG-13: Jake Kasdan directs Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart, Jack Black, and Freedom High School graduate Dwayne Johnson in the Fantasy Action film. Four teenagers enter a video game that takes place in the jungle in the remake of the 1995 film.

"Pitch Perfect 3," PG-13: Trish Sie directs Anna Kendrick, Ruby Rose, Hailee Steinfeld, and Brittany Snow in the Musical-Comedy. The Bellas reunite for a singing contest at an overseas USO tour.

"Downsizing," R: Alexander Payne directs Matt Damon, Christoph Waltz, Hong Chau, and Kristen Wiig in the Science-Fiction Comedy about a man who shrinks himself. It's a small world, after all.

"Father Figures," R: Lawrence Sher directs Owen Wilson, J.K. Simmons, Christopher Walken, and Glenn Close in the Comedy. Twin brothers go on the road to find their father.

"The Post," PG-13: Steven Spielberg directs Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Sarah Paulson, and Bob Odenkirk in the Biography Drama about The Washington Post newspaper, its publisher, editor and a battle of the Fourth Estate over Watergate, the Pentagon Papers and President Richard Nixon.

# GREEN

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er than a clean, angular cut.

If you do have a rabbit problem, fencing and/or repellants are your best options, and now is the time to start protecting your plants. Most rabbit repellants are contact or taste-bad repellants and can be quite effective if used early and reapplied after each rainfall. However, in the dead of winter if an animal is starving and has limited options, it will eat even bad-tasting food.

Fencing is probably the best solution. A two-foot chicken wire fence with the bottom either tight to the ground or buried a few inches be-

low the soil is usually sufficient to protect a backyard garden area or berry patch. Be sure to use wire mesh that is one-inch or smaller in size.

Cylinders of quarter-inch wire hardware cloth can also be used to protect landscape plants. Make sure these extend higher than the rabbit's reach while standing on the expected snow height and that they stand one to two inches out from the tree trunk.

Commercial tree guards are also available at many local garden centers. But when rabbits are abundant and food supply is scarce, the quarter-inch hardware cloth will af-

ford the best protection and can also prevent vole damage.

Habitat modification is another helpful thing to do. By limbing up evergreen boughs that touch the ground, removing brush piles and weed patches, and filling in old animal burrows, you make your landscape less attractive to bunnies setting up house in your yard.

"Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners. Information: Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-391-9840; Northampton County Extension Office, 610-746-1970.

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## LCCC

### Enrollment Day

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) holds Enrollment Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 27, main campus, Schnecksville; Donley Center, Allentown, and Morgan Center in Tamaqua.

Services offered at the main campus include: Help with application, meet with advisor for express registration, review financial-aid status, make tuition payment or set up payment plan, and visit the campus bookstore.

Tuition payment is due at registration. Students can register or make payment online at: [my.LCCC.edu/](http://my.LCCC.edu/).

College offices are closed Dec. 22-26 and Dec. 28 - Jan. 1. Spring classes begin Jan. 12, 2018.

Information: [lccc.edu/](http://lccc.edu/); 610-799-2121

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA will conduct the following meetings during the calendar year 2018 in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051.
Supervisor's Re-organizational meeting: Tuesday January 2, @ 6:00 pm.
Auditor Re-organizational meeting: Wednesday January 3, @ 7:00 pm.
Supervisor's Regular meetings: 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm.
Planning Commission meetings: Last Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm except December when the meeting will be held Thursday December 20th, @ 7:00 pm and
Zoning Hearing Board meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month (as necessary) @ 7:30 pm.
Environmental Advisory Council meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm.

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049, on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. to hear the following appeals:

ALL APPELLANTS MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING

Appeal No. 2018-01, Robert Keith Wolfe of 3528 Main Rd. East, Emmaus, PA 18049, requests a Special Exception to Article 4, Section 407.F.2 (change of nonconforming use) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to conduct/operate Jasper Wellness Center (exercise club use) and an event assembly area (banquet hall use) within parts of the existing multiple non-residential/residential use building at 5093 Vera Cruz Rd. Rural Suburban Residential (RS-R) Zoning District.

ZONING HEARIN BOARD UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP Thomas Roland, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE ALLEN TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICES

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allen has scheduled the Township Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

The Zoning Hearing Board of Allen Township has scheduled their Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Purpose of each of the above-stated meetings shall be to reorganize each Board/Commission as well as the review of any other matters properly brought before the Boards/Commission.

All of the above meetings will be held at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Ilene Marie Eckhart, Manager ALLEN TOWNSHIP

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Salisbury Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Salisbury will hold a public hearing and act on the following:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING AND REAFFIRMING THE RATES OF TAXATION, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance may be examined at the Salisbury Township Municipal Building, 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA during normal business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cathy Bonaskiewich, Township Manager/Secretary

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Bethlehem Area School District Board (Bd) of Directors will hold the following public meetings regarding the 2018-19 Budget:

The 2018-19 Preliminary Budget presentation will be reviewed at the Bd Finance Comm. Mtg on Jan. 16, 2018 (snow date Jan. 18) at 6pm at the Ed. Center, Edgeboro Rm, 1516 Sycamore St., Bethlehem.

Budget Workshops will be held on March 26 and April 30, 2018 at 6pm at the Ed. Center, Edgeboro Rm.

Budget Adoptions

- \*Preliminary Budget Adoption - Special Bd Mtg, Feb. 12, 2018 (snow date Feb. 14) @ 6pm, Ed. Center, Edgeboro Rm
\*Proposed Final Budget Adoption - Special Bd Mtg, May 14, 2018 @ 6pm, Ed. Center, Edgeboro Rm
\*Final Budget Adoption - Special Bd Mtg, June 18, 2018 @ 6pm, Ed. Center, Edgeboro Rm
\*Committee mtgs are also scheduled and the order of the mtgs will be at the discretion of the Bd that evening.
Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Board.
Stacy M. Gober, Board Secretary

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE 2018 MEETING NOTICE

The Borough of Macungie Council meets at 7:30 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month, except for January 1, February 19, and September 3, when Council will meet Tuesdays, January 2, February 20, and September 4. Borough Council meetings are held in Council Chambers in the auditorium at the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA unless otherwise advertised.

Macungie Borough Planning Commission meets at 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month there are applications before the Commission.

Macungie Borough Authority will meet on the second Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, October, November and December at 7:00 pm and the second Thursday of June, July, August, and September at 7:30 pm as needed at the call of the Chair.

The Zoning Hearing Board meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month there are appeals before the Board.

All committee meetings are held at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Chris L. Boehm Borough Manager

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE MACUNGIE BOROUGH AUTHORITY, LEHIGH COUNTY ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2016

Table with financial data: FUND EQUITY, JANUARY 1, 2016 \$ 744,704; OPERATING REVENUES \$ 536,107; OPERATING EXPENSES \$ 306,032; NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) (6,554); FUND EQUITY, DECEMBER 31, 2016 \$ 968,225. Includes Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity.

The books and accounts have been audited by the Authority's appointed auditors for the year ended December 31, 2016. The above statements have been compiled from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Annual Audit and Financial Report for 2016. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Authority office during normal business hours.

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2018 meeting dates for the Borough of Alburts are as follows: Borough Council: Jan. 2nd (Reorganization Meeting); Jan. 10th and 31st; Feb. 12th and 28th; Mar. 14th and 28th; Apr. 11th and 25th; May 9th and 30th; June 13th and 27th; July 11th and 25th; Aug. 8th and 29th; Sept. 12th and 26th; Oct. 10th and 29th; Nov. 14th and 28th; Dec. 12th and 26th. Borough Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Alburts Park and Recreation Commission - Jan. 15th, April 16th, July 16th and October 15th 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 31st at 6:45 pm, April 25th at 6:45 pm, July 25th at 6:45 pm and October 29th at 6:45 pm. Alburts Borough Authority (Water Authority) - April 23rd at 7:00 pm and October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Borough Business Revitalization: First Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Environmental Advisory Council - as needed. Budget - September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th. Zoning Hearing Board - as needed. All meetings are held in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin St., Alburts, PA. The public is invited to attend. The Alburts 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.

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Council of the Borough of Alburts, at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Alburts Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburts, Pennsylvania 18011, will conduct a public hearing to consider, and may enact, ordinances entitled and summarized as follows: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS FROM THE BOROUGH'S EARNED INCOME TAX, IN AN AMOUNT EACH YEAR EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S EARNED INCOME TAX LIABILITY OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM TO SET THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF A VOLUNTEER IN ACTIVE SERVICE AT A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT; AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND APPEAL PROCEDURES.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 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 2017; 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 2018 THE PER CAPITA TAX, EARNED INCOME TAX, LOCAL SERVICES TAX, REALTY TRANSFER TAX, WATER RENTALS AND FEES, SANITARY SEWER RENTALS AND FEES, AND THE FEES FOR COLLECTING MUNICIPAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION RANGES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT BY THE BOROUGH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, INCLUDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES, PROFESSIONALS, AND THE ZONING OFFICER; AND CONFIRMING THE EXISTING FIDELITY BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGHS OF EMMAUS AND MACUNGIE AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF LOWER MACUNGIE, LOWER MILFORD, AND UPPER MILFORD TO IMPLEMENT THE SOUTHWESTERN LEHIGH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (OCTOBER 2017), INCLUDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PURPOSE, POWERS AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY, SOUTHWEST LEHIGH STEERING COMMITTEE, ADOPTION OF CONFORMING ORDINANCES, GENERAL CONSISTENCY, DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT, IMPLEMENTATION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, ANNUAL REPORTS, AMENDMENT AND REVIEW OF THE PLAN, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION.

Copies of the full text of the proposed ordinances may be examined or obtained at cost at the Alburts Borough Hall at the address set forth above during regular business hours. The Alburts Borough Hall is accessible to the disabled. Please contact the Borough Manager at 610-966-4777 to arrange for any accommodations for a disability.

David G. Knerr, Esquire Solicitor

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP 2018 MEETING SCHEDULES

The 2018 Meeting Schedules for South Whitehall Township are as follows:

- 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. (Exceptions are as follows: The first meeting in January will be on Tuesday, the 2nd. No meeting January 3rd. No meeting July 4th due to the holiday.)
Building Code Appeals Board - 3:30 p.m. - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. (Exceptions are as follows: The second meeting in November and December is cancelled.)
Emergency Management Services - 7:00 p.m., March 8th, June 14th, September 13th, and December 13th. 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. (Exceptions are as follows: In November and December will meet on the 3rd Monday.)
Parks and Recreation Board - 7:00 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month. (Exceptions are as follows: No meetings will be held in July, August, and December.)
Public Safety Commission - 7:00 p.m. - 1st Monday of each month. (Exceptions are as follows: In January and September will meet on 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.

RENEE C. BICKEL, SHRM-SCP, SPHR Township Manager

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE: COPLAY BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Coplay Borough Council will be considering the following Resolutions and any other general purpose business at the Special Borough Council Meeting, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Coplay Borough Hall, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037, at which time formal action and adoption may take place. The purpose of this meeting is to organize the 97th council who will govern the borough for the next 2 years. Resolutions #1436, #1437, #1438, and #1439 will be voted upon, all setting up the 97th council. The first regular meeting of the 97th Council will be Tuesday, January 10, 2018. Copies of these documents may be inspected at the Coplay Borough Office during regular business hours of 8 AM-4:30 PM and may be obtained for the cost of copying. Sandra A. Gyecsek, Borough Administrator

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ninety-seventh Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular meetings in the council chambers of the municipal building at 7:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month with their workshop meeting held in the council chambers of the municipal building at 7:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month.

RESOLUTION NO. 1437 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania that the Northampton Branch of the First Northern Bank & Trust (formerly First National Bank of Palmerton), be designated as depository for all Borough funds for the Ninety-sixth Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 1438 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania that the President or Vice-President, Secretary or Council Finance Chair and Treasurer or Council Finance Chair be authorized to sign checks issued against various funds of the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 1439 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Coplay, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that Jeffrey P. Deutsch be appointed Delinquent Tax Collector for Per Capita Tax and Portnoff Law Associates be appointed as Delinquent Tax Collector for Real Estate Tax for the Borough of Coplay.

DULY ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2018, at a special public meeting by the Borough Council of the Borough of Coplay, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST: BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COPLAY

By: Sandra A. Gyecsek, Borough Secretary Dec. 20

By: President Coplay Borough Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Building Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. in Borough Council Chambers, 28 S. 4th St., Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeals: APPEAL 11 - PORTNER & HETKE ARCHITECTS, 160 MAIN ST., EMMAUS, PA 18049 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 BROAD ST., EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicants represent CVIP, who are proposing to construct a 34,198 SF addition. Applicants are requesting relief from the 2009 International Building Code Section 507 Unlimited Area Buildings as it pertains to Section 507.2, Reduced Open Space as per Section 507.5 and Section 202 definitions for yards.

James L. Farnsworth, Code Official

Dec. 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE PASSED ORDINANCES

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday, December 11th, 2017, held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:

- ORDINANCE NO. 3100 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN)
ORDINANCE NO. 3101 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2018. (ADMIN)
ORDINANCE NO. 3102 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. 3103 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF LED STREET LIGHTS AND SMART MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 17-27, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Table with meeting dates: Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2018 (Tuesday) 8:00 pm; Regular Meeting January 8, 2018; Workshop Meeting February 5, 2018; Regular Meeting February 12, 2018; Workshop Meeting March 5, 2018; Regular Meeting March 12, 2018; Workshop Meeting April 2, 2018; Regular Meeting April 9, 2018; Workshop Meeting May 7, 2018; Regular Meeting May 14, 2018; Workshop Meeting June 4, 2018; Regular Meeting June 11, 2018; Workshop Meeting July 2, 2018; Regular Meeting July 9, 2018; Workshop Meeting August 6, 2018; Regular Meeting August 13, 2018; Workshop Meeting September 4, 2018 (Tuesday); Regular Meeting September 10, 2018; Workshop Meeting October 1, 2018; Regular Meeting October 8, 2018; Workshop Meeting November 5, 2018; Regular Meeting November 12, 2018; Workshop Meeting December 3, 2018; Regular Meeting December 10, 2018.

Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting Dates (Second Wednesday of Each Month at 7:00 p.m.)

Table with meeting dates: January 10, 2018; February 14, 2018; March 14, 2018; April 11, 2018; May 9, 2018; June 13, 2018; July 11, 2018; August 8, 2018; September 12, 2018; October 10, 2018; November 14, 2018; December 12, 2018.

Dec. 20

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The following is a list of meeting schedules for calendar year 2018. All meetings will be held in Borough Hall, 941 Long Street, Fountain Hill, PA:

2018 COUNCIL MEETINGS: First Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm; Third Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Table with meeting dates: January 2 Tuesday; January 24 (4th Wednesday); February 5; February 21; March 5; March 21; April 2; April 18; May 7; May 23 (4th Wednesday); June 4; June 20; July 2; July 18; August 6; August 22 (4th Wednesday); September 4 (Tuesday); September 19; October 1; October 24 (4th Wednesday); November 5; November 21; December 3; December 19.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Second Monday of each month @ 7 pm (as needed)

Table with meeting dates: January 8; February 12; March 12; April 9; May 14; June 11; July 9; August 13; September 10; October 8 (Columbus Day); November 12; December 10.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Third Monday of each month at 7 pm (as needed)

Table with meeting dates: January 15 (Martin Luther King); February 19 (Presidents Day); March 19; April 16; May 21; June 18; July 16; August 20; September 17; October 15; November 19; December 17.

Dec. 20

Anthony Branco, Executive Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, announces the 2018 public meeting schedule. All meetings are held at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, unless noted otherwise.

All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. The building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of business conducted at any meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. All meetings will include any and all matters that may properly and duly come before the Boards.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm; except the first meeting in January will be January 2, 2018 and there will be no meeting on July 5, 2018. Executive Sessions will be held as needed, generally before or after a regularly scheduled meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm Workshops on 3rd Tuesday of month at 7 pm, as needed PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm; except there is no meeting in December.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm ZONING HEARING BOARD 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, as needed; except the December meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday, if needed.

Agendas advertised, as needed AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION Held at the Public Works Annex, 5536 Indian Creek Road, Macungie, PA Last Monday of the month in January, April, July and October, at 7 pm BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS and HISTORICAL COMMISSION As advertised

Renea Flexer, Asst. Township Manager/Secretary

Dec. 20



PUBLIC NOTICE  
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL ACTION - LAW  
NO. C-48-CV-2017-04430

EDWARD LYONS, Plaintiff

v.

STEPHEN E BAYLOR

and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud to Plaintiff's title

To: STEPHEN E BAYLOR

You have been sued in Court. An Action to Quiet Title has been instituted against you by Plaintiff, Edward Lyons to resolve or extinguish any remaining claims of title, right, possession, mortgage or lien interests you may have with respect to the premises located at Engler Road, Plainfield Township, Northampton County, PA, Tax Map Number H8-11-9B-0626.

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that if you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

155 S. Ninth Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
215-258-6333

Further inquiry can be directed to Plaintiff:

Edward Lyons  
6828 Torresdale Ave., 1st Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19135  
(215) 333-2233  
Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 9th day of January, 2018, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance to amend the text of the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 185, Section 185-38, to provide for a Business Park as a Permitted Use in the AFHBD Zoning District. In the event that the Board of Supervisors do not consider for adoption the Ordinance described herein at the Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the Ordinance for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on the 23rd day of January, 2018, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Amendment to the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 18 -

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE "HANOVER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE" CHAPTER 185, SECTION 185-38 TO PROVIDE FOR A BUSINESS PARK AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE AFHBD ZONING DISTRICT AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith**

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" of Pennsylvania and the authority and procedures of the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code", as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby enact and ordain the following amendment to the text of the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township desire to amend its Zoning Ordinance by providing for a Business Park as a permitted use in the AFHBD Zoning District of the Township of Hanover and providing for the regulation of same.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the same is hereby ordained and enacted as follows, to wit:

**SECTION 1:** The Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" and the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code", as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the text of the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance Chapter 185 Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, as amended.

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE:** The Purpose of this Zoning Ordinance amendment is to establish a Business Park as a permitted use within the AFHBD Zoning District.

**SECTION 3:** Chapter 185 Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of Hanover Township, Section 185-38 Regulations applicable to AFHBD District; subsection D. Permitted Uses is hereby amended by adding a new Permitted Use to read as follows:

"(11) Business Park allowing only the following businesses or uses:

- (a) Printing, publishing and lithographic plants.
- (b) Professional practice offices such as law, medicine (but not a hospital, medical clinic, nursing home, group home or similar uses) architecture, engineering and the like.
- (c) Research laboratories engaged in scientific investigation, testing or the production of factual information for industrial, commercial or institutional clients, where no physical or tangible product for general marketing is directly produced therein, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determined that no potential danger, hazard or nuisance shall exist to the employees, building occupants or surrounding areas, and provided that the Board of Supervisors determine that no waste, other than normal domestic sewage, is discharged into any sewage disposal system. Chemical or biochemical research, however, are specifically prohibited.
- (d) Light assembly consisting of assembly of previously manufactured components such as furniture, clothing, computers, phones, copies, electronic devices, office equipment, scientific instruments, watches, clocks, photographic and optical goods or similar products, excepting however, the manufacturing of and/or assembly of chemicals or chemical components. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- (e) Business offices consisting of administrative, sales office, executive, other general business offices, including but not limited to, computer and data processing facilities, sales and service of high technology business and medical equipment and other uses of the same general nature.
- (f) Real estate offices
- (g) Insurance offices."

**SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY.** If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provisions of this Ordinance to be invalid in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

**SECTION 5: REPEALER.** All provisions of Township ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6: ENACTMENT.** This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after the date of passage.

James L. Broughal, Solicitor  
Hanover Township  
Northampton County  
38 West Market Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dec. 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ALLEN TOWNSHIP  
MEETING NOTICE - CANCELLATION

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Allen has cancelled the general meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday, December 26th, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Ilene Marie Eckhart, Manager  
ALLEN TOWNSHIP

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Catasauqua Area School District is seeking a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Telecommunications Services - Lit Fiber.**

The District intends to apply for discounts on the equipment/services listed in this RFP through the federal E-rate program.

Several criteria and restrictions pertinent to the E-rate program are included and must be met by the successful vendor in order for the proposal to be considered a Qualified Proposal.

Prospective Vendors may download the RFP documents via the CASD website at www.cattysd.org, email karessw@cattysd.org or pickup a hard copy from District Office, 201 N. 14th St, Catasauqua, PA.  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in the Estate of **PERMA R. NAGLE** late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, the Register of Wills has granted Letters of Testamentary to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Alisa M. Vogtsberger**  
80 Woodshire South  
Getzville, NY 14068

Or to her attorney:  
Curtis C. Creveling  
CREVELING, CREVELING & CAPPELLINI  
123 North Fifth Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
610-435-8711  
Dec. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF BETHLEHEM  
NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will conduct its 2018 meetings on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM at Illick's Mill, 100 Illick's Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018. This is a public meeting and all interested parties are welcome to attend and be heard.

R. Michael Topping, Secretary

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
East Allen Township  
Reorganization Meetings

The Board of Supervisors of East Allen Township Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Auditors of East Allen Township Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 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.

Deborah A. Seiple  
Township Manager

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
OF EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of School Directors of East Penn School District 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 2018, unless advertised otherwise.

- January 8 & 22
- February 12 & 26
- March 12 & 26
- April 9 & 23
- May 14
- June 11 & 25
- July 9
- August 13 & 27
- September 10 & 24
- October 8 & 22
- November 12
- December 3 (Reorganization) & 10

Janine L. Allen, Board Secretary

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Meeting Notice

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors will hold the following meetings at the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building at 6272 Route 309, New Tripoli, PA:

**Supervisors Re-organization:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30pm. Any business brought to the attention of the Board may be discussed.

**Auditors Re-organization:** Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Janice M. Meyers  
Heidelberg Township Administrator

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Estate of **RAYMOND C. NESTER**, late of the City 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:

**ROBERT C. NESTER, Executor**

c/o his attorney:  
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE  
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of EDWARD ERNST**, Deceased, late of the Township of Washington, 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:

**Thomas Ernst and Timothy Ernst, Co- Executor**

c/o their attorney:  
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE  
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of CALVIN R. CASSELL**, Deceased, late of the Township of Lower Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**BARBARA S. CASSELL, Executor**

c/o her attorney:  
JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE  
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE of **JEANNE S. DeKNEGT**, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

Cynthia S. Wilson a/k/a  
Cynthia Susan Wilson, Executrix  
c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

Or to her attorney: John O. Stover, Jr.,  
537 Chestnut Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE  
COUNTY AUTHORITY  
2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are typically held on Mondays beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the LCA Office, Main Conference Room

Board Meetings

- January 8, 22
- February 12, 26
- March 12, 26
- April 9, 23
- May 14, 21 (tentative)
- June 11, 25
- July 9, 23
- August 13, 27
- September 10, 24
- October 8, 22
- November 12, 26
- December 10

BRIAN NAGLE, Chair

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE

The following 2018 January meetings will be held at the North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, (Ironton) Coplay, PA:

Township Supervisors: Organizational Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Township Board of Auditors: Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 6 PM.

Brenda Norder, Secretary  
North Whitehall Township  
Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of CRAFT, EDWIN L.**, dec'd, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, PA. Letters of Administration have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Administrator: Philip G. Kline, Esq., 519 Juniper St., Quakertown, PA 18951. Attorney: Philip G. Kline, Esq., 519 Juniper St., Quakertown, PA 18951.  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of John A. Homestead**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **David M. Roth, Esquire** c/o 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Helen Getz, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Warren M. Getz, 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. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Francis M. Wehr, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Dale L. Wehr, 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. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of Arlene V. Haas**, deceased, late of 526 Wood Street, Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Carol A. Jacoby and Nancy A. Troutman**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE

**Estate of Jane Fisher, a/k/a Jane E. Fisher**, deceased, late of 1177 N. Sixth Street, Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Jeffrey L. Guinther**, 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. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE

**Estate of Wanda F. Hlavaty**, deceased, late of 1470 Raubsville Road, Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Joseph R. Hlavaty**, c/o, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.  
Dec. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Weisenberg Township, Lehigh County, PA at their January 8th, 2018 regular meeting in the Municipal Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA intends to adopt a resolution considering the appointment of a professional firm of certified public accountants to perform the annual audit for the fiscal year 2017.

Brian C. Carl, Administrator

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE of **NORWOOD B. STEIGERWALT**, late of Orfield, 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:

**ROBERT P. STEIGERWALT**  
**TED D. STEIGERWALT**

c/o KEITH W. STROHL, ESQUIRE  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON, PA 18080  
Dec. 20, 27, Jan. 3

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of WILLIAM M. ROTH, III**, late of Slatington, 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:

**JACQUELINE V. CARLTON, EXECUTRIX**

c/o CHARLES W. STOPP, ESQUIRE  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON, PA 18080  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of IRENE BOLIGITZ**, deceased, late of Hellertown, 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:

**JOSEPH W. BOLIGITZ, EXEC.**

c/o CHARLES W. STOPP, ESQUIRE  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE 210  
SLATINGTON, PA 18080  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ESTATE NOTICE

**ESTATE OF BETTY MAE SNYDER A/K/A BETTY M. SNYDER**, Decedent, late of Lowhill 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: **Executors: LINDA B. EROH and SANDRA A. TOMASKO** c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051 Attorney: Jon A. Swartz, Esquire 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
Dec. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE  
UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF AUDITOR'S MEETING

Auditor's Meeting - Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings unless otherwise noted will be in the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building, 5671 Chestnut Street, Old Zionsville, PA

Upper Milford Township  
Jessi O'Donald  
Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 2018 Upper Macungie Township Reorganization Meeting, previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM, will be now be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 5:30 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville PA 18031.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2018, will now be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville PA 18031.

Ashley A. Godshall, Secretary  
Upper Macungie Township

Dec. 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of PAULETTE J. MILLER**, Deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Linden L. Miller, Administrator CTA**

c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire  
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.  
2610 Walbert Avenue  
Allentown, PA 18104  
Dec. 6, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of FRANK L. LAEVEY** 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

**Alison E. Laevey, Executrix**

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

Or to her Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG**

**Rebecca M. Young, Esq.**  
**Lia K. Snyder, Esq.**  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Dec. 13, 20, 27

PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE of RICHARD A. EDDINGER**, 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:

**Arthur L. Worman, Executor**



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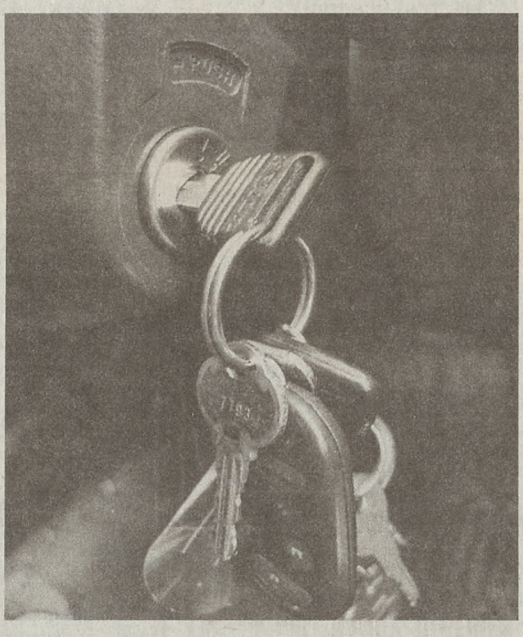
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