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LEHIGH

Board rejects Cedarbrook upgrade

By MARK RECCEK
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Lehigh County commissioners are not convinced about a possible renovation project at Cedarbrook Nursing Home, South Whitehall.

At the Dec. 10 meeting, the board rejected a \$1.5 million proposed project by a vote of 6-2.

Voting in support of the proposal were commissioners Geoff Brace and David Jones Sr.

The board instead called for a study of the nursing home's financial condition before voting in support of the project.

County Director of General Services Rick Molchaney said he was disappointed by the decision.

Molchaney said, however, he will seek alternative opportunities to help fund the nursing home.

Commissioner Brad Osborne said the proposal does little to assist nursing home residents.

"We are the last line of defense for people at Cedarbrook," he said. "How is it right to spend money and not touch the very souls of the people we profess to care about?"

Commissioners also said they were upset with fliers posted at Cedarbrook. The board argued the fliers misled residents about the advantages of the proposal.

The board asked for more information from the county. Molchaney said the county provided the information on the project previously requested.

Jones said the rejection is not a sign the board does not support Cedarbrook. Rather, he said the vote reflects questions surrounding the management of the project.

"We have a lack of confidence in the manage-

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COVER ART BY HENRY MURPHY

Joseph Capelli originally became interested in hip-hop music when he left Bethlehem to attend Barry University in Miami, Fla. He is currently working on a new single, along with a new album titled "Take My Word For It."

A light where it's dark

Christian artist Joseph Capelli wants to change face of hip-hop

By LISA KOCAY
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem may be getting its next big star, as Bethlehem native and Christian hip-hop artist Joseph Capelli is about to sign with a record company.

Capelli goes by the name Gsep Music, and he is talking to Warner Brothers Records, Atlantic Records and G-Unit Records. Capelli produces positive hip-hop music.

"I try to put the candle, a light in where it's dark," Capelli said.

The name Gsep comes from what he was called as a child growing up.

"Being Italian and having an Italian household, growing up everybody called me Giuseppe, which is Joseph in Italian, so I just shrank it."

He originally became interested in hip-hop music when he left Bethlehem to attend Barry Universi-

ty in Miami. He said the majority of people there listened to hip-hop music, so he started listening to it, which led to him freestyling and becoming more involved in the hip-hop culture.

Upon falling into drug addictions and dealings, and becoming depressed and experiencing suicidal thoughts, he came home to Bethlehem and attended a local youth group. He said the pastor at the group spoke with him about being true to himself and allowing God to help him through his difficult times, so Capelli decided to move back home and quit doing drugs.

While home, he began to experience drug withdrawal, but chose to write instead of

using drugs again. Through this, he ended up writing his first song, "Goddess Supreme," written about four years ago. He has since recorded more than 100 songs.

He decided to begin producing after writing "Goddess Supreme" because he began to love the music.

"I just started really loving everything about the music and the whole hip-hop genre, and just being able to express myself in a different manner than just talking," Capelli said. "Everybody has a certain ambition in life to be able to express their life and their journey, and I do it through my music."

Capelli writes all of his own music and produces it. His most recent single, "Ambition" is available on iTunes and was produced by Go Grizzly of Warner Brother Records.

He is currently working on a new single, along with a new album titled "Take My

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"Everybody has a certain ambition in life to be able to express their life and their journey, and I do it through my music."

Remembering, honoring veterans

By DEBBIE GALBRAITH
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Volunteers placed wreaths on veterans' graves in cemeteries at more than 850 locations Dec. 13 to honor those who have served their country.

Locally, ceremonies were held at Resurrection Cemetery, 547 N. Krocks Road, Wescosville; Grandview Cemetery, 2735 Walbert Ave., Allentown; and Cedar Hill Memorial Park on Airport Road.

The program began in 1992 when a surplus of wreaths from the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine were sent to the Arlington National Cemetery of honor of veterans. This practice continued for more than a

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



PRESS PHOTO BY DEBBIE GALBRAITH

The wreath in honor of Navy veterans is displayed.

decade when, in 2005, a picture of the gravestones adorned with wreaths went viral and the movement garnered national attention.

Since 1992, the mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom has prevailed.

Coordinator Margaret Albert organized the ceremony at Resurrection Cemetery.

"We are gathered here today at this memorial site and memorial sites all across America to remember we are one nation with one flag," Albert said. "We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many people. See **Honoring** on Page A2

LEHIGH

Drug drops save lives

By JOHANNA S. BILLINGS

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Don't flush unused drugs down the toilet.

The approved method of disposing of unwanted or unused over-the-counter and prescription drugs is through area police departments, said Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim.

He spoke on drug-related deaths at the Communities That Care annual meeting in Whitehall Dec. 4.

"I think it's prevented a lot of deaths through overdose," Grim said of medicine collection boxes at police departments and the county's participation in National Take Back Day. "I think [District Attorney] Jim [Martin] and law enforcement should be commended for that project."

Martin, who also attended the meeting, said police departments empty the medicine collection boxes as needed and store the drugs in a secure location. The county collects the drugs quarterly.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What was the most memorable event of 2014?



"Probably the Ebola one towards the end of the year."

Kim Jensen Nazareth



"I remember reading about a candidate who wanted to cut arts funding. As a theater major and someone involved in the arts, that stood out."

Rachel DelVecchio Bethlehem



"The Eric Frein police shooting and manhunt. I was amazed at the amount of time it took."

David Faulhefer Bethlehem Township



"I'm a nurse, so I'm going with the Ebola breakout in Africa."

Jennifer Kennedy Elk Ridge, Md.



"Internationally I would say the Ebola scare. Nationally, I would say what happened in Ferguson."

Bill Audelo Hellertown



"I would say the Ebola scare."

Philip Rosenberger Bethany Beach, Del.

Honoring

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many races, from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so we can live in freedom and without fear. We can worship as we see fit. We can raise our children to believe as we do. We can travel from one end of this great nation to the other and not have to ask permission to go. We are free to vote for whomever we feel should be in government office.

"Our nation stands as a shining beacon of liberty and freedom to the world. We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free and we shall not forget you. We shall remember," Albert said.

Albert quoted 40th President Ronald Reagan's description of freedom.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were



Brenda and David Keppel, of Allentown; Kathleen Keppel-Gehman, Richard Gehman and Laura Gehman, all of Bethlehem, place a wreath on the grave of Navy veteran Raymond Keppel, who died Jan. 3, 2003. This was the first year the family participated in the Wreaths Across America event and said they will gladly do it again.

free," Reagan was quoted as saying.

Andrew Kutzor, Kevin Burke, Carl Altenderfer, Virgil Hogue, Joe Garchinsky, Earl Marlatt and Harry Kubat participated in the wreath ceremony in memory of those who served and are serving in the Merchant Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Army. Kutzor's wreath was in honor of the 93,129 United States servicemen from all branches of the service whose last known status

was either Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

"These individuals have never returned to their families and homes," Albert said. "We shall not forget you."

Jennifer Scott led the audience in singing the national anthem and "God Bless America."

Boy Scouts from Troop 1600 and Girl Scouts from Cadet Troops 6500 and 6973 and Junior Troop 611 participated in the ceremony.

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus also helped

with the event.

In closing Albert spoke to the children and adults in the crowd.

"To our children, we want you to understand the freedoms you enjoy today have not been free, but have come with a cost that some day you may have to pay yourself. As a nation standing together, we can defeat terrorism, hatred and injustice. Thanks to our veterans, we have the freedom to do just that."

Authority holds decision on pipeline

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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Bethlehem Water Authority board members had little to do at their Dec. 11 meeting besides resolve to play the waiting game on some issues.

The most prominent of these was the PennEast gas line planned to run through the Lehigh Valley, including authority property and neighboring municipalities.

Though PennEast representatives spoke to the board recently, their commitment to making the pipeline happen was offset by a lack of specificity. There was no concrete information about where exactly the pipe would be laid down, and countless environmental and legal issues were unresolved.

Because of this, board members mostly debated hiring a consultant to perform a risk analysis of a

gas line in authority land. But that may be premature, given the level of contention some agencies and municipalities have raised over the issue. Executive Director Steve Repasch said he hadn't heard from the gas company in two months. "I think they realized they're in for a battle."

Member Mark Jobes said the PennEast plan is still too vague to react to now, especially at an esti-

mated \$5,000. He suggested they wait six months to a year to initiate such a study. John Tallarico and Laurie Hackett ultimately agreed.

President Vaughn Gower wasn't convinced taking the initiative isn't the better idea, but agreed to wait while Repasch begins early talks with the consultants.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Jan. 8 at city hall.

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AROUND TOWN

Wednesday, December 31

PEEPSFEST, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Music, crafts, L.V Zoo animals, dog sled presentation, fun run and mascot dash; Just Born Peeps drop, 5:15 p.m. and other events, SteelStacks. 101 Founders Way. Visit www.peepsfest.org.

Moravian New Year's Eve service, 11:30 p.m. Central Moravian Church sanctuary, Church and Broad streets. Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir announces midnight hour; joined by the congregation singing the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God".

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015

Happy New Year to all.

Friday, January 2, 2015

First Friday, South Bethlehem, 6 to 10 p.m. between Third, Fourth and South New streets. Call 610-841-5831.

Tuesday, January 6

Salvation Army, Calling All Bridge players, for seniors 50 and up, 10 a.m. to noon. 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

Civil War Roundtable, Sutler's Call 6 p.m., dinner (cost, reservations required), 6:30 p.m. followed by program (cost, no reservations required): Gettysburg Cyclorama with Sue Boardman, 7:30 p.m., 3400 Airport Road, Allentown. Call 610-253-4549, 610-882-9228 or 215-234-4884 or visit www.cwrteastempa.org.

Wednesday, January 7

Salvation Army, adult Bible study, 11 a.m. to noon; Women's ministries ages 16 and up: program, 1 p.m.; 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

EWI dinner meeting, board meets at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the general meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. Sweet Indulgence Cafe, 216 E. Broad St.

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MEETING BOARD

Monday, January 5, 2015

Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave. **unverified**

Fountain Hill Council, meeting, 7 p.m., 941 Long St. **unverified**

Hanover Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., 3630 Jacksonville Road. **unverified**

Hellertown Borough Council meeting, 7 p.m., 685 Main St. **unverified**

Tuesday, January 6

Bethlehem City Council, meeting, 7 p.m. 10 E. Church St. **unverified**

Freemansburg Council meeting, 7 p.m., 600 Monroe St. **unverified**

Wednesday, January 7

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), 4 p.m. City Hall, 10 E. Church St.

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Iannace named manager of digital forensics laboratory

A retired Pennsylvania State Police veteran with extensive experience investigating computer crimes has been named commanding officer and lab manager of the David M. Petzold Digital Forensics Laboratory of Lehigh County on the campus of DeSales University in Center Valley. Paul R. Iannace, 47, who recently retired from the State Police after 21 years, replaces Joseph Pochron, an Upper Saucon Township detective who was the first commander of the lab.

Pochron resigned Oct. 14 to take a job in private industry.

The laboratory, which opened in March 2011, is staffed by police officers from various municipal police departments in Lehigh County and was the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

DeSales University donated the space for the laboratory, which is located on the lower level of Dooling Hall, and all labor and materials needed to install equipment and prepare the laboratory for use.

The lab has been funded by contributions from the Officer David M. Petzold Memorial Foundation, Lehigh County and nondrug forfeiture funds of the District Attorney.

Officers at the lab analyze computers and cell phones brought to the lab from police departments and enhance recordings from audio-visual equipment, such as video from surveillance cameras mounted in establishments and on streets.

"Joe Pochron laid the foundation for the lab, which was immediately inundated with requests for processing computers, cell phones, global positioning systems, video game systems, security camera video and other digital items. One case involved hundreds of pieces of evidence," Lehigh County

District Attorney James B. Martin said.

"We are sorry to see Joe go and wish him every success," Martin said. "We welcome Paul Iannace and are fortunate to have someone of his caliber at the helm of the lab. I have the utmost confidence in his ability to continue the important work of the lab."

Martin said almost every serious crime today involves some type of digital device and evidence from those devices often is the key to unlocking a case.

Cases the lab has worked on include missing persons, harassment, sexting, child pornography, murder, suicide, counterfeiting, burglaries, identity and retail theft, auto theft and movie piracy.

Iannace, who started with the State Police in 1994, was Task Force Coordinator of the South East Computer Crime Task Force.

He was responsible for the daily operations of a digital forensic lab that supported 10 counties in southeastern Pennsylvania.

He supervised a 20-member task force unit that investigated high technology and digital incidents.

Iannace, of Emmaus, has investigated hundreds of crimes involving computers, hand-held devices and Internet technology, has analyzed thousands of various computer media when searching for digital evidence and often has been called to testify in court as an expert in digital forensics.

The crimes he investigated involved homicides, child pornography, child luring, cyberbullying, identity crimes including theft and fraud, hacking exploits and software piracy.

"I am looking forward to serving the law enforcement communi-

ty in Lehigh County as lab manager," Iannace said. "I would like to increase public awareness of digital security and the need to protect personal data and would like to make investigations of child exploitation a priority in Lehigh County."

He has more than 1,000 hours of training in the field of computer forensics and has many digital forensic certifications.

He also is certified as a specialist in electronic evidence collection.

Iannace taught computer forensics and high tech investigation at DeSales University in the masters in criminal justice graduate program.

He also teaches cell phone forensics for a private company and teaches Crime in Virtual Worlds for Drakontas, LLC and Drexel University.

He provides expert opinions to corporations, schools and law enforcement agencies and travels the country to give presentations at symposiums, conferences and training events for corporations, colleges and universities, and law enforcement agencies.

Iannace received the Col. John K. Schafer Memorial Award for excellence in law enforcement.

The award is named after a former Pennsylvania State Police commissioner who had a 23-year career with the state police.

Iannace received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Norwich University in Vermont.

He served in the U.S. Army May 1989 to October 1993.

Iannace, who received numerous military awards, was a platoon leader in South Korea and an Assistant Operations Officer at Military Entrance Processing Command.

CITY POLICE

Drug possession

Police arrested a 23-year-old man for the possession and sale of heroin around 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12.

According to police, a monthlong investigation led officers to Jonathan Lasalle, of Ridge Street, who was suspected of drug activity in and around the Lynnfield neighborhood.

Lasalle was stopped on Daly Avenue and allegedly had 40 bags of heroin on him at the time of arrest. Officers found packaging materials and unspecified items at his home and an estimated \$3,000 worth of loose heroin, paraphernalia, and \$14,000 cash at his mother's Lynnfield Drive home.

Lasalle is charged with possession, possession of paraphernalia, possession with intent to deliver heroin and criminal use of a communication device. He was remanded to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

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DUIs

Police arrested Christian Colon, 26, of Callone Avenue, following an accident around 4:30 a.m. Dec. 19. Police said he allegedly crashed his vehicle into a parked car on Third Avenue while intoxicated.

Around 8 o'clock that evening police arrested Timothy Bacak, 25, of Kevin Drive, for causing a three-vehicle accident on Route 378 northbound.

Just after midnight the following morning police arrested Jeffira Willis, 26, of South Albert Street in Allentown, for driving into a Vernon Street retaining wall.

All three are charged with DUI and related driving infractions.

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AREA PASSINGS

Antonio "Tony" Tartaglia

owned printing company

Antonio, "Tony" to his friends and "Silvio" to his family, S. Tartaglia, 72, of Bethlehem, died Dec. 18, 2014, at home.

Born in Naples, Italy, he was a twin child of the late Giovanna and Teresa (Barilari) Tartaglia.

He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1967 and was the husband of the late Elizabeth Stellato.

He worked at Fashion Prints, Fullerton. He was a prison guard for Northampton County. He owned and operated Nov-

elty Printing, Bethlehem.

He was a member of Sts. Simon and Jude Church, Bethlehem.

He is survived by two sisters, Maria Pia Bello of Bronx, N.Y., and Amelia Sole of Naples, Italy; a brother, Erminio Tartaglia of Naples, Italy; and two brothers-in-law and 11 nieces and nephews, all in the U.S. and Italy.

Arrangements were made by Reichel Funeral Home Inc., Northampton.

Betty Lou Conkling DelGrosso

Peke Inn waitress

Betty Lou Conkling DelGrosso, 80, of south Bethlehem, died Dec. 9, 2014. Born in Mt. Kipp, N.J., she was a daughter of Florence Hackett. She was the wife of Anthony DelGrosso for 54 years.

She graduated from Phillipsburg HS, where she was a majorette and band drummer.

She was a waitress in various restaurants, and was at the Peke Inn, Phillipsburg, for 24 years. Later, she ran the Lotto machine at Pat's Newsstand.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, David and his wife Lisa of Kunkletown; a daughter, Michele and her husband Rodney Bryant of Austin, Texas; a son, John of Allentown; two daughters, Toni Ann (Tsy) DelGrosso-Sweeney of

Saylorsburg and Patti of Bethlehem; three grandchildren, Austyn DelGrosso of Bethlehem and Joshua Smith and Jaymee Gonzales of Austin, Texas; a brother, Judson Hackett III and family of Louisiana; friend, Fritz Schumacher; and an adopted son, Kevin Chee and his wife Sophia and their children, Sara and Cody.

She was predeceased by a son, Rusty Joe Conkling.

Contributions may be made to Lehigh Valley Hospital - Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit, 1200 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103; or to Allentown Rescue Mission, 355 Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18101.

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

William Bleier

Next of kin sought

The Office of the Lehigh County Coroner's Office and Forensics Center is seeking help in locating next of kin for William Bleier who died in his Salisbury Township residence last week.

Bleier, 55, of 1414 E. Susquehanna St., was pro-

nounced dead in his home 5:16 p.m. Dec. 24. Bleier died of natural causes, according to a press release from the coroner's office.

Anyone with information on Bleier's relatives may contact the coroner's office at 610-782-3426.

"Our interest is to provide quality care," she stressed.

The project would include a new wing with 41 beds, nine private rooms, 16 semi-private rooms with toilet and shower, and 16 semi-private rooms with toilets.

BOARD

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ment functionality that currently exists," he said.

Chairwoman Lisa Scheller said she and her colleagues are not interested in selling the nursing home in the immediate future.

CAPELLI

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"Word For It." The title for this plays off his most recent album titled "Just Hear Me Out," which he said allows listeners to understand him and his style of music. He said after people listen to "Just Hear Me Out" and understand what he is trying to do and his motivations, he hopes people will trust that he is being himself and telling the truth - that they will take his word for it.

He said his career is headed in the direction he wants, and he is taking baby steps but he has big plans for where he wants to go.

"I plan to change the face of hip-hop, and try to bring a positive outlook on things and not talk about money, cars and degrading women," he explained. "I just hope that the next person who hears my music sees who I am and what I'm trying to project."

DRUG

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"When we collect them, we transport them to Berks County and destroy them in the incinerator," Martin said. "You don't want to flush them down the toilet. It's not good for the environment."

Grim said his office collects and destroys medications from the homes of people who die in Lehigh County so that the unused drugs aren't sold or otherwise abused.

It is not unusual for someone to become addicted to prescribed pain medications following surgery or an illness.

"And then when it runs out or their medical insurance doesn't cover it any longer, yes they are referring back to the street drugs ... It's so much

cheaper," Grim said.

"It's cheaper to buy heroin on the streets than it is to buy Percocet," Martin added.

Grim said heroin can be purchased for about \$20 a bag versus \$20 a tablet for name brand pain medications.

People who die by drug overdoses often die from a mixture of prescription and illicit drugs, he explained.

"They'll take some of the antidepressants and use it with crack, cocaine or heroin," he said.

As of Nov. 30, a total of 69 people had died by drug overdoses in Lehigh County, according to statistics presented by Grim.

Another 69 died by suicide.

Grim said his office looks at the whole person as well as the circumstances surrounding a



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNIE O'HARE

New citizens take the Oath of Allegiance in Courtroom No. 1 at Northampton County Courthouse.

New U.S. citizens come from 20 countries

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Most people who have a choice between a date in court and root canal would pick the latter. It's an intimidating experience for most. Especially majestic Courtroom No. 1, which is adorned by portraits of frowning judges of ages past.

But there's one exception: Naturalization Court, where people from all over the world are recognized as United States citizens. So the mood was cheerful last month when 21 people from 20 different countries were recognized as United States citizens.

The soothing strains of Celtic harpist Carol Thompson helped set a festive mood before a court crier's "All rise" announced the presence of Judge Emil Giordano at 1:30 pm sharp. But Judge Giordano, himself a first generation Italian American, put everyone at ease.

"How great you are to come here from another country in search of a better life," he commended the new citizens. He brought with him a picture of his father and grandfather, just before they left Italy, to show to his fellow Americans.

To individuals from Bulgaria to Vietnam, the oath was administered. Bethlehem Catholic HS's Austin



Lina Du, from China, with daughter Zengzeng Yang and Judge Giordano.

Ackerman delivered a stirring rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner," while the Brown and Lynch American Legion Post #9 served as the color guard.

In addition, the Northampton County Bar Association honored children from local grade schools for drawings of "My Favorite Place in America."



Trin Pham's family wait for her to become a citizen. She is from Vietnam.



Carol Thompson, one of America's foremost players of the Celtic Harp, is at every Naturalization Ceremony.

death in order to determine if a drug overdose was an accident or suicide. Of course, not all suicides are done with drugs.

The coroner's office began tracking drug overdoses in 2011 after noticing the numbers were increasing.

In general, the typical drug overdose involves a middle-aged white man, though drug overdoses affect both genders and other races. In 2011, for example, out of 86 drug related deaths, 52 were male and 34 were female. By race, 69 were white, three were black, 13 were Hispanic and one was Asian.

One of the saddest statistics from 2011 was one death in the age 0-9 age group.

"This was a child from Bethlehem who became

a heroin addict by way of his parents and died," Grim said.

Only one death fell in the ages 10-19 category. The numbers rose from there with 14 deaths in the 20-29 age group, 21 deaths in the 30-39 age group, 27 deaths in the 40-49 age group and 14 in the 50-59 age group. Another eight deaths were those aged 60 and older.

In 2012, 44 males and 35 females died for a total of 79 deaths with drug-related causes. Most of them - 67 - were white with another three black, eight Hispanic and one Asian.

Broken down by age, two deaths occurred in the 10-19 age group. Grim says those in their late teens are the most likely to die from drug-related causes.

A total of 18 died in

the 20-29 age group, 19 in the 30-39 age group, 17 in the 40-49 age group, 16 in the 50-59 age group and seven for those aged 60 and above.

"We spiked a little bit in 2013 with 91 [deaths]," Grim said.

The males accounted for 57 of those deaths and females 34. Again, the majority, or 76, were white. Three were black and 10 were Hispanics. No drug-related deaths occurred among Asians in Lehigh County in 2013, Grim said.

By age, three people died in the 10-19 age group, 18 in the 20-29 age group, 18 in the 30-39 age group, 27 in the 40-49 age group, 22 in the 50-59 age group and three for those aged 60 and above. Grim noted he has seen drug related deaths in people in their 80s.

As of Nov. 30 of this year, drug-related deaths tallied 69.

"This number could go as high as 80," Grim said. "We have 27 cases pending toxicology results. And we still have this month to go. It could take anywhere up to 10-14 weeks to get toxicology results back. So that number could increase over the next couple months."

In 2014 so far, 53 males and 16 females died of drug-related deaths. A total of 57 were white, five were black, six were Hispanic and one was Asian.

By age, the breakdown is one in the 10-19 age group, 15 in the 20-29 age group, 18 in the 30-39 age group, 17 in the 40-49 age group, 15 in the 50-59 age group and three people aged 60 and above.

Martial arts school fights for signage

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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The Historical Preservation Commission's Dec. 15 meeting became a lengthy and rancorous when Third Street Tae Kwon Do school owner Lee Arnold and a small coterie of friends confronted members about storefront signage.

Arnold and his students had installed a large, angled sign several months ago to attract attention they were otherwise unable to get hidden behind trees on a busy section of downtown road. But they hadn't passed the alteration by zoning and the historic commission members had a number of problems with the size, color, angle, letter shape and positioning, and the height of the new sign.

Commission member and architect Christine Ussler began with a reading of the perceived historical deviations and suggestions passed along to Arnold during previous discussions. The visitors' ire was immediate, and their frustration was matched by Ussler and commission member Beth Starbuck's impatience. Within minutes the parties were shouting at each other.

Arnold and friends contended they were simply unaware of the ordinances and that their



PRESS PHOTO BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

The sign at 25-27 E. Fourth St. Tae Kwon Do resulted in increased business – and a nearly two-hour heated argument with the Historic Preservation Commission.

efforts to improve business should not be stymied by a board of unelected individuals who appeared to share a single, biased opinion.

Starbuck retorted emphatically, "We are charged with preserving the historical integrity of the area."

Arnold described the challenges of his business and location – namely younger passersby displaying their enthusiasm for martial arts by punching in his windows and shouting epithets in the door – and that the size and shape of the new sign is safe and has improved business.

Arguing strenuously on Arnold's behalf was Leanne Powell. "The angle of the sign has been a big help and you tell us, 'Change it back; you don't know it will work.' It HAS worked."

With mounting tensions and neither side budging, Starbuck announced she was tired of the endlessly roundabout wanted to go home. Implying that staying longer would be a waste of her time, she said, "This is my life." Arnold bit back, "This is my business!"

Vexation and antipathy dragged on. It was finally suggested that

modifications be made to the sign and it be raised to a height within ordinance tolerance – and remain angled despite Ussler's repeated proclamation of that shape as inappropriate.

The committee eventually agreed to let Arnold consult with some Lehigh University engineering students, who are also students of his, and return with a design in March. The committee agreed to this on the basis of the small "pent" roof causing signage problems and they remain unwilling to set a precedent for other businesses installing similar signs.

Blood bank offers online screening

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is launching iScreen, a secure, private way for donors to complete their donor history questionnaire.

Starting Jan. 6, 2015, iScreen will be used by donors to answer questions in a private setting at a blood drive or donation center or online the day of donation, prior to their arrival.

"iScreen is a secure internet based system that will allow a donor to answer his/her donor history questions confidentially," explained Sean Tinney, director of marketing and business development. "After completing the questionnaire, the donor will be able to print out or email to his/her smart phone a bar-coded ticket that contains their hidden responses, which they will bring with them

for their scheduled donation."

Benefits of the new iScreen application include:

• **Save time** by completing the donor history questions prior to arriving for a scheduled blood donation, the donor may reduce the amount of time spent at the blood center or blood drive location.

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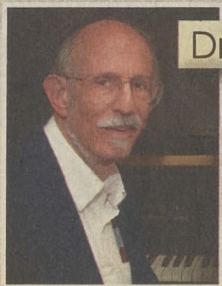
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SOCCER BANQUET

The Lehigh Valley Soccer Scholar Athlete Banquet will be held on Jan. 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Northampton Memorial Community Center, 1601 Laubach Ave. in Northampton. There will be 76 soccer scholar athletes honored.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Ms. Amy Hough, assistant women’s coach at Lehigh.

Also that evening, John Larry Endy, soccer referee, John Lojko, a key in starting the Emmaus Youth Soccer Program and Siegfried T. Mayr, a founding member of St. Thomas More Parish Soccer Program.

Tickets for the banquet will be available by sending a self-stamped envelop to Mr. Gary F. Toth, 427 E. Union Blvd, Bethlehem, PA 18018-4331.

Tickets may be purchased up to Jan. 3 only via mail.

FOUL SHOOTING Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition will take place Jan. 10, 2015 at the Good Shephard Catholic School Gym in Northampton. 9 a.m. is registration. The event is for ages 9-14 as of Jan 1, 2014. Contact Bruce Wermann, chairman, at 610-905-7817 for more information.

LVRR HOLDS WINTER SERIES

The Lehigh Valley Road Runners, the area’s premier running club, will once again hold its Ice-scraper winter 5K series beginning next month.

The fun, no-frills races will be held on four Sunday’s throughout the winter, including Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 22 and March 15. Registration runs from 8:30-9:30 a.m. with a start time of 10 a.m. The entry fee is free for club members and minimal for nonmembers.

To enter or to sign up as a volunteer, see <http://lvrr.org/races/ice-scraper-winter-series-5k/>.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem Catholic crowns seven champs

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic did what they were supposed to do in the 47th annual Tony Iasiello Christmas City Tournament over the weekend.

The Golden Hawks stormed through their host tournament, claiming seven champions en route to running away with the team title, collecting 259 points to easily outdistance themselves from second place Upper Perkiomen (172.5 points). Mikey Lewis (106),

Luke Carty (113), Jake Riegel (120), Luke Karam (126) Stephen Maloney (138), Mike Labriola (152) and Andrew Dunn (220) each came home with gold medals as Becahi took the first four championship bouts in winning fashion.

Most of the Hawks championship exploits came easily, such as Lewis’ 19-3 technical fall over Notre Dame’s Ryan McGuire to kick things off, but some of the championship bouts were difficult and Jake Riegel experienced that in his title bout with Dustin Steffeni-

no of Upper Perkiomen.

Riegel escaped with a 3-2 victory that bled every second of the third period in dramatic fashion, as his 3-1 lead with 17 seconds left turned into a near nightmare as he was hit with a penalty point for fleeing the mat.

That turned into a near-takedown by McGuire when he got in deep on a single leg, but never got control to keep victory out of his grasp.

For Riegel, who won the PIAA 2A tournament last year at 106-pounds, the bout was a welcom-

ing opportunity in a tournament that saw four of Becahi’s champs win by either technical fall or fall.

“It’s good to have a match like that because it helps with my confidence and mat awareness,” Riegel said. “I knew it would be close, but I didn’t wrestle my best. I was too defensive. I need to work on my offense more.”

Luke Karam had little trouble on offense against Notre Dame’s Mario Gordon, scoring a 20-5 technical fall in 3:44 in the 126-

pound championship.

Fresh off his Best of the East title, Karam rode the momentum he had into his home gymnasium.

“I’ve been wrestling really well as of late and I kept that going into this tournament,” Karam said. “After wrestling at such a tough tournament like the Beast, I know a lot of our guys were beat up and it’s nice to come home and take care of things here.”

Luke Carty won his 113-pound title with a 17-0 technical fall in 3:44 in the 126-

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PRESS PHOTOS BY ROB MERCHANT

Liberty’s Kaylin West looks to keep the ball away from a Northwestern player during a recent nonleague game.

LHS girls fall to PM West

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty High School’s girls basketball team knew what the problems were in their 51-41 loss to Pocono Mountain West on Dec. 23, but solving them was a different matter.

Hurricane guard, Kaylin West, said, “At half-time, we figured it out ourselves. We basically changed our box and one to a diagonal.”

Rebounding was also a problem, not to mention Pocono Mountain West’s

number five, Tiffany Benitez.

“Basically, we knew we had to shut her down, but someone would get stuck on a screen, and then there was no one there to help her,” West said.

The first quarter looked promising for the Hurricanes, despite the fact that all of the Panthers’ points were scored by Benitez. Baskets by West, Madison Capuano, and Kristina Polak gave Liberty a 13-9 lead.

In fact, the Hurricanes widened the gap, going into the locker room at halftime with a 21-13 lead. The Panthers closed the gap in the third quarter, trailing by only one point to start the fourth quarter.

In the final eight minutes, Pocono Mountain West picked up the pace dramatically and were outrebounding the Hurricanes.

West said, “... and our passes, we kind of forced them in.”

Pocono Mountain West’s Letitia Sealy also became a threat offensively and defensively as Benitez hit two three pointers within the final five minutes of the game.

Even though it was
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Nia Mims and the Hawks had no problems with Pleasant Valley in a recent game.

SWIMMING

FHS boys not phased by quick Central start

By KATIE MCDONALD
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When Allentown Central Catholic High School’s boys 200 medley relay team won the first event of the day in their meet against Freedom on Dec. 23, it could have been concerning for the Patriots, but with more first-place finishes than not, Freedom ultimately outscored the Vikings, 104-81.

“Central was not as much of a contender last

year as they are this year. We’ll have to see how it all plays out,” said Patriot captain, Brandon Burnette, before the end of the meet.

Two of the closest individual events proved to be the 50 free, won by Freedom senior, Sam Magnan, in 22.89. Central’s Gabe Castano was second in 23.17. Also, in the 200 IM, Freedom freshman, Colin Burnette, won in 2:17.10. Central’s Charlie Li was second in

2:17.16, and Brandon Burnette was third in 2:17.37.

“I usually do the 100 breaststroke. This one can be more challenging, but the last time I swam it, I made districts, so I think [Coach Jon Larson] just wants me to get used to it,” Brandon Burnette said.

Burnette improved on his 200 IM time by two seconds.

Regarding competing against his brother, Colin, in the same event, Bran-

don Burnette said, “There are things I’m good at and he’s not and vice versa. When there’s a competitive atmosphere, I feel like I do better. I’ve always been good at taking the race home, and I wanted to catch up to the kid next to me.”

In other individual events, Magnan won the 200 free in 1:56.46, John McGinty took first place in diving with 232.50 points, Brandon Burnette won the 100 butterfly in

59.82, Shjon Watlington placed first in the 500 free in 5:15.55, and Colin Burnette was first in the 100 backstroke in 1:02.08.

In a down-to-the-wire relay, the last event of the day, Colin Burnette, Trevor Watlington, Cameron Bell, and Brian Seitz won the 400 free relay in 3:46.60. Central Catholic’s Craig Peoples, Danny Chlebove, Zac Johnston, and Andrew Waldron came in second in 3:46.71.

Relay teams help Pate girls to win over CCHS

By KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom High School’s girls swim team took first place in all three relays, leading the Patriots to a 113-70 victory over Allentown Central Catholic on Dec. 23.

Helen Hsu, Reilly Ward, Carly DelFranco, and Shannon Howell opened the meet at Freedom with a 1:59.93 victory in the 200 medley relay. Later in the day, How-

ell, Rachel Giles, DelFranco, and Ward won the 200 free relay in 1:48.26, and Caitlin McCadden, Linda Mao, Giles, and Rileigh Ellis ended the day with a 4:21.17 victory in the 400 free relay.

Individual event winners for the Patriots were Hsu in the 200 free in 2:00.78 and the 500 free in 5:20.58, DelFranco in the 200 IM in 2:20.66 and the 100 free in 59.04, Howell in the 50 free in 25.62, and the 100 butterfly in 1:06.45.

Despite a small girls’ roster, Freedom captain, Caitlin McCadden, said, “Our coach trained us to not think win or lose. It’s how you swim the meet.”

The Patriots lost only one senior to graduation, but gained a few freshmen. This year’s relatively large, not to mention, strong senior class will be an asset at districts.

“If we reach our goals and swim our best times, we’ll be happy with that,” said McCadden. “During

Christmas training, we’re here twice a day doing hard practices because then we have time to recoup at home. Most of us are used to it now. We’re here on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. For the new kids, it’s hard to get used to.”

McCadden and Hsu are this year’s girls’ team captains, and in the absence of a female coach, their support will be significant throughout the season.

“We make sure everyone uses proper etiquette at meets and that they show good sportsmanship. I’ve wanted to be captain since freshman year,” said McCadden, who looked up to Freedom 2013 graduate, Molly Magnan, who took McCadden under her wing.

Freedom’s next swim meet is scheduled for Jan. 8, at Freedom against Easton.

FOOTBALL

Hawks reflect on their 2014 season with pride

By PETER CAR
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A 12-win season, a trip to the state quarterfinals and back-to-back District 11 3A championships is what Bethlehem Catholic's football team can look back upon when they review 2014.

But head coach Joe Henrich is always going to be disappointed with how things ended during their 30-0 defeat to Somerset that ended their ride through the PIAA tournament.

"Nothing can take away from winning two straight district titles and being one of the few teams to have won 12 games in a year at Becahi," said Henrich. "I just felt that we did not perform our best against Somerset. We didn't play to our capabilities. Everything at that stage of the season becomes magnified and

when you aren't disciplined, accountable and don't take care of the football, you have results like the one we had."

Despite Becahi graduating the likes of offensive weapons Freddie Simmons (WR) and Michael McDaniel (RB), there is plenty of ammunition returning on both sides of the ball in 2015 that could land Becahi in the lead position to win their third straight district crown.

Quarterback Julian Spigner will be back for his senior year, along with running back Antwan Keenan, who suffered a season ending leg injury early in his junior campaign.

EJ Fineran, who made his mark as an impressive wideout this season as a junior, will lead the receiving corps next season.

Sophomore Damian

Diaz, who shared carries in the backfield when Keenan went down, gained experience for his final two years moving forward.

The majority of Becahi's linebacking core returns, as well as some solid pieces on the line to have Becahi looking at a promising 2015.

"We take a look at everything in the off-season and there's a lot of pride here," Henrich said. "There's a recipe for how we got here and now that it's in place, it's a lot easier to sell this to the younger kids coming up. I don't see any reason why we can't be this type of team next year."

But as far as this year, it's always tough to say goodbye.

"It was a fun year and a great ride," Henrich said. "Only a couple teams can last as long as we did. It's just tough when it's over."

All-state players released

By PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic's trio of offensive playmakers highlight the list of this year's Pennsylvania Football Writers' all-state team.

The Golden Hawks led all teams with the most honorees by having seniors Michael McDaniel (RB) and Freddie Simmons (WR) named to the Class 3A team, as well as junior quarterback Julian Spigner.

Becahi won their second straight District 11 3A championship this past season and head coach Joe Henrich knows how great of an honor it is to be selected.

"It's awesome and a credit to them as individuals and to us as a team for how far we've come," Henrich said. "We are so proud to have three kids represented. To have three in one year is remarkable."

McDaniel ran for 1,968 rushing yards and 34 total touchdowns, putting him second in Becahi single-season history totals.

Simmons caught 58 receptions for 812 yards and 14 touchdowns. He finished with 20 total touchdowns for the season.

Spigner completed 143 of 221 passes for 2,298 yards and 28 touchdowns, adding 390 rushing yards and four scores.

In 4A, Whitehall, Parkland and Easton, each had

two recipients, while Emmaus had one selection.

For the Zephyrs, Penn State bound running back Saquon Barkley led the charge, rushing for 1,851 yards and 24 touchdowns to become Whitehall's all-time leading rusher in the process.

Buskirk, a linebacker that has committed to Lehigh, registered a team-high 64 tackles, recovered a fumble and returned an interception for a touchdown.

For Parkland, defensive back Jarey Elder and linebacker Preston Saylor were selected.

Elder also helped on the offensive side of the ball at wideout, collecting 60 receptions for 722 yards and eight touchdowns. Saylor led the team with 105 tackles and 15 tackles for loss.

Easton running back Shane Simpson and towering offensive lineman Mike Fleming were also named to the squad.

Simpson was named as an offensive athlete, as he ran for a school-record 2,124 yards and 33 touchdowns. He also caught 32 receptions for 334 yards and five TD's.

Fleming, who stands at 6-foot-3 and 270 pounds, earned honors at center on the all-state squad.

Emmaus' Andy Davidson was the last 4A standout from the Lehigh Valley to make to the team, as he

earned a nod at linebacker.

He led the Hornets with 94 tackles, 15 of which were for a loss. He also forced three fumbles, recovered two, had an interception and blocked three kicks.

Davidson may have been more important to Emmaus offensively, however, as he rushed for 2,042 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Three players from the Colonial League also made the 2A team, as Northwestern's Cam Richardson and Taylor Breininger joined Palmerton's Tre Nelson (LB) on the squad.

Richardson capped a historic career at Northwestern by earning honors at wide receiver, where he had 47 receptions for 758 yards and 14 touchdowns, adding 477 yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground.

Richardson finishes his Tiger career by breaking every single-season and career receiving record at the school.

Breininger made the team as a defensive athlete, as the linebacker registered a team-high 15 tackles for loss, adding two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and six interceptions.

He also had five defensive touchdowns, three of which were picks sixes.

The do-it-all player also scored on a punt and kick returns, as well as registering six receiving touchdowns and seven rushing scores.



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From left to right: Head Coach Megan Groh - Nazareth, NCC, Kutztown University; Krista Maue, Alden High School NY; Sarina Tufano, Pleasant Valley; Valerie Ceron, Freedom; Shelby Toth, Freedom; Jasmeet Kaur, Freedom; Megan Parsons, Nazareth; assistant coach Ashley Bennett, Freedom, ESU.

NCC tennis has great season

The Northampton Community College women's tennis team finished 7-3 for the 2014 season under head coach Megan Groh and assistant coach Ashley Bennett. This is only the team's second year in the NJCAA.

The team consisted of Valeria Ceron at number-one singles and number-one doubles, Shelby Toth at number-two singles and number-two doubles, Megan Parsons at number-three singles and number-two doubles, Sarina Tufano at number-four singles and number-one doubles, Jasmeet Kaur at number-five singles and number-three doubles, and Krista Maue at number-six singles and number-three doubles. Northampton finished as the runners up in the Region XIX tournament held at Rowan College at Gloucester County on October 11-13.

Northampton had a total of 9 points earning them a spot at the National tournament at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, NY. Tufano was the only singles runner-up at Regionals. Toth, Parsons, Kaur and Maue all earned runner up on their respective doubles teams.

The team competed at the 2014 NJCAA Division III Women's Tennis National Tournament on October 22-24. Valeria Ceron had the only victory for the team and the first-ever National victory for Northampton Community College. The 2014 Northampton women's tennis team made school history by competing in the national tournament and earning runner up at the Regional tournament.

SWIMMING

LHS girls beat Whitehall

By KATIE MCDONALD
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A Whitehall victory in the first event of Liberty's swim meet against the Zephyrs recently failed to rattle the Hurricane girls in their eventual 98-72 win at Whitehall.

Liberty captain, Grace Walters, said, "We were maybe a little thrown off, but our thoughts were just to proceed with all the individual events and see how those went."

First place finishes in six events, along with second and third place finishes, gave the Hurricanes enough points to prevail.

In the 200 medley relay, for example, Paige McCloskey, Chloe Kobus, Walters, and Kayla Drago placed second, which is significant because relays garner more points than individual events.

The Hurricanes then came back to win the 200 free relay in 1:45.97 with the team of Anita Kundu, Emily Buell, Anna Lehr, and Julia McCarthy, and the 400 free relay in 3:49.31 with the team of McCarthy, Jocelyn Baker, Maggie Walters, and Drago.

In individual events, McCarthy took first place in the 200 free in 1:58.44

and the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.88. Drago was also a double event winner, placing first in the 50 free in 26.17, and placing first in a close finish in the 100 free with a time of 56.99.

Some Liberty swimmers competed in events they do not usually compete in, giving them the opportunity to try new events and improve on their times.

"I never swim the 500 free, so it was extra rough," Walters said.

Liberty's next meet is scheduled for Dec. 23 at William Allen High School.

Annville-Cleona.

Andrew Dunn rounded out the BC champions with his torrid form, pinning Wallenpaupack's Kyle Hartman in 2:40.

Other Hawks to place in the tournament included Cole Karam (145, third), Adam Soldridge (170, third), Jody Crouse (182, fifth) and Niko Camacho (HWT, sixth).

For Karam, the results so far this season has made him feel confident about this team moving forward.

"I think we're better than we were a year ago," said the Hawks junior. "A lot of our younger guys are really stepping up and we're wrestling really well."

Girls

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obvious the Panthers prevailed, Liberty called a timeout with only seconds left in an attempt to execute a specific play revolving around Capuano, and

it was successful.

"It was a quick-hitter to her, set up specifically for her," said West.

Capuano took a three-point shot at the buzzer which counted.

"All we talked about was being 7-2. It sounds so much better than 6-3,"

West said.

The Hurricanes' other losses were to Easton and North Pocono.

Also last week, Freedom defeated East Stroudsburg North, 39-29, and Bethlehem Catholic defeated Pleasant Valley, 76-19.

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Congregation shares Turkey Day dinner

The First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem attracted some 150 diners to its annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon Nov. 27. The traditional morning worship service was canceled due to the first snowstorm of the season. The church kitchen crew prepared a feast which included whole roasted turkeys and all the trimmings. The 14th annual self-serve meal in First Presbyterian's fellowship hall is a free event to the church's members and their guests.



Family fellowship is enjoyed around the dinner table by the Cascioli family from Whitehall. Dan and his wife Sue chat with her parents William and Barbara Borthovich, who were visiting for Thanksgiving from Virginia. The Cascioli children, Matt and Angie, are also part of the gathering.

SALVATION ARMY
Volunteers, cooks donations needed

The Salvation Army, Bethlehem, needs volunteer cooks as well as donations for the food pantry. Call 610-867-4681 or email Fran.Rader@use.salvationarmy.org.

PEEPSFEST
Family events
Dec. 31

The annual PEEPSFEST will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 30 and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dec. 31. There will be a Just Born PEEPS drop at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31 at SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way.

The event will have live music, crafts, LV Zoo animals including penguins, a dog sled presentation, a fun run and a mascot dash and other events.

For information, visit www.peepsfest.org.



Congregant Joan Starnes of Easton helps Angelo Cabani go through the dinner line. The newcomer from Puerto Rico and his mother, Lisandra Montes, are part of First Presbyterian's outreach program. "I'm helping them with English and my Spanish is getting better," Starnes said.



Church member Jack Walker of Bethlehem Township fills up his plate with freshly cut turkey and all the trimmings in the self-serve food line at First Presbyterian Church.



Turkey dinner kitchen crew at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem consisting of Linda Frankenfield, chef Larry Rood and Jana Frankenfield help prepare the holiday meal on Thanksgiving Day. A storm canceled the morning service, but dinner went on.



First Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall is nearly full with some 150 diners as some sit at round tables and others line up for food. The Thanksgiving dinner is free for church members and their guests.

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BY TIM GILMAN

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PEOPLE

Piggy bank for cancer

Anaya, her mother Natasha Velez of Bethlehem, and Anaya's six year old cousin Aliyah Colon, presented St. Luke's with the money that Anaya collected in her change jar all year.

The Lehigh Valley Academy students' donation was designated to St. Luke's Cancer Center Social Work Fund. This program provides support to patients with cancer who are in need of financial assistance.

Accepting the gift on Dec. 11 were St. Luke's surgical oncologist, Dr. Darius Desai, and St. Luke's cancer counselor, John Flenner M.Ed.

For information, call St. Luke's Development Office at 484-526-3067.

Lehigh's White named

Governor-elect Tom Wolf has named Lehigh University's George White to his transition review teams. The teams will work with the outgoing administration to better understand the issues and challenges that face the executive branch.

White is the director of Lehigh University's Center for Developing Urban Educational Leaders.

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Santa visits Stephen's Place for Christmas



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIM GILMAN

Former Stephen's Place resident Tom Riley of Allentown joins his stepson Wyatt Silfies and Santa during the facility's annual Christmas Party.



Sister Virginia Longcope, executive director and founder of Stephen's Place in south Bethlehem, sits on Santa's lap during the annual Christmas party. Stephen's Place is a temporary home for men with substance abuse problems who are in need of help transitioning to society from prison, said Longcope, who has been operating the facility for two decades. Her home can accommodate up to five residents. Sister Virginia estimates about 200 residents have participated in her halfway house programs since 1994.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who helped local family

Dear Editor,

After losing two family members within one year, I closed my business, Alteration by Cora, without notice.

I want to thank the many customers I had over the years. It was a pleasure working with everyone; also lots of fun.

To Patty and Pam, of Twins Bridal, for getting me started in bridal work: thank you so much.

To Dee W., for sending so many people my way, thank you so much.

To Shelly, a.k.a. Tootsie the Clown, for the many outfits we made: thank you.

Also my ump, policemen and

Boy Scouts: many patches, many thanks.

Thanks to each and everyone.

Sincerely,
Cara Onuschak
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Longtime county clerk retires

Reflects on favorite moments

By BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Marie Cunningham, Doris Lombardo and Frank Flisser are names you'll rarely see in the daily newspapers. But for decades, they have been some of the spokes that keep the wheel of Northampton County government turning. But after one year into Executive John Brown tenure, more than 120 of them will be gone.

Frank Flisser's last day was Dec. 19. He left the way he operated during his 37 years as county council's sole clerk. Quietly. No parties. On his final day, as the seconds ticked away, he had just four cardboard boxes to take home with him. Occasionally, the phone would ring, and he'd say good-bye to one of the many people he worked with over the years.

Q You were born and raised on Bethlehem's Southside, and grew up with troublemakers like District Attorney John Morganelli and Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez. Did that experience on the Southside help?



Flisser

A My father was the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Windish Church. For 31 years, I had the honor and privilege to live on Bethlehem's Southside. I learned true old world values from people who came to this country from Yugoslavia and Hungary. It gave me a good base for my value system.

Q Who were council's best sparring partners?

A I'd have to say Bill Moran and Jim Hemstreet. They loved to spar with each other, were good at it, and

each was iconic.

Q In all your years as clerk, is there any single meeting that stood out as the wildest and craziest of them all?

A I'd have to say the bond hearing in 2000, when a \$110 million bond issue was approved at 2 a.m.

Q That's the meeting in which Ron Angle's name plate was stolen, and found later in a urinal. Now that you're leaving, will you admit you're the thief?

A No (laughing), I think [Jim] Hickey did it.

Q Although you serve at the pleasure of council, you lasted 37 years. What advice would you have for your successor?

Be honest. Treat everybody the same, including members of the public. Be open and direct.

Q Having seen a home rule form of government for 37 years, do you think it's time to go back to the commissioner form of government?

A Maybe a Charter Study Commission should be convened.

STUDENTPROFILE
Bryan Connor
Freedom HS

Grade: 12
Family members: Mom Alison, dad Craig, brothers Macco, (19, Temple sophomore) and Blaine (23, internship at Johns Hopkins)
Favorite subject: Field of science, specifically biology
Activities: Football and basketball
Next steps: Attend college for physical therapy
Career Goals: Physical therapist or orthopedic doctor
Heroes: Both of my parents because they are both hardworking and successful
Hobbies: I enjoy being active and involved in any pickup sports.
Volunteer/community work: Worked with young children coaching pee-wee football
Likes: Sports, music, science
Dislikes: Math is a subject in school that does not come easily.
Greatest accomplishment (so far): Receiving an A in my AP Calculus extension after working hard



Advice for peers: Join clubs and get involved in some aspect of your school. It makes for a more memorable high school experience.
Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press.
Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.

LV ACADEMYNEWS

Fundraiser, conferences mark half-year transition

Christmas is here and so is the end of the year. Some seniors decided to have a fundraiser for their senior project to give back to



Jael Lopez
LV Academy

those in need for this special season. They collected items to put together to give to a shelter called Turning Point, which is a shelter for women and children who are victims of abuse. Those who donated participated in a dress-down day Dec. 23 with a coupon to LVA's school store. Not only did grades nine through 12 have a fundraiser this year, but the junior high school raised money for the eighth grade field trip. They sold candy canes for 50 cents during homeroom Dec. 15 through 17. The candy canes were used to write messages to other students. It's a nice way to end the last school day of 2014, Dec. 24.

As the senior and junior high schools got in the holiday spirit, the elementary students had a holiday play to showcase the future stars of LVA. Along with a holiday play, students from fourth to 12th grade had a winter concert. Students showed their talents by singing and playing instruments, hosted by Miss Black and Mr.

Krenicky. If it were not for Miss Black and Mr. Krenicky this concert would have not happened, so I want to give them a special thank you for making this concert possible.

Since half of the school year is almost over, parent-teacher conferences were held to discuss students' behaviors and grades. As for the senior class of 2015, many of them have early acceptance letters, and we are very proud to say that this year LVA is having the most students taking the IB scholarship. This is giving students more opportunities to further their education. Not only have many seniors been receiving early acceptance letters, but scholarships as well. Mrs. Bachert hosted a financial night on Dec. 16 to inform students and parents about available scholarships, and Moravian College and Wells Fargo representatives were there to help those who need more information about financial aid.

The junior and senior high schools also had an activity day which involved watching holiday movies, crafts and games. Students were able to make Christmas ornaments for their Christmas tree and watch movies. Watching French movies with Ms. Ayers was another option. The French honor society planned a party Dec. 23 celebrating Christmas with traditional French dishes and games.



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The class of 2018 is welcomed at the St. Luke's holiday reception with Medical School of Temple University/St. Luke's University Health Network baseball caps. Left to right: Richard Sharpe, Allaskar Hasani, Ryan Hughes, Amy Russell and Kelsey Row.

Med students guests at holiday reception

St. Luke's administrators, trustees, donors and members of the medical staff recently welcomed medical students from all four classes of the Medical School of Temple University/St. Luke's University Health Network at a holiday reception. More than 100 guests attended, along with 120 medical students. The annual event is hosted by Richard A. Anderson, President & CEO of St.

Luke's University Health Network, and Joel C. Rosenfeld, MD, M.Ed, FACS, Chief Academic Officer of St. Luke's University Health Network & Senior Associate Dean of The Temple University School of Medicine. The inaugural class of 30 students will be graduating in May of 2015, making this their last holiday reception as a medical student.



St. Luke's Trauma surgeon Richard Sharpe, MD, and his son Richard Sharpe, Class of 2018, attend the recent St. Luke's holiday reception to recognize the medical students attending the Medical School of Temple University/St. Luke's University Health Network. The inaugural class of the medical school will graduate in May 2015.



Joel C. Rosenfeld, MD, M.Ed, FACS, chief academic officer of St. Luke's University Health Network and senior associate dean of The Temple University School of Medicine, addresses 120 medical students from four classes. Students are Kevin McKim and Matthew Zuber.

Exchange Club Students of the Month

The Fountain Hill Exchange Club honored students from Bethlehem Catholic HS at its November meeting.

The honorees, Grace Malicka, Jonathan Manning and Cassidy Flynn, were selected by the high school as the Exchange Club Students of the Month. The students, along with their parents, were invited to a dinner for their accomplishments and were each presented a Certificate of Merit.

Grace Malicka would like to attend NCC for culinary and then attend the Culinary Institute of America.

Jonathan Manning would like to attend Kutztown University for business administration

Cassidy Flynn would like to attend NCC and then Kutztown University with a major in art education. The Fountain Hill Exchange Club is a Community Service Organization.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Norm Blatt, president of the Fountain Hill Exchange Club with honorees Grace Malicka, and Jonathan N. Manning. Cassidy Flynn was unable to attend.

COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College Grant locating workshop set

A free workshop on locating grant sources will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 7 at Northampton Community College's Mack Library, fourth floor, College Center building, main campus.

The event, open to nonprofit agencies' representatives, will highlight services provided by Foundation Directory Online, and provide an overview of its database of more than 100,000 grant makers.

Reservations are required. Call 610-861-5358 by December 23. To make a reservation after December 23, e-mail eshores@northampton.edu; include name, telephone number, and name of nonprofit organization.

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

Jamie Tworkowski's TWLOHA comes to Moravian College

Why does your life matter? Because you're making it matter.

By DOROTHY GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Jamie Tworkowski gets invited to many schools where he talks about things people don't want to hear about. His visit to Moravian College's Foy Hall Nov. 18 was no exception. In a very informal style he discussed the problems of depression, suicidal thoughts, addiction and self-injury. He also told the students the story of To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA), the nonprofit organization he started to provide

support and encouragement to young people who are suffering and to promote treatment and recovery options.

The organization was founded in 2006 after Tworkowski came into contact with Renee Yohe, a 19-year-old who was drug-addicted and so deeply depressed that she had cut her arm and attempted suicide more than once. He and some friends sought to provide her with badly needed support until she was able get treatment for her condition five days later. In

order to generate the funds needed for Renee's treatment, Jamie got the idea of selling T-shirts. He and a friend designed the shirt with "To Write Love on Her Arms" on it. The shirts were sold at a concert in Orlando, Florida.

With Renee's permission, Jamie posted her story on MySpace, and the response was overwhelming. Within two weeks he had received messages from people in Canada and as far away as England and Australia. See **Moravian** on Page A12



Jamie Tworkowski introduces Moravian College students to TWLOHA, the organization he founded to aid young people suffering from depression and drug addiction.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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	31 / 20	34 / 24	36 / 28	43 / 32	39 / 28	42 / 31	45 / 32
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FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 42%. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1990. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 20°. The record low for tonight is -5° set in 1989. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 39%. Skies will be mostly clear Thursday night with an overnight low of 24°. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high temperature of 36°. Skies will become cloudy Saturday with a 50% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 43°. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 39°.

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MORAVIAN

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Countless individuals told stories about their day-to-day struggles with depression or about people they knew who were suffering.

The response drove home forcefully for Tworowski the prevalence of the problem and the widespread need for help. Indeed, the statistics he provided bear this out. Twenty million people

suffer from depression, and two out of three get no help. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide, and suicide is the third most common cause of death. Out of this realization TWLOHA was born.

Today the organization has a staff of 14 full-time workers and is based in Melbourne, Florida. In addition to talks at schools, TWLOHA publicizes its cause at music festivals, where individ-

ual musicians and bands sport the organization's shirts. Several celebrities have also endorsed it. Its MySpace and Facebook pages as well as its blog, Twitter and Tumblr enable people the world over to contact the organization.

To date it has responded to 200,000 messages. In this way TWLOHA is able to let people know they are not alone, that being depressed and needing help is not something to be

ashamed of, that they are unique and matter to others, and that help is available. In addition to offering emotional support, the organization provides information about counseling and drug treatment centers as well as books, support groups and crisis/suicide hotlines that can offer further resources and assistance.

The messages people post on the blog speak to their struggles. For example, one post reads, "I had

to work very hard, every day, to keep the part of me that wanted to live stronger than the part that wanted to die." TWLOHA employees respond with upbeat messages. For example, this message was posted on the anniversary of 9/11. "September 11th has become a day for our nation to reflect and to mourn, a day where we remember those we've lost. At TWLOHA, we also choose to mark this day in

memory of those lost to suicide and mental illness. We hope that today's remembrance allows you space to heal and the courage to continue to live and to love. We hope that today gives you the strength to remember that you matter and that no one else can play your part."

Learn more about TWLOHA at the following sites <http://twloha.com/vision-Blog> and twloha.com

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Things Getting Worse?

Recently a man told me that it appears to him that things have become much worse today than they were in the past. He wondered what religious leaders give as reasons for the increasing swell of wickedness and violence all around us. He also asked me for my opinion.

I told him that I am not sure what others blame today's swell of wickedness upon, but the Bible says it is the result of man's sin. It says, "in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:1-4; 12-13). Yes, sin is the reason for things getting worse today. Tragically, those who might have chosen Christ as their Savior and gone to heaven forever, end up in hell "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

The Bible also foretells of a world-wide outpouring of God's Spirit "in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). Peter told 3,000 who gathered on the Day of Pentecost, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off" (Acts 2:38-39). If you will do this, things will get better for you as it did for me!

CIVIL WAR
Roundtable to be held Jan. 6

There will be a Civil War Roundtable beginning with Sutler's Call at 6 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Days Hotel, 3400 Airport Road, Allentown.

There will be a dinner (cost, reservations required by Jan. 1) at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program (cost, no reservations required) on the Gettysburg Cyclorama with Sue Boardman, licensed Gettysburg Battlefield guide, at 7:30 p.m.

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Ninth annual **ABEs** salute LV Stage



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From left: Roseann Damico Schatkowski (Frau Blucher), Jarrod Yuskas (Dr. Frederick Frankenstein), Noah Ruebeck (Igor), Morgan Reilly (Inga), "Young Frankenstein," Civic Theatre of Allentown

The shows were better than ever on a community and professional level

By PAUL WILLISTEIN
 Focus Editor

The year 2014 in Lehigh Valley theater will be remembered as the year when the lines blurred between community theater and professional theater.

Community theater got better. Civic Theatre of Allentown continued its record number of Valley premieres, now at more than 40 under artistic director William Sanders' stewardship.

Professional theater also got better and more popular. The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival had upwards of 30,000 tickets sold.

Locally-produced stage shows are one of the Valley's biggest, if not the biggest, arts and entertainment draws, not counting arena concerts by touring popular music groups and stars.

Add in area college theater, high school theater, the Freddys and national touring shows at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, and State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, and you've got a theater-going audience in size that rivals that of an equivalent-size region and even some larger areas.

The year had off-stage theater news, too.

The Crowded Kitchen Players' diaspora continued. Exit Quakertown. Enter Allentown and Bethlehem.

Moravian College is assessing the closed Boyd Theatre movie house in downtown Bethlehem as a venue to expand its theater department.

The former Pennsylvania Stage Company building along Linden Street in downtown Allentown was put up for sale. Is Allentown Public Theatre, still looking for a home, on the call board?

Reviews of 31 plays were published on the Lehigh Valley Press Focus web site in 2014.

The reviewers' tally: Dawn Nixon, 4; Douglas Graves, 3, and Paul Willistein, 24. Douglas Graves moved from the Valley mid-year.

Based on Lehigh Valley stage shows I saw in 2014, here's my annual theater overview, otherwise known as the ABEs (as in Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton), now it's ninth year.

Community Theater
 Producer: Civic Theatre of Allentown. It wasn't just Civic Theatre of Allentown's

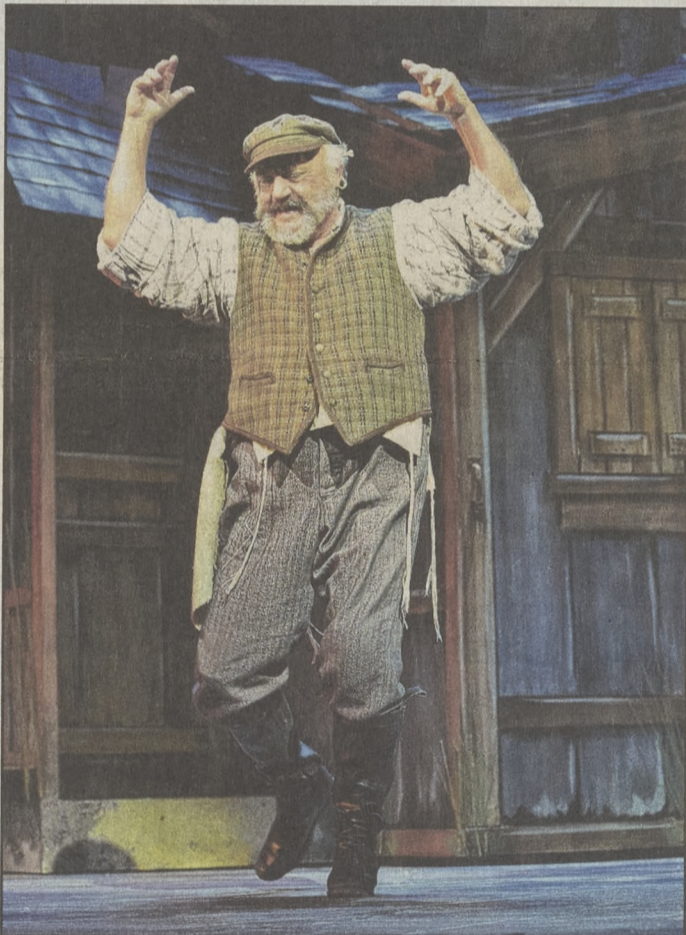


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Joe Vincent (Tevye), "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

production of "Young Frankenstein," the best Lehigh Valley community theater production in memory. It was the inventiveness of Civic's season, including its 25th anniversary production of "A Christmas Carol," with seven Scrooges of "Christmas Carols" past.

Original Musical: No ABE

Musical: "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. The zany, brainy and outrageously funny musical comedy is a Broadway show with punk-rock attitude. The satirical show, which opened on Broadway in 2001 (receiving three Tonys), has really bad puns, to wit: the company that cornered the latrine market during a 20-year drought is Urine Good Company.

Actress, Musical: Morgan Reilly, Hope Cladwell, "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. Reilly, a Muhlenberg College student, was also delightful as Inga in "Young Frankenstein."

Actor, Musical: Jarrod Yuskas, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, "Young Frankenstein," Civic Theatre. Yuskas, Director of Theatre Arts, Upper School at Moravian Academy, was also memorable as Sir Robin in Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre's hilarious

Spamalot."
Ensemble, Musical: "Young Frankenstein," Civic Theatre. The cast of "Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein: The Musical," in its Lehigh Valley debut, was one of the most fully-realized community theater productions ever thanks to the cast of Jarrod Yuskas, Noah Ruebeck, Robert Trexler, Morgan Reilly, Eileen Veghte, Roseann Damico Schatkowski, JoAnn Wilchek Basist, Kirk Lawrence-Howard, Ted Williams and Robert Stinner.

Director, Musical: William Sanders, "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. Sanders left no production opportunity missed (silent-film like asides, cinematic slow-motion movement, audience presentation-confrontation) in his ingenious, bold and innovative staging.

Choreography: William Sanders, Deena Linn, "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. Sanders and Linn left no dance step (Bob Fosse, especially) unturned.

Original play: No ABE
Actress, play: Becky Engborg, "Other Desert Cities," Civic Theatre. Engborg gave us a jolly Polly only when she was spewing venom.

Actor, play: Troy Brokenshire, "To Kill A Mockingbird," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Proving there are no small parts, Brokenshire played Bob Ewell with tobacco-spitting racism.

Director, play: William Sanders, "Other Desert Cities," Civic Theatre. Sanders put a fine point on "Other Desert Cities," an audacious, surprising and heart-rending drama-comedy about a family's secrets.

Costume Design: Kate Scuffle, "To Kill A Mockingbird," Pennsylvania Playhouse. Scuffle's designs were particularly effective, from the vanilla ice cream suit of Atticus Finch, to the women's house dresses, to the bib overalls of Bob Ewell.

Scenic Design: George Miller, "To Kill A Mockingbird," Pennsylvania Playhouse. The classic drama, noted for the 1962 movie version starring Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, was meticulously directed by Miller, who designed the set (as his nom de set design of Michael Lavelle Schofield) with Brett Oliveira, who did the superb lighting design.

Sound Design: Helena Confer, "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. The opening faucet "drip-drip-drip" and running stream by sound designer Confer set the stage.

Tim Roche Memorial "Meanwhile" Award: "Urinetown," Civic Theatre. With choral singing by a cast of 28, director William Sanders, music director Justin Brehm and a terrific ensemble of Will Morris, Molly Caballero, Tracy Ceschin, Brent Schlosshauer, Morgan Reilly, Kirk Lawrence-Howard, Robert Torres, Tom Nardone, Marie Ann Sutera, Mercedes Tonne, Johnny Schaffer, Katie Brobst, Nina Elias and Deena Linn, "Urinetown" took care of business, show business.

Professional Theater Producer: Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. "Fiddler On The Roof" broke attendance records at PSF. Producing Artistic Director Patrick Mulcahy has the knack for mounting quality productions that make PSF the region's No. 1 summer cultural tourism destination.

Original musical: No ABE
Musical: "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The show was stunning on a number of levels. Life les-
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8 DAYS A WEEK

Your look ahead at Valley Arts



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"Fantasia" Live: Mickey Mouse gets more help than he bargained for in "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" segment of Walt Disney's "Fantasia," above. The Pennsylvania Philharmonic recreates the classical music score for the animated feature film, 2 p.m. Jan. 4, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton. The year 2015 marks the 75th anniversary of the release of "Fantasia." Pennsylvania Philharmonic, an 80-piece orchestra, is based in Ardmore, Delaware and Montgomery counties. Tickets: State Theatre Box Office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org, 1-800-999-STATE, 610-252-3132

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Baum exhibit: "Current Impressions: The Printmakers Society of the Lehigh Valley" opens with a reception, 6 - 8 p.m. Jan. 7 and continues through Feb. 3, The David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries, Baum School of Art, 510 Linden St., Allentown. The exhibition includes "We All Come from the Goddess" (Collagraph), above, by Richard Redd, who founded PSLV in 2013. "Our members represent top area colleges and universities, as well as printmaking artists making a fresh contribution to the greater fine arts community of the Lehigh Valley," said print artist and PSLV spokesperson Kay Frederick. Many of the PSLV artists are expected to be in attendance at the reception, which includes wine, beverages and light fare, and is free and open to the public. Information: baumschool.org, 610-433-0032



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New Year's Eve: The sixth annual Peepsfest at SteelStacks, Bethlehem, includes the "drop" of a 4.5-foot tall, 85-pound lit Peeps Chick at 5:15 p.m. Dec. 31 to commemorate the beginning of a sweet new year. Events 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Dec. 31 include We Kids Rock, Bethlehem Mounted Police Horses Pharaoh and Raven, Lehigh Valley Zoo animals, including a penguin, Dutch Springs dog sled presentation, Lehigh Valley Phantoms "hockey shootout," photo opportunities with Peeps Chick, Phantoms' mascot meLvin, PBS39 TeleBear and other mascots, Peepsmobile, Peeps Chick ice sculpture, Peeps diorama displays by area school children, Peeps crafts and other activities provided by nonprofit groups, films ("How Peeps are Made," "Sesame Street New Year's") and a Peepsfest 5K, Kids Fun Run and Mascot Dash (registration fee required). Information: artsquest.org, 610-332-1300.

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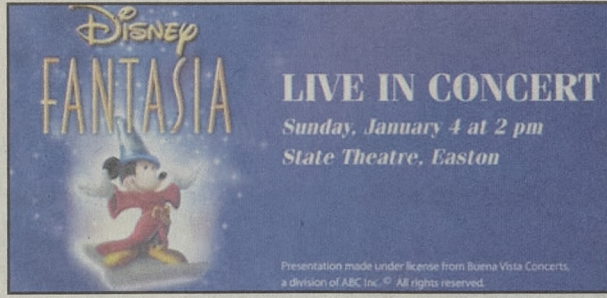
It's 'Fantasia Live' at the State Theatre

By DAWN NIXON
Special to The Press

"Disney's Fantasia Live in Concert" features The Pennsylvania Philharmonic, 2 p.m. Jan. 4, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

The 80-piece orchestra will provide the live score to Disney's "Fantasia" movie which will be shown above the State Theatre stage on a large high-definition screen.

"Fantasia" is an animated film by Walt Disney Productions released in 1940. The film consists of eight animated segments set to well-known classical pieces, including Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Mussorgsky's



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Pennsylvania Philharmonic accompanies "Fantasia" screening, 2 p.m. Jan. 4, State Theatre, Easton.

"Night On Bald Mountain." The year 2015 marks the 75th anniversary of the release of "Fantasia." Mickey Mouse is featured in Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" segment.

The Pennsylvania Philharmonic, based in Ardmore, Delaware and Mont-

gomery counties, is presenting "Disney's Fantasia Live in Concert" in Easton, Ardmore and York. "We are a brand new regional orchestra," says Scott Robinson, Pennsylvania Philharmonic CEO, in a phone interview.

"Around the holidays,

we wanted to do something that is accessible for audiences. Just about everyone is familiar with Disney's iconic 'Fantasia.' Not only is the animation incredible, but it includes some of the greatest classical music ever heard.

"Fantasia" is one of the first introductions that any child has to classical music. The film was remastered for these performances. All of our musicians are very excited about working on this project.

"I hope the Leigh Valley audience will come out and see us. Both visually and from a sound standpoint, 'Fantasia Live' is spectacular. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is great for the whole family."

PSF 2015 season: 'Henry V,' 'Pericles' and a musical direct from Broadway

"A kingdom for a stage:" Shakespeare's "Henry V" will rule over the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF) Main Stage in the company's 24th summer season, and his magical romance "Pericles" will bring "wind, rain and thunder" to the intimate Schubert Theatre.

The season, May 29 - Aug. 2, 2015, includes a 10-year anniversary production of "Around The World In 80 Days" and the contemporary comedy "The Foreigner," which will be performed in repertory with "Henry V."

The season opens with a new production of a world-renowned award-winning musical. The title will be announced at a Jan. 15 press conference at the Cosmopolitan restaurant, Allentown. The delay in the announcement honors a licensing agreement because the show is running on Broadway.

Children's programming features "Rapunzel" and "Shakespeare For Kids."

"Season selection is the most important decision we make each year," said Patrick Mulcahy, PSF producing artistic director.

"Our continued success as we work to fulfill our vision of world-class work

creates wonderfully high expectations among our audience members. They rely on us, in a way, to provide these life-enriching experiences. So, getting the season right is vital. We think we have done that."

With 140-plus performances of seven productions each summer, PSF is a professional company in residence on the idyllic Center Valley campus of DeSales University, featuring acclaimed actors from New York, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

New for 2015 are Wednesday matinees of the season's musical June 17 and 24. Dennis Rasse, PSF associate artistic director who has helmed all of PSF's musical productions, will direct.

Matt Pfeiffer, recipient of the F. Otto Haas Award for an Emerging Philadelphia Theatre Artist and a seven-time Barrymore Award nominee, returns to direct "Henry V," following his acclaimed production of "The Two Gentlemen Of Verona" last summer. Pfeiffer has directed at many of Philadelphia's leading theaters, including The Arden, Walnut Street and Theatre Exile, where he is associate artistic director. Drama Desk Award

winner Russell Treyz, who directed "Romeo And Juliet" in PSF's inaugural 1992 season, returns to direct "Around The World In 80 Days," which he directed at PSF to rave reviews in 2005.

Following his tremendous success with last summer's PSF hit "Lend Me A Tenor," Jim Helsing, artistic director of the Orlando Shakespeare Theater and a frequent PSF actor and director, will return to direct "The Foreigner."

"Pericles" is PSF's fourth production rehearsed the way Shakespeare's company likely would have, with the actors taking control, arriving with their lines learned and opening before an audience in a matter of days. There is no director. The position did not exist in Shakespeare's time. There are no designers, also a more recent innovation.

"Pericles" is the 28th of Shakespeare's 38 plays produced by PSF as it continues its progression through the canon.

PSF performances are 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There are also some performances at 7:30 p.m. Sundays.

Here's the lineup for

PSF 2015:

Main Stage Theater
The musical that cannot be named (until Jan. 15), June 10 - 28

"The Foreigner," July 8 - Aug. 2

"Henry V," July 16 - Aug. 2

"Shakespeare For Kids," July 22 - Aug. 1

Schubert Theater
"Around the World In 80 Days," June 17 - July 12

"Pericles," July 22 - Aug. 2

"Rapunzel," May 29 - Aug. 1

Subscription renewals are now available. New subscriptions will be available after Jan. 15.

The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, a professional company in residence at DeSales University, is the Official Shakespeare Festival of the Commonwealth and a professional, not-for-profit theater company.

PSF is a constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theater, and a member of the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, the Shakespeare Theatre Association, the Lehigh Valley Arts Council, and Discover Lehigh Valley.

Benefits possible in use of acupuncture

Q. I have arthritis in my knee. I'm thinking about trying acupuncture, but my friends think I'm nuts. What do you think?

Several recent studies show osteoarthritis symptoms can be relieved with acupuncture. One Scandinavian study reported that 25 percent of patients canceled their plans for knee surgery after acupuncture.

About 15 million Americans have tried this needle therapy. The World Health Organization recommends it for more than 40 conditions as diverse as asthma and nausea from chemotherapy. The Food and Drug Administration regulates acupuncture needles.

So, no, I don't think you're nuts.

By the Third century BC, the Chinese had documented a medical system that is based on qi (pronounced "chee"), a concept of vital energy that is believed to flow throughout the body.

Qi is said to regulate a

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person's physical, spiritual, emotional and mental balance. Advocates of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), say qi is affected by yin (negative energy) and yang (positive energy). When the flow of qi is disrupted and yin and yang are unbalanced, the condition leads to pain and disease, according to TCM.

Treatments that are integral to this ancient system are herbal and nutritional therapy, restorative physical exercises, meditation, acupuncture and remedial massage.

To correct the flow of qi, acupuncture uses superfine metal needles inserted into the skin at more than 2,000 "acupuncture" points along pathways known as "meridians." It is believed that there are 12 main meridians and eight secondary meridians. The points can also be stimulat-

ed with heated herbs, magnets, mild electrical current, manual pressure, low-frequency lasers or even bee stings.

Most acupuncture patients feel little or no pain as the needles are inserted. Some people are energized by treatment, while others feel relaxed. Improper needle placement, movement of the patient or a defect in the needle can cause soreness and pain during treatment.

Relatively few complications from acupuncture have been reported to the FDA. However, inadequate sterilization of needles and improper administration have led to complications. When done improperly, acupuncture can cause serious problems such as infections and punctured organs.

Western scientists don't know how acupuncture works. However, studies show that stimulating acupuncture points causes multiple biologic responses. For example, this stimulation can prompt the release of the body's natural pain-killing

endorphins.

If you are interested in acupuncture, ask your doctor about it. Healthcare practitioners can be a resource for referrals to acupuncturists. More medical doctors, including neurologists, anesthesiologists, and specialists in physical medicine, are becoming trained in acupuncture.

About 10,000 acupuncturists practice in the United States. Most are state-licensed. More than 4,000 doctors have completed a recognized acupuncture training program.

Look for an acupuncture practitioner who is licensed and credentialed. And, check with your insurer before you start treatment to see whether acupuncture will be covered for your condition.

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Los Tres Reyes Magos go to Bethlehem

Los Tres Reyes Magos (The Three Kings) will once again make their way to Bethlehem this January to celebrate El Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day), the cherished religious and cultural tradition of many Latin American countries, when they visit SteelStacks for the annual Three Kings Celebration, 2 - 6 p.m. Jan. 4, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem.

The Three Kings, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, arrive during the event to spend time with children and their families, presenting gifts to those 8 and under. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite king for the "Best Dressed King" contest judged by the Three Kings.

During the Three Kings Celebration at SteelStacks, children can take part in a variety of fun-filled activ-

ities, including games, arts and crafts and a scavenger hunt. Families can also enjoy music, as well as delicious Latin food available for purchase from Holy Infancy Catholic Church.

The Three Kings Celebration is a cultural program of ArtsQuest's Latino Community Advisory Committee, composed of leaders from the Lehigh Valley's Latino community.

Sponsors of the Three Kings Celebration include PPL, La Ola Radio and Panorama Latin News.

The Three Kings' gowns and costumes were designed and created by Pamela Ptak, the Riegelsville, Bucks County-based designer who appeared on Season 7 of the "Project Runway" TV show.

Waiting for a dream to come true

Like Martin Luther King, I, too, have a dream.

My dream is about "church." Not just my church. Every church.

I have a dream that church simply won't be a building with a collection of people sitting next to each other for a service.

In my dream, church is a place where there are no strangers. People will want to know each other.

I have a dream that in every church, people will greet each other with more than smiles. Genuine caring will be there along with that smile.

I have a dream that people who attend church will realize they are not empty vessels, sitting in pews, waiting for the pastor to fill them up.

They will not depend on the pastor's sermon to make them feel good.

I have a dream that people will realize they ARE the church.

I have a dream that "church" won't be something we attend once a week. It will be something we carry around with us.

I have a dream that our "church" will be apparent when we shop, when we play and when we work. We won't leave it behind when we walk out of the church door each week.

I have a dream the phrase "church community" will mean something special. In my dream, when people hear those words, they immediately think of a warm, secure blanket.

The good news is my dream has a chance of becoming reality.

Our pastor often asks us to turn to one another and introduce ourselves. He noted that years ago there was no need for that because everyone knew each other. Those who built our churches were involved in each other's lives. Churches were true "communities."

Two things happened to change that. We've become a mobile society where each community has many "transplants." Plus, in our quest for privacy, we've become more isolated. Many of us don't know our own neighbors, let alone those in church.

One week, when our pastor encouraged us to get to know each other, I looked around the church and gave myself a challenge. The challenge was to name 10 people I knew well. I could only get to six.

Part of that is my fault. Part of it isn't. Part of the fault lies in tradition.

For decades, the tradition in my church has been to respond to the ringing of the bells Sunday morning, to sit in the pews for the service then to rush home afterward.

Happily, our church pastor is working hard to change that, and groups within the church are doing a better job of reaching out to those in need.

I've been writing arti-

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cles for the faith page for a few decades. That means I get in churches of many denominations.

Sometimes I find a church congregation that is especially warm and welcoming. It's no surprise that these churches are the ones gaining membership. When people feel at home, they tend to stay.

There are other times when pastors tell me their church members are especially welcoming to newcomers. Sadly, I often find that's not true.

When a friend of mine was looking for a church, I told her about one that claimed to embrace newcomers and quickly get them involved in the church. She went to a few services and church events but left when she didn't find anyone who befriended her.

Fortunately, more church pastors are finally getting the message across that "church" means more than a Sunday worship service.

That makes me believe part of my dream is on the horizon, about to become a reality.

In some churches, there is a strong sense of community. People care about each other and respond to each other's needs. Some send vans to pick up elderly people who don't drive.

I admire churches where members are expected to do more than show up on Sunday. They are expected to give of their time and talent in helping others. And they do.

But it doesn't always work that way. I will always remember being in the office during a winter snowstorm and receiving a plea for help from an elderly woman. She asked if I knew any agency or good Samaritan who would be willing to pick up her medicine at the local pharmacy. Her family had moved away, she said, and she had no one to help her.

"I belong to a church," she said. "I even sing in the choir. But when Sunday is over, no one knows that I exist, not even the pastor."

In another case, a widow who can no longer drive said she has to pay someone to pick up a few groceries at the supermarket. She can't even get to church, she said, because there is no one to drive her.

I have a dream that situations like that will disappear.

I have a dream we will all stop our busy lives long enough to look around to see who needs help.

I have a dream that "church" will take on a new meaning.

And I have the faith to believe those dreams will come true.



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Three Kings Celebration, 2 - 6 p.m. Jan. 4, ArtsQuest Center, Bethlehem.



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Above, front row, from left: Hal Miers, Ben Delony, Cody Davis and Leonardo Altafini, the "Wedding Dance," with bottles balanced on their hats, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

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sons are at spere Festival. The show was stunning on a number of levels. Life lessons are at the heart of "Fiddler," based on the short stories of Sholem Aleichem, a Ukrainian native. I saw "Fiddler" twice and wished I had seen it a third time. The production, coinciding with the show's 25th anniversary, was that good.

Actress, Musical: Shani Hadjian, The Lady Of The Lake, "Spamalot," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre. Hadjian was in gorgeous voice ("Come With Me") could vamp, scat and growl, adding self-deprecating humor ("Find Your Grail," "The Song That Goes Like This," "The Diva's Lament") to a magnificent stage presence.

Actor, Musical: Joe Vincent, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Vincent played Tevye, the Jewish dairy farmer who yearns to be rich but learns to accept otherwise, with immense humanity. His robust and versatile voice plumbed the depth of meaning in dialogue and song. This was a sensitive interpretation, far from the buffoon as Tevye is sometimes portrayed.

Ensemble, Musical: "A Chorus Line," Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre: Director Charles Richter, MSMT co-founder, emphasized the poignancy of each of the 17 main dancers' stories among a cast of 28. As the emotional stakes for each were raised, the audience more and more identified with their plights. "A Chorus Line" built upon the "Montage" to four astounding production numbers: "Dance: Ten, Looks: Three," "The Music And The Mirror," "One" and "What I Did For Love." Choreographer Karen Dearborn had the dancers stepping across the stage with military precision.

Director, Musical: Dennis Razze, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Razze and his production crew pulled out all the stops.

Choreography: Stephen Casey, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The high-powered all-dancing entrance foreshadowed Casey's vibrant choreography that permeated the show. The first act concluded with the "Wedding Dance," where



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Above, from left: Robert Trexler (Frankenstein Monster), Eileen Veghte (Elizabeth) and Roseann Damico Schatkowski (Frau Blucher), "Young Frankenstein," Civic Theatre of Allentown.

the men dance while balancing bottles on their hats. The bottles were not attached (I asked).

Original play: "Journey: Dream Of A Red Pavilion," Touchstone Theatre: Storyteller Mary Wright wrote and directed "Dream," based on more than 100 hours of interviews she and the Touchstone team gathered from some 55 who live and work in Bethlehem, Asian tourists along the South Side Greenway and the four lead female actors. Slow, graceful choreography, evocative set and production design by Jp Jordan and Christopher Shorr, delicate Guzheng music recorded by Xiang Xiang created thought-provoking entertainment. The centerpiece was the real-life story of Touchstone Ensemble member and general manager Emma Chong.

Play: "Lend Me A Tenor," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The production of the Ken Ludwig play had a mistaken-identity plot, slamming doors right out of a Feydeau farce, characters silly beyond belief and split-second timing.

Actress, Play: Marsha Mason, "Deathtrap," Bucks County Playhouse. Mason generated most of the laughs as Helga ten Dorp, a wacky, eastern-European-accented prognosticator in the comedy gleefully directed by Evan Cabnet

Actor, Play: Ian Bedford, "Macbeth," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Bedford, directed by PSF producing artistic director Patrick Mulcahy, was a towering Macbeth, resolute in his

murderous actions. Bedford rendered the iconic "tomorrow and tomorrow" speech ("full of sound and fury. Signifying nothing") in sotto voce, wrapping poetry in the resonance of regret.

Ensemble, Play: "Lend Me A Tenor," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Generating laughter of operatic proportions were Perry Ojeda, Carl N. Wallnau, Jacob Dresch, Deanna Gibson, Susan Riley Stevens, Eleanor Handley, Anthony Lawton and Suzanne O'Donnell.

Director, Play: Jim Helsing, "Lend Me A Tenor," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Helsing directed the PSF "all-stars." The production was rife with physical comedy, double entendre and sight gags. The Helsing touch was in effect.

Costume Designer: Amy Best, "Lend Me A Tenor," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The women's costumes were lovely, especially a yellow gown worn by Deanna Gibson, two sleek numbers for Eleanor Handley and a silver sheath for

Riley Stevens, the latter outfit described as "the Chrysler Building." The Otello costume resembled a pepper mill.

Scenic Design: Will Neuert, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. Neuert's set, with its cozy pop-open house huddled under a foreboding border of houses uprooted like trees in a tornado and backdropped by a circle of the village skyline, symbolized Marc Chagall displacement and fancifulness.

Lighting Design: Eric T. Haugen, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The incredible effects by Haugen created a color palette of moods, especially for the bizarre "The Dream" nightmare scene with Amanda Steckerl as Grandma Tzeitel and Valerie Berger as Fruma-Sarah.

Sound Design, Ian P. Carr, "Fiddler On The Roof," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. The frightening and funny "Dream" scene was heightened by Carr's careful cacophony.

Battling 'Hobbit'

It is, after all, called "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies."

So, why should it be surprising that about one-third of the nearly two and one-half hour latest installment of "The Hobbit" seems to be taken up with fighting and battles?

Right from the start of "The Battle of the Five Armies," Smaug, the dragon monster, is laying waste to Lake-town. The film picks up where "The Desolation of Smaug" (2013), sequel to "An Unexpected Journey" (2012), left off.

No spoiler alert here: Smaug is slain early on. Where can the film go from here?

Battles. And more battles. There are the Orcs. There are the Dwarves. There are the Elves.

They're all fighting. Along the way to the credits, Azog and Bolg (not be confused with that other nemesis, Blog), seeking revenge on Thorin, dominate the landscape. They are huge, so that figures.

The battle scenes are epic. Most of the time, it's unclear who is battling whom. Fans of "The Hobbit" books and the movie series should have no problem understanding what's going on.

The settings for the battles are also epic. The Lonely Mountain. The boulders. The battlements. It's all here. And quite impressive it is, even if you know it's mostly Computer Generated Imagery.

While there's lots of death and mayhem, there is little blood to be seen, and only a few graphic slayings. There are several death scenes involving several of the heroes. To make sure the audience connects, some of these are depicted in slow-motion, or what seems like slow-motion.

The setting of the films is Middle-earth, approximately 60 years before J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord Of The Rings." Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), the titular Hobbit, has been summoned by Gandalf The Grey (Ian McKellen), aptly named by the way to go with 13 dwarves, led by Thorin (Richard Armitage), to take back Lonely Mountain from Smaug (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch with enough electronic alteration as to be unrecognizable), who is a really hideous dragon.

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" screenplay was written by Frank Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Peter Jackson and Guillermo del Toro (who was to direct). Jackson, who directed the three "Lord Of The Rings" trilogies, directs "The Hobbit." The screenplay is based on "The Hobbit," a 1937 novel by Tolkien, and also his "The Return Of The King."

Jackson films the battle scenes with the pragmatism of a general. Fortunately, he also allows time for character development during the non-battle scenes.

Freeman, as the protagonist Bilbo Baggins, is particularly good. With just a tilt of his head, Freeman brings enormous humanity to the film and storyline. We see the story through his eyes.

McKellan as Gandalf also has some nice moments. He gives the story a larger than life aspect, imbuing the film

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By Paul Willistein



with a sense of inspiration and destiny.

Armitage as Thorin plays a crucial role. Thorin's obstinacy and change of heart is one of the film's key plot elements. Armitage manages his character's change of heart well.

The cast includes familiar faces, including Cate Blanchett (Galadriel), Orlando Bloom (Legolas), Luke Evans (Bard), Christopher Lee (Saruman) and Hugo Weaving (Elrond).

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" is a fan's film. If you're a fan of "The Hobbit" books and film trilogy, it's a must-see.

Otherwise, this is a battle for another day.

It's said that the third installment is to be the last in "The Hobbit" trilogy.

Farewell. Bilbo Baggins.

Elvish has left the movie theater.

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies": MPAA PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13) for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images; Genre: Adventure, Fantasy; Run Time: 2 hrs., 24 mins., Distributed by Warner Bros.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Drawings of the main characters again accompany the end credits of "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," as was the case with the final installment of "The Lord Of The Rings."

Box Office, Dec. 26: Weekend box office results were unavailable because of the early New Year's holiday deadline for the Focus section.

Box Office, Dec. 19: "The Hobbit: The Battle Of The Five Armies" fought to the top, opening at No. 1, with \$54.7 for the weekend and \$89.1 since opening Dec. 17, keeping "Night At The Museum: Secret Of The Tomb" opening at No. 2, with \$17.1 million, and "Annie," opening at No. 3, with \$15.8 million, and knocking "Exodus: Gods And Kings" from No. 1 to No. 4, with \$8.1 million, \$38.9 million, two weeks;

5. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1," No. 2 with \$7.8 million, \$289.3 million, five weeks; 6. "Wild," \$4.1 million, \$7.1 million, three weeks; 7. "Big Hero 6," \$3.6 million, \$190.5 million, seven weeks; 8. "Top Five," \$3.5 million, \$12.4 million, three weeks; 9. "P.K.," \$3.5 million, one week; 10. "Penguins Of Madagascar," \$3.4 million, \$64.1 million, four weeks.

Unreel, Jan 2: "The Woman In Black 2 Angel Of Death," PG-13: The haunting of a London house continues. Tom Harper directs the horror film.

"A Most Violent Year," R: J.C. Chandor ("Margin Call," "All Is Lost") directs Jessica Chastain and Oscar Isaac in a crime thriller set in 1981 in New York City.

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Sacred Heart Hospital lauded by health-care accreditor

Sacred Heart Hospital has been recognized as a "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures" by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

Sacred Heart Hospital was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2014 annual report "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety" for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance in pneumonia, surgical care and stroke.

Sacred Heart Hospital is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 "Top Performer" distinction.

"Sacred Heart Hospital is proud to be named a "Top Performer" as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff," said John Nespoli, President and CEO, Sacred Heart Hospital.

The "Top Performer" program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-

based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions. This is the second year Sacred Heart Hospital has been recognized as a "Top Performer."

"We understand what matters most to patients at Sacred Heart Hospital is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes," said Joanne Lee, Director of Quality and Case Management at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sacred Heart Hospital was recognized in 2012 for its performance on accountability measure data for heart attack, pneumonia and surgical care. Sacred Heart Hospital is one of only 712 hospitals to achieve the "Top Performer" distinction for the past two consecutive years.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a

cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Sacred Heart Hospital for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

To be a "Top Performer," hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including:

Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;

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Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

Lafayette College appoints provost

S. Abu Turab Rizvi, professor of economics and former dean of the Honors College at the University of Vermont, has been named provost at Lafayette College, Easton, effective Jan. 20, 2015.

Under Rizvi's leadership as dean of the Honors College from 2007 to 2014, the college doubled the size of its first-year class while sustaining academic standards, and increasing the diversity of its student body and the proportion of students who are in the first gener-

ation of their families to go to college.

He is co-author, with David P. Levine, of the book "Poverty, Work and Freedom: Political Economy and the Moral Order" (Cambridge University Press, 2005). He is on leave as a visiting scholar at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

Rizvi will be joined in Easton by his wife, artist and web designer Paige Berg Rizvi. Son Jaafar is an MBA student at New York University.



S. Abu Turab Rizvi

ManorCare selects new administrator

Suzanne Fisher is the new administrator of ManorCare Health Services - Bethlehem 2021.

Fisher has been employed by HCR ManorCare for more than 10 years. She has been Administrative Director of Nursing Services at ManorCare Health Services - Pottstown until November 2013 when she was named administra-

tor of ManorCare Health Services - Bethlehem 2021.

She has more than nine years of experience at other skilled nursing facilities in the director of nursing and assistant director of nursing roles.

Fisher received an Associates Degree in Nursing from Reading Area Community College and has a Nursing Home Administrator's license since 2009.



Suzanne Fisher

Phoebe Pathstones names director

Cynthia Bonney, NHA, has been appointed Executive Director of Pathstones by Phoebe, a new innovation coming to the region to meet the needs of area seniors.

Bonney has been an employee of Phoebe Ministries since 1999 and was most recently Executive Director of Phoebe Wynote, a five-star awarded Continuing Care Retirement Community in Montgomery County.

Beginning as Director of Admissions and Marketing for Phoebe Allen-

town, Bonney's responsibilities expanded to include management of Personal Care Services for the David A. Miller Personal Care Community, and a leader in the management of the Phoebe At Home Services Certified Care Management program.

Bonney received an MBA from Holy Family University, a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University, a Social Gerontology certificate from Cedar Crest College, and is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator.



Cynthia Bonney

LCCC endowed \$1.5 million from Scheller, Woodman

Lehigh Carbon Community College has unveiled two key additions to the college and the community with the announcement of a \$1.575-million endowment for technology scholarships from donors Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman, and the naming of the Lisa Scheller-Wayne Woodman Community Services Center.

The endowment gift will provide technology scholarships to students of Lehigh Career & Technical Institute and Carbon Career & Technical Institute entering any one of more than 40 technology fields at LCCC that can also matriculate to the bachelor of applied science in technical leadership, a joint program of LCCC and Bloomsburg University.

Keynote speaker U.S. Sen. Patrick Toomey said, "We're going to continue to create great jobs, great opportunities, great prospects for growth." He said technology scholarships will provide training during what he called a manufacturing renaissance across Pennsylvania.

It will "create an opportunity, for especially young men and women, to develop the training, the knowledge, the skills that will allow them to walk into and become really productive participants in this terrific economic revolution that's happening across the Commonwealth," Toomey said.

Ellen Kern, Chief of Staff for State Sen. Pat

Browne and the Chair of the LCCC Foundation Board of Directors, presented citations and gifts to the Scheller family. State Sen. David Argall read from a Senate Citation.

Congressman Charlie Dent (R-15th) said that according to a study during the Great Recession of 2008 and 2009 by the National Association of Manufacturers, more than 600,000 jobs in manufacturing and industrial sector went unfilled because of a lack of skilled persons.

"Ultimately, the jobs will go to where the skills are. If the skill sets aren't here those jobs will not be in America. They will be in China or India or some other place, but they will not be here," said Dent.

"And that's why what Lisa and Wayne are doing here is so important. They're investing in human capacity, our human potential and helping to develop our human infrastructure right here in our community, right here at LCCC," Dent said.

LCCC recently conducted an Economic Impact Study, funded by the LCCC Foundation, which indicated students with an LCCC Associate Degree will earn approximately \$500,000 more in their careers than a high school graduate. The study also indicated 95 - 99 percent of LCCC students typically stay in Pennsylvania.

LCCC president, Dr. Ann D. Bieber said the economic impact the

endowment will have on the community will be a lasting one. "The generosity of Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman will greatly affect the students of the Carbon Career and Technical Institute, Lehigh Career and Technical Institute and Lehigh Carbon County Community College," said Bieber.

Lisa Scheller is CEO of Silberline Manufacturing. She is chair of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners, serves on the board of directors of the Aluminum Association, and has previously held board positions in trade organizations and the Manufacturers Resource Center of the Lehigh Valley. She is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Cedar Crest College. Scheller participates in the Women Entrepreneurs Group and the World Presidents Organization.

Wayne Woodman is Senior Vice President of The Investment Group of Los Angeles and is the immediate past chairman of the Lehigh County Republican Party.

The Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation, founded in 1975, has an endowment of more than \$14 million. A volunteer board of 24 regional business leaders steers the LCCC Foundation to raise charitable funds supporting more than \$350,000 in scholarships for LCCC students, and other activities that may be beyond the college's operating budget.

Lehigh Carbon Community College serves 13 sponsoring school districts in Lehigh and Carbon counties.

LCCC, founded in 1966, serves more than 7,500 students from Lehigh, Carbon, Schuylkill, and surrounding counties, offering more than 90 programs of study including healthcare, information technology, criminal justice, education and business administration.

From the main campus in Schnecksville and sites in Allentown, Tamaqua, Jim Thorpe and Lehigh Valley International Airport, LCCC offers two-year associate degrees, certificate and specialized diploma programs, and workforce training for students studying either full time, part time or online.

St. Luke's Urology welcomes doctor

Kaveh Kousari, MD has joined the St. Luke's Center for Urology practice and is accepting new patients in Bethlehem and Quakertown.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Kousari join St. Luke's Center for Urology," said Eric Mayer, MD, Chief of Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery at St. Luke's University Health Network. "He shares our same philosophy of providing top-

notch care in a compassionate environment."

Dr. Kousari graduated from the University of Rochester and received a medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo., which is one of the top medical schools nationwide. He completed his residency at Washington University - Barnes Jewish Hospital.

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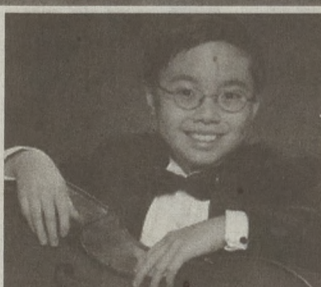
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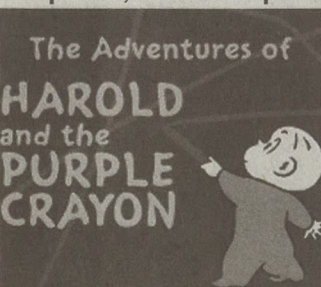
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Wed. Community Meals 5-6:15
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8 a.m. Communion Service, Chapel
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12:15 a.m. Chin Worship, in the Chapel
610-395-3781 www.fpcallentown.org

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N. 2nd & Cherokee Sts.
Emmaus 610-967-5600
Rev. Timothy Michael Dooner
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
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office@faiithchurchemmaus.org

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2344 Center St., Bethlehem
Oasis Contemporary Services
In the Kirk Center
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Sundays at 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Early Service
In The Sanctuary
Sundays at 8:45 a.m.
Traditional Service
In The Sanctuary
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson
Senior Pastor
610-867-5865
www.fpc-bethlehem.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

3005 S. Front Street
Whitehall, PA 18052
610-264-9693
Rev. Joyce Smothers
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
Email: hokeypres@rcn.com
Web: www.hokeypres.org

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CATAUQUA

2nd & Pine Sts.
610-264-2595
Rev. P. Douglas Crouce, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

QUAKERS

LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING
4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA
1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512
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Meeting for Worship 9:30 a.m.
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SHARED MINISTRY

JERUSALEM WESTERN SALISBURY CHURCH

3441 Devonshire Road
Allentown, PA 18103
610-797-4242 or 610-791-4979
Rev. Homer E. Royer Jr., Sr. Pastor
Rev. Samantha Drennan, Assoc. Pastor
8 a.m. Holy Comm. Service - altar
9 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Holy Comm. Service - pew

UNION

ST. PETER'S UNION CHURCH (LUTHERAN, UCC)
7863 St. Peter's Road
(on Macungie Mountain)
610-966-3030
Rev. Jerel W. Gade, Pastor
9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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Lynnville, PA 610-298-8064
Pastor Carol Ivey
Worship 9:30 a.m.
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CEDAR U.C.C.

3419 Broadway
(2 blks. W. Cedar Crest Blvd.)
610-395-6332
Pastor Lee Schleicher
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

CHRIST CHURCH AT LOWHILL U.C.C.

4695 Lowhill Church Rd.
New Tripoli 610-298-2527
Rev. Russell Campbell
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Ramp Accessible
christchurchatlowhill.com

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C.

135 Quarry Rd., Alburtis
610-966-2991
Rev. Scott M. Sanders
10:30 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School
Christmas Communion Celebration
Tuesdays - Wine - N Jesus 6:30-7 p.m.

EBENEZER U.C.C.

Route 143, New Tripoli
610-298-8000
Rev. Kevin Fruchtl, Pastor
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery Available
Handicapped Accessible
Hearing Devices Available

GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

902 Lincoln Ave.
Northampton, PA 18067
The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz
610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Summer Worship 9:30 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible

U.C.C. GREENAWALDS

2325 Albright Avenue -
Allentown, PA 18104
610-435-1763
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9 a.m. Education Hour
10:30 a.m. Worship
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HEIDELBERG U.C.C.

Irvin & Church Roads
Heidelberg Township
Pastor Karen Yonney 610-767-4740
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Contemp. Service, 2nd Wed. 7 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible/AC
www.uccheidelberg.org

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1837 Church Road, Allentown
(Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.)
jordanucc.org
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Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Sr. Pastor
8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON

575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052
Rev. Dr. Becky J. Beckwith, Sr. Pastor
Rev. George R. Eckstein, Assoc. Pastor
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 North Fourth St.
Emmaus 610-965-9158
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8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 Sunday School
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship

ST. PAUL'S UCC OF INDIANLAND

767 Almond Road
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610-767-5751
Rev. Martin E. Nuscher
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
8 a.m. Contemporary Worship,
2nd & 4th Sunday
Nursery Avail. Handicapped Accessible

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

South Rt. 100 & Church Lane
Trexletown 610-395-4571
Rev. Al Bastin, Pastor
9 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

19th St. & Lincoln Ave.
Northampton 610-261-2910
Rev. Todd Fennell
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
Nursery & Child Care provided
Sally Jane Payson, Child Care Teacher
Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

615 Third Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032
610-264-4091
Rev. Mike Smith, Pastor
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Handicapped Accessible
Nursery Available

UNION U.C.C.

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

ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9990 Ziegels Church Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031
Phone: 610-285-6157
www.ziegelschurch.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship, 8:30 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Pastor Candi Cain -Borgman

UNITED METHODIST

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Springhouse Rd. & Walbert Ave.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
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610-398-2577
www.asburyiv.org

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Blended Worship, Sun. 8 a.m.
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Handicapped Access at all services.)
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5 p.m. Children's Church
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Sunday Worship (Blended) 10:30 a.m.
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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

Difficulty Level ★★★

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-559-3245.
Wednesday, Dec. 31: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, rye bread with margarine, apple pie.
Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed. New Year's Day.
Friday, Jan. 2: Open faced roast beef sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, garden blend vegetables, rice pudding.
Monday, Jan. 5: Chili con carne with cheddar cheese garnish over bread bowl, pepper slaw, chilled peaches.
Tuesday, Jan. 6: Baked ham, oven roasted sweet potatoes, creamed corn, rye bread with margarine, fresh pineapple.
Wednesday, Jan. 7: Pasta fagioli, baked meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, red beets, wheat bread with margarine, chilled apricots.
Thursday, Jan. 8: Chicken corn chowder, fried haddock sandwich with lettuce-tomato and tartar sauce, cole slaw, dark sweet red cherries.

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS

For locations, call 610-782-3254.
Wednesday, Dec. 31: Centers closed.
Thursday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day.
Friday, Jan. 2: Centers closed.
Monday, Jan. 5: Meatball sub, spudsters, Capri blend vegetables, fresh fruit, club roll.
Tuesday, Jan. 6: Chicken Alfredo, noodles, green beans, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday, Jan. 7: Baked ham, whipped sweet potato, Brussel sprouts, angel food cake, dinner roll.
Thursday, Jan. 8: Meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, sugar cookie.

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Brandon Snyder - Space 111
David Swanson - Space 251
Thomas McCue - Space 356
Maryann Boyko - Space 449
Harold Longenbach - Space 1106

CRYPTOGRAM

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T J Z E N Z O D U V J M X T T F Q F M W D Q S S J Z
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See cryptogram answer on page B7

Today's Cryptiquip clue: M equals R

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED ACROSS

- 1 Freeway entry lanes
8 Words With Friends, e.g.
15 Boba -- ("Star Wars" role)
19 Gloating cry from a bamboozler
21 Vandal, often
22 Rhine feeder
23 Head of the Department of Paving Material?
25 --deuce (game with dice)
26 "Tammy" has two
27 -- fide (true)
28 Legal claim on property
30 "The Eagle -- landed"
31 Prediction that lots of pines and firs will grow?
38 Snuff stuff
41 Biochem material
42 E flat soundalikes
43 Ruining a "Key Largo" co-star?
48 25% of XII
49 Help illicitly
50 Blade metal
51 Grain type
54 Abbr. in an auto ad
57 Soap, e.g.
59 The Lone Ranger's horse appeases?
64 In history
66 Curve part
67 Rutabaga relatives
68 More stark
72 Moniker for a praline nut?
76 Chichi scarf
77 Retired female professor
79 Unlock, to a poet
80 Eyes, to a poet
82 100% pure white wine?
86 Glycerides, e.g.
91 Lite, maybe
92 Cot or bunk
93 African scavenger
95 "Garfield" pooch
96 Shoot (for)
98 Beach, in summer?
103 Scavenger's food source
107 Luau food
108 Most cozy
109 Coverage for people renouncing their beliefs?
114 Granite State sch.
115 --Coburg (old German duchy)
116 Rat hunters
117 -- tai
120 Six, in Spain
122 Activity for a mountaineer in an Asian island country?
129 Hog sound
130 Peekaboo phrase

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-134.

- 131 Ram
132 Touchy
133 Pilot
134 Less full

DOWN

- 1 See 46-Down
2 Chomsky of linguistics
3 Monstrous birds of myth
4 Pie -- mode
5 Dr.'s area
6 Hi-tech helper
7 Organism living with another in mutualism
8 Ferrari FF, e.g.
9 SFO landing
10 Risque West
11 D.C. hrs.
12 "Two and -- Men"
13 Sentence-ending dot
14 Nosy types
15 Italian clerical title
16 Of Holy Communion
17 Daddy Warbucks' henchman
18 Covert get-togethers
20 Starting on
24 Ethical ending
29 Classic pop brand
31 Prickly plants
32 Suffix with bull
33 CBS spinoff starting in '09

- 34 Tolkien brute
35 Italian "a"
36 Mineo of "Exodus"
37 Crocodilian reptiles
38 --not to be"
39 "... there -- square"
40 Brewski
44 Beau -- (noble act)
45 -- "Mir Bist Du Schön" (1938 #1 hit)
46 With 1-Down, 1932 jazz hit
47 Chop (off)
52 Tweak, e.g.
53 Fraternity "T"
55 Seized sedan, say
56 Low "Yo!"
58 Vernal month
60 Windmill sails
61 Suffix with Midwest
62 Sanyo rival
63 Ill-bred
65 Sudden influx
68 Sweat bit
69 Both, to begin with?
70 Looking into carefully
71 Racy art
73 URL closer
74 "The Simpsons" store clerk
75 Interstate inn
78 Bathing site
81 Guiding light
83 Zine staffers
84 --"ching!"
85 Rand of objectivism
87 Funny lady Fields
88 Tony-winning Adams
89 Spanish waterways
90 Fedexed, e.g.
94 Trouble-free
97 Supplies with a crew
99 -- and downs
100 -- can't"
101 Bronze metal
102 "Mad Men" channel
103 Robinson of literature
104 Virgil work
105 Equilibrium
106 Gender offender
110 Zellweger or Fleming
111 Scrub
112 Nasser's nation: Abbr.
113 Roads with nos.
117 Prefix with 126-Down
118 Pot payment
119 Sikorsky of plane design
121 Plane's place
123 "Fancy that!"
124 Firth of Clyde port
125 "To Helen" poet
126 Filmer, briefly
127 Hi-fi part
128 On fire

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See crossword answer on page B7

Dec. 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of South Whitehall Township will meet in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday January 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for an agenda review, and at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public meeting to discuss the following:

PJ WHELihan's/POLARIS CORNER MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2013-104 REQUEST FOR SKETCH PLAN REVIEW

An application to consolidate and redevelop the properties at 4595 Broadway and 4570 West Tilghman Street. The plan proposes: to remove the lot line between Lot 1 (4595 Broadway, containing 0.9632 acres, the existing 3,502 square foot PJ Whelihan's restaurant and a 60-space parking lot) and Lot 2 (containing 1.3358 acres); to raze the existing PJ Whelihan's restaurant; to dedicate 2,400 square feet of right-of-way; and to construct a 8,633 square foot restaurant and 109-space parking lot. The subject properties are zoned HC-1 Highway Commercial. Robert Platzer and Polaris Corner L.P. are the owners. Polaris Corner L.P. is the applicant.

MACADA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CAMPUS SIGNAGE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2014-803 REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW

An Ordinance Amending The Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 12 Of The Codified Ordinances Of South Whitehall Township, by amending Section 12.39(l) to create regulations for Shopping Centers and for Coordinated Developments Other Than Shopping Centers, to amend requirements for canopy identification signs and for illuminated signs, and to add additional requirements for pylon signs, freestanding entrance identification signs, building directory signs and decorative signs for Coordinated Developments Other Than Shopping Centers. Macada Property Management is the applicant.

ZONING ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1d

Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 12.28(c) regarding Public Buildings and Uses; Amending Section 12.31(f) regarding front yard setbacks; Amending Sections 12.31(g), 12.31(i) and 12.37(a) regarding private streets; Amending Section 12.31(r) regarding the inclusion of the Flood Plain Ordinance within the Zoning Ordinance.

ZONING ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1e

Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Zoning Map, including: Lehigh County Tax Parcel ID 547701028357, the 1.1-acre property at the northwest quadrant of Blue Barn Road and Chapmans Road currently zoned RR Rural Residential, to be rezoned to NC Neighborhood Commercial; Lehigh County Tax Parcel ID 546790861069, the 9.6-acre property at the southwest quadrant of Blue Barn Road and Chapmans Road currently zoned RR Rural Residential, of which approximately 3 acres fronting Blue Barn Road is to be rezoned NC Neighborhood Commercial and approximately 2.5 acres fronting Chapmans Road is to be rezoned R-5 Medium Density Residential; and Lehigh County Tax Parcel ID 547702122303, the 10.58-acre agricultural property immediately west of Blue Barn Road and east of the Vistas at Green Hills subdivision currently zoned RR Rural Residential, of which approximately 5.3 acres along the western portion of the tract is to be rezoned to R-10 High Density Residential. Mr. David Jandl is the owner of all three subject properties.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SERVICE PACK 1

Amendments to the South Whitehall Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, including but not limited to: Amending Section 11.7 through 11.21 Plan Review Submission Requirements; and Amending Section 11.6 Definitions as appropriate to the aforementioned amendments.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12A Of The Codified Ordinances of the Township of South Whitehall, Known as the Flood Plain Regulations

All properties are located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof.

Gregg Adams, Planner
Community Development Department

Dec. 31, Jan. 7

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NOTICE OF POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION FOR BOROUGH OF EMMAUS The Emmaus Borough Civil Service Commission is seeking applicants to establish an Eligibility List for the position of Police Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, January 12th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, to discuss and take action on the following legislation:

390 HELP WANTED Ziegels Union Church is seeking a Director of Learning Ministries. PT. 20 hrs. wk.

390 HELP WANTED Work from Home - Data Entry Opportunities Temp Poole, Inc. is currently seeking Data Entry Clerks to fill Seasonal positions working with Berkheimer OneSource.

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BOROUGH OF EMMAUS MEETING NOTICE 2015 The Borough of Emmaus announces the schedule of regular meetings of Council, Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Special Committees for 2015.

** RESCHEDULED MEETINGS February - the 2nd Meeting will be held 02/17/15 September - the 1st Meeting will be held 09/08/15 Dec. 31

BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS The following schedule of public meetings for calendar year 2015 will be held at the Catasauqua Municipal Complex, 118 Bridge St., Catasauqua, PA:

EMMAUS BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. 1119 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 \$207 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ESTABLISHING LANDIS CIRCLE AS A ONE-WAY STREET IN THE NORTHERLY DIRECTION

COPLAY BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION, BOROUGH OF COPLAY, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA The Coplay Borough Planning Commission has set the following time and day of the week to hold their regular monthly meetings for 2015 in council chambers at the Coplay Municipal Building, 98 South 4th Street, Coplay, PA 18037 at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BILL NO. 37-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 SECTION 23 OF THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING STREET AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CARTWAY WIDTH, BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATE LOW-IMPACT ROADWAY STANDARD, BY WAIVER. (DEVELOP)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015, STARTING AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 2175 SEIPSTOWN ROAD, FOGELSVILLE, PA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988 approved December 21, 1988, (P.L. 1444, No. 177), by the following corporation.

D&S Jones Holdings Corp. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended. Stephen Jones, President Address : 3339 Cambridge Circle, Allentown, PA 18104. Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of DANIEL J. KELEMEN, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Ann Maria J. Greenzweig (Executrix of the Estate of Daniel J. Kelemen) 392 Devonshire Drive Bethlehem, PA 18107 or her attorney: Marc Kranson, Esquire 523 Walnut Street Allentown, PA 18101 Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the existence of the trust of the deceased settlor set forth below. All persons having claims or demands against said trust are required to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said trust are requested to make payment, without delay, to the trustee or her attorney named below.

MARIE M. FREY Deceased, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Trustee: Linda M. Miller 7013 Windy Court Orefield, PA 18069 Attorney: Vaughn A. Terrinoni, Esq. 3976 Township Line Road Bethlehem, PA 18020 Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowhill Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building at 7000 Herber Road, New Tripoli, PA to hear the following appeal:

Appeal No. 166, Case No. 14-5 - The appeal of Brenda L. Werley and Robb A. Werley for the property at 6724 - 6796 Kernsville Road, Orefield, Pennsylvania 18069. The Applicants seek a variance from Section 544 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum lot size required for single-family residences which are served by on-lot water and on-lot sewer in order to subdivide an existing parcel of land containing three single-family residences. The property is located in the Rural Village District (RV), designated at Tax Parcel Nos. 545756413222 2 and 545756413222 1. Dec. 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of John J. Brody a/k/a John Joseph Brody, Deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Susan M.B. Cruz, Administratrix Estate of John J. Brody a/k/a John Joseph Brody c/o Cheri Ann Leinberger, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. 702 Hamilton Street, Suite 300, Allentown, PA 18101. or to her attorneys at the above address. Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that on December 18, 2014, they acknowledged receipt of a proposal to include additional land within the Upper Milford Township Agricultural Security Area. The proposed addition consists of approximately 54.96 acres more or less, and identified as PIN Nos. 548285163208 1 and 548295851592 1. The proposed additional land will remain on file and is available for public inspection during the normal business hours at the Upper Milford Township Municipal Building located in Old Zionsville, Pennsylvania.

Any municipality encompassing or adjacent to the proposed additional area, or any landowner who owns the land proposed to be included within the Agricultural Security Area, or any landowner with lands adjacent or near the proposed additional areas who wishes land to be included or not included therein, may propose modifications to the proposed area. Objections to the proposed additional area, and proposed modifications must be filed with the Board of Supervisors, in writing, with a copy to the Upper Milford Township Planning Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice. At the end of the fifteen (15) day period, the proposed additional land and proposed modifications, if any, will be submitted to the Upper Milford Township Planning Commission and the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Thereafter, a public hearing will be held on the proposed additional land, proposed modifications, if any, and recommendations of the Upper Milford Township Planning Commission and the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee. Marc S. Fisher, Esquire Solicitor for Upper Milford Township Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors intends to appoint the accounting firm of Maillie, LLP, P.O. Box 680, Oaks, PA 19456-0680 to conduct the audits for the 2014 fiscal year, for Upper Macungie Township and Upper Macungie Township Authority.

Kathy A. Rader, Secretary Upper Macungie Township Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

A joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn Townships, Lehigh County and Albany Township, Berks County will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the New Tripoli Fire Company, 7242 Decatur Street, New Tripoli PA. Local ambulance service and any other matter brought to the attention of the Boards will be discussed. Janice M. Meyers Heidelberg Township Administrator Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS LAWN CARE SERVICES The Bethlehem ASD will receive sealed bids, no later than 12 noon, prevailing time, Jan 27, 2015, at which time bids will be publicly opened. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held Jan 19, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Edgeboro Rm, BASD Educ Ctr, 1516 Sycamore St., Bethlehem, PA. Detailed specs may be requested by email to -lcov@basdschools.org. Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Lorraine L. Spaar, 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 Barbara Ockenhouse c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Lisa A. Bartera, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a joint work session of the Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors and the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners, along with their respective Planning Commission members. The work session will be held on January 7, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Upper Macungie Township Independent Park, 150 Independent Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. The purpose of this work session is to view a presentation on the Western Lehigh County traffic simulation. The public is invited to attend. Kathy A. Rader, Township Secretary Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of PAULINE H. FRETZ, late of the Township of Lower Macungie, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to Kay F. Davenport, 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 Kay F. Davenport, Executrix, c/o 7535 Windsor Drive, Suite 200, Allentown, PA 18195; or Edward H. Butz, Esquire, Lesavoy Butz & Seitz LLC, 7535 Windsor Drive, Suite 200, Allentown, PA 18195. Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of MAE J. BORGER deceased, late of Zionsville, 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: Harold R. Clemmer, Executor c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main Street, Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 Or to his Attorney: Michael Ira Stump, Esquire 207 E. Main St., Suite 100 Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on January 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

DOCKET # 1813 - Elia Al Chamas - 1202 Hampshire Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 1202 Hampshire Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549863243842, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-74 E (2) (a) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding front yard setback for front porch addition completed without first securing the necessary and required approvals.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact Melissa A. Wehr, Zoning Officer, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance. Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered. MELISSA A. WEHR, Zoning Officer Dec. 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE that the Board of the Coplay Whitehall Sewer Authority will be holding Monthly Meetings at 7:30 PM in the CWSA Public Meeting Room, CWSA Building, 3213 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 on the dates below: January 15, 2015 July 16, 2015 February 19, 2015 August 20, 2015 March 19, 2015 September 17, 2015 April 16, 2015 October 15, 2015 May 21, 2015 November 19, 2015 June 18, 2015 December 17, 2015 Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the ESTATE of EDWARD R. KUCZEK, late of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, (died October 7, 2014) to Mark E. Kuczek, Executor. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to Mark E. Kuczek or to Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP, attorneys for the estate, P.O. Box F-1706, Binghamton, NY 13902-0106. Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of MARGARET G. BOLCAR a/k/a MARGARET BOLCAR, late of the City of Bethlehem, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to: DEBORAH A. BOLCAR AKA DEBORAH A. MULLER, Executrix c/o WILLIAM P. LEESON, ESQUIRE or to: LEESON, LEESON & LEESON 70 East Broad Street P.O. Box 1426 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426 Dec. 17, 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of ELAINE NOVAK aka ELAINE B. NOVAK, deceased, late of Crocks Rd., Allentown, PA

All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or their attorney named below: Executrix: John C. Klamann Robert E. Klamann c/o Feldman Law Offices P.C. 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18104 Attorney: SAMUEL F. FELDMAN, ESQUIRE Feldman Law Offices, P.C. 221 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18104 Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Helen C. Brody a/k/a Helen Brody, Deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

Susan M.B. Cruz, Administratrix Estate of Helen C. Brody a/k/a Helen Brody c/o Cheri Ann Leinberger, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. 702 Hamilton Street, Suite 300, Allentown, PA 18101. or to her attorneys at the above address. Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Committee meetings of the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will be held on an as needed basis at the Township Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062 as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1st Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE, 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 PM; except, the January meeting will be January 21, 2015. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE, 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM All meetings are open to the public. Renea Flexer, Township Secretary Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Borough of Macungie Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 7:30 PM in Borough Council Chambers, 21 Locust Street, Macungie PA on the following appeal: Appeal 2014-3 Robert and Casey Kantner, 301 Village Walk Drive, Macungie, PA 18062 request a Variance from the requirements of Section 345-22.J, Easements, of the Macungie Borough Zoning Ordinance, to permit placement of a fence within the ten (10) foot general utility and pedestrian easement located along the side and rear property lines at 301 Village Walk Drive, Macungie, PA. The Property is located in the R 7.8 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. The applicant and all interested parties must appear at the hearing to be heard. Ronald Karboski, Chairman Zoning Hearing Board Dec. 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP DOCKET #2144 - OLD DOMINION FREIGHT LINE, INC. Notice is hereby given that the Upper Macungie Township Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. The purpose of this meeting is to receive testimony and comment from the Applicant - Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. - and the public related to a request for Conditional Use submitted by the Applicant to allow for a proposed "Warehouse/Distribution" use at a proposed building to consist of approximately 43,840 square feet which is located within a Light Industrial (LI) District. The property is commonly known as 6975 Ambassador Drive. Said Public Hearing is conducted pursuant to Chapter 27, Section 118 (Section 27-118) of the Code of Ordinances of Upper Macungie Township. Kathy A. Rader Secretary Upper Macungie Township Dec. 31, Jan. 7

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of RICHARD D. HAMM, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the person(s) named below, who request(s) 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: Executor: DANIEL J. HAMM also known as DANIEL JEROME HAMM c/o James R. Wishchuk, JD 2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103 Allentown, PA 18104-1360 or to his Attorney: James R. Wishchuk, JD 2310 Walbert Avenue, Suite 103 Allentown, PA 18104-1360 Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177), by the following corporation: The Name of the Corporation is: WLAZELE AUCTION GALLERY, INC. The Articles of Incorporation were filed on November 6, 2014. YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Dec. 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of MARGARET E. BEIDLEMAN, a/k/a MARGARET BEIDLEMAN, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Victoria Martin, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Dec. 17, 24, 31

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of MARILYN R. TERMENA, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration 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: Victoria Martin, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Dec. 17, 24, 31

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of BRUCE E. NOTHSTEIN, deceased, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, PA, 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: JANET D. KLOSE 4443 Cedar Drive Walnutport, PA 18088 or to her attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Stephen A. Strack, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080. Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 15, 2014, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation, pursuant to the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Act of December 21, 1988 (P.L. 1444, No. 177), as amended, on behalf of the following corporate entity: The name of the corporation is: TJ Restaurant Group, Inc. Jon A. Swartz, Esquire Swartz and Associates 7736 Main Street Fogelsville, PA 18051 610-439-1000 610-439-1577 jaswartz@swartzllc.com Dec. 31

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