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## Battling the opioid crisis

Valley overdose deaths continue to rise

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Drug overdose deaths have increased sharply in the Lehigh Valley since 2014, according to records maintained by both the Northampton and Lehigh county coroners. These fatalities have increased sharply, even though drug overdose reversal kits have been widely available and have been used by first responders over the past year.

In Northampton County, drug overdose deaths have tripled since 2014. There were 31 deaths that year. This year, as of Oct. 25, 91 Northampton County residents have succumbed to opiates. In Lehigh County, there were 73 drug overdose deaths in 2014. That soared to 126 in 2016 and 108 as of Oct. 22 this year.

"Unfortunately, we are outperforming Norco," said Lehigh County Executive Tom Muller.

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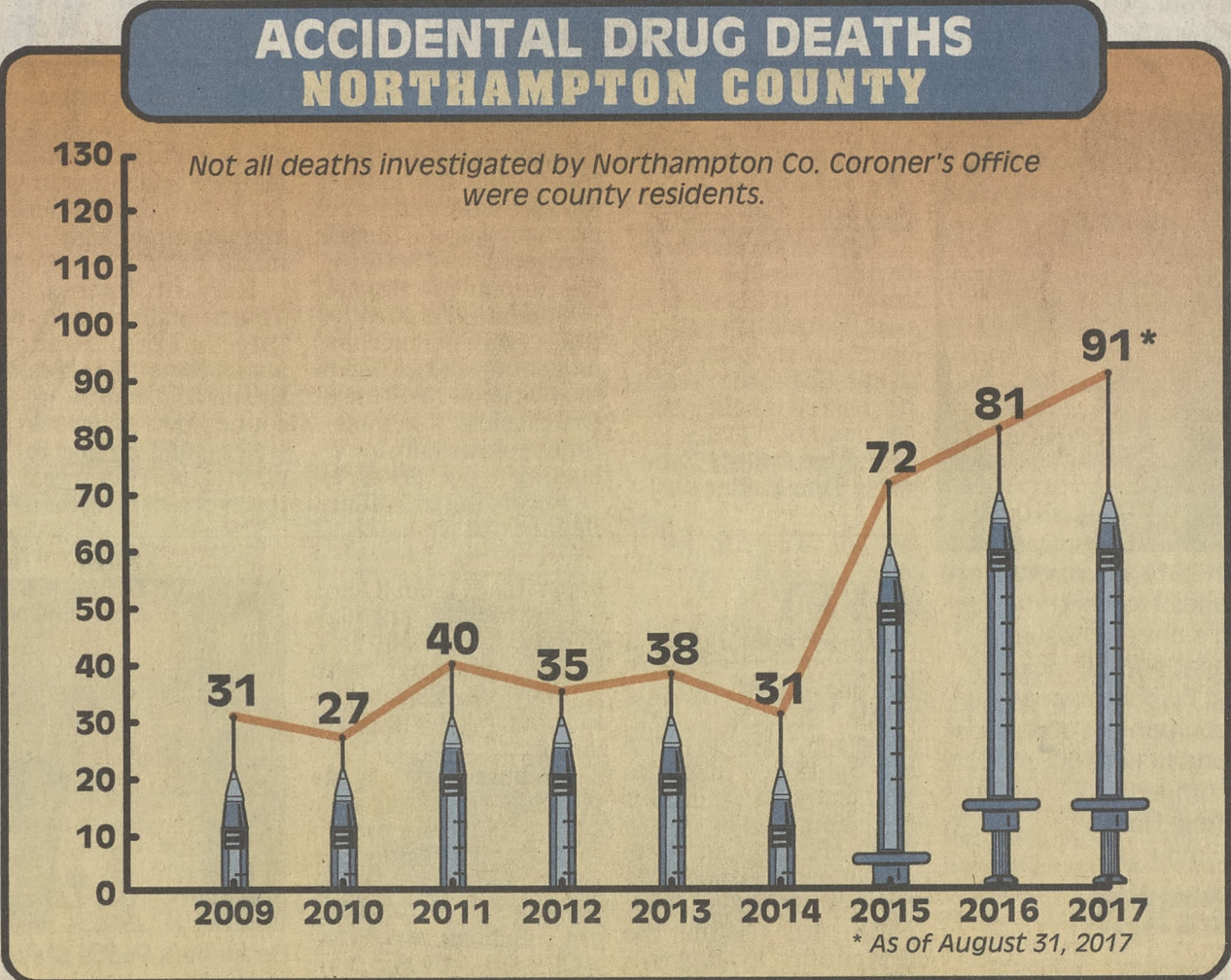


Chart figures reflect accidental drug deaths only. Suicides and pending cases involving drug use are omitted. The figures do include fatalities involving heroin and other street drugs, as well as prescription medications.

### 'There's no way we're going to arrest our way out' City, Bangor police offer new program

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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Administrators and police officials of Bethlehem and Bangor announced in the city Rotunda Nov. 16 a new program designed to help residents suffering during the ongoing opioid crisis. Called the Bethlehem/Bangor Police Assisting in Recovery program, or BPAIR, it allows people who want help initiating their recovery from addiction to go directly to the police and ask for it.

BPAIR allows residents to call the police, approach an officer, or visit the department at city hall and voluntarily request treatment without facing arrest for possession if they surrender what they've got on them. One-hundred fifty officers between the two departments have undergone additional training to assist those in need, with the goal of getting people through an intake meeting and to a treatment facility as quickly as possible.

Bethlehem Health Director Kristen Wenrich



Bethlehem Health Director Kristen Wenrich says departments are coming to understand that jailing and arresting people is not sufficient to help fight addiction.

said there were about 1,500 overdose-related hospital admittances in Lehigh and Northampton counties in 2016, with over 200 deaths, and as of mid-November, the city had already had 158 overdose incidents this year.

Police and governments are looking beyond mere legal means and toward compassion

doses and deaths," Wenrich said.

That sentiment was shared by Bethlehem Chief Mark DiLuzio and Bangor Chief Scott Felchock, and was directly addressed in a video they used to highlight the benefits of the program. In it, a former Gloucester, Mass. police chief introduces their home-grown program from 2015 and is credited by a resident for saving his life. BPAIR is based on that program.

In the video, former Chief Leonard Campanello was explicit in his belief that arrests are not the answer to the suffering opiate addicts are facing. "There's no way we're going to arrest our way out of the addiction crisis in this country."

DiLuzio said BPAIR is just one of the ways the city is combatting the crisis, and the department had already gotten two walk-ins before the announcement, and both people were in rehab facilities. "Some people are saying the police should

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### PEOPLE SAY BY DANA GRUBB

How concerned are you about the opioid crisis and its impact on American families?



"I'm extremely concerned. It started when people needed to alleviate pain and physicians needed to take care of their patients by prescribing opioids. Then it grew into a dependency around it. The president has declared a national emergency, as it has gone beyond pain control to dependency and addiction. Recognition is the first step to addressing it."

Craig Hunt  
Cressona



"I'm very concerned. I am a mother of three children ages 15, 14 and 8 years old and it is in our schools. As a parent you're really scared that it will find its way into your children's lives despite your best efforts. You just don't want your kids to be around it."

Heather Gidusko  
Lower Nazareth Township

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## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How concerned are you about the opioid crisis and its impact on American families?



"I'm very concerned about having a child grow up in this environment. I'm also concerned about people getting prescriptions and doctors writing them for pain management. There must be other options."

**Taylor Handwerk**  
Jim Thorpe



"Extremely concerned. We have experiences with family members. Solving it requires the entire community, physicians, law enforcement and families, to come together."

**Kim Pulley**  
Lower Nazareth Township



"I am very concerned about it. It affects everybody, including people you wouldn't think it affects, but it does."

**Krista Dirienzo**  
Peckville



"I have friends that are addicted and I think it's a major issue. It needs to be looked at by pharmaceutical companies, doctors and insurance companies."

**Tony Naro**  
Elmhurst

## RETRACTION

### Portnoff comments found inaccurate

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

City council Nov. 8 was scheduled to vote on renewing a longtime collections contract with Portnoff Law Associates. The contract regards collecting outstanding real estate and water and sewer taxes, and is renewed every two years.

This year, however, resident Steven Antalics, a frequent commenter at many public meetings, told council of a class action lawsuit against Portnoff in Philadelphia several years ago, provided a handout to press and described the firm's actions as predatory, saying it had been fined for charging unauthorized fees. Council immediately removed the contract renewal from the agenda for reconsideration.

Since the publication of the story with those comments, Portnoff Law Associates contacted The Press to refute Antalics' claims.

The document Antalics provided, from a class action consumer awareness website, noted actions from 2008 and did not reflect decisions in favor of Portnoff made nearly five years later. The Pa. Supreme Court remanded the suit in November 2013 to the Commonwealth Court

which then remanded it to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas which ruled in Portnoff's favor in July 2014.

McNees, Wallace & Nurick attorney Devin J. Chwastyk, representing Portnoff, said in a letter that because of the aforementioned judgment, statements in our earlier article were inaccurate.

City Business Administrator Dave Brong said immediately after the Nov. 8 meeting that Portnoff's recent history would be investigated before the contract renewal would be placed back on the agenda.

He said in an email last week, "In 2013, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court fully exonerated Portnoff from the claims originally heard by the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas in 2002. Steve Antalics provided comment at the following council meeting of the 2013 conclusion, which he admitted he was not aware of at the time of his first comments."

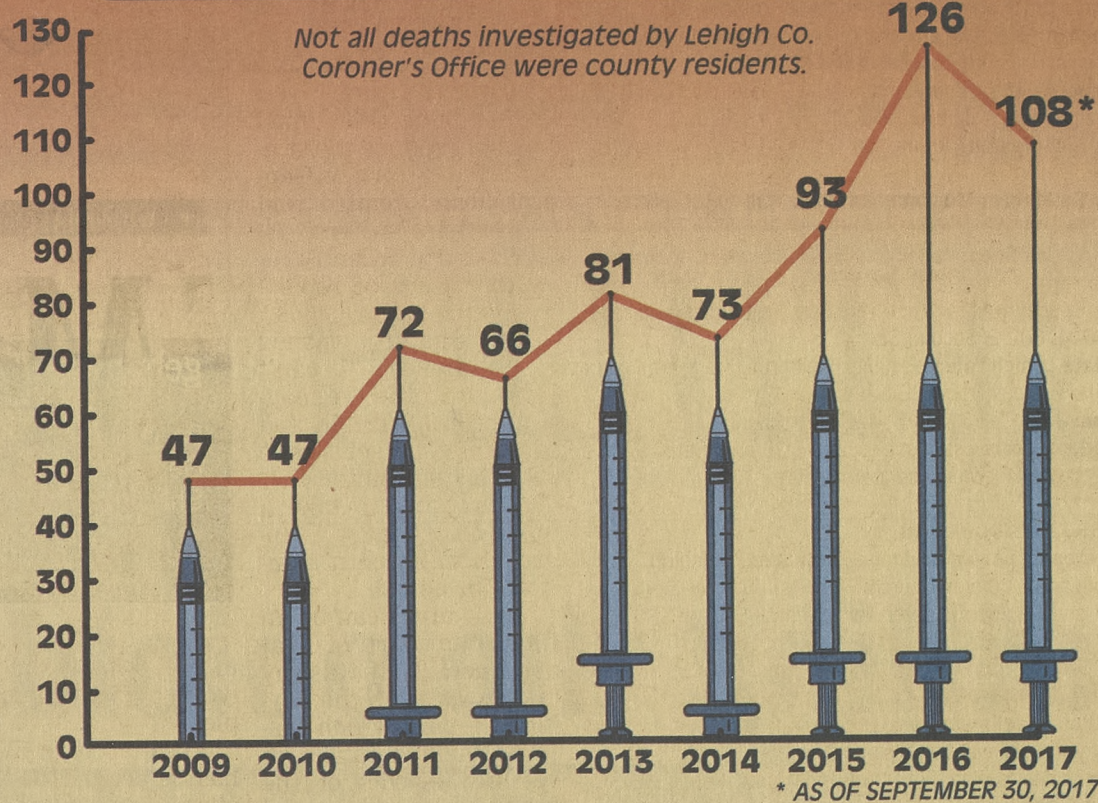
"The administration has had good experience with Portnoff and will ask for approval from council to expand their scope of services to include delinquent utility billing collections," which was scheduled for last night's meeting, Brong said.

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## ACCIDENTAL DRUG DEATHS LEHIGH COUNTY



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## VALLEY

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NorCo Coroner Zach Lysek has told county council that his staff now collects a decedent's prescription drugs. So far this year, his team has collected 407 pounds of drugs.

Lehigh County Executive Tom Muller said,

"as you clamp down on the Rx side, the 'market' tends to shift to the even more dangerous illegal market, where fentanyl has become prominent."

Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse. It is sometimes sold as heroin, leading to overdoses.

According to Muller,

"This isn't just an Allentown and minorities issue, as the prejudiced and ignorant mind might suspect."

NorCo's Children, Youth and Families Director Kevin Dolan would certainly agree. He has told county council that caseworkers responding to complaints have observed the problem has had a

widespread impact on wealthier suburban communities, where the parent, and not the child, is addicted.

## TERMS TO KNOW

### Methadone

Methadone is a daily medication offered in pill, liquid, and wafer forms used to help people stop opiate use and is often used in medication-assisted treatment (MAT). According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, methadone works by altering how the brain and nervous system respond to pain. It lessens the symptoms of withdrawal and blocks the effects of opioids, allowing people to recover from addiction.

### Suboxone

Suboxone is a prescription medication used to treat those who are addicted to opioids. The medication contains the active ingredients buprenorphine and naloxone and is taken in the form of a film - like a dissolving breath strip. Although the medication is used to help those who are addicted to drugs, it is recommended as part of a treatment plan that also includes counseling and behavioral therapy.

### Vivitrol

Vivitrol is a monthly treatment administered to those fighting opioid addiction. The medication's website describes it as an antagonist or blocking medication, meaning that it attaches to opioid receptors without releasing dopamine. The medication works by blocking these receptors for a month at a time, helping to prevent relapse. Vivitrol is also intended to be used in combination with counseling.

By Katya Hrichak

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be out there fighting crime. In reality, with programs like this we are fighting crime." He said many minor crimes are committed by people desperate to feed their addictions, and said that by finding them help, police are serving the community by preventing criminal activity.

Residents seeking help are encouraged to approach an officer, call the department at 610-867-7187 or visit the

department from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, if possible. Residents arriving with a more immediate after-hour need will be assisted.

Because it's made possible by a one-year state Department of Crime and Delinquency grant, only Bethlehem residents are eligible, but Felchok and Wenrich said nobody will simply be turned away. For help or information, visit <https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/gethelpnow/> or call 1-800-662-4357.



**Bethlehem Police Chief** Mark DiLuzio announces the two departments are working with the NORCO heroin and opioid task force.

## Lehigh Co. gets grant to aid in opioid fight

District Attorney Jim Martin announced recently Lehigh County Regional Intelligence and Investigation Center (RIIC) has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in the amount of \$148,050. The funds will be used to create an Illicit Drug Identification and Tracking System.

In announcing the grant, Martin stressed the problem with illicit drugs and some prescription medications, specifically heroin and opioids, is having a catastrophic effect not only on citizens of Lehigh County but also on the people of our commonwealth and nation. The Center for Disease

Control cited over 50,000 drug-related deaths in the United States in 2015. The Pennsylvania State Coroner's Association reported 3,505 such deaths in Pennsylvania for the same year.

While the heroin and opioid problem is a grave concern, Martin pointed out there are other drugs that also have had deleterious effects on our population, such as synthetic marijuana and methamphetamines. Therefore, the grant application requested assistance in battling illicit drugs versus simply opioids and heroin.

In addition, the software will help track illicit drugs and information on identifiable markings,

such as heroin stamps, heroin brands and synthetic drug compounds. Toxicology reports from the coroner's office will be included in the database. Drug-related deaths and demographics of the decedents, such as occupation, age, sex, race, residence, location of death and education, will be identified as well.

The Illicit Drug Identification and Tracking System will not only be a tool for law enforcement. The data it generates will show social implications to assist drug, alcohol and mental health treatment communities. While only law enforcement can access the system, reporting from it can show trends, which may be shared.

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**Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room:** Call 610-861-5526 or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).  
**Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites:** Call 1-800-360-TOUR; visit <http://historicbethlehem.org>.  
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**Penn State Lehigh Valley:** Exhibits: Visit <http://lehighvalley.psu.edu/gallery> or call 610-285-5261.  
**Salvation Army:** Call 610-867-4681 for schedule.  
**Steelworkers' Archives:** Trestle tours, 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays. [www.steelworkersarchives.com](http://www.steelworkersarchives.com).

### Wednesday, December 6

**Holden evening prayer,** light meal: 5:30 p.m.; worship: 7 p.m. Light of Christ Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Ave. For information, email [church@stpetersbethlehem.org](mailto:church@stpetersbethlehem.org) or call 610-867-0519.

### Thursday, December 7

**Reservation deadline** for League of Women Voters of Lehigh County hot topics: "Eliminating Income Disparity" with Toni Hoffman and Susan McNamara. Public welcome. Lunch (cost), 11:30 a.m., Superior Restaurant, 102 State Ave., Emmaus. To reserve: email [lwlvlehigh@yahoo.com](mailto:lwlvlehigh@yahoo.com) or call 610-432-1456.

**Festive Concert,** 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org).

### Friday, December 8

**New Bethany Ministries** benefit dinner for Luminaria Night. 6 p.m., Luckenbach Mill, 459 Old York Road. Visit [www.newbethany.org](http://www.newbethany.org) (information) or [https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu\\_6g](https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu_6g) for tickets.

### Saturday, December 9

**58th annual Nazareth-to-Bethlehem** Christmas Peace Pilgrimage. Meet at the parking lot at 529 E. Broad St., before 10:45 a.m. Bussing available - see website-[www.peacewalk.org](http://www.peacewalk.org).

**Music in the Park:** Flutations, 11 a.m.; Lehigh Valley Italian Band, 2 p.m. Main between Broad and Church streets.

**39th annual live Bethlehem Christmas pageant.** 1:45 p.m. Rose Garden, Eighth Ave. between Union Blvd. and Broad St.

**Luminaria Night.** Various areas of Bethlehem. Starts about 4:30 p.m. [www.newbethanyministries.org/events/luminaria-night/](http://www.newbethanyministries.org/events/luminaria-night/). Again at 1:45 p.m., Dec. 10.

### Monday, December 11

**League of Women Voters** of Lehigh County hot topics: "Eliminating Income Disparity," 11:30 a.m., Superior Restaurant, 102 State Ave., Emmaus. To reserve: email [lwlvlehigh@yahoo.com](mailto:lwlvlehigh@yahoo.com) or call 610-432-1456 by Dec. 7.

**Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert,** 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org). Again Dec. 12.

**Contemplative worship** in the chapel, John Arnold, guitar, and Beck Lepore, piano. 7 p.m. Central Moravian Church chapel, 73 W. Church St. Call 610-866-4382 or visit [www.centralmoravianchurch.org](http://www.centralmoravianchurch.org).

### Tuesday, December 12

**Twilight retreat: "Come to the Manger,"** St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road. Visit [www.stfranciscenter@gmail.com](http://www.stfranciscenter@gmail.com) or call 610-867-8890. 6:45 to 9 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 13

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

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## MEETING BOARD

### Wednesday, December 6

**Historical Architectural Review Board,** 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

### Thursday, December 7

**Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council,** 7 p.m. Illick's Mill - second floor, 100 Illick's Mill Road.

**Northampton Co. Council,** 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

### Monday, December 11

**Mayor Donchez open door,** 2 - 4 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St. must register: call 610-865-7079.

**Bethlehem Housing Authority,** 4:30 p.m. Monacacy Towers Community Room, 645 Main St.

**Fountain Hill Planning Commission** 7 p.m., 941 Long St.

### Tuesday, December 12

**South Bethlehem Historical Society:** no meeting this month.

### Wednesday, December 13

**Lehigh Co. Commissioners,** 7:30 p.m., public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

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# Telling stories helps empathy kick in

BY GEORGE TAYLOR  
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"Every time you write about this topic, you help reduce the stigma," Pa. Attorney General Josh Shapiro told journalists gathered in Harrisburg recently to explore ways of reporting on the opioid crisis.

But Shapiro warned his audience, "I can't put into words the magnitude of this crisis, and it's going to get worse before it gets better."

"It's going to take a multi-disciplinary approach to reach a solution," he added.

Journalists can be an important part of that approach. That was my take-away from the day-long session which featured themed panels on various aspects of the crisis. I wanted to attend the workshop because of my role as an editor and also because I'm part of a group of people concerned about the addiction issue in my community.

The opening panel was comprised of two mothers who had lost adult children, one mother whose daughters are in recovery and a recovering addict who now works in the treatment field.

The stories were familiar. I've heard them countless times. Parents first in denial, then doing everything they possibly can to help and provide support as their sons' and daughters' lives go down a dark path.

"I became addicted to his addiction," said Vicki Gladfelter, who lost her son Bob in 2014. "I tried to think every day of how to keep him alive. I dreaded each day. I didn't know what I would find when I walked into his bedroom."

Wendy Loranzo lost her daughter Elizabeth in March. Now she's helping Elizabeth's boyfriend as he battles his addiction through medicine assisted treatment using Vivitrol.

Elizabeth had completed beautician training and was planning to open her own shop when she overdosed. Wendy kept a red hair dryer Elizabeth had purchased.

"I use that red hair dryer on rough days," Wendy said. "That's when my daughter talks



PRESS PHOTO BY GEORGE TAYLOR

to me. 'Mom,' she says, 'you've got to help people.'"

To that end, Wendy has started the Elizabeth Loranzo I Care Foundation to promote addiction awareness. Vicki Gladfelter started the York County chapter of Not One More. The anti-drug movement is made up of many such survivors.

Christine Campbell's twin daughters survived heroin addiction thanks to methadone, but she shared the same initial desperation as Wendy and Vicki.

"I didn't know where to turn," she said. "I felt so alone."

We people in the media need to do a better job of letting people know what help and support is available.

"Showcase what is available," Vicki urged those attending.

Likewise, by telling the stories of people like Christine's daughters, we can help reduce the stigma associated with addiction and recovery.

"People in recovery need to share their stories," said Mark McCullough, who has been in recovery since 2013. Mark is a recovery coach for RAISE, a York County treatment program.

"Addiction is a disease," Mark explained, "not a moral issue." That statement was repeated in variations by speakers throughout the day, including Attorney General Shapiro.

Shapiro also emphasized another phrase often heard in relation to the crisis: "We cannot arrest our way out of this."

"I'm not interested in racking up large num-

bers of street arrests," Shapiro said, "I want to get to the sources."

But not all those 'sources' Shapiro wants to go after are dealers in back alleyways. He and some 40 other state attorneys general are going after pharmaceutical companies. It's been estimated that 80 percent of all drug addictions begin with prescription medicine.

"We need to make them pay for the damage they've done," Shapiro said, comparing drug and tobacco companies.

"Addiction is a disease, not a crime," he added. "If we had more treatment available before a person gets into the criminal cycle, that would be a big help. It's cheaper to treat than incarcerate."

Several speakers touched on the lack of treatment facilities and personnel to handle the crisis.

"We need to increase the work force," said recovery coach Mark McCullough. "We're forced to do volume over outcome."

"Without intervention, this always ends the same way," said Hampton Township Police Chief Steven Junkin. "There needs to be a way of helping people other than putting them in the legal system."

"We need a proper structure in place," he added. "When we respond to a suicide call, there's always a forced evaluation afterwards, but with drug users, there's no follow-through."

But forced treatment can't work, explained Pa. Secretary of Corrections John Wetzel, because of the lack avail-

able beds.

York County Corner Pam Gay explained the "warm hand-off" approach. When someone is brought to a hospital after an overdose save, a recovery specialist begins working with that person right away.

"It makes a big difference in getting that person into treatment," Gay said.

So how do we address this crisis?

Keynote speaker John Fetterman provided some interesting insight. Fetterman is the mayor of Braddock, Pa., the town where Andrew Carnegie started the steel industry in western Pennsylvania. Once a prosperous community of over 20,000, Braddock now has about 2,500 residents, mostly living in poverty.

Fetterman said the opioid crisis is like throwing a bucket of gasoline on a fire.

"It creates a flash and enlarges already existing problems," he explained.

Though addiction crosses all economic and social lines, much drug use is tied to poverty and poverty often leads to crime and violence.

"We should never give up on these people, even when they give up on themselves," he said.

"What we are doing isn't working," Fetterman said, "and in the absence of a comprehensive plan, the issue will continue to spread like wildfire."

"We're working with a fragmented toolbox," he said.

"This isn't a political issue. We need to find out what works and there's just not enough of that going on right now. We need to put more money toward treatment and education."

Getting the public involved is essential to dealing with the opioid crisis.

"Empathy kicks in when proximity kicks in," Fetterman said, comparing the opioid crisis to the AIDS epidemic.

"Everyone's voice is important because it will create a critical mass and force action to be taken," he explained, "and the media will be the mechanism that gets us over that line."

## Some State police stations have take-back boxes

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As part of the ongoing effort to curb the opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania, officials with the Wolf Administration have announced the opening of 65 prescription drug take-back boxes at Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) stations across the commonwealth. State Police Commissioner Tyree C. Blocker was joined by Acting Secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Jennifer Smith and other Wolf administration officials at Troop

H headquarters in Harrisburg to unveil one of the take-back boxes, which were donated by CVS Health as part of the company's commitment to helping the communities it serves prevent prescription drug abuse and misuse.

The goal of the initiative is to create a safe method for the disposal of expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medication. Medicines that languish in home medicine cabinets and other locations are at risk of misuse and abuse.

"PSP stations provide highly visible, well-known locations for

prescription drug take-back boxes with lobbies that are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Commissioner Blocker. "By combining existing infrastructure with donated collection units, we are able to provide a valuable public health and safety resource to the communities we serve."

In 2016, more than 4,800 Pennsylvanians died from a drug overdose. Facilitating the proper disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications is one way state police are working. See **SOME** on Page A4

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## Christmas Carols

Christmas carols depict the magnificence of God's wondrous gift to us—His Son, Jesus! On this theme, musicians have composed some of the greatest music in the world: Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and the beautiful carols, "Joy to the World," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," etc.

Christmas carols reflect major biblical truths about Jesus—Who He is, His incarnation, His purpose in coming to earth, what His coming means to us, what our response should be, etc. "Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room...." Have you prepared room in your heart for King Jesus? Such a personal response is stressed in "O Little Town of Bethlehem" as it notes, "How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in."

Singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choruses is an important element of worship to God. They express to Him what is in our hearts and focus our attention on Him just as does "O Come, All Ye Faithful" when it states, "Jesus, to Thee be all glory given: Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing...." In our services during the Christmas season we not only love to sing carols but also many choruses that focus on Jesus. Among these are "There's Something About That Name," "His Name is Wonderful," "Emmanuel," "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know," "What A Lovely Name," "Holy Is The Lord, And Mighty Is His Name," "Jesus, Name Above All Names," "The Angel Called Him Jesus," "He Is the King," and many more. I invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we focus our attention on Jesus.

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Martha E. Cornish

BASD cafeteria worker



Martha E. Cornish, 90, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 13, 2017. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Lance and Virginia (Graves) French. She was the wife of the late Edwin Cornish.

She lived in Oklahoma for several years and had recently returned to the Lehigh Valley.

She was a cafeteria worker in the Bethlehem Area School District for many years.

She was a former member of St. Paul's Baptist Church and later of the Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by three children, Cornelius and Linda (Esterly) French of Bethlehem and Rollanda and Aubrey Lewis and Berluvette Marrero, all of Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Joseph Cornish; two sisters, Claudia Wingo and Beatrice Smith; and a brother, Roland Graves.

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George F. Guldner Jr.

worked at Steel's home office

George F. Guldner Jr., 90, of Bethlehem, died Nov. 16, 2017, at home. Born in Belleville, N.J., he was a son of the late Elizabeth (Partington) and George F. Guldner Sr. He was the husband of Barbara (Thompson) Guldner.

He was a 1944 graduate of Nutley High School, Nutley, N.J., and, in 1951, from Rider University.

He was a member of the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific.

He worked for 32 years with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation at the home office.

He was a volunteer groundskeeper at Wesley United Methodist Church. He was a vice president of the Y's Men Club and the Miller Blood Bank; and a treasurer of the Cancer Boutique at the Rink and of the AAUW Book Fair. He was a volunteer with the building of the Lehigh Little League Baseball complex and for Meals on Wheels. He was a president of the merchants bowling league, Bethlehem.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Jeffrey L. and his wife Karla of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Cathy Ann and her husband Mark Cerami of Coopersburg; and a grandson, Matthew L. Cerami.

He was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Camera and a brother, Walter Guldner.

Contributions may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, attention: Grounds Keeping Committee, 2540 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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Richard C. Rutledge Sr.

safety officer

Richard "Dick" C. Rutledge Sr., 86, of Bethlehem Township, died Nov. 25, 2017, at St. Luke's Hospice. Born in Toledo, Ohio, he was a son of the late Bernice (Stevenson) and Charlie Lee Rutledge. He was the husband of Betty J. (Zawadski) Rutledge for 62 years.

He was a 1950 graduate of Scott High School, Toledo, Ohio. He attended the University of Toledo for one year.

He was in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He retired in 1997 from SKF Industries, where he was a safety officer and head of the shipping and receiving department. He was earlier a milkman and then the credit and distribution manager for Abbott's Dairies, previously Suncrest Farms.

He was a sales representative for Portion Pak Foods, Allentown.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Miller Heights, where he was a member of the Prime Time group.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Diana Lee and her husband Timothy Gaylor of Bethlehem Township; a son, Richard C. Jr. and his wife Karin (Walsh) of Washington, D.C.; two grandsons, Dustin Lee Rutledge and Nathaniel Rutledge; a brother, Jules and his wife Kathy Rutledge; nieces; and nephews.

He was predeceased by four siblings, Bonnie, Charles W., Josie and Janice.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 1817 First St., Miller Heights, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

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'You don't cure the disease, you arrest it'

Malvern Clinic opens Stefko Boulevard. treatment center

BY DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Malvern Clinic has opened a new drug and alcohol addiction treatment center in Bethlehem, and a September open house brought famed Philadelphia Flyer hall of fame goalie Bernie Parent to town to welcome visitors and encourage people to seek a life of sobriety. Parent is community liaison for the Malvern Institute.

The new facility, which is located in what was formerly a physician's office at 2092 Stefko Blvd., operates as an outpatient clinic and provides both individual and group counseling according to Jennifer Lively, assistant vice president of clinical administration. Those covered by private insurance and who are self pay are accepted into Malvern's detoxification programs.

Lively explained that Malvern follows the 12-step program adhered to by Alcoholics Anonymous.

Individuals and families meet in individual and group sessions and are assigned a primary counselor to set up a treatment plan which includes addressing life skills such as money management and employment.

Parent explained that he has been sober for 37 years.

"You don't cure the disease, you arrest it," said Parent, who noted that it was important to change the people who influenced his life before sobriety. Parent said he addresses a group at Malvern each Wednesday.



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Malvern Clinic Corporate Director Lou Merlini, Chairman of the Board Dr. Nicholas Tenaglia, and spokesperson and NHL hall of fame goalie Bernie Parent attend the open house. Parent said he has been sober for 37 years and that he speaks to clients each Wednesday to tell them how "great and wonderful life is when it is lived in sobriety."

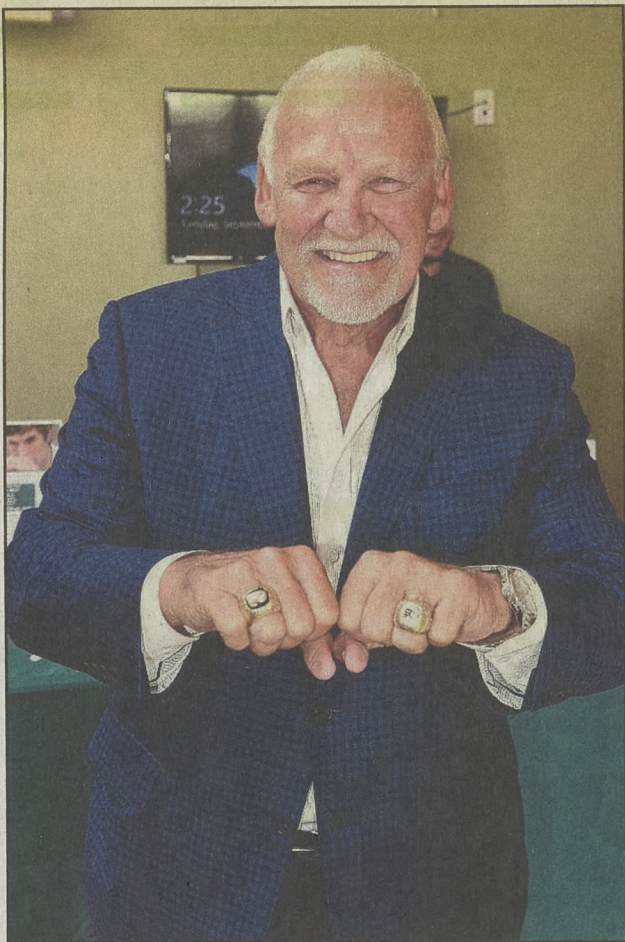


The Stefko Boulevard clinic has two large group rooms such as this one and several smaller offices for individual counseling sessions. Malvern Clinic has been treating addiction since 1948.

day. "I ask them, 'What has alcoholism stolen from you?'"

For additional information about the Malvern Institute, interested parties should contact 610-Malvern (625-8376).

Day and evening appointments are available Monday through Friday.



Hall of fame goalie Bernie Parent flashes the championship rings that he earned when the Philadelphia Flyers won the Stanley Cup in 1974 and 1975.



Malvern Institute's new outpatient clinic is located at 2092 Stefko Blvd. and is open five days a week.

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ing to keep dangerous pills from falling into the wrong hands, said Blocker.

"Providing the public an accessible, safe method to dispose of prescription medicine is a big part of keeping these drugs out of the hands of those who might misuse them," said DDAP Acting Secretary Jennifer Smith. "With the addition of these new prescription drug take-back boxes in the Pennsylvania State Police barracks, we now have almost 680 drug take-back boxes in local law enforcement and other locations."

Smith unveiled a statewide interactive map ... to help people find the nearest pre-

scription drug take-back box. Since the program began in 2015, the commonwealth has collected and destroyed 301,388 pounds of drugs, she said.

"The proper use, storage and disposal of unused or unwanted prescription medications are an important part of the battle against this public health crisis," Smith continued. "The fight against the opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania is a true team effort. Public-private partnerships and collaboration between the Departments of Health, Human Services, DDAP and law enforcement are critical to preventing and addressing addiction."

CVS Health donated the collection boxes - valued at \$685 each - through a partnership

with the DDAP. Any solid prescription or over-the-counter medication (pills and capsules) may be anonymously deposited in the secure boxes, including pet medicine. "Sharps" (needles, syringes, EpiPens), liquids, and illicit drugs (heroin, marijuana, LSD, etc.) are not accepted.

"We are proud to partner with the Wolf administration and with the Pennsylvania State Police in providing these 65 units as part of our Medication Disposal for Safer Communities program, which has already facilitated the collection of more than 100 metric tons of unwanted medication across the country," said Nicole Harrington, senior director, Pharmacy Services for CVS

Health. "Our commitment to safe medication disposal builds on our work to prevent and address drug abuse in the communities we serve by increasing access to naloxone and providing community education to prevent the abuse of prescription drugs."

Contents of the take-back boxes will be safely destroyed on a quarterly basis by the Pennsylvania National Guard. Contents will be weighed, but no identifying information will be recorded or shared.

For more, go to [http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Prevention/Pages/Drug\\_take\\_back.aspx](http://www.ddap.pa.gov/Prevention/Pages/Drug_take_back.aspx) or searching for "prescription drug take-back program."



**A Clean Slate** is funded by Northampton County Drug & Alcohol. The center offers various programs, including 12-step meetings and life skills workshops, among others.  
100 S. 1st St., Bangor, PA 18013, 610-452-9348

**Bethlehem Recovery Center** is funded by Northampton County Drug & Alcohol. The center offers various programs, including 12-step meetings and life skills workshops, among others.  
548 N. New St. Bethlehem, PA 18018, 610-849-2209

**Change on 3rd Recovery Center** is not a treatment facility, but provides a safe environment and assistance to those seeking recovery. The Center supports those in need of help and refers them to community resources.  
117 N. Third St., Easton, PA 18042, 610-829-2770

**Easton Recovery Center (Safe Harbor)** is funded by Northampton County Drug & Alcohol. The center offers various programs, including 12-step meetings and life skills workshops, among others.  
536 Bushkill Drive, Easton, PA 18042

**Lehigh Valley Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit** is a contracted drug and alcohol assessment provider for Northampton County and works with the county to find funding for treatment for those underinsured or without health insurance. The Unit additionally works with the county to find treatment providers and placement into treatment if deemed necessary.  
100 N. Third St., Suite 401, Easton, PA 18042, 610-923-0394

**Livengrin - Lehigh Valley** offers intensive outpatient daytime programs, evening intensive outpatient programs and a general outpatient program. These outpatient programs combine education on drug recovery, family education and individual, group and family therapy. Stay duration of stay depends on the individual's needs.  
31 S. Commerce Way, #300, Bethlehem, PA 18017

**Malvern Institute Recovery Centers** - Bethlehem Outpatient Treatment Center offers a partial hospitalization program (PHP) to assist those struggling with substance abuse. The PHP allows individuals to attend individual and group therapy during the day but return home at night. This program is intended to follow the detoxification and inpatient steps to recovery. This location also offers outpatient treatment, generalized outpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment and a veterans/first responders program.  
2092 Stefkow Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18017, 610-625-8376

**Mid Atlantic Rehabilitation Services** seeks to help adults and adolescents with gambling, drug and/or alcohol addictions through outpatient treatments.  
826 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015, 610-419-3101

**New Directions Treatment Services** offer individualized addiction treatment programs. Services include intake and assessment; individual, family and group therapy; recovery groups; referral services; and education, among others. This facility additionally provides methadone maintenance, providing patients with Suboxone and methadone, Naloxone and Vivitrol, and Naltrexone and other medications.  
2442 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020, 610-758-8011

**Northampton County Human Services Building, Drug & Alcohol Division** has a case manager available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to provide individuals in need of assistance help finding services for substance abuse.  
2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020, 610-829-4725

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

What's Northampton County doing about the opioid crisis? That question stumped county council candidates at a recent debate. But Tiffany Rossanese can answer that question. She's the administrator of Northampton County's Drug and Alcohol program. She updated council members Nov. 16 on what her department is doing to combat America's heroin epidemic.

**College Outreach**  
Northampton and Lehigh counties have teamed up to approach local colleges to educate students about the problem. Joe, a Lehigh University master's degree candidate and participant in Northampton County's Drug Court, has been sharing his story with students.

**Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education**  
HOPE is offered at schools and community venues to educate parents, students and professionals about opioid addiction and where to go for help.



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

**Tiffany Rossanese** is the administrator of NorCo's Drug and Alcohol program. She updated county council members Nov. 16 on what her department is doing to combat America's heroin epidemic.

This is another bi-county effort with area hospitals for persons who have substance abuse problems. The goal is to persuade overdose victims

to seek and get help, regardless of the substances used or ability to pay. Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services will then provide assessments and

recommend treatment. During October, there were 171 referrals, and 146 people were seen.

**Police outreach**  
Bethlehem and Bangor police departments have started an open door policy in which a drug addict can approach them and be connected to a treatment provider instead of a jail cell. A person who has drugs or paraphernalia can turn them over without fear that there will be charges. If the person has an outstanding warrant, it will be served at that time.

**Recovery Centers**  
There are three in Northampton County based in Easton (Change on 3d, 117 Third St.), Bethlehem (Bethlehem Recovery Center, 548 N. New St.) and Bangor (A Clean Slate, 100 S. First St.).

**Drug Court**  
This court, administered by Judge Craig Dally, currently has 54 participants who appear before him weekly. There are eight pending application. There have been nine graduates.

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**Recovery Revolution, Inc.** seeks to help those struggling with drug, alcohol and gambling addictions through outpatient and intensive outpatient programs as well as partial hospitalization programs.

109 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013, 610-599-7700

## LEHIGH COUNTY

**Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol**, Government Center  
17 South Seventh St., Allentown, PA 18101 610-782-3555

**Allentown Comprehensive Treatment Center** provides medication-assisted treatment for adult men and women by means of methadone, Suboxone, Subutex and Vivitrol detoxification treatments. The Center additionally provides counseling and education opportunities.

4400 S. Cedarbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18013, 855-842-0772

**Allentown Rescue Mission/Alpha-Omega Recovery Program** provides 24-hour professional treatment for drug and alcohol dependency. The residential facility offers varying lengths of stay depending on each client's history of treatment and relapse, medical and mental health problems and treatment progress. The program aims to provide participants with increased knowledge of addiction, acceptance of the disease, alternative coping skills, relapse prevention and identification of support systems.

355 West Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18105, 610-740-5500

**Confront** offers both intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment services for adolescents, adults and families struggling with drug and/or alcohol problems. Counseling includes individual, group and family settings and weekend DUI classes are also offered.

1130 Walnut St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610-433-0148

**Habit OPCO** focuses on opiate addiction treatment by use of methadone as well as outpatient treatment services.

4400 S. Cedarbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18103, 610-481-0444

**Halfway Home of the Lehigh Valley** offers residential treatment for adults struggle with addiction for their first 30 days. After the first 30 days, the program provides counseling and assists participants in finding employment. 12-step meetings, peer support and various activities are used to help individuals transition back into the community.

121 N. Eighth St., Allentown, PA 18101, 610-439-0218

**Keenan House** offers residential treatment services for those struggling with substance abuse. Length of stay varies for each individual, but all participants are provided services including addiction awareness education, refusal skills and relapse prevention techniques, among others.

18-22 S. Sixth St., Allentown, PA 18105, 610-439-8479

**Lehigh County Center for Recovery** provides residential treatment and detoxification services. The program is based on the 12-step model and includes 12-step meetings, educational classes about addiction, specialized groups and counseling sessions for individuals, groups and families.

1620 Riverside Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18105, 610-814-7750

**Mid-Atlantic Rehabilitation Services Addiction Treatment Programs** seeks to help adults and adolescents with gambling, drug and/or alcohol addictions through intensive outpatient treatment and outpatient treatment.

826 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18107, 610-419-3309

**Phoenix Training Institute** is a outpatient rehabilitation center focused on drug and/or alcohol abuse.

1147 W. Liberty St., Allentown, PA 18102, 610-434-3202

**Pyramid HealthCare, Inc.** offers adolescents, adults and families intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment services.

1605 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 105 Allentown, PA 18104

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**Step-By-Step, Inc.** offers individual, group and family psychiatric services to treat adults with substance abuse and mental illness.

375 Linden St., Allentown, PA 18101 610-776-1224

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# Stephen's Place fundraiser



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN'S PLACE

**Stephen's Place** hosted its annual bingo fundraiser recently. The center's mission is to aid men with a history of drug and alcohol abuse returning to the community after incarceration. Stephen's Place provides a halfway house to help these men transition back into the community as productive citizens. Stephen's Place will celebrate its 25th anniversary April 22. Stephen's Place is an organization on the front lines of the battle against addiction to drugs and alcohol and the nation's heroin epidemic. **Above:** Stephen's Place resident and chef, Zach prepares some of the food for the Stephen's Place bingo event,

## Creating Pathways to hope

BY HEATHER NIGRONE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

**O**n Sept. 22, Senator Lisa Boscola and Lt. Governor Mike Stack held a two-hour presentation at Bethlehem city hall called Pathways to Pardons. The presentation, part of a statewide tour, is designed to reach into communities and spread a message of hope.

For the average American, the decisions about applying for a new job, moving to a new apartment, or volunteering at your child's school are within reach. But for a silent growing minority of Americans, these simple decisions and goals are completely unattainable. These are the people Lt. Gov. Stack is trying to reach with his new initiative, Pathways to Pardons. The name of the event barely scrapes the surface of this in-depth topic.

Senator Boscola started the night by sharing a recent visit to a local college. She was disheartened by stories from students who were preparing to graduate, but knew their dream job would be out of reach because of a criminal offense in their past. That experience helped fuel her interest in the pardon process, and the desire to dismiss the "fear or feeling that going down the pardon path is not easy." She stressed that she does not want people to be deterred from trying.

Stack added that lots of people make mistakes, change their lives, rehabilitate and should be fully reintegrated back into society. "We shot ourselves in the foot as a society by being hard on crime. They say we are being soft on crime, but we prefer to think of it that we are being strong on justice." His ultimate goal is to make the pardon process clearer and easier, but like all lawmaking efforts, it is complicated, and takes a lot of time and negotiating. So in the interim, he has started this statewide event, to try and reach out and get people started in the process.

### Underlying reasons

Before digging into the pardon process, two speakers explained the important link between addiction recovery and the criminal justice system as a whole. Dr. Ken Martz has been in drug and alcohol recovery for over 20 years. He spoke simply to share a message of hope, and that recovery isn't just a hope, but a reality. He sees Pathways to Pardons as another tool along the way to rebuilding hope and reality for so many people. It is estimated that 70 percent of people currently in the criminal justice system have some form of substance abuse disorder.

Outside of the criminal justice system, it is estimated that one in four Pennsylvania families is affected by addiction. Bill Stauffer of Pro-A, shared that he himself has been in recovery since Oct. 20, 1986. From his perspective, the pardon process should be taken "one step at a time, just like recovery." He also added to Senator Boscola's sentiment that so many people exist in our community living normal lives and taking care of their families, but are barred from taking on jobs that could improve their lives. "I know people who pursued social work degrees and then found out that they couldn't pursue what they were doing. Nurses, people who went to nursing school, which we have a shortage of here, who couldn't become nurses because of felonies in active addiction." He added that what really needs to be discussed is "when a person gets in recovery and stays in recovery, they are not the same person that they were when they were in active addiction. They are changed people, and are perhaps the greatest untapped resource in most communities."

Beyond massive employment barriers, people seek pardons for other reasons too. A criminal record can prohibit you from obtaining housing, running for public office, sitting on a jury, serving in the military, traveling internationally and owning a firearm or hunting. Matt Franchak, chief of staff to Lt. Gov. Stack, spoke about common misconceptions in the pardon process. The process is long, averaging three years, so it is not a quick solution to an imminent problem. All pardons have to go through the Board of Pardons, not just to the governor. He frequently sees people send written requests to the governor directly without following the required process. After receiving a pardon, you still must go back to the county of the offense, and use the pardon paperwork to get the record expunged. Without following that expungement process, the pardon carries little effect. But the biggest piece he stressed is that you must show remorse, responsibility, and ownership for what happened in your past. Any attempt to treat the pardon process as a new hearing, an opportunity to deny your involvement, or to otherwise deny your actions, is an immediate red flag to the board.

### Pardon process

People who are ready to put the past behind and start the pardon process are encouraged to review the most current application process and required documentation, published on the Board of Pardons website (www.bop.pa.gov). In addition, an applicant will need documentation from the original offense, including but not limited to, criminal complaints or citations, sentencing orders, proof of payment of fines, costs and/or restitution.

Most of this information can be located on the state website <http://ujportal.pacourts.us>. Other documentation required includes a Pa. State Police criminal history record, a full driving record and a passport size photo.

Once all of the application documents are compiled and submitted, an investigating agent will contact applicants. It is of the utmost importance that applicants keep in contact with this person throughout the process, especially if any changes occur. The investigating agent prepares the entire case and completes a full report. This report forms the basis for the board to vote on whether that applicant deserves a public hearing. If a hearing is granted, it is held in the Pa. Supreme Courtroom, the applicant must appear, and may have others speak on his behalf. Victims and members of the public, along with the district attorney's office, and the sentencing judge, are also given an opportunity to state any opposition to the application. After the hearing concludes, the board will vote on whether to recommend or deny an application. For denied requests, applicants can look into the process of reconsideration or re-application after 12 months. Applications that are approved then move to the desk of the governor for review.

### Currently incarcerated applicants

For people who are currently serving sentences for crimes, there are still options to commute a sentence. The Board of Pardons estimates that this is typically 15 percent of the applications they see on an annual basis. Reasons for commutations include reducing a death sentence to life, life in prison to release on parole, changing of the minimum or maximum sentence, and the granting of a full pardon.

There are currently 5,465 people serving life sentences in Pennsylvania, and 157 people sentenced to death. Governor Tom Wolf has commuted two life sentences during his administration, and currently has the first female recommended for commutation since 1990. Steve Burk, secretary of the board, gave a short synopsis of the process for inmates seeking relief. Lifers should anticipate serving at least 20 years, with 10 years of good conduct. Candidates should be working throughout their confinement, and have an active release plan. The prison system also prepares people with life skills to reintegrate into society. Thinking of the advances in technology over the past 20 years, simple things like computers and cellphones can be a shock once people are released. It is also important that inmates are prepared with education and behavioral treatment for any underlying problems. The process for commutations follows a

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## HOPE

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similar structure to the pardon process; applicants are encouraged to reach out to the PE Dept of Corrections Bureau of Treatment Services for further information.

Additionally, U.S. veterans who are currently incarcerated are encouraged to reach out and let their status be known. It is a common misconception that veterans' rights are forfeited upon incarceration. Ryan Yoder, the veterans coordinator for the Pa. Department of Corrections, stressed how important it is for veterans to be sure that their status is clearly represented. Even upon incarceration, veterans' rights such as health benefits are not to be terminated. There are veterans' service units across the state that serve as an alternate form of confinement, that are focused on camaraderie and preparing vets for re-entry after incarceration.

## What alternative solutions exist?

Scott Williams, Esq. from NorthPenn Legal Services in Bethlehem, closed out the night with an alternate solution. As the pardon process can take over three years, when facing barriers to employment or housing, that timeline sometimes doesn't offer a reasonable solution. That is why he uses his expertise to help people obtain Limited Access Orders (LOA). These orders allow ex-offenders a chance to join the workforce. A criminal record is not pardoned, expunged or erased. The order simply allows the record to be sealed so employers, the public, or any other noncriminal justice agency cannot access or view that information.

The LOA process is carried out in the County where the arrest occurred and is reviewed and processed by the district attorney. There are numerous requirements in order to qualify; applicants must be free from arrest or prosecution for 10 years from the final release from the offense, and the entire criminal record will be reviewed. The potential punishment for the underlying offense must meet certain criteria and will be scrutinized in addition to the number of offenses. Additional information on this process can be obtained at PLSEphilly.org.

If an LOA is granted, applicants can legally state on job applications that they have not been convicted of a crime, without fear of being fired. In fact, once granted a LOA, if an employer were to learn of the sealed offense, firing for that reason would open the employer to potential lawsuits and litigation.

Finally, speakers addressed the expungement process. Attorney Williams said people commonly confuse what can be sealed versus what can be expunged. Expungements can be granted after receiving a pardon from the governor, after completing ARD for certain offenses, to remove summary offenses after a five-year period of being arrest-free, or after 10 years for citizens over age 70. Additionally, if a charge was dismissed, withdrawn, or the person would be found not guilty, it can be expunged completely from a record.

All of the presenters said they hope to make the process easier. Additional information can be found on the Board of Pardons website, [www.bop.pa.gov](http://www.bop.pa.gov), and the Pathways to Pardons event will continue to travel the state, with multiple dates in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and other areas.

## Doctors rethinking narcotics

Pain management includes cutting back on prescriptions

BY JOHN E. USALIS  
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Dealing with the opioid misuse epidemic in the country is being addressed in a preventive way through new procedures by medical professionals, according to Dr. Joanne Calabrese, an internist with the St. Luke's Physicians Group.

"The rules and the guidelines are changing," said Calabrese, referring to a 2016 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Opioid Misuse Strategy, "so it's been challenging as a provider to know what the next step is, what's going to happen, and how we're going to guide our patients."

The report was released on Jan. 5, 2017, and its executive summary minces no words regarding the enormity of the problem, particularly in the population served through Medicare and Medicaid.

## Fast-growing use

"The U.S. Surgeon General recently alerted 2.3 million health care practitioners to the scope of the problem and urged them to visit TurnTheTideRx.org to join the movement to address the opioid epidemic. The message to providers pointed out that the number of opioid prescriptions written each year has quadrupled in less than two decades, yet pain reported by Americans has not changed during that time period.

"Now, after two decades of increasing prescriptions, nearly 2 million people suffer from



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Dr. Joanne Calabrese holds a 30-page Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Opioid Misuse Strategy document from 2016.

prescription opioid use disorder.

"The Medicare population has among the highest and fastest-growing rates of diagnosed opioid use disorder, currently at more than 6 of every 1,000 beneficiaries. For Medicaid beneficiaries, the prevalence of diagnosed opioid use disorder is even higher, at 8.7 per 1,000, a figure estimated to be over 10 times higher than in populations who receive coverage under private insurance companies.

Because there is no systematic policy of screening for opioid use disorder and patients are unlikely to volunteer that they are misusing their medication or are using opioids like heroin because of

discrimination and stigma, these rates are likely underestimates."

Even when used as directed, opioids contribute to overdose or lead to development of substance use disorder in some people, according to the study.

The high potential for misuse of opioids has led to alarming trends across the United States, including record numbers of people developing opioid use disorders, overdosing on opioids, and dying from overdoses.

In 2009, deaths from drug overdose, including heroin and prescription opioids, surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of injury death in the U.S., and numbers have con-

tinued to rise.

"In 2015, opioids, including prescription opioids and illicit opioids such as heroin, killed more than 33,000 people – the highest number in recorded history. Additionally, 2015 statistics for methadone-related deaths shows an increase in the 65-year-old population," according to the study.

## Prevention

To help prevent prescription drug abuse and protect the health and safety of the community, the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program collects information on all filled prescriptions for controlled substances. The information helps health care providers safely prescribe controlled substances and helps patients get the treatment they need.

The drug monitoring system is being integrated with the electronic health records and pharmacy management systems of all eligible health care entities in Pennsylvania. The system is also sharing data with 11 other states and the District of Columbia, helping doctors and pharmacists to get a more complete picture of their patients' controlled substance prescription histories, regardless of which state they filled their prescription in.

Calabrese explained the various forms to be completed to keep track of drugs being prescribed, stating that the reporting procedures are specific.

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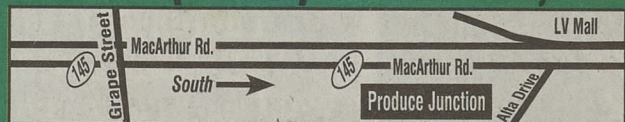
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## PAIN

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"The ramifications from a provider's standpoint, and it is the fear I have as well, that providers are starting to feel 'Are we doing something wrong?' and then they're not prescribing narcotics," Calabrese said.

"The last article I read about this during the summer said about 30 percent of providers have stopped providing narcotic prescriptions. They won't provide narcotics. Is that the solution? No, that is not the answer. Now there is the fear that if somebody is watching, how much is too much? What are we going to do? So, it's a constant evolution."

She said there are regular reviews about dispensation of narcotics and how patients are using them and obtaining them from pharmacies, along with having patients contacting the physician's office on any changes.

### Pain management changing

Calabrese said health insurance providers are also setting guidelines on the level of drugs for

pain management.

"As of Aug. 9, for anybody who is a new patient to controlled substances, they can't get any more than 90 milligrams combined, and that means any narcotic," Calabrese said. "And on Oct. 1, they cut down for people who had regular prescriptions and set a standard."

The types of medications for pain management have been changing, Calabrese explained.

"Pain management's primary focus is not prescription drugs anymore," she said. "They are doing more intermodalities. That's a great thing. I try to tell people that if you go by the regimen, you are going to feel better."

The system to manage the use of medications to help make some effective changes for the patients.

"It (the system) is really changing quickly," she said. "I have seen some really great progress, but I think we have a long ways to go."

Download the drug survey at [www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/Downloads/CMS-Opioid-Misuse-Strategy-2016.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/Downloads/CMS-Opioid-Misuse-Strategy-2016.pdf).

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Becahi head football coach

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Tavion Banks looks to break free of an Imhotep defender during last week's loss to the Panthers.

## Imhotep runs past Becahi

BY PETER CAR  
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They say speed kills in sports and that sentiment was true for Bethlehem Catholic in their quest to take down Imhotep Charter in last Friday's PIAA 4A semifinals in Philadelphia.

The Panthers size and speed proved to be no match for the Hawks, as Imhotep pulled away for a 34-14 victory.

The win pushes the Panthers to this Thursday's state championship game against Erie Cathedral Prep, a rematch of last year's state final, while the Hawks saw their season end to the Panthers for a consecutive season in the state's final four.

Becahi had everything going for them prior to and early in the contest, as news leaked out that Imhotep's star running back, Isheem Young, would be suspended due to being detained in police custody for a July robbery of a convenience store.

Young, a four-star Penn State recruit, was Imhotep's ball hawking safety and top runner in the backfield. His absence only allowed another Division-I recruit, Tykee Smith, to take center stage.

The junior wide receiver and fourth string running back on the team took over the backfield role against Becahi and made things look easy, plowing his way to a five touchdown, 253-yard performance.

"The kid [Smith] wasn't even a running back coming into the game other than when they were in the Wildcat," said Becahi head coach Joe Henrich. "That's the way that program is. They go six deep everywhere, but that doesn't matter because you have to go out and play and I thought we played hard and gave ourselves some chances. We just couldn't overcome the speed they had on defense."

The Hawks (12-3) started out fast on defense, forcing a fumble early in the first quarter, leading to Dalton Daddona scooping up the loose ball and running 45-yards for the opening score. After forcing a three and out on Imhotep's next offensive series, the Panthers then took control of the first half with TD runs of 3 and 25 yards by Smith.

Tavion Banks burst through the line for a 52-yard run late in the first half, but was caught from behind, which probably never happens in the Lehigh Valley, but it happened against Imhotep defenders.

Banks' run set up the Hawks at the Imhotep 30-yard line with 1:04 left in the half, but was an example of missed opportunities for the Hawks, as they came away from

## 2017-18 SWIMMING PREVIEWS

# FHS gets new head coach

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom's swim team, headed by new coach Will Berisha, will include 15 boys and 14 girls for the 2017-2018 season.

Junior, Al Bell, will be returning as the defending district champion in the 500 free for the Patriots.

The boys' team is rostering three returning seniors, Colin Burnette, Jack Runco, and Spencer Smith, and one new senior, Griffin Connelly.

Other juniors, in addition to Bell, are Paras Chand, Jared Franges, Dominic Fresoli, Shawn Higgins, Jack Rosen, Sahil Shah, and Nikunj Singh.

Newcomers include freshmen Shivam Chand, Daniel Connell, and Eric Mann.

The girls' team has only one senior, Linda Mao, who is a returner.



Al Bell returns to help lead the Freedom swim team this year.

Juniors on the girls' team are Shannon Connelly, Leigha Evans, Emily Justice, Fatema Kitabwalla, and Alexandria Koehl.

Sophomores are Grace Christiansen, Sage Hillier, Elena Hume, Erin Madden, Hallie Smith, and Fallon Tatlow.

As with the boys' team, the girls' team will also roster three freshmen, Abigail Burnette, Cailin Connelly, and Sarah Gill.

Freedom's first dual swim meet is scheduled for Dec. 12 against Nazareth.

# LHS wants to improve

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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As always, one of the goals of Liberty's swim team is to be better than they were last year, and with their only loss to Emmaus in the regular season, beating the Hornets will be one of the challenges ahead.

Coach Reik Foust will be looking to district gold medalists Robert Negron, Jase Smith, Chris Chambers, and Jake Evert to lead the way.

"I would like all four to be team leaders, not just looking out for themselves, and be role models for the team," Foust said.

Omar Mohammed, Yousef Ismail, Trevor Lennick, Connor Ledger, Dylan Zukowski, and Grant Smith are also returning.

Seth Coleman, who has a lot of YMCA swimming experience, will be a freshman to watch on the boys' team.

"Thanksgiving came the week after we started, so it's



Robert Negron is back for the Hurricane swim team.

hard to have continuity," said Foust last week, "and we're fighting whatever [flu] is going around."

Among the returners for the Hurricane girls will be Samantha Taylor, Kendra Smith, Anna Lehr, Natalie Richardson, Abby Mack, Greta Stuckey, Emma Reilly, Grace Russo, Sabrina Krotzer, Kay Wetmore, and

Jackie Baker.

"For the freshmen coming in, we're looking to get through the first year," Foust said.

Jeff Matyus and Evan Koon are Foust's assistants.

Liberty's season opener is scheduled for Dec. 12 at home against Allentown Central Catholic, followed by five more meets before the Christmas break.

# Young takes over Freedom diving team

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom Patriot divers will compete under a new head coach this season, Lisa Young, who is leading a roster of eight, as of the preseason.

Young, whose daughter, Madison, was a diver at Freedom,

has a long history of gymnastics experience, which lends itself perfectly to the sport of diving. Coach Young is also a Freedom High School Hall of Famer and attended Temple University on a full scholarship for gymnastics.

"It's a lot to figure out, but the

nice thing is that the kids are coming and trying out," Young said. "I like the challenge, it's something new in my life, and the kids are very responsive and work hard."

Returning divers for the Patriots are junior Leigha Evans

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# It all starts on defense for 'Canes

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Liberty girls' basketball coach Andy Wescoe believes the Hurricanes must start on defense in order to compete in a tough Steel Division and East Penn Conference this season.

"Although, we do have some returning players on our roster, this is an inexperienced group in terms of varsity play," Wescoe said. "We'll need somebody to step to the forefront for leadership and stability."

Among the possibilities are seniors Lauren King, a guard, and Tatiana Rivera and Jayda Kempfer, both forwards.

Juniors on the Hurricane roster are guards Bridget MacDonald, Rebecca Cohen, and Alivia Madera, and forward Jayda Cruz.

Most of the varsity team is made up of sophomores including two guards, Kathryn Wescoe and Morgan Bokan, three forwards, Tanasia Howard, Zoey Reifinger, and Domonique Althouse, and two guards/forwards, Julie Curti and Sarah Curti.

Chardae Stone, a freshman, will be a guard for the Hurricanes.

"Style of play will be determined by what I see in practice and scrimmages and how to best utilize their talents," said Wescoe. "Our progress has been good thus far and I feel the girls are starting to understand the hard work needed to win in this league."

The Hurricanes are also learning a new system, not to mention experiencing new leadership and new direction from Wescoe.

"It will take some time to develop chemistry and consistency. Consistency with that attitude [of hard work] will be extremely important," Wescoe said.

Liberty's season opener is scheduled for this Friday at home against Saucon Valley.



Bridget McDonald is one of the key returners for the Liberty girls this season.

## DARTS, TRAPSHOOTING

### DARTS

#### Suburban Dart League

##### Standings

Salem Luth	29	7	.806
Christ UCC	23	13	.639
Bath Luth	18	15	.545
St. Paul's	19	17	.528
Dryland	15	18	.455
Emmanuel	16	20	.444
St. Stephen's	16	20	.444
Salem UCC	14	19	.424
Ebenezer	15	21	.417
Messiah	13	20	.394
Farmersville	14	22	.389
St. Paul's (7-0, 7-2) at Christ UCC (3-2)			
SP - Brett Remel 8-14, Dave Clark 6-13, Joe Stevko 5-12, Abby Kern HR.			
C - Jared Pokorny 7-12, Garry Hunsicker 4-11.			
St. Stephen's (5-2, 2-1) at Dryland (5-3)			
SS - Allan Antry 6-12, Ed Wychock 5-13, Travis Beahm 4-11.			
D - Shawn Sigley 5-11, Earl Sigley 5-12, Larry Golick 5-12 HR.			
Messiah (2-1) at Emmanuel (3-2 10in. 3-2 11in)			
Em - Joel Dalryple 4-12, John Rice 4-13, HRs: Judy Hoffert, Jeff Hoffert.			
M - Chris Knauss, Ryan Jones 5-14, Rich Hasonich 4-9.			
Salem Luth (4-2) at Bath Luth (3-2, 8-4)			
BL - Bob Meixsell 6-12, Dave Fisher 5-11, Kevin Beichy HR.			
SL - Jake Hoffert 5-12, Scott Hoffert, Walt Hoffert 4-11.			
Ebenezer (3-1, 20) at Farmersville (4-3 12in)			
Eb - Carl Fraley 5-12, Vick Pacchioni 5-13, Charlie Costanza 4-13 HR			
F - Keith Campbell 10-14, Gene Grim 5-13, Ben Kerbaugh 4-13.			
Bye - Salem UCC			

### Bethlehem Inter-Church

#### Dart Baseball league

##### Standings Week 1-11

East Hills	24	9	.727
First UCC	19	11	.633
Christ Lutheran	20	13	.606
Holy Trinity	20	13	.606
Bethany UCC	19	14	.576
Schoenersville	17	16	.515
WS Edgeboro Mor.	17	16	.515
St. Matthews	16	17	.485
College Hill	15	18	.455
Fritz Wesleyan	15	18	.455
St. Peters	15	18	.455
Holy Cross	13	20	.394
Trinity UCC	9	21	.300
Christ UCC	9	24	.273

##### RESULTS 11/27

Bethany UCC @ College Hill 0-10, 3-2, 2-3; East Hills @ First UCC 4-2, 2-3, 6-5; Holy Trinity @ Trinity UCC 7-6 (10in), 9-2, 3-0; St. Matthews @ Schoenersville 6-3, 1-6, 0-1; WS Edgeboro @ Holy Cross 2-0, 2-0, 3-7; Christ Lutheran @ St. Peters 7-3, 6-1, 0-1; Fritz Wesleyan @ Christ UCC 5-2, 0-1, 0-2

##### HIGHLIGHTS 11/27

- 1) Chuck Stoltz 5-12 and Mike Dimenichi 4-8 for College Hill.
- 2) Charlie Bergey hit for the cycle for Bethany.
- 3) Barry Coles 9-15, Gary Mosser 8-14, and Dave Repnyek 6-12 for Holy Trinity.
- 4) Mike Endy and Bob Mease each 5-10 for Trinity UCC.
- 5) St. Matthews hit 4 HR in their match against Schoenersville.
- 6) Jim Walker 7-12, Don Dillard 5-11, and Ray Walker 5-12 for Schoenersville.
- 7) Jim Bucchin was 7-12 against College Hill on 11/20 and 5-12 this week for WS Edgeboro.
- 8) Herb Stein 4-11 w/cycle for Holy Cross.
- 9) Robert Ziegenfuss 7-13 for Christ Lutheran.
- 10) Josh Trautman hit a leadoff HR in GM3 for St. Peters which was the only run of the game for either team.
- 11) Matt Balikian 6-13 and Roger Rehm 5-13 for Fritz Wesleyan.
- 12) Jane Fisher 6-10 and Bryan Mulilan 4-7 for Christ UCC.

### SUBURBAN TRAP

Copechan - 125
25's Bob Bortz, Mark Ferdinand, Kelley Huber, Wayne Kreisl, Jon Zadzora
East Bath - 122
25's Earl Grube, Roger Muschilitz
24's Josh Bok, Adam Kast, John Manning, Joyce Marsh, Lee Marsh, Joe Panto, Dylan Stout, Don Yelsits
Ranger Lake - 121
25's Seth Tavolaro
24's Steve Buentzli, Lee Christine, Matt Groller, Greg Klucharich Jr., Roy Knipe
Blue Ridge - 121
25's Don Nelson
24's Glenn Beers, Kevin Betz, Jeff Blose, Steve Kralik, Mike Kresge, Craig Peischler
Team standings
Copechan 873
East Bath 869
Ranger Lake 858
Blue Ridge 854

## Outdoors: local man heads to Nebraska for hunting

BY NICK HROMIAK  
Special to the Press

We've all heard the phrase "Go West Young Man," words written back in 1861 by John B.L. Soule. The phrase came to symbolize the idea that agriculture could solve many of the nation's problems of poverty and unemployment characteristic of the big cities of the East.

But for Jules Fruhwirth of Emmaus and eight of his buddies, the phrase means heading to Nebraska for big white-tailed deer and huge mule deer. The latter duo are predominantly a plains pursuit that differs immensely from hunting in Pennsylvania.

Fruhwirth's nine-day hunt was guided by Broken Arrow Outfitters, who offer hunting guide service in Nebraska, Kansas and Texas, on public and private lands. They also exhibit yearly at the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg and have a number of local clientele.

While four of Fruhwirth's buddies drove to Nebraska with truck and trailer and

their gear, Fruhwirth, who took a local 8-pointer with bow during the archery season, flew as he runs Fruhwirth Plumbing in Allentown and couldn't expend the extra time needed to drive to the Corn Husker's state.

According to Fruhwirth, plains hunts boil down to two mediums: Driving vast amounts of land, and doing a considerable amount of scanning the terrain with binoculars and spotting scopes in hopes of spotting big muleys and deer.

Since Nebraska affords getting a whitetail and mule deer license, Fruhwirth had both, but concentrated on a big muley as this was his third trip there. A muley tag costs \$225 if you're lucky to draw one. And after purchasing the regular Nebraska hunting license, there's also a required \$20 habitat stamp.

Hunting the North Platte area, which is in the southwestern part of the state, Fruhwirth said the area required considerable trekking of sage, sand-hill and river



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Jules Fruhwirth of Emmaus, poses with his 4X4, plus brow tines, mule deer he took on a recent Nebraska hunt.

bottom terrain.

"For deer, it's mainly a river bottom hunt where the outfitters place you on productive stands but mandate taking a minimum 120 size deer that is generally an 8-pointer or 130 size, 10-pointer. And I saw hundreds of deer and some really big ones if you have a spotting scope," Fruhwirth recounted.

period was over to make it 27-7.

Shamus Williams recovered an Imhotep (13-1) fumble and returned it 98-yards in the fourth quarter for a TD to make it 27-14 and breathe some life into the Hawks, but the reality was that it was never enough without the offense even flirting to score in the game, as the Hawks mustered

only 189 yards of total offense.

Smith would add a 45-yard TD run late in the game to ice the contest and Becahi was left tipping their hat to a bigger, stronger and faster team.

"We were never able to get into any rhythm as a team because of their defensive athleticism," Henrich said. "In

the end, for us to be able to come back to the state semifinal two years in a row, says a lot about our kids, their work ethic and about our program. I told them afterward, when this pain subsides, they're going to have unbelievable memories. We can't allow this to define our season and what they were able to accomplish."

be a nice goal for her," Young said. "I have [other] girls who are brand-new and taking the year to learn to dive."

On the Patriot boys' roster is senior Griffin Connolly, who is also a baseball player.

"I think he will be able to get into some of the dual meets," said Young.

This Saturday, the Patriots will compete in the Cedar Crest Classic at Emmaus before their season opener against Nazareth on Dec. 12.

## BC

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the drive without a field-goal attempt before halftime to trail 14-7.

The Hawks got the ball to open the second half and started at the Imhotep 47, but a Javon Clements fumble gave the ball back to the Panthers. Imhotep would turn the ball over on the

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## DIVE

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and sophomore Fallon Tatlow.

"Both competed at districts last year, they're back and strong, and they're doing really well," said Young.

Sarah Gill is a brand-new freshman who has a gymnastics background from Parkettes and is a beginner diver.

"I would like to see Sarah be able to compete at districts. That would

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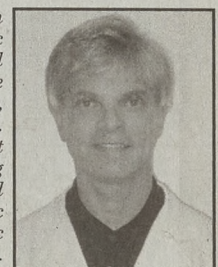
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## Doctor highlights pain management alternatives

BY BRIAN DOWNS

Special to the Bethlehem Press

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 91 Americans died each day in 2015 of drug overdoses involving an opioid, continuing a 15-year upward trend in fatalities related to pain-management drugs.

As solutions continue to evolve nationwide, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) physical therapist Karen Snowden, DPT, suggests a dual response:

- A team approach that evaluates pain management strategies across all health care providers involved with a patient
- The use of information to enable patients to understand their pain, thereby lessening the reliance on pharmaceuticals.

Snowden has more than 30 years of experience in physical therapy, 11 of them with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN). She treats pelvic conditions that patients often characterize as agonizing, including painful intercourse, coccyx (tailbone) pain, fibromyalgia and high-risk pregnancy.

### Team approach

Snowden says that coordinating care in a team approach, across all health care providers a patient is seeing, can mitigate the effects of depression, anxiety and stress – all factors that contribute to opioid addiction. By collaborating, these providers can address the suffering in aggregate, lessening the reliance on pharmaceuticals.

"Treating the whole person with a multidisciplinary approach helps reduce a patient's pain," Snowden says. "For example, pain messages are often part of the body's protection mechanism. So incorporating stress-reducing strategies can be helpful in reducing some sources of pain."

"After all," she says, "the central focus needs to be treating the whole patient."

### Education

"Research supports the value of educating patients in understanding the causes of their pain and ways to reduce it," Snowden says. "Knowledge helps reduce pain."

"For example, we used to believe that pain originates in tissue. Now, we know that pain exists only when the brain determines it. A bump on the elbow or a stubbed toe can be experienced as different levels of pain, depending on how that sensory information is processed by the brain. Redirect how that information is being processed cognitively, and it's possible to change the perception of pain from excruciating to manageable. Once that happens, we can speed recovery, for instance, by lessening post-op reliance on prescription pain medication."

Snowden advises all patients discuss this topic with their physicians.

"No one should put his or her health at risk to be pain free," she says. "Patients should ask their doctors about alternative ways to safely treat pain. This discussion should include whether rehab, such as physical therapy or occupational therapy, might be a helpful option for recovery."

"There are several non-pharmacological options that help a variety of pain conditions. Patients need evidence-based information to make informed decisions about their health care," Snowden says.

Brian Downs is public information director for the Lehigh Valley Health Network.



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## 2016 Pa. Drug Overdose Death Report

Gary Tuggle, special agent-in-charge of DEA's Philadelphia Field Division announced the release of its Analysis of Overdose Deaths in Pennsylvania, 2016 report at a news conference this past summer.

Key findings from the report indicate that in 2016, 4,642 drug-related overdose deaths were reported by Pennsylvania coroners and medical examiners, an increase of 37 percent from 2015. In 2016, approximately 13 people died of a drug-related overdose in Pennsylvania each day.

Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances were the most frequently identified in decedents (52 percent of deaths), a significant increase from 2015 when fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances were noted in 27 percent of deaths. More than 95 percent of counties reporting drug-related overdose deaths in 2016 indicated the presence of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances in their counties.

The Pennsylvania drug-related

overdose death rate in 2016 was 36.5 per 100,000 people, an increase from 26.7 per 100,000 in 2015. The national drug overdose death rate in 2015 was 16.3 per 100,000. The presence of a prescription or illicit opioid was identified in 85 percent of the overdose deaths.

The 2016 report was prepared in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy Program Evaluation Research Unit (PERU) and Technical Assistance Center. It provides to the public expanded public health data collection and analysis than previous reports for 2014 and 2015.

"In 2016, more than 4,600 Pennsylvanians died as a result of drug abuse, with thousands more affected by addiction, either personally, or through family, friends, and loved ones," said Tuggle. "The expertise of PERU in the analysis and interpretation of public health data, which is outside of the traditional scope of law enforcement intelli-

gence analysis, resulted in the creation of this comprehensive report that can be used to implement effective strategies to address the overdose crisis."

"Looking at overdose data from counties across the state, we see the devastating effects opioids have on the people of Pennsylvania. Through PERU's partnerships with the DEA and other community organizations, we are working to do more than analyze numbers," said PERU Director Dr. Janice L. Pringle. "We strive to provide counties with accurate information and tangible resources that can be implemented to prevent this epidemic from progressing any further."

Inquiries regarding the report may be directed to DEA Public Information Officer/Special Agent Patrick J. Trainor at 215-52-8740 or patrick.j.trainor@usdoj.gov or Courtney Caprara with the University of Pittsburgh at 412-592-8134 or capraracl@upmc.edu.

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**Christmas City Follies**, weekends Nov. 30 to Dec. 22. 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. 321 E. Fourth St. Visit <http://www.touchstone.org/> or call 610-867-1689.

**Christmas Trees From Around the World**, round the clock. Comfort Suites, 120 W. Third St. Call 610-882-9700. Opening ceremony, 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 26 through Jan. 1.

**Christkindmarkt:** Friday through Sunday Nov. 17 and 24 and then Thursday through Sunday Dec. 7 through 23; PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Hours: Thursday, Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Saturday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 23: 6 p.m. close. HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets available.

**Christmas City Village /Weihnachtsmarkt**, wooden huts with gifts, vendors and artisans. Downtown Bethlehem, Nov. 17 to Dec. 23; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Information: visit [www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village](http://www.downtownbethlehemassociation.com/events/christmas-city-village).

**Doors and Windows of Bethlehem** exhibit, Nov. 26 through Jan. 1. North and SouthSide.

**Gilded trees from around the world** by the Bethlehem Garden Club at Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, Apothecary, Single Sisters', Nain-Schober and 1810 Goundie Houses.

HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets are available. Visit <http://www.historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.

**Gingerbread houses** free display, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Dec. 1 to 21. Country Meadows, building 1, 4011 Green Pond Road, 18020. To enter contest (proceeds to support Alzheimer's) Nov. 27 to 30: visit <https://www.countrymeadows.com/communities/bethlehem-pa/gingerbread>.

**Holiday Putz Trail**. 505 Main St. HBM&S Traditional Moravian Nativity scenes at the Moravian Museum Gemeinhaus, Single Sisters' House, 1810 Goundie House, Central Moravian Church; until Jan. 14, 2018. HBM&S/ArtsQuest events combo tickets available. Visit [www.historicbethlehem.org](http://www.historicbethlehem.org) or call 1-800-360-8687.

**Live Advent Calendar**, 5:30 p.m. Goundie House, 507 Main St. Dec. 1 through Dec. 23. 507 Main St. Visit <http://www.historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450 or 1-800-732-0999.

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Sat., 1 to 5 p.m. Sun., Nov. 24 through Dec. 23; 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 26 to 31. Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St.

**20th annual Luminaria Night** to benefit New Bethany Ministries at dusk (about 4:30 p.m.) Dec. 9; Inclement weather: Dec. 11. Kit pickups: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 2 and from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5; information and sales forms: visit [www.newbethanyministries.org/luminaria-night](http://www.newbethanyministries.org/luminaria-night).

### Wednesday, December 6

**Holiday house decorating contest;** register by Dec. 11; contest is 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 12. Must live in Bethlehem Township. BTCC, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit [www.bethlehemtowship.org/btcc/](http://www.bethlehemtowship.org/btcc/) or call 610-332-1900.

**Advent Holden evening prayer**, light meal: 5:30 p.m.; worship: 7 p.m. Light of Christ Lutheran Church, 2020 Worthington Ave. For information, email [church@stpetersbethlehem.org](mailto:church@stpetersbethlehem.org) or call 610-867-0519.

### Thursday, December 7

**Festivus Concert**, 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org).

### Friday, December 8

**Breakfast with Santa.** Ages two to six. 9:30 a.m. Elves assist with crafts, music and games. Cost; must purchase a ticket. Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road. Visit [www.bethlehemtowship.org/btcc/](http://www.bethlehemtowship.org/btcc/) or call 610-332-1900.

**Craft and Russian boutique vendors;** food and baked goods. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Church tours. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road. Call 610-867-0402.

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**New Bethany Ministries benefit dinner** for Luminaria Night. 6 p.m., Luckenbach Mill, 459 Old York Road. Visit [www.newbethany.org](http://www.newbethany.org) (information) or [https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu\\_6g](https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu_6g) for tickets.

**Freedom HS holiday pops concert**, 7:30 p.m. Cost. Auditorium, 3149 Chester Ave.

**Saturday, December 9**  
**Craft and Russian boutique vendors;** food and baked goods. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Church tours. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road. Call 610-867-0402.  
**Cops 'n Kids holiday event:** Broughal MS Southside Singers, "Annie" sing-a-long for the holidays; Shoprite's Natalie Miller demonstrates holiday cookie making. All ages. Room 403, Fowler Center, NCC, 511 E. Third St. Call 610-861-5526 or visit [www.copsnkidslv.org](http://www.copsnkidslv.org).  
**Music in the Park:** Flutations, 11 a.m. Main between Broad and Church streets.  
**39th annual live Bethlehem Christmas pageant.** 1:45 p.m. Rose Garden, Eighth Ave. between Union Blvd. and Broad St. Visit facebook: Bethlehem Live Nativity Pageant.  
**58th annual Nazareth-to-Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage.** Meet at the parking lot at 529 E. Broad St., before 10:45 a.m. Bussing available - see website [www.peacewalk.org](http://www.peacewalk.org).  
**Music in the Park:** Lehigh Valley Italian Band, 2 p.m. Main

between Broad and Church streets.  
**Luminaria Night.** Various areas of Bethlehem. Starts about dusk (4:30 p.m. or so). Information: [www.newbethanyministries.org/events/luminaria-night/](http://www.newbethanyministries.org/events/luminaria-night/).  
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**Sunday, December 10**  
**Craft and Russian boutique vendors;** food and baked goods. Church tours. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, 980 Bridle Path Road. Call 610-867-0402.  
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**Bach Choir Christmas Concert,** 4 p.m. Christmas music and poems. First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center St.  
**Monday, December 11**  
**Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert,** 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org).  
**Contemplative worship in the chapel,** John Arnold, guitar, and Beck Lepore, piano. 7 p.m. Central Moravian Church chapel, 73 W. Church St. Call 610- 866-4382 or visit [www.centralmoravianchurch.org](http://www.centralmoravianchurch.org).  
**Tuesday, December 12**  
**Holiday house decorating contest awards;** 5 to 8 p.m. Visit [www.bethlehemtownship.org/btcc/](http://www.bethlehemtownship.org/btcc/) or call 610-332-1900.  
**Twilight retreat:** "Come to the Manger", St. Francis Center for

Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road. Visit [www.stfranciscenter@gmail.com](mailto:www.stfranciscenter@gmail.com) or call 610-867-8890. 6:45 to 9 p.m.  
 Charter Arts Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m. Charter Arts Theatre, 321 E. Third St. Visit [www.charterarts.org](http://www.charterarts.org).  
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There will be a fundraiser for the event and celebration at 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Luckenbach Mill, 459 Old York Road. Visit [www.newbethany.org](http://www.newbethany.org) (information) or [https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu\\_6g](https://app.mobilecause.com/form/UFu_6g) for tickets.



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## CITY

Coat drive through Dec. 18

The City of Bethlehem coat drive will run through Dec. 18.

The event benefits people who need a warm coat this winter.

Drop off gently used or new coats for men, women and children at City Hall, 10 E. Church St., or at the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink, 345 Illick's Mill Road.

## LOWV

Income hot topic on Dec. 11

The League of Women Voters of Lehigh County hot topics meeting, "Eliminating Income Disparity", will be held at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Superior Restaurant, 102 State Ave., Emmaus.

Toni Hoffman and Susan McNamara, past public policy chairs for the American Association of University Women, will speak on the Lehigh Valley's gender wage gap.

The public is welcome. To make a lunch reservation (cost; pay at the door), email [lwvlehigh@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvlehigh@yahoo.com) or call 610-432-1456 by Dec. 7.

## Holiday House Tours return Dec. 9

BY KATYA HRICHAK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem Historic District Association (BHDA) Holiday House Tour 2017 offers tour participants a unique opportunity to celebrate the holiday season while becoming better acquainted with Bethlehem's history. The Dec. 9 tour will explore nine homes in Bethlehem's Historic District, enlightening visitors with historically-appropriate decorations and information about each home's specific history.

In the past, the BHDA arranged Holiday House Tours on a semi-annual basis. After a three-year break, newer BHDA members decided to welcome the responsibility and re-establish the tour tradition.

"We're going to definitely have a whole new group of people coming in and stepping up to the plate and developing it and really making it work," BHDA member Virginia Hartman said. "It's exciting; it's very exciting. We're having a ball doing it, too."



This Victorian carriage house at 510 High St. is part of the original Weiss Estate along what was known as Bethlehem's "Millionaire Mile."

It's so much fun."

Although the last tour took place three years ago, Hartman said that houses will not be repeated. To participate in the Holiday House Tour, homeowners volunteer, opting either to decorate their homes themselves or call in outside help for tasks

house and a Civil War-era home owned by antique collectors, among others. Docents will be present at each house to inform visitors of the history of each individual home.

In addition to providing the city with another holiday activity, the proceeds from the tour are returned to the Historic District in the form of sidewalk repair and replacement, tree maintenance and other initiatives that maintain the safety and appearance of the area.

What makes this house tour special?

"It is Bethlehem," Hartman said. "This is the Christmas City."

The Holiday House Tour 2017 will take place Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will grant access to nine private Historic District homes, as well as the first floor exhibits at the Kemmerer Museum, two private artists' studios and a special tour of the Hotel Bethlehem.

For more information or to order tickets, visit [www.bhda.org/housestour](http://www.bhda.org/housestour).

such as flower arranging.

This year, a few of the features of the tour include a home featured on HGTV's "House Hunters" where Benjamin Franklin was once a guest, a restored 1917 mansion with its own Scottish pub, a Grand Victorian townhouse, a Victorian carriage

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## Samuel Ward

### Saucon Valley HS

Grade: 12

**Family members:** My family is Andrew, Sally and Thomas Ward.

**Favorite subject:** Picking a favorite subject is hard, but I particularly love the sciences or math, especially biology, physics and calculus, because I am immensely curious about the world and fascinated by the precision of mathematics.

**Activities:** I have been on Saucon's cross country team for five years, swim team for three years and track team for four years. I am president of Saucon Valley's chapter of the National Honors Society. I am also involved in STEM Club, Model UN and various other clubs. Out of school I attend the Lutron Explorer Post and my church's youth group.

**Next steps:** I intend to attend college and earn at least my master's degree.

**Career goals:** Currently my career choice is to become a biomedical engineer, preferably specializing in prosthetics and medical devices.

**Heroes:** My heroes are my parents because they support me in all I do; J.R.R. Tolkien, because I love The Lord of the Rings, which is a story full of amazing adventures and analogies of light and darkness; and Steven Gerrard, because he is a fantastic soccer player, a humble leader and demonstrates good sportsmanship.

**Hobbies:** My hobbies are reading, swimming and running.

**Current job(s):** Currently I am a lifeguard for my school's recreational swim program.

**Volunteer/community work:** I volunteer in children's Sunday school and serve in my church.

**Likes:** I love adventures of



all kinds, whether through reading, traveling or activities like kayaking. I also enjoy learning, taking part in my sports, watching Liverpool F.C. and listening to bands such as For King & Country, Thousand Foot Krutch and VERIDIA. Chocolate is also very good!

**Dislikes:** I am a very optimistic and happy person, and I do not dislike much, but I am opposed to violence and disrespecting others.

**Greatest accomplishment (so far):** My greatest achievements thus far seem to be water-related, from swimming one mile in the lake at Boy Scout camp when I was younger to swimming 100 yards on the interval of 100 seconds 100 times.

**Advice for peers:** My advice to peers is to get excited about learning; otherwise school will quickly become uninteresting, and to be courageous, get involved and always choose to see the best in others.

*Julia Swan coordinates student profiles for the Bethlehem Press. Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.*

## St. Theresa students mark Thanksgiving



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Students Sean, Gabriel (behind Sean), Henry, Jackson, Erica, Piper, Kolby and Joshua participate.

St. Theresa School first and second grade students participated in Thanksgiving activities recently. Students shared in a Pilgrim snack called pompion. The Pilgrims ate this stewed butternut squash daily. The students also created a watercolor of the Mayflower. St. Theresa School, a pre-kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic school, is celebrating its 78th year anniversary of providing a Catholic centered education.

## Students make PINK OUT donation



PRESS PHOTO BY KRISTEN WIEDER

**Check participants** faculty advisers Cindy Evans and Amy Nesfeder, Alex Koehl, Aubrie Hayes, Helaina Coggs, Chloe McCarty, Elisha Cruz, Diane LaBelle, Charter Arts executive director, Courtney Totten and Brittany Arnold. Charter Arts Student Council President Elisha Cruz presented Arnold with the check and expressed the council's commitment to the cause. This was the third year that the student club ran this fundraiser.

Members of the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts Student Council recently presented a \$1,000 donation to Brittany Arnold and Courtney Totten, community development managers for the East Central Division of the American Cancer Society. Student Council raised the funds through a PINK OUT day in October, which was in support of breast cancer awareness month. The funds were collected through food sales and a T-shirt sale.

## LV ACADEMY NOTES

By Rana Moawad

### A season of giving

The past few months have been a time of joy, reflection and giving for Lehigh Valley Academy students who have just wrapped up their first quarter and various activities. LVA's National Honor Society has been busy at work planning various activities, from volunteering at the Lehigh Valley Zoo Winter Lighting over Thanksgiving break to holding the annual Blood Drive Oct. 31. However, they are not stopping there, with the help of NHS President Gianmarco Fernandez, Vice-President Ashley Brown, Treasurer Madison Stametz, Historian Michael Dominic, and Secretary Daniel Martinez, NHS will be forming a Communications Committee to help plan events throughout the year such as visiting children's hospitals and toy donation services for the holidays.

"Tis the season to be giving," is more than just a phrase for LVA students who have been consistently raising money in support of LVA's mini-THON. Over the course of November they have been raising money by holding a No Shave November for male teachers in grades K-12. Coffee cans have been placed throughout different classrooms where students can put their donations in support of the teacher they want to see shave their beard by the end of the month. With the help of Ariella Mease, LVA's mini-THON, which consists of nearly 100 students, plans to raise over \$10,000 to help fund childhood cancer research. More news to come of other activities that they plan to host throughout the year!

As the school year flies by, it has been a busy few months for LVA's guidance counselors Kimberly Della-Rosa and Quanesha Johnson, who have been busy hosting several events throughout mid-October to early November. Students have been encouraged to show their school pride by participating in the annual wear your favorite college shirt day during College Week. Throughout College Week, students had the opportunity to talk with admissions counselors from different colleges within the area. To wrap up College Week, LVA held a College Fair and Admission Panel Nov. 1 for grades 9 to 12 to encourage students to learn more about their college options and talk with admission representatives from nearly 30 different colleges and universities, such as Albright College, Lafayette College, Villanova University and West Chester University.

With a month to go until the end of Quarter 2, students have had the opportunity to take a break from academics and enjoy the beloved tradition of the teacher and student basketball game pep rally. With the help of Student Council and adviser Cori Klein, LVA's Student Council held a successful pep rally that brought students together and filled with excitement. The game was a tie between Team Elite and Team Stars. Team Elite consisted of teachers and students in grades 9 and 12: Joshua Ameer-Beg; Kasper Kutyla; Chelsea-Rae Vega; Jorge Luis Grullon; Diandra Davis; Victor Santiago; Daniel Martinez; and teachers Brian Welsko; Josh Fick; and Dwayne Brown. The coach was Jacob Becker. Team Stars consisted of students in grades 10 and 11: Andrew Cuevas; Reynold Cuevas; Frank Adadey; Papa Micah; Isaac Gomez; Yardley Plasencia; Jermaine Harris; and teachers Paul Sabino; Jonathan Lawrence; and Taylor Lindsay. Their coach was Lauren Kim. Team Elite had won the game.



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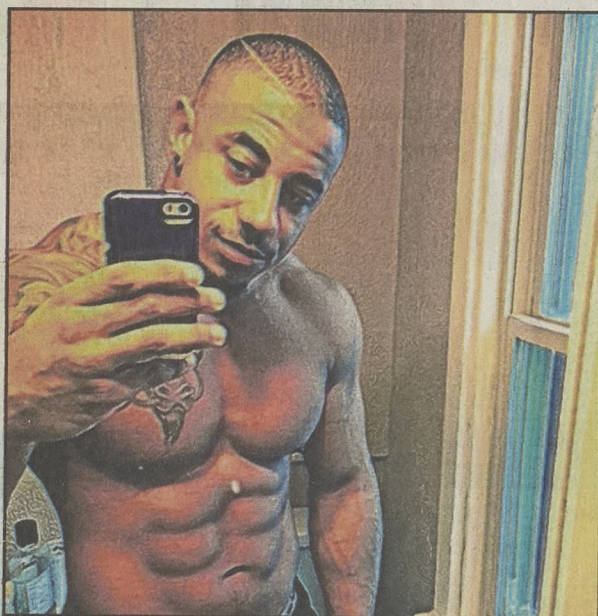
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## Weather Trivia

Do hurricanes spin in opposite directions in the N. and S. hemispheres?

Answer: Yes, counterclockwise in N. hemisphere and clockwise in S. hemisphere.



## Police seek sex predator

Do you know this man? Have you ever dated him or talked to him? If so, local authorities would like to talk to you.

Authorities believe Seth Mull is a sexual predator who has victimized women nationwide. He is currently jailed for a rape allegedly committed at the Bethlehem Holiday Inn Express on Cherry Lane.

Bethlehem police first arrested Seth Mull on Oct. 28

on charges of raping, strangling and otherwise intimidating a female victim at the Bethlehem Holiday Inn Express. When his mug shot was published, police soon discovered they may have a serial sexual predator on their hands. Several victims have come forward locally, in Philadelphia and from as far away as Hawaii.

At a news conference late last week, NorCo DA John

Morganelli said Mull uses several internet sites to meet women. He portrays himself as a charming and caring person, winning a woman's trust. But that soon changes. He forces the women in his life to take drugs until they are addicted, refers to them as his "property," and even requires them to sign sex slave contracts. He forces these women to participate in orgies that he films, and prostitutes them.

"He is a predator," said Chief Mark DiLuzio, who added that "a message like this from the DA and the police department is necessary for the safety of the community. We need to locate victims and get them the assistance they need."

Unlike sex traffickers who prey on undocumented aliens, Morganelli said Mull's victims are American women, mostly in their 20s.

People with knowledge about Mull can contact Bethlehem police Detective Brian Quinn at 610-997-7691 or 610-865-7187; Bethlehem police Detective Brad Jones at 610-865-7146; or the Northampton County District Attorney crime tip line at 610-829-6645.

## Fall clean-up



PRESS PHOTO BY TIM GILMAN

Sandra Lambert rakes up leaves along Maple Street in Northeast Bethlehem for the citywide fall cleanup service, which is winding down. "It's a never-ending battle keeping up with the falling leaves," said the retired Bethlehem native. "The city leaf collection truck is scheduled to come down this street next week," added Lambert.

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## Icing on the holiday

Allentown Symphony, Penguin skaters, choruses take to PPL Center again

### CLASSICAL VIEWS

By Diane Wittry



With the advent of the month of December, the mood around the country has changed. We have entered "the holidays," a time when we look forward to spending time with family and friends, shopping for gifts, and perhaps relaxing and taking a little time off from work.

Sometimes during December, we get trapped in the bustle of errands, shopping, cleaning, and cooking, and we forget that really the most important thing we can do during this time of year is to spend time with the people we care about.

The second annual "Symphony on Ice - Holiday Spectacular," 7 p.m. Dec. 14, PPL Center, Allentown, is the perfect event to attend with your family and friends to really get you in the holiday mood.

Featuring the award winning musicians of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra on a platform built right on the ice, this holiday spectacular showcases 70 skaters from the Penguin Figure Skating Club, which practices at Steel Ice Center, Bethlehem.



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"Symphony on Ice - Holiday Spectacular," 7 p.m. Dec. 14, PPL Center, Allentown

The Penguin Figure Skating Club has been part of the Lehigh Valley for more than 60 years and is the second-oldest figure skating club in Pennsylvania. The club has established a national reputa-

tion as a training program for national competition winners and exceptional skaters. Many of these award-winning skaters will participate in the "Symphony on Ice" show. Skaters participating include: Grace Moyer,

the 2016 Collegiate Championships Senior Ladies Pewter Medalist, and US Figure Skating (USFS) Double Gold Medalist in Freestyle and Moves in the Field; Laura Wetzel, USFS Triple Gold Med-

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## Repertory Dance Theatre 'Nutcracker,' with Allentown Symphony, back for 30th

BY CAMILLE CAPRIGLIONE  
Special to The Press

Repertory Dance Theatre (RDT) celebrates its 30th year performing the classic ballet, "The Nutcracker," 2 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10, Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown. "The Land of The Sweets Party" for children immediately follows the Dec. 9 matinee.

The treasured tale of Clara's dazzling journey, and dreams of her beloved toy, a Sugar Plum Fairy, and a Prince, comes to life in this spectacular holiday ballet production.

In addition, RDT presents the second annual "Let's Go Nutz!," 7 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9, featuring tap, jazz and contemporary dance, on the stage of Miller Symphony Hall, with a dinner, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8, Rodale Community Room.

RDT is a Lehigh Valley pre-professional ballet school created by co-artistic director, Jennifer Haltzman Tracy, with her mother, the



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late Dolly Haltzman, in 1987. Haltzman Tracy is the former Associate Director of the New York City Ballet Education Department. She danced professionally with Kansas City Ballet, Los Angeles Ballet, Boston

Ballet and New Jersey State Ballet. She's an adjunct professor of dance at Muhlenberg College, Allentown.

Trinette Singleton, co-artistic director of RDT, was a principal See **'NUTCRACKER'** on Page B7



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"The Ten Tenors: Home For The Holidays," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton

## The Tenors of the season

BY ERIN FERGUSON  
Special to The Press

The Ten Tenors is back in the United States for its December holiday tour, which includes a concert, "The Ten Tenors: Home For The Holidays," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton.

The Meistersingers of Southern Lehigh High School open the concert.

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**Hear "A Child's Christmas":** For its annual Christmas concert, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem presents the first concert performance of its CD, "A Child's Christmas in Bethlehem," 8 p.m. Dec. 9, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, and 4 p.m. Dec. 10, First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem. Joining The Bach Choir of Bethlehem, directed by Greg Funfgeld, is The Bel Canto Children's Chorus, led by Joy Hirokawa. Along with the Choir, the children offer spoken word and uplifting choral music from many centuries and cultures centered on the story of the Nativity that creates a meditation on the meaning of Christmas. The spoken word selections, compiled by Bridget George, are directed by Jenny Gilrain. The program includes traditional favorites, including "Noël Novelet," "Ding Dong Merrily on High," Tom Goeman's arrangement of "O Holy Night" and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," with David Newman, baritone soloist. Ticket: bach.org; 610-866-4382, ext. 115 or 110.



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**Visit "SantaLand":** Civic Theatre of Allentown presents its second annual production of "The SantaLand Diaries," Dec. 8-17, Theatre 514, Allentown. The one-man comedy written by David Sedaris and adapted for the stage by Joe Mantello, stars Jarrod Yushauskas, above, who reprises his role, and is again directed by Will Morris. The alternative holiday show is about the author's experiences as an unemployed writer taking a job costumed as an Elf assisting Santa Claus in the Christmas display at Macy's Herald Square Store in New York City. It's a winking take on how the holiday season brings out the best, and the worst, in us all. Tickets: Civic Theater box office, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown; civictheatre.com; 610-432-8943

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**25th "Russian Nutcracker":** The 25th anniversary North American Tour of Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 10, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, features leading soloists from the world-renowned Mariinsky Ballet Theatre, Kiev National Theater, Perm Ballet Theater, Odessa State Academic Ballet Theatre, and the Almaty State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre. Never before have so many ballerinas and dancers from the highest-regarded ballet theaters across Russia been assembled in a tour to more than 130 United States and Canadian cities. The production features a 60-foot Christmas tree, seven backdrops highlighting Russian heritage, 10-foot tall puppets, 40 dancers, and 100 costumes. Tickets: State Theatre Center for the Arts box office, 453 Northampton St., Easton; statetheatre.org; 1-800-999-7828; 610-252-3132



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Return to ‘SantaLand’ at Civic

BY LUKE MUENCH  
Special to The Press

During the season when “A Christmas Carol” dominates the stage and “It’s a Wonderful Life” dominates the silver screen, Civic Theatre of Allentown Associate Artistic Director-Production Manager Will Morris is excited to bring a different flavor of Christmas to the Civic stage.

Morris again directs Jarrod Yuskauskas in the one-man show, “The SantaLand Diaries,” Dec. 8 - 17, Theatre514, Allentown. The show, with Yushauskas playing a not so happy elf, had its Lehigh Valley debut during the 2016 holiday season at Civic to sold-out shows.

The one-man comedy is told from the perspective of author David Sedaris as a thinly-veiled roman a clef about the time he spent working as an elf in the department store Santa attraction at Macy’s Herald Square New York City shop.

Yuskauskas, in the

role of Crumpet the Elf, speaks in direct address to the audience about the struggles and frustrations he faces in his rather thankless job.

The stage show is based on an essay Sedaris first read on National Public Radio’s “Morning Edition,” Dec. 23, 1992. The essay was published in the collections, “Barrel Fever” (1994) and “Holidays on Ice” (1997). A longer version aired on Public Radio International’s “This American Life,” Dec. 20, 1996.

Joe Mantello adapted Sedaris’ essay for the stage as a one-man, one-act play, “The SantaLand Diaries,” which debuted at the Atlantic Theater Company, New York City, Nov. 7, 1996.

“There are many of us who are looking for something a little more wry around the holidays to combat feeling overwhelmed or inundated by Christmas cheer,” Morris says. “That somehow puts us in the Christmas spirit more. I easily get overwhelmed

and tired by the jovial nature of Christmas, so it’s nice to have something else to turn to.

“David [Sedaris] has written himself into the piece, and so he’s that friend who you never want to get on his bad side, but is full of such cleverness and wit that’s engaging.

“You get to see what he’s really like when he’s not performing, and you get to see a large juxtaposition over what he has to be, Crumpet the jolly, merry elf. It’s hysterical watching the transformation, with the character quickly flipping back and forth. I still genuinely laugh every time I see it,” says Morris.

Talking to the audience in character is a challenge for actor and director.

“It’s obviously more intense, intimate, in terms of the production of the piece. As a director or actor, you can normally hide behind other things or get lost in the fray, but there’s nowhere to hide here.



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Jarrod Yuskauskas, “The SantaLand Diaries,” Dec. 8 - 17, Theatre514, Allentown

“The play takes place behind the scenes, so [the set] is meant to suggest the elves’ break room, to get away from ‘SantaLand,’ where they voice their issues. It’s all set in 1994 so we pull music from that time period. Some of it Christmas and some of it not,” Morris says.

While this is a play meant to poke fun at or point out many of the stresses of the Christmas season, the message, in many ways, is still that of positivity and community.

“I think the end of

the play really brings about the idea of we’re all in this together. It touches on and embraces the idea of Christmas, a time of year when we need to sit back and look at what’s important in our lives. He [Sedaris] is making fun of people and is embittered by his circumstance, but the point is to engage the audience.”

Much of the play’s tone can lead the audience to feel as though they are part of the production, as well.

“In many ways, the audience is very much

a character just as much as the actor. The audience is a therapist that he needs to tell, and connect with,” Morris says.

Morris hopes that Civic Theatre’s take on “The SantaLand Diaries” allows audience members to know that they are not alone during this high-octane and stressful season.

“The most important thing for me is for a patron to come and laugh and have a good time and embrace those, not dark but somewhat darker, thoughts around the holiday season and not hide from them but accept and laugh at them.

“The holidays are so pressurized, so it’s OK. You’re not a Scrooge. Just because today I might very much dislike Christmas because of the stuff that goes along with it, I’m surrounded by 93 other people in this room who feel the same way and are having a good time,” says Morris.

**Tickets: Civic Theater box office, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown; civictheatre.com; 610-432-8943**

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alist in Ice Dancing, Freestyle and Moves in the Field; Mary Elizabeth Rossignuolo, USFS Double Gold Medalist in Freestyle and Moves in the Field, and Maxwell Demsky, USFS Gold Medalist in Moves and the Field, who is also a participant for the 2018 South Atlantic Competition. Other USFS Gold Medal winners include Renae Hallowell and Eva Greene.

Penguin Skate Club Director Angela Davis,

who prepares and trains the skaters for national competitions, is coordinating and designing most of the choreography and costumes for the “Symphony on Ice” skaters.

Also featured in the holiday performance will be skaters from The Lehigh Valley Charter High School with directors Thom Mullins and Suzannah Nolt, and the Charter Arts Academy Middle School, with directors Val Nauroth, Lindsay Mazzeo and Julie Kowal.

To add even more ex-

citement to the concert, joining the Allentown Symphony Orchestra on stage will be 150 vocalists from three area high schools. Performing will be: Easton Area High School Camerata, with director Peter Dreshler; Emmaus High School Chorale, with director Rita Cortez, and William Allen High School Chorale, with director Brandon Remp.

The “Symphony on Ice” program will include festive music, ranging from selections from Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake” and

Rimsky-Korsakov’s “Flight of the Bumble-Bee,” to popular Christmas melodies like “I Need a Little Christmas,” “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Frosty the Snowman,” and “Let There be Peace on Earth.” Skaters will be showcased with each music selection.

Phantoms Charities presented by Air Products is the presenting sponsor of “Symphony On Ice.” Ticket proceeds will be donated to Phantoms Charities.

The Phantom Charities strives to strength-

en the community by developing, instituting and operating charitable and educational programs and services aimed at improving the lives of children and adults in the Lehigh Valley and the surrounding communities. We are so fortunate to have an organization like this that really gives back to all the families in the Lehigh Valley and brings us all together in this unique way.

Phantoms Charities will be selling tickets for a limited number of rink-side tables that in-

clude a full dinner. So, if you want to be up-close and personal to the skaters, and also have your dinner brought right to you, next to the rink is the place to be.

“Symphony on Ice - Holiday Spectacular,” featuring the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and the Penguins Skate Club, will be just the right event to get you and your family into the holiday spirit.

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9 am & 11 am Contemporary Worship  
10 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
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Church office: 610-867-5865

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www.faithchurchemmaus.org  
office@faithchurchemmaus.org

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Email: hokeypres@gmail.com  
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10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
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Allentown, PA 18103  
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**CHRIST CHURCH UCC**  
75 E. Market St., Bethlehem  
610-865-6565  
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10:30 a.m. Worship  
Nursery Avail./Handicap Acces.

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9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
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10:15 a.m. Traditional Worship  
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Catasauqua, PA 18032  
610-264-4091  
Rev. Mike Smith, Pastor  
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10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
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Neffs, PA 18065-0066  
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www.unionucc.org  
8 a.m. Heritage Worship  
9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship

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Breinigsville, PA 18031  
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Rev. Jeffrey Kistler, Interim Pastor  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11:05 a.m.  
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Church Office 610-395-3613  
Macungie Campus  
3801 Brookside Rd., Macungie  
Sat. Contemporary 5 p.m.  
Sun. Blended Worship 8 a.m.  
Sun. Contemporary 9:15 & 11 a.m.  
Wescosville Campus  
1208 Brookside Rd., Wescosville  
Wed. Contemporary 6:30 p.m.  
Catasauqua Campus  
429 Walnut St., Catasauqua  
Sun. Contemporary 9:30 a.m.

To have your religious services  
listed in The Press contact  
Joie Jackson Wenner at  
610-740-0944 — Ext. 3703

## St. Paul's, Coplay, hosts halupki dinner



PRESS PHOTOS BY MIKE LUBERTI JR.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church man the kitchen during a halupki dinner Nov. 11 at the church, 18 S. Third St., Coplay.



Pastor Timothy Boyer stops to chat with some attendees of the meal, which was a fundraiser for the church.



## LVHN acquires Weller

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has acquired the Weller Health Education Center (Weller Center). LVHN's acquisition follows a formal RFP process initiated by the Center in 2015 to locate a potential partner with the depth and breadth of resources to sustain, expand and improve upon Weller's intellectual property.

Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital was the unanimous choice of the Weller Center's Board of Directors, Foundation and staff. The new program will be known as Weller Health Education at Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital.

The new acquisition will enhance Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital's existing school-based health services and outreach programs by providing more resources and accessibility to additional schools, parents and educators. Health education will be available for all grade levels (elementary, middle and high school) including parent-teacher programs.

"Partnering with the Weller Center will allow the Lehigh Valley Children's Hospital to expand its ability to help communities make the children of this region as

healthy as they can be," said Nathan Hagstrom, MD, MHCM, Chair, Department of Pediatrics at LVHN. "It's a perfect fit with our current pediatric population health and primary care programs and services."

Subject matter is centered on prevention in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, mental health (including stress, depression and suicide), healthy relationships character education, growth and development, nutrition and fitness, and personal hygiene.

The Weller Center has been providing preventive, science-based health education programs for students in grades K-12 for more than 32 years. Weller has created new programs that target the most pertinent health risks facing youth, including depression, prescription drug and heroin use, healthy relationships and building resilience and stress management skills. Programs are presented by professional health educators who are experts at connecting with young people and translating complex information into easy to understand concepts. Faculty and parent programs are also available. The Weller Center's

programs are rigorously evaluated and outcomes-based. Students take part in pre- and post-program tests measuring knowledge gain and positive shifts in attitude using an Audience Response System. Following program delivery, participating schools and funders receive impact reports detailing program outcomes.

The Weller Center partners with hundreds of schools each year to change the behaviors of young people and help them develop life-long healthy habits which will prevent chronic disease, reduce violence and improve the overall health, safety and well-being of children and families in our communities.

The Center is supported in its mission through an endowment held by a separate trust, known as the Weller Trust. The Weller Trust will remain in existence and make distributions from its endowment to LVHN at the same levels it has historically. Endowment distributions will be used to support the Weller Center operations including program development, delivery and evaluation.

## Dress for success at holiday office party

**Dear Jacquelyn,**  
My holiday office party is coming up in a couple weeks. What can I do to maximize my time and use the event to help my career?

**Dear Reader,**  
A company holiday party is an excellent opportunity to network and build relationships. This is a good time to speak with executives you may not otherwise have a chance to talk to. Approach them with a smile, introduce yourself, keep the conversation upbeat and positive. Take this opportunity to mingle with people outside your department. Speak to everyone in a positive, friendly tone, but don't forget that this is not the place to say something negative that could get you into trouble later.

Dressing for success isn't limited to the workday. Put considerable thought into your attire. You should wear clothing you wouldn't be embarrassed to wear to work. You can kick it up a notch, but your at-

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YOURS**

By Jacquelyn Youst



tire needs to be suitable for a business event, not a nightclub.

Be sure to detach from your smart phone. Don't spend your time tweeting or texting. If your face is buried in your cell phone you will come across as rude and uninterested. Watch your body language. Appearing bored is just as bad as not showing up. Don't slouch, cross arms, or yawn. You never know who might be observing you.

Plan to eat a snack prior to arriving at the party. Making a beeline toward the buffet table sends the wrong message. You are not invited to the party because someone thinks you needed to be fed. You were invited because the employer wants to thank you for your hard work and believes you will positively contribute to the event.

When alcohol is served the holiday office party, a good idea is to consider something that appears festive but is not alcoholic, such as cranberry juice. If you are holding a glass, be sure it is in your left hand. The right hand should remain free for handshakes. Do not plan on drinking it up and letting your guard down. This could lead you down a road your career won't recover from. Be remembered in a positive way, you are a first class professional.

On the way out the door, don't forget to thank the host. Parties require quite a bit of planning and the organizer will appreciate your kind gesture. If the host is a supervisor, you'll stand out as someone who is gracious and has excellent manners.

**Respectfully  
Yours,**

**Jacquelyn**

*Have a question?*

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## Good Shepherd lauded by U.S. News Report

The Good Shepherd Home - Raker Center in Allentown and the Good Shepherd Home - Bethlehem each received a ranking of five stars overall in U.S. News & World Report's 2017 - 2018 Best Nursing Homes. The rankings highlight facilities in the United States providing high-quality care.

"This recognition from U.S. News & World Report is a testament to the quality of care we provide," said John Kristel, president & CEO, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. "We are proud of all of our staff members, who ensure we deliver a high standard of compassionate care at our long-term care facilities."

Best Nursing Homes profiles more than 15,000 facilities and ranks them by state, using data and quality ratings from the federal government. Facilities that ranked highest in Best Nursing Homes 2017 - 2018 received overall five-star ratings. Fif-

teen percent of the facilities that U.S. News rated achieved "Top Performing" status. Only the top-performing homes are eligible to display a U.S. News-trademarked 2017-18 Best Nursing Homes badge.

Since 1908, Good Shepherd has provided long-term care for persons with severe neurological and physical disabilities. Today, Good Shepherd offers long-term, residential care at its two facilities that have a total of 159 beds. Good Shepherd's long-term care facilities are home to individuals with severe disabilities who require 24-7 nursing care. Residents of the Good Shepherd Home - Raker Center and Good Shepherd Home - Bethlehem have diagnoses such as multiple sclerosis, brain injury, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury and muscular dystrophy.

The U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Homes rankings are compiled based on their own analysis of data

posted by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Best Nursing Homes has several enhancements designed to make the ratings more meaningful to consumers than CMS's star ratings, including evaluating a nursing home's performance over time by averaging the CMS star ratings during a 12-month period, plus greater emphasis on medical quality measures and on providing rehabilitation services.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, based in Allentown, is a nationally-recognized rehabilitation leader, offering a continuum of care for persons with physical and cognitive disabilities. Good Shepherd treats 65,000 patients annually at more than 60 locations in nine Pennsylvania counties. It's the eighth largest rehabilitation provider in the United States, according to Modern Healthcare magazine.



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"Christmas City Follies," through Dec. 22, Touchstone Theatre, Bethlehem

## THEATER REVIEW

### 'Follies' relishes holiday

BY CAROLE GORNEY  
Special to The Press

The annual "Christmas City Follies" is Touchstone Theatre's holiday gift to the community, and it comes wrapped in witty scripting, colorful costumes and fine acting, all tied together with a touch of satire and loads of wisdom. Created by the Touchstone Ensemble and directed by Artistic Director Jp Jordan, this year's 18th edition of "Follies" continues through Dec. 22 at the south side Bethlehem venue.

Members of the outstanding ensemble cast are Emma Ackerman, Bill George and Mary Wright. Others featured in the cast are Chloe Anne Madison and interns Katie Colicito, Alex Vogelgesang, and Sarah Vogelgesang.

As the players themselves revealed at the start of Act 1 on opening night, Nov. 30, the performance seen for this review, "Follies" is about celebrating holiday traditions, cherished memories, family, and poignant stories. What makes the show original and highly entertaining is the way all this holiday sentiment is packaged.

It is on the surface a celebration of absurdity, with singing penguins, dancing with shopping carts, a sunbathing Santa and "questionable in-

terpretations of biblical characters." Embedded more deeply, however, are commentaries on the superficiality of the holiday, and thoughtful reflections on what it is like to feel alone.

In the first "Old Guy" scene, a red-nosed homeless clown (Bill George) with a tinsel-draped shopping cart is looking for his friend, the baby Jesus, who has gone missing. "My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to hang out with the little guy," the Old Guy reveals sadly. His continued search throughout the show is a compelling metaphor for, as it's been stated, "the loss of Christ in Xmas."

An overworked, frustrated Santa (George) makes his first appearance in "Wrapping It Up," one of 25 sketches in the show. It is bedlam at the North Pole as elves bring in 3 million more "gimme" letters from children who want presents they don't really appreciate. "It's all about getting," Santa grumbles. Santa throws in the towel and exchanges it for a bathing suit on a sandy beach.

The lively "Shopping Cart Ballet," excellently choreographed by Ashley Tait Weller, does double-duty by poking fun at Pennsylvania's new wine-sellers (forgive the pun), and paying tribute to Hanukkah in a hilarious Jewish folk dance

set to the Christmas carol "Deck the Halls."

Mary Wright in "Sister Mary Ignoramus Explains It All" reminds the audience that baby Jesus was born because they are all sinners: "the lost of the lost." The sanctimonious nun boasts that she prays in Latin, Pig Latin, that is. If you want to know what she thinks is the worst thing you can do at Christmas, you will have to see "Follies," but here is a hint. It is not littering the stage.

The sketches in "Follies" are interspersed with music solos played on ukuleles and sung by cast members in various languages celebrating their own ethnic heritage. It was an effective reminder of the need to cherish America's diversity.

Costumes by Lisa Jordan and the cast deserve special mention for their colorful and sometimes unique design. They did much to enhance the overall production and to provide visual interest in the characters, especially in the "Little Red" segments.

Tickets: Touchstone Theatre box office, 321 E. Fourth St., Bethlehem; [touchstone.org](http://touchstone.org); 610-867-1689. Group rates available. Touchstone offers a pay-what-you-will ticket at the door, as available, allowing walk-up patrons to name their ticket price.

## ArtsQuest Foundation taps S. Whitehall woman

ArtsQuest has announced that Jane George is the new Executive Director of the ArtsQuest Foundation. George, selected for the position following a national search, is the first full-time Executive Director in the Foundation's history. She began her new role Dec. 4.

For the past 17 years, George, a resident of South Whitehall Township, worked for St. Luke's University Health Network, most recently as Assistant Vice President of Government Relations & Capital Development.

As executive director, George is responsible for the management and leadership of the Foundation, established to strengthen and support the long-term sustainability of ArtsQuest, the ninth-largest nonprofit arts organization in the state. George will also

be responsible for the Foundation's strategic plan.

"Over the past few years, ArtsQuest has made building and strengthening the ArtsQuest Foundation one of its main priorities, and adding a full-time executive director is a major step toward achieving this goal," said ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert.

George has worked as Development & Community Affairs Director for the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as in economic and community development for local government.

George received a Bachelor's in Marketing from Ohio University in 1984, and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government



Jane George

in 2013. She and her husband, Von, live in South Whitehall Township and have four adult children.

Founded in 1984, ArtsQuest presents Musikfest, the arts and education programs of the Banana Factory arts center, and the majority of the concerts and programs at SteelStacks arts and entertainment district on the former Bethlehem Steel plant.



# Son's refusal to go to school addressed

**Q.** A truancy officer was called to my house because my son is refusing to go to school. We are going to have to appear in front of the magistrate, and could possibly be facing a fine for each day that he missed. What can we do?

Guest panelist Jessica Baker addressed this topic and the approach to it in detail. "First thing, we definitely need to know the age of the child," she said. "We also need to define the barriers that are getting in the way of the child wanting to go to school. Does he have anxiety? Is he having a panic attack? Is he afraid to go to school for some reason? Does he have a parent or teacher conflict or is it just a defiance issue?"

Baker said that it's important to become allies with the school because ultimately schools want to work with families. Whether it is the school principal, an administrator, guidance counselor or social service agencies that are there to engage parents, "it is to everyone's benefit to have a partnership," she said, noting that it also is important to make sure that the school has the right data. Do they have the right information and the right student?

Once that is sorted out, Baker continued, there needs to be a plan of action so by the time the parents go to the magistrate they have identified who the stakeholders are to support the child, what the barriers are and how everyone is going to work together in partnership

## THE FAMILY PROJECT

By Carole Gorney



in order to get the child back to school.

In discussing allies, it was noted that the state requires every school district to have a truancy intervention plan, and in Lehigh County every school has one.

Panelist Mike Daniels cautioned the parent not to assume that the son is just being defiant. "There are many reasons for truancy: fear, panic, bullying. Another consideration is that if there is a breakup in the family, a child may be afraid to leave his mother's side."

Panelist Chad Stefanyak explained that the age of the son might indicate what some of the barriers are to his not wanting to go to school. Sometimes there is an anxiety issue and sometimes the student doesn't see the value in going to classes. If he is a high school student he is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and he may not see the relevance of staying in school, Stefanyak said. "That is easier to deal with since in high school there are more choices and the student can choose courses more appropriate to his skills set. With older students, we can start with 'What are your goals?' We can then make the courses a means to an end rather than something that seems to go on forever."

Pennsylvania has changed its Act 138 to clearly define truancy

for the first time, according to Baker. The law now defines truancy as three unexcused absences, and habitual truancy as six unexcused absences. Panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo emphasized that parents need to be informed about the new law, and she said it as the responsibility of teachers and counselors to make sure parents understand the regulations.

Panelist Mike Daniels urged the parent not to panic because the magistrate's role is not to fine parents, because money doesn't do anything for the child's education. Rather, the magistrate is looking for the parent to stay connected to the system. That is what is going to help the child stay in school.

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, Program Coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefanyak, School Counselor; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo; Joanne Nigito-Raftas, Registered Play Therapist; Denise Continenza, Extension Educator, Food, Families and Health, Penn State Extension; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Adolescent Psychotherapist; Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh County Children and Youth Casework Supervisor, and Jessica Baker, Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley.

Have a question? Email: [projectchild@projectchildlv.org](mailto:projectchild@projectchildlv.org). The Family Project weekly column is a collaboration between the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.

## TENORS

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maybe the world, and audiences have more fun at our shows," says Michael Edwards, the Tenors' Assistant Music Director.

Celebrated for dramatic stage presence, breathtaking arrangements and powerful performances, The Ten Tenors blend rock, pop and opera, tipping their hats to the great classical composers, as well. The New York Times has said the Tenors' "unique mix of traditional and unconventional music offers a fresh and highly original take on the staid traditions of opera."

The Ten Tenors has appeared on "The Today Show," "Oprah's Australian Adventure" and "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," among other TV shows. The Tenors has shared the stage with Lionel Richie, Rod Stewart, Andrea Bocelli, Willie Nelson, Alanis Morissette and Christina Aguilera.

"Our group first formed in 1995 for a one-time event, but we have been touring full-time since 1997-98. This show is different from our standard touring show because it is predominantly a holiday show," Edwards says in a phone interview.

Partnering with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the release of the Tenors' album, "Our

Christmas Wish," raises funds for the organization that is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Selections from the album expected to be on the concert program include "Joy to the World," "O' Holy Night," "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono, "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano, "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin and "All I Want For Christmas Is You," a Mariah Carey hit.

"I would say that there is about 70 percent holiday music," says Edwards. "Most importantly on this tour, we are spreading the word about the good work that the good folks at St. Jude do for research into childhood diseases. We are honored to be associated with St. Jude and we are very pleased that the net proceeds from the sale of our Christmas CD will be going to St. Jude," says Edwards.

"We will do one of our own Christmas songs in this show as well, called 'A Thousand Candles,'" Edwards says.

After the Tenors sang at its first event, one of the original singers thought that they had such a good time that they should seek professional management to help them make it "a thing." The Ten Tenors started tour-

ing soon after.

In addition to Edwards, who has sung with the group for six years, the Tenors are: Paul Gelsumini, Music Director, seven years; Cameron Barclay, four years; James Watkinson, a new singer; Oliver Samson, two years; Jared Newall, six years; Keane Fletcher, eight years; JD Smith, two years; Florian Voss, one year, and, Daniel Belle, who after three years took two years off and is now back on tour.

"This is a holiday show for the whole family. You can sing along. You can dance along, and we encourage you to. And you may even get invited up on stage to sing in a special number with us. Then after the show, we will all come out into the foyer and say 'Hi' to everyone," says Edwards.

The Southern Lehigh High School Meistersingers is an auditioned choral ensemble. One of the oldest activities organizations in the Solehi school district, the chorus of 30 students perform 20 concerts per year. The group has also toured internationally, including Ireland and Scotland in 2010.

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

## ALLENTOWN LIBRARY

Holiday classics in dramatic reading

Michèle LaRue will present dramatic readings of two holiday stories, 7 p.m. Dec. 13, Al-

lentown Public Library, 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown.

The stories are "Dick Spindler's Family Christmas" (1894) by Bret Harte (1894), and "The Gift of the Magi" (1906) by O. Henry.

LaRue, a Chicago-born and New Jer-

sey-based performer, tours nationally with her repertoire of century-old American "Tales Well-Told."

The event is free and open to the public.

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## ANNIVERSARY

Abruzzi  
Coplay couple marks  
70th anniversary

Caroline B. (Sabatino) Abruzzi and Alfonso C. Abruzzi, of Coplay, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 2.

Caroline is the daughter of the late Bonaventure "Benny" and Mary D. Sabatino.

Alfonso is the son of the late Pasquale and Philomena Abruzzese.

The couple was married Nov. 2, 1947, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Roseto, Northampton County, by the Rev. Ducci.

They are the parents of David, husband of Wendy, of Slatington; Dennis, husband of Eileen, of Whitehall; Karen, wife of Glenn Lewis, of Easton, and Colleen, of Allentown.

They have 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Their children hosted a luncheon in their honor at Villa Lentini Restaurant, Coplay, with approximately 50 family members in attendance.



Alfonso and Caroline Abruzzi

Cookbook  
sale benefits  
public library

"What's Cooking at the Library: 100 Years of Good Taste" is available at the Allentown Public Library, 1210 Hamilton St., Allentown.

The spiral-bound cookbook contains 344 recipes contributed by more than 30 library employees and families.

The cookbook includes an eclectic mix of handed-down family recipes and modern dishes. There are tried-and-true favorites, including German Potato Salad, Chicken Divan, Pork Barbecue and Moravian Sugar Cake.

Copies are being sold through Dec. 28 at the Library's Circulation Desk.

Proceeds benefit the Allentown Public Library.

Information: allentownpl.org; 610-820-2400

Being kind, even  
when it's hard

A few weeks ago I shared with readers a problem I was experiencing with the contractor I hired to remodel my bathroom shower.

Jason gave me a contract that said he would be finished in two weeks when full payment would be expected.

But one day he pulled up with a truck that sounded like a few motorcycles were idling in my driveway. He told me he couldn't go to pick up my shower door to finish the job because his truck needed to be fixed first.

But the problem was he first needed money to pay for the needed parts. When he asked me to pay him in advance so he could fix the truck, I didn't see any problem in that.

After all, he was almost finished with the bathroom and he seemed like a nice guy, definitely someone I could trust.

As some of my readers might recall, the day I gave Jason the money was his last day on the job. He simply walked away from finishing my bathroom and went on, instead, to work for someone else.

No matter how many times I called or emailed, he ignored me. It was two months after the bathroom was supposed to be finished and I couldn't use it until he installed the faucet and shower door.

When I did manage to track him down, Jason said he would be there the next day. He never showed up.

I realize I created that problem for myself by trusting Jason and paying him before the job was finished.

Sometimes trying to be nice backfires. And it sure did that time. I was at the point where I had to do something desperate and thought I might have to call the police and report Jason for fraud.

When I wrote a column about that situation, I received a lot of feedback from readers. Everyone who wrote agreed that I allowed myself to get into that mess by paying for the complete job before it was finished.

Most readers suggested I call the police or take Jason to small claims court. They also agreed I should let him know I would use our local social media site to alert others not to pay in advance.

But two longtime readers agreed with my daughter who said I needed to give him a way to finish the job while saving face.

"Everyone wants to feel like he's a good person. He's staying away because when he sees you he's reminded of what he did," wrote one reader.

"He won't show up if he's ashamed of what he did," wrote another gentleman.

Both of them suggested I find a way to get him there without feeling like a creep.

My close friend Andy, who was the one who recommended Jason, said I needed to shower him with kindness, no matter how hard it was.

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REGARDS

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ommended Jason, said I needed to shower him with kindness, no matter how hard it was.

"Anyone can be kind when it's easy," Andy told me. "It's a mark of character when you can be kind under tough circumstances."

Well, what I came up with was sending Jason an email saying he didn't have to pick up the new door. My husband would do it and would be there to help him install it. I set a date (this past Tuesday) and said my husband would be here to help him carry in the heavy shower door and would steady it while he put it up.

Lo and behold, Jason showed up. He only worked for an hour then said he had to go home for a level. I couldn't believe it when he didn't come back for 2½ hours because he said he decided to take his wife out for lunch. That meant he couldn't finish putting up the door.

Being kind was getting harder.

Jason said he would be back in a week because he had to finish a job for a guy who was paying him cash. I had to hold my tongue from asking if he thought I paid him in macaroni, not cash.

I had to hold my tongue again when he bragged that he got another bathroom and a flooring job finished in the weeks he stood me up. (They weren't foolish enough to give him all his money up front.)

I kept doing an internal chant: "It will soon be over."

Well, he eventually finished the job. I think he was as happy as I was when he walked out the door.

Two good things came from that. I felt good about taking the high road and I learned a valuable lesson. No more payment until the job is finished.

We need to be kind because that's the kind of people we are, not because of the person causing us grief.

I learned that when I take the high road I'm the one who benefits. I'm given the gift of peace.

Sometimes, when we encounter disagreeable people we think we need to give them a piece of our mind, calling attention to their rudeness.

What I learned is even disagreeable people respond to kindness. Try it when you encounter someone giving you a hard time.

Experts tell us being angry or telling someone off doesn't make us feel better, as we might think it does. Instead, it leaves us physically and mentally bankrupt.

Just one more reason why it pays to opt for kindness.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

## PPL grant to Literacy Center



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The Literacy Center (TLC) has received a \$5,000 grant from the PPL Foundation. Above, left to right, Janice Morales, student at TLC; Sara Hailstone, Interim Executive Director at TLC; Alan Salinger, board member; Atty. Avery Smith, board president; Renae Yeager, TLC board treasurer; Alvaro Rodriguez, student at TLC, and Carol Obando-Derstine, PPL Regional Affairs Director. "Literacy is more than reading and writing. It helps students gain sustainable work and technology skills that transition to the workplace. Thanks to partners like the PPL Foundation, The Literacy Center will be able to help hundreds of students develop these skills this year," said Smith. "We applaud the efforts of The Literacy Center to help individuals in Allentown and throughout the entire Lehigh Valley to obtain their GED, access ESL classes, and learn behaviors and skill sets that will lead to success in life," said Carol Obando-Derstine, PPL Electric Utilities' regional affairs director. Since 1977, TLC has offered no-cost instruction to more than 27,500 Lehigh Valley adults as they improve their reading, writing, and English language skills or work towards receiving a high school equivalency diploma (GED).

## Three more from e-mailbag

**Q. I'm concerned that I may not be seeing as well as I used to. What should I do?**

There are many signs that indicate possible vision loss. Under normal circumstances, do you have trouble recognizing faces of people you know? Is it difficult for you to read, sew, match the color of your clothes? Do lights seem dimmer than they used to?

Vision changes like these could be early warning signs of eye disease. Usually, the earlier your problem is diagnosed, the better your chances are for successful treatment and maintaining your vision.

Regular eye exams should be part of your routine health care. However, if you think your vision has changed, you should see your eye-care professional as soon as possible.

Devices and rehabilitation programs can help you adapt to vision loss. They may help you maintain your lifestyle.

These devices include:

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adjustable lighting; large-print publications; magnifying devices; closed-circuit televisions; electronic reading machines; computer systems with voice-recognition; telephones, clocks and watches with large numbers.

**Q. I'm beginning to have trouble with my hearing. Is there anything I can do short of getting hearing aids?**

There are "hearing aids" you should consider. There are listening systems to help you enjoy television or radio without being bothered by other sounds around you. Some hearing aids can be plugged directly into TVs, music players, microphones, and personal FM systems to help you hear better.

Some telephones work with certain hearing aids to make sounds

louder and remove background noise. And some auditoriums, movie theaters, and other public venues are equipped with special sound systems that send sounds directly to your ears.

Alerts such as doorbells, smoke detectors, and alarm clocks can give you a signal that you can see or a vibration that you can feel. For example, a flashing light can let you know someone is at the door or on the phone.

**Q. Recently, my pharmacist told me to take my statin before bedtime. She said that was the best time. It made me think what other information she has that I should ask her about. What questions should I ask?**

Don't be afraid to throw a lot of questions about your medicine at your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. Here are some good ones:

When should I take it? As needed, or on a schedule? Before, with

or between meals? At bedtime?

How often should I take it?

How long will I have to take it?

How will I feel once I start taking this medicine?

How will I know if this medicine is working?

If I forget to take it, what should I do?

What side-effects might I expect? Should I report them?

Can this medicine interact with other prescription and over-the-counter medicines, including herbal and dietary supplements, that I am taking now?

And, ask your pharmacist to put your medicine in large, easy-to-open containers with large-print labels.

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## LV MUSEUM

Dutch Christmas  
slide-lecture

A slide-lecture and discussion, "Christmas Among the Pennsylvania Dutch," will be presented at 1 p.m. Dec. 9, Lehigh County Historical Society Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut St., Allentown.

"This talk is for anyone interested in the history of Christmas in America. The Pennsylvania-Dutch introduced many holiday traditions to our popular culture," Joseph Garrera, executive director of the Museum, said.

In the 1700s and early 1800s, many Pennsylvanians did not celebrate Christmas. Some churches at that time did not celebrate the holiday because its traditions had pagan origins.

For Pennsylvania-Germans who settled the Lehigh Valley, Christmas was a religious holiday with other folk traditions attached to it. These included decorating Christmas trees, a magical Christmas gift-giver, and eating poultry for Christmas dinner.

Information: [lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.org](http://lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.org); 610-435-1074



## 'Lady Bird' sings Oscar

Every decade or so, a film comes along that's emblematic of the zeitgeist of a generation, a coming-of-age movie, a film where the audience in the theater makes discoveries along with the characters on the screen as they awaken to self-discovery, the verities of life, and some of the often unforgiving truths.

"Lady Bird" is one such film.

"Rebel Without A Cause" (1955), "The Graduate" (1967), "American Graffiti" (1973), "The Breakfast Club" (1985), "Clueless" (1995) and "Juno" (2007) are among the seminal films that came to define the hopes, dreams and disappointments of a particular generation once upon a time in the life of teen-agers.

During the best scenes in these films, teen-age angst is handled with humor, with seriousness and with care. Often, such films reference pop iconography of their decade, or reference a previous era, to understand contemporary dilemmas and dichotomy.

"Lady Bird" is a stunning solo feature-film directorial debut for Greta Gerwig, who also wrote the screenplay. Gerwig co-directed and co-wrote with Joe Swanberg the feature film, "Nights And Weekends" (2008), wrote the screenplays for the feature films, "Frances Ha" (2012) and "Mistress America" (2015), and was a co-writer of screenplays for the feature films, "Northern Comfort" (2010) and "Hannah Takes The Stairs" (2007). Gerwig stars in each of these films.

Gerwig doesn't star nor even appear in "Lady Bird," but her presence is felt from behind the camera in every frame. While there are vestiges of her mumble-core film roots ("Baghead," 2008, and "Hannah Takes The Stairs") with "Lady Bird," Gerwig shows herself to be an accomplished director in the style of the great cinematic auteurs. She knows where to place the camera, she knows how to get sensitive and not sentimental performances, she has a clear sense of pacing, and an understanding of watching films, with a director's eye. Look for several Oscar nominations for "Lady Bird," including screenplay and director for Gerwig.

Gerwig chose her home town, Sacramento, Calif., as the 2002-03 setting for the title character, Lady Bird (Saoirse Ronan), a 17-year-old female parochial school student on the cusp of adulthood, college (she wants to attend Columbia University, New York City) and creative differences, to put it mildly, with her mother (Laurie Metcalf), and seemingly on the outs with most of her fellow students.

Teen traumas: high school theater (Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along," a nice touch that gives the film some of its mani-

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fest puckish energy, and William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," which underscores the film's third act more somber concerns; proms (a cute corny country and western theme and a prom as serious as going solo); the dysfunctionality that is unfortunately all too common between mother and daughter; the heart-felt emotional minefield of first love and lasting realities, the social status, economic and school class competition, rivalry and petty jealous that are all part of leaving behind simply puberty, and exploring belief, with faith depicted as a seed planted, growing and deepening.

Gerwig weaves the concomitant emotions, actions and reactions with an awareness of one who's been there.

Ronan (Oscar nominee, Actress, "Brooklyn," 2015, and Supporting Actress, "Atonement," 2007) plays Christine "Lady Bird" McPherson. Ronan, 23, has no problem playing a 17-year-old. She's completely believable in the role. And while her character might be labeled a loser by her peers, she's a winner for the movie-goer. Ronan gives a vulnerable, all-in, transcendent performance. Look for an Oscar actress nomination for Ronan.

Metcalf ("The Big Bang Theory," 2007-17; voice, "Toy Story" movies; three-time Primetime Emmy recipient, TV's "Roseanne," 1988-97) is at the moral center of the film as Marion McPherson, the mother of Lady Bird, a truly thankless task. This is a battle of the sexes, the same sexes, for superiority, feminine territory, and individuality. Metcalf illuminates the role with an on-point, rueful and marvelous turn as a long-suffering mother who's keeping the family intact. Look for an Oscar supporting actress nomination for Metcalf.

Lucas Hedges (Oscar nominee, supporting actor, "Manchester By The Sea," 2016; "Moonrise Kingdom," 2012) is heart-breaking and inspiring as Danny, Lady Bird's first teen love.

Beanie Feldstein is notable as Julie, Lady Bird's best friend. Odeya Rush plays the spoiled rich girl, Jenna, with relish and without making her hateful. Timothée Chalamet has a great presence as Kyle, a politically-aware student. Tracy Letts is sympathetic as Larry McPherson, Lady Bird's dad.

"Lady Bird" is nominated for four Independent Spirit Awards: Female Lead (Ronan) Supporting Female (Metcalf), Feature, and Screenplay (Gerwig). The National Board of Review singled out Gerwig as director and Metcalf as supporting

actress for its 2017 film accolades.

"Lady Bird" is an exuberant paean to the joys and challenges of family and friends, of hometown and of life goals lost and found. It's a charming looking-back and a leave-taking even as it drives confidently into the future. Don't miss it.

"Lady Bird," MPAA rated R (Restricted Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying; Genre: Run time: 1 hr., 34 min.; Distributed by A24.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "Lady Bird" opens with the on-screen quote: "Anyone who talks about California hedonism has never spent a Christmas in Sacramento." - Joan Dion

**Box Office, Dec. 1:** "Coco" puffed to No. 1, two weeks in a row, with \$26.1 million, \$108.6 million, two weeks. "Justice League" stayed at No. 2, with \$16.5 million, \$197.3 million, three weeks. "Wonder" was again No. 3, with \$12.5 million, \$88 million, three weeks. "Thor: Ragnarok" continued at No. 4, with \$9.6 million, \$291.4 million, five weeks. "Daddy's Home 2" was again No. 5, with \$7.5 million, \$82.8 million, four weeks. "Murder on the Orient Express" again steamed along at No. 6, with \$6.7 million, \$84.7 million, four weeks. "Lady Bird" flew up four perches to No. 7, with \$4.5 million, \$17 million, five weeks. "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" tracked up two spots to No. 8, with \$4.5 million, \$13.6 million, four weeks. "The Star" slipped two places to No. 9, with \$4 million, \$27.2 million, three weeks. "A Bad Moms Christmas" slid down two places, to No. 10, with \$3.4 million, \$64.8 million, five weeks.

**Unreel, Dec. 8:** "The Shape of Water," R: Guillermo del Toro directs Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer, Michael Shannon, and Doug Jones in the fantasy film set in the United States in 1962 during the Cold War. Two U.S. government laboratory workers discover a secret experiment.

**"Just Getting Started," PG-13:** Ron Shelton directs Glenne Headly, Morgan Freeman, Tommy Lee Jones, and Rene Russo in the action comedy. An ex-FBI agent and an ex-mob lawyer in the witness protection program put their differences aside to fight crime.

**"I, Tonya," R:** Craig Gillespie directs Margot Robbie, Sebastian Stan, Bojana Novakovic, and Allison Janney in the biography drama. Ice skater Tonya Harding's U.S. Figure Skating Championships career is profiled.



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Light refreshments will be provided. Admission is for those 21 or older.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Governor Wolf Historical Society holds its annual Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Wolf Academy on the society campus.

The Celtic band, Seasons will present a program of Christmas music. The family of musicians plays Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, violin, mandolin, guitar, bodhran and penny whistle.

Seating is limited. There's a suggested donation for admission.

Tickets are expected to be available at the door, but for reservations email: [contact@govwolf.org](mailto:contact@govwolf.org), or call 610-837-9015.

There's a suggested donation.

## 'NUTCRACKER'

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dancer with The Joffrey Ballet for 15 years and was the first United States dancer to appear on the cover of Time magazine. Singleton toured throughout the world, performing in ballets by esteemed choreographers such as Joffrey, Arpino, Ashton, Balanchine, DeMille, Jooss, Sharp and Tudor. Singleton is on the faculty of DeSales University, Center Valley, where she's the Director of the Conservatory of Dance.

This year's "Nutcracker" cast includes 70. "There are a lot of return members and a lot of people who are part of our Talent Identification Program," Halzman Tracy says.

Returning professional guest artists are Madeline Jazz Harvey and Matthew Harvey, both from Carolina Ballet Theatre. Matthew Harvey, a native of Allentown, began his dance training at the age of nine with RDT, under the direction of Haltzman Tracy and Singleton, when selected to participate in RDT's Talent Identification Program. He received scholarships to attend summer dance intensives at Joffrey Ballet School and Chautauqua Institute.

"Felicia Sharpe, who last year was our Snow Queen, is taking on the role of the Arabian dancer," says Haltzman Tracy. Sharpe started dancing at the age of three with Dolly Haltzman. She is the founding member and Assistant Artistic Director of DanceSpora.

"She is incredible," says Haltzman Tracy. "She has amazing stage presence, an amazing face. The Arabian Dancer is so sensuous. This role is so perfect for her."

"We have returning our two 'Nutcracker' princes. Cainan Weber has spent an entire year in an advanced men's class at the School of American Ballet, the associate school of the New York City Ballet. He's well on his way to becoming a professional ballet dancer."

"Luke Csordas, who is another fabulous dancer, is a senior at Emmaus High School. They'll be sharing the role of Trepak, the Soldier and the Nutcracker Prince."

Nicole Kujas of Macungie and Julia Vicario of Emmaus share the role of Clara.

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**Friday, Dec. 8:** Chicken pot pie, green peas, tossed greens with French dressing, wheat bread with margarine, iced carrot cake.

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Baked meatloaf with gravy, scalloped potatoes, red beets, wheat bread w/ margarine, dark sweet red cherries.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12- Hanukkah meal:** Chicken noodle soup, beef brisket, potato latkes, chilled apple sauce, rye bread with margarine, jelly doughnut.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Pork rib-B-Q, cabbage and noodles, fresh Waldorf salad, wheat bread with margarine, pumpkin bar.

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**Thursday, Dec. 7:** Roasted turkey breast, bread stuffing, green beans, oatmeal cookie, tropical fruit.

**Friday, Dec. 8:** Fish, confetti rice, Mediterranean medley, apple crisp.

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Spaghetti with meatballs, broccoli, fruit cocktail.

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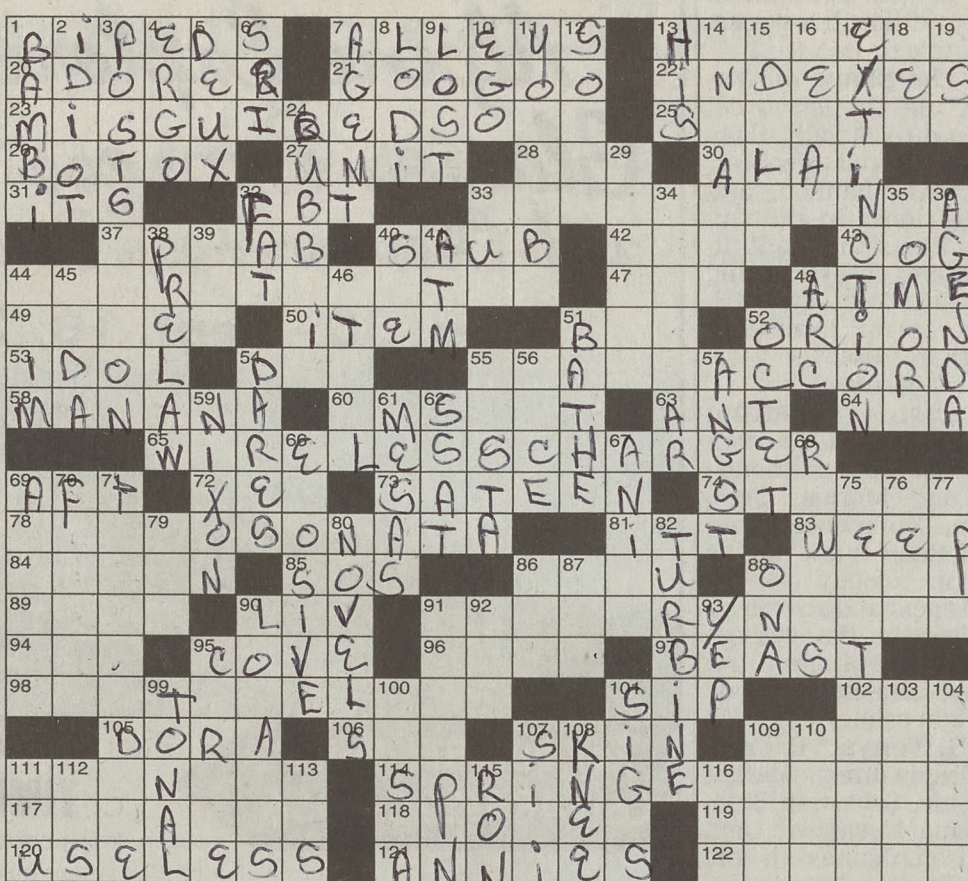
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By Frank A. Longo

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Ones with two feet
- 7 Side roads
- 13 Forcible dismissal
- 20 Huge fan
- 21 Baby's noise
- 22 Like many reference books, in the back matter
- 23 Kia steered in the wrong direction?
- 25 Given a nice smell
- 26 Wrinkle-reducing injection
- 27 Troop group
- 28 Chinese "way"
- 30 Jai —
- 31 "— all true"
- 32 Concorde, e.g., in brief
- 33 Toyota damaged by fire?
- 37 Spaceship Earth locale
- 40 Volvo rival, once
- 42 — "Pea (cartoon kid)
- 43 Caterpillar wheel part
- 44 Volkswagen full of Egyptian charms?
- 47 Seed case
- 48 "Don't look — that way!"
- 49 Sprayed (down)
- 50 News piece
- 51 Old Turkish title
- 52 Hunter in the sky
- 53 Reversed figure
- 54 Superhelix material
- 55 Honda driven in anti-war protests?
- 58 Spanish for "tomorrow"
- 60 Collision
- 63 Busy crawler
- 64 Pro-learning gp.
- 65 Dodge made with no cables?
- 69 To a ship's back
- 72 Bicentennial baby, e.g.
- 73 Sleek fabric
- 74 Tennis' Edberg
- 78 Hyundai that transports 88-key instruments?
- 81 "The Addams Family" cousin
- 83 Cry weakly
- 84 Juan of Argentina
- 85 "Help!" asca
- 86 Ballerina's garment
- 88 "... but maybe I was wrong"
- 89 Work units, in physics
- 90 "Silent Fall" actress Tyler
- 91 Ford that's the favorite out of one's collection?
- 94 Master
- 95 Small inlet
- 96 Get over a hurdle
- 97 Savage
- 98 Nissan decorated with romaine?
- 101 Drink daintily
- 102 Hypothetical things
- 105 Animated "explorer"



- 106 With 35-Down, "Your wish is my command!"
- 107 Body wrap?
- 109 Italian "love"
- 111 Arise
- 114 Chevrolet only driven in April and May?
- 117 Changed genetically
- 118 USN clerks
- 119 Light wind
- 120 Of zero help
- 121 "— Song"
- 122 Like finished wood

**DOWN**

- 1 Disney fawn
- 2 Meathead
- 3 Playoff time
- 4 As a result
- 5 Two, to Luc
- 6 — Lanka
- 7 Go-between
- 8 California wine city
- 9 Disoriented
- 10 Inflated head
- 11 Video sharing site
- 12 Sunny?
- 13 That boy's
- 14 Crated up
- 15 Penguin of Antarctica
- 16 — cavae (large blood vessels)

- 17 Dying out, as of species
- 18 Half a laugh
- 19 Funny
- 24 Garbage can
- 29 With no assurance of payment
- 32 Blubber
- 33 Checking acct. figure
- 34 24-month
- 35 See 106-Across
- 36 Task list
- 38 Attorney-to-be's study
- 39 Lout
- 40 Picture
- 41 \$ dispenser
- 44 Thin wedge
- 45 Opus ender
- 46 Online sales
- 48 Curve part
- 51 Use a tub
- 52 Band of eight
- 54 Challenges
- 55 Orzo, e.g.
- 56 Ovid's "Lo!"
- 57 Self-turmoil
- 59 Presidential resignee
- 61 Cousins of plateaus
- 62 Exam for
- 63 H.S. juniors
- 66 Causing wear
- 67 Writer's "Lo!"
- 68 Camera's "Lo!" proofs

- 69 Entreaty
- 70 Savage
- 71 Hoped-for finish time
- 75 Worked properly
- 76 Baseball's Moises
- 77 Goalies guard them
- 79 Calculator figs.
- 80 Many works of fiction
- 82 Wind farm spinner
- 86 — Maria (liqueur)
- 87 Sports arbiter, for short
- 88 Flip — coin
- 90 Tracks down
- 91 It "corals" a baby
- 92 Sports arbiter, for short
- 93 "Darn tootin'"
- 95 Run an exhibit for
- 99 Of musical pitch
- 100 Walk-in-the-park class
- 101 Harbingers
- 103 Became ice
- 104 H.S. health class
- 107 — Valley, California
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of December, 2017, at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania amending the Code of the Township of Bethlehem Ordinances Chapter 40 Taxation, Article V, Earned Income Tax, by adding a new Section 246-49-1 Service Credit Program; enacting Tax Credits for Volunteer Members of Volunteer Fire Companies of Bethlehem Township; and establishing administrative procedures. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building located at 4225 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Amendment:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM ORDINANCES CHAPTER 40 TAXATION, ARTICLE V EARNED INCOME TAX, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 246-49-1 SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP; AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, deem it appropriate to amend the Code of the Township of Bethlehem Ordinances by adding a new Section 240-49-1 to Article V Earned Income Tax to implement the provisions of Act 172 of 2016, incentives for Municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Commissioners of Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the First-Class Township Code" and the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Act 172 of 2016 do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the Code of the Township of Bethlehem Ordinances, as amended.

**SECTION 2. Chapter 40 Taxation**, of the Code of the Township of Bethlehem is hereby amended to add a new Section 240-49-1 Volunteer Service Program to read as follows:

**"§240-49-1 Incentives for Township Volunteers of Fire Companies**

**§249-1 A. DEFINITIONS.**

The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**"Active Volunteer."** A volunteer for a volunteer fire company listed under §249-1B.3. of this Ordinance (hereinafter "Volunteer Fire Company") who has complied with, and is certified under, the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

**"Earned Income Tax."** A tax on earned income and net profits levied under Chapter 3 of the Act of December 31, 1965 (P.L. 1257, No. 511), known as the Local Tax Enabling Act ("the Act").

**"Eligibility Period."** The timeframe when Active Volunteers may earn credit under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

**"Emergency Response Call."** Any emergency call to which a Volunteer responds, including travel directly from and to a Volunteer's home, place of business or other place where he/she shall have been when the call was received.

**"Qualified Real Property."** A residential real property owned and occupied as the domicile of an Active Volunteer.

**"State."** Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**"Township."** Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

**"Volunteer."** A member of a Volunteer Fire Company.

**§249-1B. VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM**

**1. Establishment.** Township hereby establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program (the "Program"). The goal of the Program is to encourage membership and service in the Volunteer Fire Companies.

**2. Program Criteria.** The Board of Commissioners of the Township shall establish, by resolution, the annual criteria that must be met to qualify for

credits under the Program based on the following:

- The number of Emergency Response Calls to which a Volunteer responds;
- The level of training and participation in formal training and drills for a Volunteer;
- The total amount of time expended by a Volunteer on administrative and other support services, including but not limited to:
  - fundraising;
  - providing facility or equipment maintenance; and
  - financial bookkeeping.
- The involvement in other events or projects that aid the financial viability, emergency response or operational readiness of a Volunteer Fire Company; and
- The total number of years Volunteer has served.

**3. Eligible Entities.** The Program is available to residents of the Township who are Volunteers of the following Volunteer Fire Companies and that provide services to the Township:

- Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company; and
- Nancy Run Fire Company

**4. Eligibility Period.** A Volunteer must meet the minimum criteria, set by resolution under this section, during the Eligibility Period to qualify for the tax credits established under **§249-1 C.** for 2018, and each subsequent year thereafter, the Eligibility Period shall run from December 1st until November 30th.

**5. Recordkeeping.** The chief of each Volunteer Fire Company listed under **§249-1B.3.** shall keep specific records of each Volunteer's activities in a service log to establish credits under the Program. Service logs shall be subject to review by the Board of Commissioners, the State Fire Commissioner and the State Auditor General. The chief, or supervisors, shall annually transmit to the Township a notarized eligibility list of all Volunteers that have met the minimum criteria for the Program. The notarized eligibility list shall be transmitted to the Township no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date the tax notices are sent each year. The chief or supervisor shall post the notarized eligibility list in an accessible areas of the Volunteer agency's facilities.

**6. Application.** Volunteers that have met the minimum criteria of the Program shall sign and submit an application for certification to their chief. The chief shall sign the application if the Volunteer has met the minimum criteria of the Program, and forward it to the Township Fire Marshall.

**7. Municipal Review.** The Township Fire Marshall shall review the applications for credit under the Program and shall cross reference them with the notarized eligibility list. The Board of Commissioners of the Township shall approve all applicants that are on the notarized eligibility list. All applicants approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township shall be issued a tax credit certificate by the Township.

**8. Official Tax Credit Register.** The Township shall keep an official Tax Credit Register of all Active Volunteers that were issued tax credit certificates. The Township Fire Marshall shall issue updates, as needed, of the official Tax Credit Register to the following:

- Township Manager;
- Chief of each of the Volunteer Fire Company(ies); and
- Township Finance Director

**9. Injured Volunteers.**

- An Emergency Responder that is injured during an Emergency Response Call may be eligible for future tax credits. The injury must have occurred while responding to, participating in, or returning from an Emergency Response Call with one of the Volunteer Fire Companies.
- An injured Emergency Responder shall provide documentation from a licensed physician with the application required under **§249-1B.6** stating that their injury prevents them from performing duties to qualify as an Active Volunteer. In such case, the injured Emergency Responder shall be deemed an Active Volunteer for that tax year.
- An injured Emergency Responder shall annually submit the application required under **§249-1B.6**, along with updated documentation from a licensed physician stating that the injury still exists and prevents them from qualifying as an Active Volunteer. The injured Emergency Responder shall again be deemed an Active Volunteer for that tax year. An injured Emergency Responder shall only be deemed an Active Volunteer for a maximum of five (5) consecutive tax years.

**§249-1C. EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

**1. Tax Credit.** Each Active Volunteer who has been certified under the Program shall be eligible to receive tax credit of up to \$1,000 of the

Earned Income Tax levied by the Township. When an Active Volunteer's earned income tax liability is less than the amount of the tax credit, the tax credit shall equal the individual's tax liability.

**2. Claim.** An Active Volunteer with a tax credit certificate may file a claim for the tax credit on their Township's earned income tax liability when filing a final return for the preceding calendar year with the Tax Collector for the Township.

**3. Rejection of the Tax Credit Claim.**

- The Township Finance Department shall reject the claim for a Township real property tax credit if the taxpayer fails to provide the documents required under **§249-1D.2(a) of this Ordinance.**
- If the Township Finance Department rejects the claim, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing of the decision. The notice shall include the reasons for the rejection and provide the method of appealing the decision pursuant to **§249-1E.**
- Taxpayers shall have 30 days to appeal the decision of the Township Finance Department.

**§249-1D. REAL PROPERTY CREDIT.**

**1. Tax Credit.** Each Active Volunteer who has been certified under the Program shall be eligible to receive a real property tax credit of 20% of the Township tax liability on Qualified Real Property. If the tax is paid in the penalty period, the tax credit shall only apply to the base tax year liability.

**2. Claim.**

- An Active Volunteer with a tax credit certificate may file a claim for the tax credit on their Qualified Real Property tax liability for the Township's real estate tax levy. The tax credit shall be administered as a refund by the Township Finance Department. An Active Volunteer shall file the following with the Finance Department.
  - A true and correct receipt from the Township real estate tax collector of the paid Township real property taxes for the tax year which the claim is filed;
  - The tax credit certificate;
  - Photo identification; and
  - Documentation that the tax paid was for Qualified Real Property as defined in this Ordinance.
- If the Active Volunteer provides all documents required under this subsection, the Township Finance Department shall issue the tax refund to the Active Volunteer.

**§249-1E. APPEALS.**

**1. Earned Income Tax Credit Appeals.**

- Any taxpayer aggrieved by a decision under **§249-1C** shall have a right to appeal said decision;
- A taxpayer shall have 30 days to appeal a decision or rejection of claim; and
- All appeals of decisions under **§249-1C.** shall follow the provisions of the Act of May 5, 1998, P.L.301, No. 50, known as the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights.

**2. Real Property Tax Credit Appeals.**

- Any taxpayer aggrieved by a decision under **§249-1D** shall have a right to appeal said decision;
- A taxpayer shall have 30 days to appeal a decision or rejection of claim; and
- All appeals under **§249-1D** shall follow the provisions of 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5, Subchapter B (relating to practice and procedure of local agencies), and 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 7, Subchapter B (relating to judicial review of local agency action), also known as the "Local Agency Law."

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of the Ordinance, it being the intent of the Bethlehem Township that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall be effective December 18, 2017.

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

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**PATRICIA ANN EGAN, Executor**

c/o her attorney:

JOHN M. ASHCRAFT, III, ESQUIRE  
Address: 20 North 5th Street, Suite #1  
Emmaus, PA 18049-2406  
Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 1311 of the Borough Code, that the proposed 2018 Budget for the Borough of Emmaus will be available for public inspection beginning on December 6, 2017 in the office of the Borough Manager, Borough Hall, 28 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Shane M. Pepe  
Emmaus Borough Manager

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council Vacancy  
The Borough of Emmaus is accepting letters of interest from candidates seeking appointment to fill two vacancies on Emmaus Borough Council for a term ending on January 1, 2020. Interested persons shall submit a letter of interest on or before Wednesday, December 27, 2017 to Emmaus Borough Manager, 28 S. Fourth St., Emmaus, PA 18049. It is Council's intention to interview candidates in a public forum and make an appointment on January 2, 2018, during the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Shane M. Pepe  
Emmaus Borough Manager

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Or to her attorney:

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF HELEN EBERT**, 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:

**JEFFREY K. EBERT**  
**Executor**

c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE  
or to: GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE  
70 E. Broad Street  
PO Box 1426  
Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426  
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**Linden L. Miller, Administrator CTA**  
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire

**WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.**  
2610 Walbert Avenue  
Allentown, PA 18104

Dec. 6, 13, 20

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**2018 Budget Notice**

The Borough of Macungie 2018 Budget will be available for public review starting December 6, 2017, at Macungie Borough Office, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA, 18062, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The final 2018 budget will be adopted at the December 18, 2017 meeting. Final adoption of the 2018 Water Authority budget will take place at the December 18, 2017 meeting at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held in the Auditorium of the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA. Interested citizens are invited to review the 2018 budget by visiting the Borough Office or at [www.macungie.pa.us](http://www.macungie.pa.us).

Chris L. Boehm  
Borough Manager

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania will consider and possibly adopt at their meeting on December 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Macungie Institute Auditorium, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA, to consider and possibly adopt an ordinance, of which this notice is a summary, amending Chapter 313, Taxation of the Macungie Borough Code of Ordinances, to fix the tax rate. The title of the ordinance is as follows:

Ordinance 2017-08 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 313 - Taxation proposing to fix the tax rate levied on property within the Borough for fiscal year 2018 at 4 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Copies of the full text of the above-referenced proposed ordinances are available at Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, Pennsylvania, and the Lehigh County Solicitor's Office. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearings for the above-referenced proposed ordinances.

Chris L. Boehm  
Borough Manager

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**LYNN TOWNSHIP 2018 MEETING NOTICE**

Public meetings for Lynn Township for 2018 are as follows:

**Board of Supervisors:** 02/08, 03/08, 04/12, 05/10, 06/14, 07/12, 08/09, 09/13, 10/11, 11/08, 12/13, 12/27 Close out Meeting, Budget Meeting 9/26, Re-Org Meeting 1/2. All meetings will be held at 6:30p.m.

**Elected Auditors:** Re-Org Meeting 1/3 @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (no agenda, no meeting)

**Zoning Hearing Board:** Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (when required)

**Recreation Advisory:** Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (when required)

**Environmental Advisory Committee:** Third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (when required)

All meetings will be held at the Lynn Township Municipal Building at 7911 Kings Highway in New Tripoli, PA 18066 unless otherwise noted.

Lynn Township Board of Supervisors  
Tammy M. White, Secretary/Treasurer

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF STEPHEN THOMAS BUDINETZ, a/k/a STEPHEN T. BUDINETZ**, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Stephen Thomas Budinetz, Executor**  
**c/o YOUNG & YOUNG**

**Rebecca M. Young, Esq.**  
**Lia K. Snyder, Esq.**

**119 E. Main Street**  
**Macungie, PA 18062**

Or to her Attorney **YOUNG & YOUNG**

**Rebecca M. Young, Esq.**  
**Lia K. Snyder, Esq.**

**119 E. Main Street**  
**Macunige, PA 18062**

Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters, testamentary or of administration to the person named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or administrators named below.

**Eugene R. Castiglia, Jr., also known as Eugene Robert Castiglia, Jr., Eugene R. Castiglia, Rob Castiglia**, deceased, late of South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA.,  
**Dorothy R. White, Executrix**  
c/o 835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Attorney: Christopher H. Kenyon, Esquire  
835 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Francis M. Wehr, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Dale L. Wehr, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Dec. 6, 13, 20

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Helen Getz, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Warren M. Getz, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Dec. 6, 13, 20

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE NOTICE**

**Estate of Dolores M. Laser**, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Pamela M. Hochstrasser**, c/o, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE NOTICE**

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

Dec. 6, 13, 20

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF BETTY MAE SNYDER A/K/A BETTY M. SNYDER**, Decedent, late of Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Executors: LINDA B. EROH and SANDRA A. TOMASKO**

c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

Attorney: Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051

Dec. 6, 13, 20

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PS ORANGECO, INC. WILL BE SELLING THE CONTENTS OF CERTAIN STORAGE SPACES IN LIEN AT THE BELOW-LISTED PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITIES TO SATISFY THE OWNER'S LIEN AT PUBLIC SALE BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The storage spaces in lien belonging to the below-identified tenants contain the following:

Appliances/Boxes/Bags/Bedding/Clothing/Books/Electronics/Furniture/Tools/Toys.

**\* PUBLIC STORAGE 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052 on DECEMBER 20, 2017 11AM**

Catharine Mcdonald, Janet Dean, Nichole Nieves, Crissy Misiak, Eric Ingles, Joel Negron, Alexander Rodriguez, Rhonda Stowers, Hadi Hashem, Robin Solosky, Donald Phyl, Ian Chlebove, April Kern,

Dionne Rose, Keith Giddings

**PURCHASES MUST BE MADE IN CASH AND CREDIT CARD ONLY AND PAID FOR AT THE TIME OF SALE. ALL GOODS ARE SOLD AS IS AND MUST BE REMOVED AT THE TIME OF SALE. SALE IS SUBJECT TO ADJUDGMENT PS ORANGECO INC.**

Dec. 6, 13

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE BOROUGH MANAGER FOR THE YEAR 2018.**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: **SECTION 1:** That Section 50-4 of the Code of the Borough of Catasauqua be amended to read: "Compensation of the Borough Manager effective January 1, 2018, and until further notice of the Borough Council of the Borough of Catasauqua, shall be paid bi-weekly during his term of service, at the rate of \$82,228 per annum."

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ORDINANCE NO.**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of December, 2017, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Hanover Code of Ordinances, by adding a new Article VIII, approving and adopting the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VIII, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS, PURSUANT TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE (53 PA C.S.) OMNIBUS AMENDMENT, ACT OF 1998 NO. 50 (ADMIN)**

**WHEREAS**, Act 50-1998, was approved and adopted May 5, 1998 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and **WHEREAS**, the above, among other action, mandated that Local Taxing Authorities approve and adopt a Taxpayers Bill of Rights, thereby formulating an established procedure for taxpayers desiring to content the imposition of Act 511 taxes they believe have been unfairly applied against them; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of good and responsive government, and to comply with this above stated Commonwealth mandate, the Township of Hanover, Northampton County, Pennsylvania is taking such steps as to assure said compliance.

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 163 of the Township of Hanover Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Article VIII to read as follows:

## "Article VIII Taxpayers Bill of Rights

**\$163-73. TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS**

The Taxpayers Bill of Rights is set forth herein as follows:

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ACT 50, AS AMENDED**

Every taxpayer is obligated to pay all taxes levied by the Township to which the taxpayer is subject. When taxes are not paid, or a Township has questions about whether a taxpayer has fulfilled all tax obligations, the Township has legal rights to enforce taxpayer obligations. In conjunction with taxpayer obligations and Township rights, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has entered a Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights which grants legal rights to taxpayers and creates obligations for Townships so that equity and fairness control how Townships collect taxes. This document is the Township Disclosure Statement required by the Bill of Rights. This document is merely a summary of your rights. For a complete statement of your rights and the obligations of the Township, see 53 P.S. §§ 8421-8438 the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights.

## APPLICABILITY/ELIGIBLE TAXES

This Disclosure Statement applies to eligible taxes levied by the Township. For this purpose, eligible taxes include any tax levied by the Township other than the real estate tax. This Disclosure Statement does not apply to real estate taxes. The specific eligible taxes levied by the Township are: (1) Per capita Tax; (2) Business Privilege Tax; and (3) Earned Income Tax. Unless expressly provided in the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights, the failure of any Township representative to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Statement, related regulations or the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights will not excuse the taxpayer from paying the taxes owed.

This Disclosure Statement does not apply to tax matters for which an administrative hearing has already been heard unless remanded by court. It does apply to all pending tax matters.

When you request it, H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., ("Berkheimer") for Per Capita Tax, and Business Privilege Tax; and Kratzerburg and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Keystone Collections Group ("Keystone"), for Earned Income Tax, must supply you with a copy of these written rights, at no charge to you.

When you pay a local tax, Keystone or Berkheimer must apply your payment first to the tax due; then to interest due, if any; next, to penalties due, if any; and finally, to other fees and charges, if any.

## Your rights during an audit.

If you receive a letter from Keystone or Berkheimer requesting additional information about your tax returns or tax liability, i.e., an "inquiry letter", you have thirty (30) days from the date the letter is mailed to respond to it.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a letter asking her to send in a copy of her W-2 form for the past tax year. Taxpayer has thirty (30) days to respond to the letter by sending in her W-2 form.

If you need additional time to respond to a letter requesting more information, you may write to Keystone or call Keystone at (888) 519-3897 or you may write to Berkheimer or call Berkheimer at (800) 360-5555 ext. 2; to ask for more time to respond to the letter. If you write for an extension of time to respond to the inquiry letter, Keystone or Berkheimer will inform you in writing as to whether your request has been granted. If you call to make your request, Keystone or Berkheimer will inform you of the decision at that time and send you a letter verifying the decision. Your request for additional time to respond to our inquiry letter must state all reasons why you need extra time.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a letter asking her to send in a copy of her W-2 form for the past tax year. Taxpayer calls Keystone or Berkheimer to say that she will need an extra ten (10) days to find her W-2 form because her tax records are with her accountant who is away on vacation. Keystone or Berkheimer grants her request over the phone and sends a letter to verify that she has a total of forty (40) days to respond to our request.
- Example 2: Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a letter asking her to send in a copy of her W-2 form for the past tax year. Taxpayer sends a letter to Keystone or Berkheimer to say that she will need an extra ten (10) days to find her W-2 form because her tax records are with her accountant who is away on vacation. Keystone or Berkheimer grants her request and sends a letter to verify that she has a total of forty (40) days to respond to our request.

Keystone or Berkheimer cannot take any action against you until the thirty (30) day response period has expired. If you have been granted an extension of time to respond to our inquiry letter, that extra time must also expire before Keystone or Berkheimer can take other action.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer mails a letter to Taxpayer on November 1 asking her to send in a copy of her W-2 form for the past tax year. Taxpayer has until December 1 to respond to our request. Keystone or Berkheimer cannot send out any other notices or letter to taxpayer until after December 1.
- Example 2: Keystone or Berkheimer mail a letter to Taxpayer on November 1 asking her to send in a copy of her W-2 form for the past tax year. Taxpayer sends a letter to Keystone or Berkheimer to say that she will need an extra ten days to find her W-2 form because her tax records are with her accountant who is away on vacation. Taxpayer has until December 11 to respond to our request. Keystone or Berkheimer cannot send out any other notices or letters to Taxpayer until after December 11.

If Keystone or Berkheimer want proof that you filed tax returns or paid taxes for prior tax years, i.e., for tax years other than the most current, we can only ask about the three (3) prior tax years.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer sends a letter to Taxpayer on November 1, 1999 requesting copies of prior year tax returns for 1996, 1997 and 1998. Taxpayer cannot find his 1997 tax return and Keystone or Berkheimer do not have record that a return for that year was filed. We can send additional notices to the Taxpayer requesting that a 1997 tax return be filed and the tax paid.
- Example 2: Keystone or Berkheimer sends a letter to Taxpayer on November 1, 1999 requesting copies of prior year tax returns for 1996, 1997 and 1998. Taxpayer sends copies of the returns requested on November 29. After reviewing same, Keystone or Berkheimer finds that Taxpayer did not report \$1,000.00 of income for 1997. We can bill Taxpayer for the additional tax due on the additional \$1,000.00 of income reported for 1997.
- Example 3: Keystone or Berkheimer sends a letter to Taxpayer on November 1, 1999 requesting copies of prior year tax returns for 1996, 1997 and 1998. Taxpayer sends copies of the returns requested on November 19. After reviewing same, Keystone or Berkheimer finds that Taxpayer did not pay any of the taxes reported on any of his returns. We can bill Taxpayer for delinquent taxes due.

If Keystone or Berkheimer knows that you failed to file a tax return or that you failed to pay a tax which was due more than three (3) years prior to the date of our notice, we can send you additional notices or letters.

- Example: Through its records, Keystone or Berkheimer knows that Taxpayer has not filed tax returns for the 1994 tax year. Keystone or Berkheimer sends a letter to Taxpayer on November 1, 1999 telling him that a return must be filed. Taxpayer still does not file or pay his 1994 taxes. Keystone or Berkheimer can send additional notices or bill Taxpayer for 1994 taxes due.

Keystone or Berkheimer can ask you to send copies of your federal tax return if we have information, which we need to collect the local tax and it is information, which Keystone or Berkheimer cannot get from other sources or from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer sends a letter to Taxpayer on November 1, 1999 requesting copies of her Schedule C filed with

her 1997 federal income tax return. Keystone or Berkheimer needs her Schedule C to verify the amount of net profits reported on her local earned income tax return. Taxpayer filed a copy of her federal Schedule C with her Pennsylvania state income tax return. Taxpayer must send a copy of her federal Schedule C as requested.

## If Keystone or Berkheimer says you owe more taxes.

If Keystone or Berkheimer determines that you owe an additional tax, the collector must advise you in writing of the following:

- The tax years/quarters for which more tax is due;
- The amount due for each tax year/quarter;
- The legal grounds for our determination that additional taxes are due; and
- A list of changes Keystone or Berkheimer has made to any tax return filed by you, which is the reason for our determination that additional taxes are due.

Penalties and interest due on additional taxes due by you may be removed if:

- The local taxing body caused you to not pay the additional tax due or to pay it late; or
- Keystone or Berkheimer caused you not to pay the additional tax due or to pay it late.

Penalties and interest due on additional taxes must be removed if either the local taxing body or Keystone or Berkheimer gave you specific written advice that you relied upon in response to a specific question regarding your taxes based upon complete and correct information supplied by you

- Example: Taxpayer sends a letter to the taxing body. She wants to know if bonuses from her employer are taxable for purposes of the earned income/net profits tax. The taxing body states that she does not owe Keystone or Berkheimer tax in writing. Keystone or Berkheimer audits her tax return and discovers that she has not paid tax on this income. Keystone or Berkheimer bills her for the tax due on the bonuses from her employer. Penalties and interest must be waived because Taxpayer relied upon the written advice given to her from the taxing body.

## Your right to a refund.

If you have overpaid a tax or paid a tax in error, you may send a written request for refund of the amount overpaid. Your written request for a refund can take the form of a letter which states all the reasons why you feel a refund is due you.

Refund requests for earned income/net profits, business privilege/mercantile, and occupation privilege taxes: You must send your written refund request to Keystone or Berkheimer within three (3) years of the date that the tax return was due or within one (1) year from the date when you paid the tax, whichever is later.

- Example: Taxpayer seeks a refund of earned income taxes for the tax year 1997. She filed her return on April 1, 1998 and paid her taxes on the same date. Her 1997 earned income tax return and payment were due by April 15, 1998. She must send her letter to Keystone or Berkheimer asking for her refund by April 15, 2001.
- Example 2: Taxpayer seeks a refund of earned income taxes for the tax year 1992. She did file her tax return on April 15, 1993, the date that it was due. She did not pay the tax to Keystone or Berkheimer until December 1, 1997. Taxpayer must send her letter to Keystone or Berkheimer asking for her refund by December 1, 1998.

If you have paid a tax as a result of your receiving a notice from Keystone or Berkheimer informing you of delinquent taxes due, and then seek a refund of the tax paid, you must send your written request to Keystone or Berkheimer within one (1) year of the date of payment.

- Example: Taxpayer receives a notice from Keystone or Berkheimer advising him that he owes to us an additional \$100 of earned income tax for 1997. He pays the tax on December 12, 1998 in order to avoid further collection action. Taxpayer later determines that additional tax was not due and wants a refund. He must send his letter to Keystone or Berkheimer asking for a refund by December 12, 1999.

If you file a tax return showing an overpayment of tax, your return is considered a written request for a cash refund unless you state on the return that you desire a credit.

- Example: Taxpayer files her 1998 earned income tax return showing an overpayment of \$100. She does not check either box on the return to show that she wants a refund or credit. Tax payer can receive a cash refund of \$100.
- Example 2: Taxpayer files her 1998 earned income tax return showing an overpayment of \$100. She checks the box on the return showing that she wants a credit toward next year's tax. Taxpayer can receive a credit.

You are entitled to interest on refunds for overpayment of taxes. Interest is calculated from the date of the overpayment until the date written on the refund check.

The Rate of interest on refunds for overpayment of taxes can change from year to year.

You will not receive interest on refunds which are paid to you by Keystone or Berkheimer within 75 days of the date that a tax return was due to be filed or within 75 days of the date your tax return is actually filed, whichever is later.

- Example: Taxpayer files his 1998 earned income tax return on April 1, 1999, showing an overpayment of tax of \$25. His 1998 tax return is due by April 15, 1999. Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a refund check in the amount of \$25 on July 1. No interest is due to Taxpayer.
- Example 2: Taxpayer files his 1998 earned income tax return on January 15, 2000, showing an overpayment of tax of \$25. His 1998 tax return was due by April 15, 1999. Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a refund check in the amount of \$25 on February 15, 2000. No interest is due to Taxpayer.
- Example 3: Taxpayer files his 1998 earned income tax return on April 1, 1999, showing an overpayment of tax of \$25. His 1998 tax return is due by April 15, 1999. Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a refund check in the amount of \$25 on August 15, more than 75 days after his tax return was due. Interest is due to Taxpayer.

If you have overpaid on interest or penalties due on delinquent taxes, you are not entitled to interest.

- Example: Taxpayer owes to Keystone or Berkheimer \$100 of delinquent earned income taxes and an additional \$12 of penalties and interest on the delinquent taxes. She pays \$120 to satisfy the unpaid tax, penalty and interest. She applies for a refund of \$8 for the penalty and interest which was overpaid. No interest is due to Taxpayer.

If you cash or deposit our refund check, this will not stop you from requesting any additional refund of tax or interest.

- Example: Keystone or Berkheimer sends to Taxpayer a check for \$100, which is a refund of 1994 taxes, with interest, requested by him. Taxpayer cashes the check. Taxpayer later determines that he overpaid a 1995 tax and seeks an additional refund. Taxpayer can make this request for a second refund even though he already received and cashed a prior refund check.

## Your right to appeal.

If your request for a tax refund is denied by Keystone or Berkheimer, or if we say you owe to us more taxes, you may file a petition with Keystone or Berkheimer to appeal our decision. A copy of the petition form is enclosed.

A written request for a refund or a letter disputing a deficiency assessment is NOT a petition for appeal. You must use the enclosed form.

A petition is timely filed if the letter transmitting the petition is postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or before the final day on which the petition is required to be filed. The deadlines for filing a petition to appeal a request for refund are as follows:

- Petitions to appeal earned income/net profits, business privilege/mercantile, and occupation privilege taxes: Within three (3) years from the date the tax return was due or within one (1) year from the date a payment of the tax was made, whichever is later.
- Example: Taxpayer wants to file his petition to appeal a request for refund of his 1998 earned income taxes. His 1998 local earned income tax return was due to be filed on or by April 15, 1999. Taxpayer must file his petition for appeal on or before April 15, 2002.
- Example 2: Taxpayer wants to file his petition to appeal a request for refund of his 1998 per capita tax. His tax payment was due on July 1, 1998, but he did not pay it until January 7, 2003. Taxpayer must file his refund petition on or by January 7, 2004.

A petition to appeal an assessment of additional tax must be filed within ninety (90) days of the date of the delinquency or assessment notice.

- Example: Taxpayer receives a notice from Keystone or Berkheimer that she owes an additional \$200 in tax. The date of the notice is August 1, 1999. Taxpayer must file her petition to appeal the assessment on or before November 1, 1999.

Your petition to appeal a tax refund request must contain the following information:

- Your name, address and local telephone number;
- The name of the taxing district(s) which you claim owes you a refund;
- The tax year(s) for which you are requesting a refund;
- The date you originally requested a tax refund;
- A copy of any local tax return which may be associated with your tax refund request;
- Copies of all federal and/or state returns and/or schedules which may relate to your tax refund request;
- A copy of your written refund request; and
- A written statement from you explaining all the reasons why you feel a tax refund is due to you.
- The petition must be signed and dated by you.

Your petition to appeal an assessment for additional taxes must contain the following information:

- The name of the taxing district(s) which you claim owes you a refund;
- The type of tax at issue;

- The tax year(s) for which you are requesting a refund;
- The date you originally requested a tax refund;
- A copy of any local tax return which may be associated with your tax refund request;
- Copies of all federal and/or state returns and/or schedules which may related to your tax refund request;
- A copy of your written refund request; and
- A written statement from you explaining all the reasons why you feel the petition must be signed and dated by you.

Petitions which are not fully completed will be returned to you as unfilled. Petitions which are not timely filed will be denied.

Your petition for appeal must be sent to the auditor or collection agency that sent you the assessment from which you are appealing: Keystone Collections Group, 224 Nazareth Pike, Suite 16, Bethlehem, PA 18020 or H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., Department of Appeals, 1883 Jury Road, Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania 18072.

At the hearing, you will have the opportunity to present any facts, documents, witnesses or other evidence to support your petition.

All appeals from a Taxpayer shall have his or her Petition decided by the Tax Hearing Officer duly appointed by the Township based solely on the Petition and record (including information on file and information submitted by the Taxpayer). The current Tax Hearing Officer for Earned Income Tax is Northampton County Tax Collection Committee Tax Appeals Board and for Business Privilege, Mercantile or Occupational the Tax Hearing Officer is Berkheimer. No hearing, oral testimony or oral argument is required, but can be requested by the Taxpayer. The Tax Hearing Officer shall grant a hearing in each case where a Taxpayer appeal is filed. Reasonable notice of the hearing date will be provided to the Taxpayer by Keystone or Berkheimer. The notice shall provide the date, time and place of a hearing.

A decision will be made and sent you in writing within sixty (60) days of the date your petition is postmarked by the Post Office. If the Tax Hearing Officer does not make a decision and tell you of it within the allotted sixty (60) days, your petition is automatically approved.

If you disagree with the decision of the Tax Hearing Officer, you may appeal the matter to the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, which appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the Tax Hearing Officer's decision.

If you fail to file a tax return or pay a tax which is due.

Keystone or Berkheimer can garnish your wages to collect any unpaid earned income, net profits, per capita, occupation assessment, or occupation privilege taxes. Before Keystone or Berkheimer can contract your employer, we must send to you a notice telling you that a wage attachment will be done if the delinquent taxes are not paid. This notice will be sent by certified mail at least fifteen (15) days before Keystone or Berkheimer will attach your wages. If you receive a notice before wage attachment, you may contact Keystone or Berkheimer in order to pay your tax.

Keystone or Berkheimer can also levy and sell your personal property to make payment of any taxes due and owing by you. You will receive a "Distrain for Taxes" notice from us which places a levy on your personal property. Within ten (10) days of your receipt of this notice, you may contact Keystone or Berkheimer to settle your account or you may demand a hearing before your local magistrate.

Keystone or Berkheimer can also file a civil lawsuit against you to collect any unpaid taxes due by you. Except for earned income/net profits taxes, there is no statute of limitations for filing a civil suit to collect delinquent taxes. Generally, suits involving unpaid earned income/net profits taxes must be filed within three (3) years from the date a tax return was due or from the date when a tax return was actually filed, whichever is later. There is no statute of limitation for filing civil suits to collect unpaid earned income/net profits taxes if a Taxpayer has not filed a tax return or in cases of tax evasion.

If you have failed to file an earned income/net profits tax return, you may be subject to a fine of up to \$500.

If you fail to file business privilege/mercantile or occupation privilege tax returns, you may be subject to similar fines.

You may also be subject to penalties, interest and additional costs due on any delinquent, unpaid taxes.

If you cannot pay a tax due and owing by you, you can contract Keystone or Berkheimer in order to arrange a payment plan. Keystone or Berkheimer will arrange with you a monthly payment plan that is acceptable to them and you. If we believe that your financial condition has significantly changed, we can ask you to send to us an update on your finances. Keystone or Berkheimer can change or terminate any payment plan, if:

- Keystone or Berkheimer finds that the information provided was inaccurate or incomplete;
- Keystone or Berkheimer believes that there is a danger you cannot make your payments under the plan;
- You fail to make any payment under the plan at the time it is due;
- You fail to pay any other taxes which you owe to Keystone or Berkheimer at the time they are due; or
- You fail to provide a financial condition update if requested by Keystone or Berkheimer.

If Keystone or Berkheimer must change or terminate any payment plan, we must give you thirty (30) days' notice and tell you the reasons why we are changing or ending the payment plan.

You may prepay, i.e., pay off early, any delinquent tax which is subject to an installment payment plan.

## Confidentiality.

Any information which Keystone or Berkheimer receives from you about your income, salary, wages, taxes because of a tax return you have filed with us, taxes you have paid to us, a request for refund you have sent to us, a petition for appeal filed by you, or hearing before a Tax Hearing Officer is CONFIDENTIAL. Keystone or Berkheimer cannot share this information with any other person, except for counsel, representatives of the taxing district, or except as required by law.

If you have a concern or complaint about our notices or tax forms, personal representatives, or any other questions about Berkheimer you can send your question in writing to Keystone Collections Group, 224 Nazareth Pike, Suite 16, Bethlehem, PA 18020, or H.A. Berkheimer, Inc., at 50 North Seventh Street, Bangor, Pennsylvania 18013. We will review your concern and respond accordingly.

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any provision thereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision(s) not been included herein.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective within five (5) days of enactment.

James L. Broughal, Esquire  
TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR  
38 West Market Street  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinance at its December 18, 2017 Council Meeting:

## ORDINANCE NO. 1169

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOR THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS AT THE RATE OF 5.9715 MILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1310 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND A REVENUE NEUTRAL LEVY BASED ON THE 2013 LEHIGH COUNTY TAX REASSESSMENT, SPLIT BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND TAX OF 4.8754 MILLS AND A FIRE FUND TAX OF 1.0961 MILLS.**

The Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager

Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St. Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeals:

APPEAL 10512- W2B2 LLC 3600 ORCHID LN. EMMAUS, PA 18049 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT PA AVE. REAR, TAX PIN 54942094 6925-1. Applicants are proposing to construct townhouses on the property located at PA Ave. rear, TAX Pin 549420946925-1. Applicants are requesting a Special Exception Use to Z.O. Sec. 306, Table of Use's and Z.O. Sec. 402. Site is located in a R-M zoning district.

APPEAL 10513- VALLEY POSTAGE SOLUTION/NATE KLINE 4847 HILTON RD. SCHNECKSVILLE, PA 18078 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 509 RIDGE ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to operate a Postage Meter, Folding and inserting machine business from the property located at 509 Ridge St. Emmaus, PA 18049. Applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use to Z.O. Section 806.7.B to change from one non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. Site is located in a R-HO zoning district.

APPEAL 10514- STEVE SLASKI 470 S. CEDAR CREST BLVD. ALLENTOWN, PA 18103 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 416 N.5th ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to have a low rise apartment on the property located at 416 N.5th St. Emmaus, PA 18049. Applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use to Z.O. Sec. 306 & Table of Use's, variances to Z.O. Sec. 603.1.A & 603.1.B in regards to vehicle movement from parking spaces, and a 805.25 SF impervious coverage variance to Z.O. Table Area, Yard & Building requirements. Site is located in a R-M zoning district.

APPEAL 10515- STEVE SLASKI 470 S. CEDAR CREST BLVD. ALLENTOWN, PA 18103 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 408 N.5th ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to construct a parking lot on the property located at 408 N. 5th St. Emmaus, PA 18049. Applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use to Z.O. Sec. 306 & Table of Use's. Site is located in a R-M zoning district.

James L. Farnsworth- Zoning Officer  
Dec. 6, 13



## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, will consider for adoption a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of December, 2017, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Hanover Ordinances, Chapter 163, Taxation, by adding a new Article IX, which establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program, enacts Tax Credits for Volunteer Members of Volunteer Fire Companies, and establishes administrative procedures. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for review at the Hanover Township Municipal Building located at 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania during normal business hours.

The following is the proposed Ordinance:

## ORDINANCE NO. 17-

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 163 TAXATION BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IX WHICH ESTABLISHES A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTS TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES; ESTABLISHES ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND REPEALS ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, deem it appropriate to amend the Code of the Township of Hanover Ordinances by adding a new Article IX to implement the provisions of Act 172 of 2016, Incentives for Municipal Volunteers of Fire Companies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" and the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Act 172 of 2016, do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the code of the Township of Hanover Ordinances, as amended.

**SECTION 2. Chapter 163 Taxation,** of the Township of Hanover Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Article IX to read as follows:

## "Article IX

## Incentives for Township Volunteers of Fire Companies

## §163-74. DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings given to them in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**"Active Volunteer."** A Volunteer for a Volunteer Fire Company listed under §163-74 C. of this Ordinance who has complied with, and is certified under, the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

**"Earned Income Tax."** A Tax on earned income and net profits levied under Chapter 3 of the Act of December 31, 1965 (P.L. 1257, No. 511) known as the Local Tax Enabling Act (the "Act").

**"Eligibility Period."** The timeframe when Volunteers may earn credit under the Volunteer Service Credit Program.

**"Emergency Responder."** A Volunteer who responds to an emergency, call with the entity listed under §163.74 C. of this Ordinance.

**"Emergency Responder Call."** Any emergency call to which a Volunteer responds, including travel directly from and to a Volunteer's home, place of business or other place where he/she shall have been when the call was received.

**"State."** Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**"Township."** Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

**"Volunteer(s)."** A member of a Volunteer Fire Company established by §163-75 C. of this Ordinance.

## §163.75. VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of South Whitehall Township will conduct a public hearing on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017** at 7:30 p.m., in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Ave, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, for the following zoning appeals:

**ZHB-2017-13:** The appeal of **Allentown (Walbert Avenue) DG, LLC**, and property owner Glenna Fonzone, to construct a building for retail use located at 2070 Walbert Avenue. The appellants are seeking variances to: Section 350-24(c)(9) as it pertains to front yard building setback; Section 350-42(i)(3)(A) regarding the minimum ultimate Right-of-Way width required for Walbert Avenue; Section 350-42(b)(1) regarding the minimum width for a rear yard buffer yard; Section 350-48(o)(2) regarding minimum parking lot setbacks for front, side, and rear yards; and to Section 350-48(o)(2)(E)(ii)(b)(1) regarding the required number of off-street parking spaces. The subject property is zoned "NC", Neighborhood Commercial.

**ZHB-2017-14:** The appeal of the **Richard M. Wissner and Linda A. Wissner, Co-Trustees**, seeking a favorable interpretation to Section 350-23 and Section 350-47 and in the alternate, variances to establish a pre-existing lawful nonconforming use for outside storage of tractor trailers located at 1829 Pope Road. The Appellants are also requesting a Special Exception pursuant to Section 350-48 as it pertains to Outdoor Storage. At present, the property is used for a coal yard and drop lot for trailer storage. The subject property is zoned "IC-1", Industrial Commercial-Special Height Limitation.

**ZHB-2017-15:** The appeal of **R & S Hoffman Builders, LLC**, seeking a dimensional variance for a proposed residential single family dwelling on property located at 2048 Brickyard Road. The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 350-24(c)(2) requiring a 75 foot front yard setback from the Ultimate Right-of-Way to a proposed setback of 12.56 feet. The subject property is zoned "RR-2", Rural Residential-2.

Any above-referenced property is located in South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, PA. Copies of any plans, applications, and/or supporting documents that were submitted can be available for public inspection at the Township Building during normal business hours where they may be examined without charge, or obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance). All appellants, or their representative with legal standing, must attend. All objectors and interested parties are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to be heard.

Laura M. Harrier, Zoning Officer

Nov. 29, Dec. 6

PUBLIC NOTICE  
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY will receive sealed bids for the REPLACEMENT OF HEATING SYSTEM BOILERS at 15 South Wood Street, Nazareth, Northampton County, PA 18064

Bids will be received in the offices of LEHIGH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 333 Ridge St., Emmaus, PA 18049 on or before 2:00 P.M., Friday December 29, 2017 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid documents can be viewed at the offices of LEHIGH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY 333 Ridge St., Emmaus. PA 18049 Documents can be obtained between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays.

The project will consist of work to be performed under a single contract for Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Systems. It is a requirement of the Housing Authority that the contractor be a firm that has been engaged in HVAC construction for not less than the most recent ten (10) years. It is also a requirement of the Housing Authority that all sub-contractors have a minimum of ten (10) years experience in the trade for which they would be engaged.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Lehigh County Housing Authority, or a satisfactory bid bond, executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to five percent of the amount of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Bidders are advised of the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity. The owner encourages participation by Women and Minority Business Enterprises.

Bidders are encouraged to participate in the hiring of Section 3 eligible persons.

Bidders are advised that payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the bid documents must be paid on this project.

A PREBID CONFERENCE will be held at 10:00 AM at the work site 15 SOUTH WOOD ST. NAZARETH, PA 18064 on Wednesday, December 20th, 2017. THE MEETING IS NOT MANDATORY.

The Housing Authority intends to contract with the successful bidder within one week after the bid opening (December 29th, 2017). Contractor is expected to complete the work within forty-five (45) days after the contract date.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding process. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

Contact Person: Daniel C. Beers  
Michael Ring Executive Director  
610-433-2312 ext. 221  
Dec. 6, 13

**A. Establishment.** The Township hereby establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program (the "Program"). The goal of the Program is to encourage membership and service in the Volunteer Fire Company as set forth in §163-75 C. of this Ordinance.

**B. Program Criteria.** The Board of Supervisors of the Township shall establish, by Resolution, the annual criteria that must be met to qualify for credits under the Program based on the following:

- (1) The number of Emergency Response Calls to which a Volunteer responds;
- (2) The level of training and participation in formal training and drills for a Volunteer;
- (3) The total amount of time expended by a Volunteer on administrative and other support services, including but not limited to:
  - (i) fundraising
  - (ii) providing facility or equipment maintenance; and
  - (iii) financial bookkeeping.
- (4) The involvement in other events or projects that aid the financial viability, emergency response or operational readiness of a Volunteer Fire Company; and
- (5) The total number of years the Volunteer has served.

**C. Eligible Entities.** The Volunteer Service Credit Program is available to residents of the Township who are Volunteers of the **Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Northampton County (the "Volunteer Fire Company")**.

**D. Eligibility Period.** A Volunteer must meet the minimum criteria, set by Resolution under this Section, during the eligibility period to qualify for the tax credits established under §163-76.

- (1) For 2018, the eligibility period under the Volunteer Service Credit Program shall run from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018; and
- (2) For 2019, and each subsequent year thereafter, the eligibility period shall run from January 1st until December 31st.

**E. Recordkeeping.** The chief of the Volunteer Fire Company shall keep specific records of each Volunteer's activities in a service log to establish credits under the Volunteer Service Credit Program. Service logs shall be subject to review by the Board of Supervisors of the Township, the State Fire Commissioners and the State Auditor General. The chief, or supervisor, shall annually transmit to the Township a notarized eligibility list of all Volunteers that have met the minimum criteria for the Volunteer Service Credit Program. The notarized eligibility list shall be transmitted to the Township no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date the tax notices are sent each year. The chief or supervisor shall post the notarized eligibility list in an accessible area of the Volunteer Fire Company's facilities.

**F. Application.** Volunteers that have met the minimum criteria of the Volunteer Service Credit Program shall sign and submit an application for certification to their chief or supervisor. The chief or supervisors shall sign the application if the Volunteer has met the minimum criteria of the Volunteer Service Credit Program, and forward it to the Township Manager of the Township. Applications shall not be accepted by the Township after April 1st of each year.

**G. Municipal Review.** The Township Manager of the Township shall review the application for credit under the Volunteer Service Credit Program and shall cross reference them with the notarized eligibility list. The Board of Supervisors of the Township shall approve all applicants that are on the notarized eligibility list. All applicants approved by the Board of Supervisors of the Township shall be issued a tax credit certificate by the Township Manager of the Township.

**H. Official Tax Credit Register.** The Township shall keep an official Tax Credit Register of all Active Volunteers that were issued tax credit certificates. The Township Manager shall issue updates, as needed, of the official Tax Credit Register to the following:

- (1) Board of Supervisors of the Township;
- (2) Chief of the Volunteer Fire Company; and
- (3) Tax Collector for the Township.

## I. Injured Volunteers.

- (1) An Active Volunteer that is injured during an emergency response call may be eligible for future tax credits. The injury must have occurred while responding to, participating in, or returning from an emergency response call with the entity listed under §163-75 C.
- (2) An injured Active Volunteer shall provide documentation from a licensed physician with the application required under §163-75.F., along with updated documentation from a licensed

PUBLIC NOTICE  
IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE  
FOR  
SOUTH WHITEHALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Notice is hereby given that the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Workshop Session at the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss South Whitehall's Municipal Storm Sewer Permit and its associated requirements, in addition to any other business matters which may come before the Board.

This is a very important meeting, and it is highly recommended that residents and businesses attend to learn about the current storm water requirements and the storm water permit in general. This meeting is scheduled for approximately one hour, and public participation and involvement is a key component to this meeting. Please attend.

Questions may be directed to Public Works Manager, Jeffery D. Clapper at 610-398-0401, x280.  
Nov. 29, Dec. 6

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MACUNGIE, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING THE TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT DURING THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR"**. The proposed ordinance sets the tax rates and the imposition of a real estate tax for the year 2018 and appropriates specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the township government during the 2018 fiscal year. The Board of Commissioners will consider the foregoing ordinance at a public meeting on December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa. Copies of the full text of this ordinance are available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Municipal Building, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pa., or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, East Penn Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, PA. 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, PA. 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this public meeting.

The Lower Macungie Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above hearing because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact Renea Flexer, Township Secretary, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled hearing to arrange for the necessary assistance.  
Bruce E. Fosselman, Township Manager  
Nov. 29, Dec. 6

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 **December 19, 2017, 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 # 1895 - Creekside Land Holdings, LLC** - 1216 Linden Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. **Location: 1527 Creekside Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549769438539 and 549769115527**, the subject property is located in a R5 High Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-75 E (1) (a) (4), Sec. 27-121 B (6), Sec. 27-173 B, Sec. 27-75 E (2) (c) (3), and Sec. 27-121 B (2) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks, minimum lot size, density, elevation and floodproofing requirement for proposed four 10 unit apartment buildings with off street parking. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant.

**DOCKET # 1901 - Michael P. Erney** - 4329 Spruce Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. **Location: 4329 Spruce Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 558050217211**, the subject property is located in a R5A High Density Residential without Apartments Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-84 G of the Zoning Ordinance regarding proposed size of detached garage addition.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

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

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

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

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

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

MELISSA A. WEHR, Zoning Administrator

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physician stating the injury still exists and prevents them from qualifying as an Active Volunteer. The injured Active Volunteer shall again be deemed an Active Volunteer for that tax year. An injured Active Volunteer shall only be deemed an Active Volunteer if the injured Active Volunteer shall annually submit the application required under §163-75.F., along with updated documentation from a licensed physician stating that the injury still exists and prevents them from qualifying as an Active Volunteer. The injured Active Volunteer shall again be deemed an Active Volunteer for that tax year. An injured Active Volunteer shall only be deemed an Active Volunteer for a maximum of five (5) consecutive tax years.

## § 163-76. EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

**A. Tax Credit.** Each Active Volunteer who has been certified under the Township Volunteer Service Credit Program shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars of the Earned Income Tax levied by the Township. When an Active Volunteer's earned income tax liability is less than the amount of the tax credit, the tax credit shall equal the individual's tax liability.

## B. Claim.

- (1) An Active Volunteer with a tax credit certificate may file a claim for the tax credit on the Township's earned income tax liability when filing a final return for the preceding calendar year with the Tax Collector for the Township.

## C. Rejection of Tax Credit Claim.

- (1) The Tax Collector for the Township shall reject a claim for a tax credit if the taxpayer is not on the official Tax Credit Register issued by the Township Manager.
- (2) If the Tax Collector for the Township rejects the claim, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing of the decision. The notice shall include the reasons for the rejection and provide the method of appealing the decision pursuant to §163-77 of this Ordinance.
- (3) Taxpayers shall have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision of the Tax Collector of the Township.

## §163-77. APPEALS.

## A. Earned Income Tax Credit Appeals.

- (1) Any taxpayer aggrieved by a decision under §163-76.C. of this Ordinance shall have a right to appeal said decision.
- (2) A taxpayer shall have thirty (30) days to appeal a decision or rejection of claim.
- (3) All appeals of decisions under §163-76.C. of this Ordinance shall follow the provisions of the Act of May 5, 1998, P.L. 301, No. 50, known as the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights and as set forth in Ordinance 17-10 of the Township.

**SECTION 3.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any provision thereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision(s) not been included herein.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective within five (5) days of enactment.

James L. Broughal, Esquire  
TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR  
38 West Market Street  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL  
BUREAU OF PLANNING, ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

LEGAL NOTICE is hereby given by the Township of Whitehall, Bureau of Planning, Zoning & Development and the Plumbing Inspector, to all Master and Journeyman Plumbers licensed by the Township that, according to Section P-112.5 of the Whitehall Township Plumbing Code, **all said licenses MUST be renewed on or before January 31, 2018** or all rights to same shall be relinquished, thus losing the ability to perform services within the Township.

**LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED IN PERSON BY THE LICENSE HOLDER ONLY.** You must bring with you, your PA Driver License or PA Photo ID and payment. Licenses can be renewed at the Development Office at the Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a regular Public Meeting on Monday, December 11th, 2017 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:

## BILL NO. 36-2017

**TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

## BILL NO. 37-2017

**TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2018 - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

## BILL NO.38-2017

**TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

## BILL NO. 39-2017

**TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF LED STREET LIGHTS AND SMART MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 17-27, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE - Charles J. Fonzone, Solicitor

## RESOLUTION NO. 2989

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2018-2022), SPECIFICALLY FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR. (ADMIN)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2990

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL REAFFIRMING AND REENACTING THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX, THE EARNED INCOME TAX, THE PER CAPITA TAX, THE LOCAL SERVICES TAX, AND THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX (ADMIN)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2991

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 36-2017, ADOPTING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2992

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 37-2017, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2018, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2993

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT BILL NO. 38-2017 ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE, IS AN EMERGENCY ENACTMENT AND MAY TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. (ADMIN)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2994

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION NO. 2972, WHICH CONDITIONALLY APPROVED THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF KEYSTONE HARLEY DAVIDSON, LOCATED AT EBERHART ROAD & 7TH STREET, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, INDEX #1892-16, (DEVELOP)

## RESOLUTION NO. 2995

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO UTILIZE THE DOT GRANTS ON-LINE REPORTING SYSTEM TO FILE ANNUAL LIQUID FUELS FORMS (ADMIN) Copies of the full text of the proposed legislative items may be examined by any citizen in the Administration office of the Township of Whitehall, PA, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Assistance for the visually and/or hearing impaired is available upon request at least five (5) working days prior to this meeting.

/s/Thomas Slonaker

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Legal & Legislative Committee will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Whitehall Township Ethics Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 14th 2017, at 7:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052.

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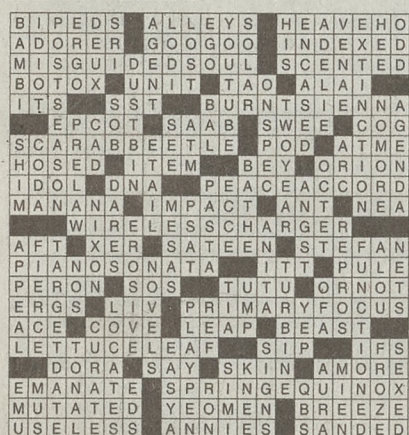
## PUBLIC NOTICE

Egypt VFW Post 7293 Request for Proposals-Egypt VFW Post 7293, located at 5209 Springmill Rd, Whitehall Pa. 18052 is currently accepting sealed proposals for our kitchen operations. Proposals will be open from December 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. Proposals will be reviewed and an award of contract will be issued February 1, 2018. For further information please contact us thru our website at [www.VFWPost7293.org](http://www.VFWPost7293.org).  
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