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## STATE Wolf signs 'recovery' budget

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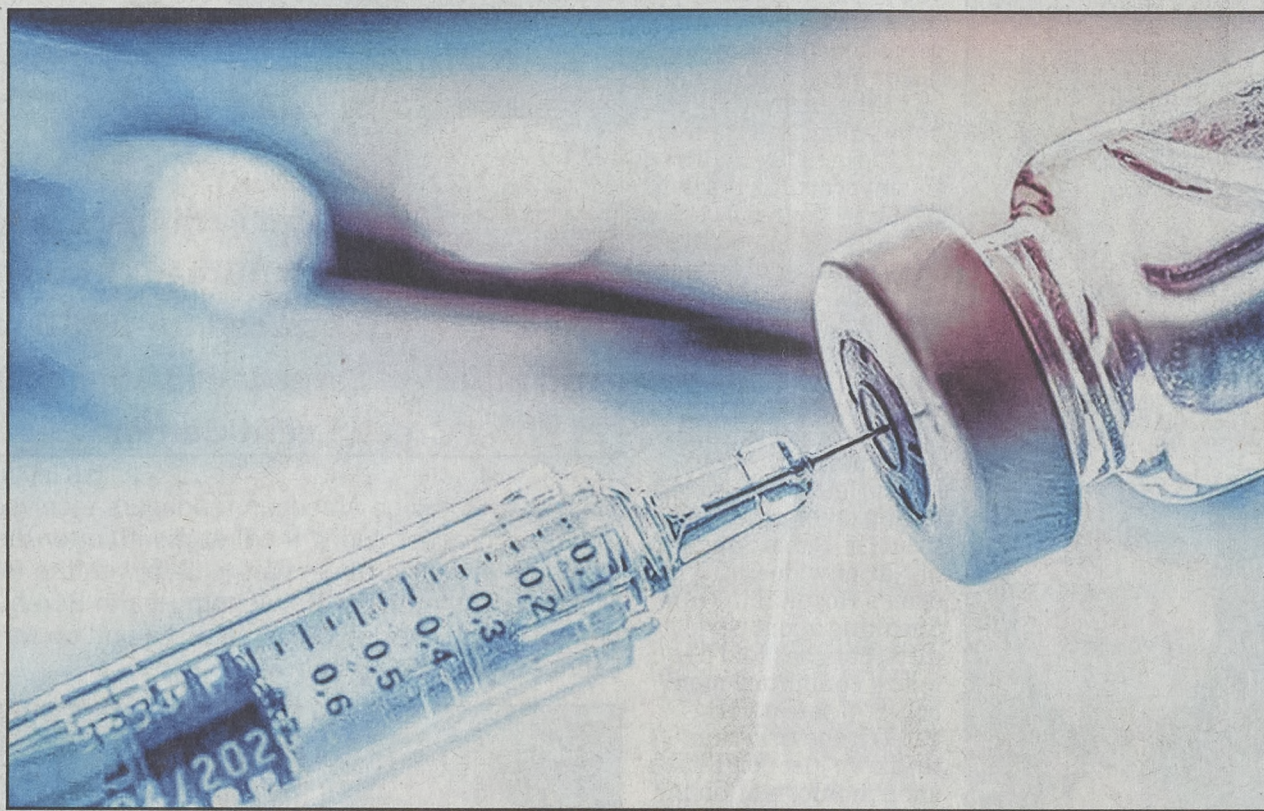
Gov Tom Wolf signed a state budget June 30 that "will help power the commonwealth's recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic by making the largest investment in public education in state history, by investing in quality, affordable child care for parents who wish to return to the workforce and by helping Pennsylvanians struggling with mortgage or rent payments stay in their homes," according to Wolf's press office.

"This is a budget that invests in Pennsylvanians," Wolf said. "It is a budget that will help those hit hardest by the pandemic get the support they need, while at the same time making crucial investments in our future by supporting the students and workers who will drive our economy forward in the years to come."

According to Wolf's office, the budget outlined in House Bill 1348 includes a \$416 million increase in state funding for public education. The budget includes crucial investments to support the needs of schools and students, including a \$200 million increase in the fair funding formula, \$100 million to support underfunded school districts through the Level Up initiative, \$50 million in special education funding, \$30 million for early education, \$20 million for Ready to Learn, \$11 million for preschool early intervention and \$5 million for community colleges.

"While there is much to celebrate in this bill, it is disappointing that we could not come together to fully provide for the needs of schools across the commonwealth," Wolf said. "We need all public education funding to go through the fair funding formula to ensure each school district and each student in our commonwealth are getting the support they need. There is more - much more - that needs to be done to fully provide for the needs of our commonwealth's students

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## Kids and COVID-19 shots Doctors, parents question recommendation

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

**O**n May 10, the Food and Drug Administration extended its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of Pfizer's COVID-19 shots to children 12 and up, but decided June 23 to add a warning to both Pfizer BNT162b2 and Moderna mRNA-1273 about an elevated risk of myocarditis, particularly in men age 30 and younger.

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**In general,** the FDA is responsible for reviewing requests for emergency use authorization and biological license applications (BLAs). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, on the other hand, promotes the use of vaccines and other public health measures

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**Patient advocate Kim Witczak** pointed to political considerations that may cloud advisory committee members' judgment when considering authorizing or licensing COVID-19 preventative products in children: "With all the talk about mandates and having kids vaccinated by fall in time for the start of the school year, there is certainly political pressure to fully approve and license these vaccines."

aimed to control the spread of infectious disease. Both FDA and CDC are part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Dr. Doran Fink, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research deputy director at the Clinical Division of Vaccines and Related Products Applications, described the content of myocarditis warnings to be added to mRNA COVID-19 shots authorized for emergency use by FDA.

"We thought it would be important to hear the ACIP discussion," Fink said, "before finalizing the warnings,

which would likely include information stating that these events have occurred in some recipients, that onset of symptoms has typically been several days to a week following vaccination, that limited information is available about potential long-term sequelae, and that symptoms suggesting myocarditis or pericarditis should result in recipients seeking medical attention."

Dr. Tom Shimabukuro of the CDC COVID-19 Task Force presented surveillance data showing a high level of adverse events among young people receiving mRNA shots.

The federal government is using a variety of methods to pick up vaccine side effects, including a new opt-in text messaging service called v-safe; the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, which is passive and voluntary; and the Vaccine Safety Datalink, an electronic health records-based system of data collection that uses EHRs from eight hospital systems in Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

**V-safe sends** "check-in" text messages to participants, who are asked whether they have experienced specific vaccine side effects, such as headache and fever. After the second dose of the Pfizer mRNA product, more than 25 percent of 12- to 15-year-olds and a similar proportion of 16- to 25-year-olds reported that they were "unable to do normal daily activities."

In the first month after the Pfizer EUA was expanded to middle-schoolers, 2,540 adverse events were reported by this group, including 144 serious adverse events. CDC emphasizes that adverse events reported to VAERS following vaccination have not been causally linked to the shots, but can be an indicator of safety signals.

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## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

The Tokyo Summer Olympic Games begin soon. Which sport or sports will you be following closely?



"We're runners, so track and field; in particular the 800 meters."

**Hannah Graybeal**  
Bethlehem



"Gymnastics."  
**Brandon Hank**

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The Tokyo Summer Olympic Games begin soon. Which sport or sports will you be following closely?



"I mostly watch swimming and gymnastics."  
**Kelly Cramsey**  
Allentown



"Swimming in particular and just to see how the US Olympic team does overall."  
**Ruthie Reeves**  
Allentown



"Water polo."  
**Rick Dobrowolski**  
Allentown



"Women's gymnastics."  
**Suzi Wooten**  
Clover, SC

## STATE

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The Pennsylvania senate approved the budget by a 43-7 vote.

Reaction to the budget passage was mixed by legislators.

"This budget may not have included everything I wanted but without a tax increase it makes significant investments in many of my priorities," state Sen. Lisa Boscola, D-18th, said. "In total \$200 million will be added to the Fair Funding Formula and an additional \$100 million will be provided to school districts that have been historically underfunded, which includes school districts like Bethlehem Area School District. Spending more money through the fair funding formula has been a priority of mine and will help Lehigh Valley school districts. In total the state will be spending \$13.55 billion on pre-K through 12th grade.

"The budget also makes critical investments totaling \$44 million into career and technical schools. It provides an additional \$279 million for transportation infrastructure. It will place over \$2 billion dollars in the state rainy day fund. The budget also creates

and Angel Investment Fund based off the successful Ben Franklin Program to help grow new businesses here in Pennsylvania.

"Decisions on budgets are never easy. They require elected officials to balance competing interests and good and bad provisions. There is definitely more good in this budget, which is why I voted for it."

"This budget takes into consideration lessons we learned from the Great Recession by ensuring we are responsible, not only with how we use federal stimulus money, but also with the decisions we are making here today to put us on as solid fiscal ground as possible heading into those years when the stimulus money runs out and the threat of a fiscal cliff is real. With that in mind, however, this budget still provides essential funding increases to help our students, as well as necessary long-term and critical care assistance for our older population and our citizens with disabilities," state Sen. Pat Browne, R-16th, said.

The 2021-22 state budget passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by a vote of 140 to 61.

"The House approved a budget that fails to meet the immediate needs of our

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all ages who have received mRNA COVID-19 shots, there have been 1,226 reports of myocarditis filed with VAERS. According to Shimabukuro, myocarditis after an mRNA shot is most common in men age 30 and younger, and happens more often after the second shot.

## Recommendations spark disagreement

Basing its June 23 recommendations on projected deaths and hospitalizations avoided in the entire U.S. population, and comparing those figures with the myocarditis burden borne by younger vaccinees, ACIP stood by its May 10 endorsement of COVID-19 shots for kids 12 and up, including recommending a second mRNA shot for kids who develop myocarditis or pericarditis after their first shot.

The latter recommendation drew criticism from Dr. Pablo Sánchez of Nationwide Children's Hospital in Ohio. Speaking about pericarditis, Sánchez told his fellow committee members, "Whatever triggered it the first time – I think we just don't have enough information for me to be saying, point blank, that I'm going to be giving the second dose of that vaccine. I'm a little hesitant to make that recommendation in my practice."

Sánchez also focused on the issue of informed consent: "I think we need to be very up-front about mentioning this potential risk of vaccination, and hopefully the parents are aware of this before vaccination, rather than from the sheets that are given to them after vaccination."

Of the nine members of the public selected by lottery to speak during the comment time, six spoke out against the use of COVID-19 shots in children. Another commenter urged the committee to recommend against using scarce vaccine doses for people who have already recovered from COVID-19. One pro-vaccine advocate delivered a three-minute rant about pending legislation in Ohio, calling an Ohio osteopath a "grifter." Dr. Kelly Moore of the Immunization Action Coalition used her time to thank several members of ACIP for their work in promoting vaccines.

## Researchers ask FDA to maintain high BLA standards

ACIP's decision to stick with its recommendation of COVID-19 shots for children ages 12 and up comes just a few weeks after a June 1 citizen petition to FDA – signed by 27 physicians and medical researchers – urged caution with COVID-19 shot approvals.



## COVID-19 VACCINE

MYTH: The vaccine will cause severe side effects.

FACT: Most of the side effects are minor but you may experience pain, swelling or redness at the injection site, headache, fatigue or body aches.

## COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS (12 YEARS AND OLDER)

Wind Creek Event Center  
(77 Wind Creek Blvd, Bethlehem)  
May 15th  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
May 20th  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

To register:  
[www.basdschools.org](http://www.basdschools.org) or call 610-865-7083  
\*A parent or guardian must accompany the student to the vaccine clinic.

Bethlehem Health Bureau

**BASD Students and Families are welcome at the Bethlehem Health Bureau Clinic. Vaccine Clinics have been announced for BASD students 12 years and older on Saturday (5/15) and Thursday (5/20) at Wind Creek Event Center.**

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More than 7 million American teenagers received at least one dose of the Pfizer product during the first month after the EUA was extended, including at clinics run in partnership with the Bethlehem Area School District and the City of Bethlehem Health Bureau. The first BASD-promoted clinic for students ages 12 and up was held at Wind Creek Event Center May 15 and 20.



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**Left:** Dr. Doran Fink, Deputy Director for the Clinical Division of Vaccines and Related Products Applications at the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), admitted that the situation with respect to COVID-19 products is unprecedented. "We really don't have precedent. These COVID vaccines are the first [prophylactic vaccines] authorized for emergency use." **Right:** Dr. Ofer Levy, a professor at Harvard Medical School and researcher at the Broad Institute at MIT, told his fellow committee members, "although we have to focus on benefits to the population of children, reaching herd immunity would be of benefit to children."

**The signatories** appealed to FDA to require at least two full years of follow-up of the original clinical trial participants before approving a BLA for any COVID-19 shot. They also asked that FDA require "substantial evidence of clinical effectiveness that outweighs harms" in special populations, including infants, children and adolescents, prior to including them in the list of populations for which a vaccine is approved.

Dr. Robert M. Kaplan, a tenured professor at UCLA, is one of the signatories of the citizen petition. Kaplan is a long-term supporter of America's vaccination programs who told the Press that he signed the petition because it "supports my beliefs:

pro-vaccines, but also pro-high scientific standards for the FDA." He was vaccinated as soon as his age group was eligible and explained that he is not opposed to continuing vaccination efforts under the existing EUAs.

**However,** he believes that "FDA should use a uniform standard for full approval. Using a lower standard because of the public health crisis is a bad precedent." He notes that because of the EUAs, vaccines are available to those who want them, and points out that "the trials did not complete the two-year follow-up of treated and placebo subjects they had proposed. Our systems for post-marketing surveillance are inadequate, making it difficult to determine if there are longer term benefits and adverse events."

## VRBPAC commenters urge caution in children

Another petition signatory, Dr. Peter Doshi, is a senior editor at "The BMJ" and an associate professor at the University of Maryland. Dr. Doshi spoke during the June 10 VRBPAC meeting, noting that in Pfizer's trial data for 12- to 15-year-olds, "The placebo group was better off than the vaccine group [...] efficacy benefits were rare, whereas side effects were common."

"There were around 1,000 placebo recipients," Dr. Doshi noted, "[and] just 2 percent [16 individuals] got COVID.

Put another way, 2 percent of the fully-vaccinated avoided COVID, whereas 98 percent of the fully-vaccinated wouldn't have gotten COVID anyway."

**Side effects** among individuals receiving the active BNT162b2 product were high and included injection site pain in 90.5 percent of vaccine recipients, fatigue in 77.5 percent, headache in 75.5 percent, and joint pain in more than 20 percent.

More to the point, Dr. Doshi cautioned, "Then there are the long-term side effects, about which we still know nothing." Pfizer followed the 12- to 15-year-olds in its trial for a median of two months, and no human of any age has received a COVID-19 mRNA product longer ago than March 2020.

**The majority** of the public commenters during the VRBPAC meeting expressed similar concerns. FDA Consumer Representative Kim Witczak, who runs the drug safety advocacy group Woody Matters, asserted that "Kids are neither in danger, nor dangerous," questioning whether an emergency situation truly exists in the pediatric population.

Witczak pointed out the vast gap between what the public hears about vaccines distributed under an EUA and the actual authorization process at FDA: "Does the public truly understand how pediatric trials work? Like how many children are actually in these clinical trials?" she asked. "Like how efficacy/protection in pediatric trials is often determined by immunobridging, based on an assumption using adults' experience?"

"Trust me," Witczak told the advisory committee, "The average person doesn't understand this. All they are being told is they are 'safe and effective.' These are just empty buzz words if the supporting data isn't meaningful."

## "Four per million certainly does not constitute an emergency"

VRBPAC members debated what constitutes an "emergency" in children. Committee member Dr. H. Cody Meissner, director of Pediatric Infectious Disease at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, pointed to CDC data from April 24 that show the

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## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF:** Northampton County Council approved \$1,835,220 in small business grants funded with money from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 during their July 1st meeting. The 124 businesses had applied previously for grants from CARES Act funding and were on an 'overflow' list. All applications were reviewed by a committee that included three members of County Council.

Recipients include restaurants, hair salons, dance studios and dentists. To qualify for a grant, a business must be located in Northampton County and have fewer than 100 employees. The funds can be used for rent, payroll and other operating expenses. The maximum grant amount is \$15,000 per business. Northampton County has funded 901 of these grants so far and will reopen the application process again soon.

Council approved allocation of \$15 million from the American Rescue Plan for small business assistance grants in June.

## AROUND TOWN

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

## City pool policy

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced that due to overcrowding issues, and for the safety of patrons and staff, effective July 3, the City of Bethlehem will implement a modified attendance policy for Clearview, Memorial and Yosko pools. The three pools will be open to current season pass holders and daily passes will be available to City of Bethlehem residents only. Season pass holders are admitted from noon to 1 p.m. Daily passes for City of Bethlehem residents are admitted from 1 to 7 p.m. Access is contingent upon available capacity.

Due to the regional lifeguard shortage, and the closing of surrounding municipal pools, Bethlehem pools have faced capacity limits daily. The attendance modifications are required to insure safety at the pools, while making every effort to allow season pass holders and city residents to visit and enjoy the facilities. Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Pools> for more information.

## Wednesday, July 14

**Women's Ministries** (age 14 and older): "J is for Journey," 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**City of Bethlehem Mounted Police** officers and their horses. 11 a.m. Cops 'n' Kids. Must register in advance; call 610-861-5526 or visit [lvccops-n-kids@att.net](mailto:lvccops-n-kids@att.net). Limited seating. Room 403, Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St.

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

**Christmas in July** - adventures of Santa stories. 3 p.m. Cops 'n' Kids. Must register in advance; call 610-861-5526 or visit [lvccops-n-kids@att.net](mailto:lvccops-n-kids@att.net). Limited seating. Room 403, Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St.

**Kellyn Foundation's mobile locally grown fresh produce market**, Mechanic Street 3 Lot between Taylor and Polk streets. 3 to 6 p.m. weekly.

## Thursday, July 15

**Chair exercises**, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Don Smith & Harmonierre's Revival, 10:45 a.m. to noon (lunch follows). Seniors 50 and up. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Tunes at Twilight**. 6 p.m. Edge - Tim Harakal, Hotel Bethlehem - George Torella, McCarthy's Red Stag Pub - Shaun Lally, Twisted Olive - The Ginger Trio. Backstage passes, including free North Street Garage parking for all twelve Thursdays and other benefits, are available. For passes (cost) and for performer lineups, visit [TunesatTwilight.com](http://TunesatTwilight.com)

## Saturday, July 17

**Bethlehem Farmer's Market**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rose Garden, Eighth Avenue and West Broad Street.

## Sunday, July 18

**Music in the Park** with The Large Flowerheads. 6-8 p.m. Morris J. Dimmick Park, 570 Durham St., Hellertown. |

## Tuesday, July 20

**Bridge players**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

## Wednesday, July 21

**Women's Ministries** (age 14 and older): Butterfly craft, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

**Lehigh University Police and City of Bethlehem Police and Health Departments** teach you to "explore" your world by taking a hike or riding your bike. Cops 'n' Kids. Must register in advance; call 610-861-5526 or visit [lvccops-n-kids@att.net](mailto:lvccops-n-kids@att.net). Limited seating. Room 403, Fowler Family Center, 511 E. Third St.

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## MEETING BOARD

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## Cancellations

There are no BASD board or committees meetings in July.  
There is no Southside Task Force meeting in July.

## NorCo Suicide Prevention Task Force

Nominations for Northampton County Residents who have contributed to suicide prevention. Nominees may include those who have made suicide prevention their life's work, are actively contributing to the cause or have assisted in preventing loss by suicide.

Nominations should be made in an essay of 250 words or fewer with a description of why the nominee deserves to be recognized. Nominations are due by August 20; email to [swandalowski@northamptoncounty.org](mailto:swandalowski@northamptoncounty.org) or mail to Susan Wandalowski, 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

## Wednesday, July 14

**Northampton Co. Industrial Development**, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington Northampton Co. Parks, Recreation and Open Space advisory board meeting, 4:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Northampton Co. Personnel and Finance Committee**, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee**, 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority**, 6:30 p.m. Municipal See **BOARD** on Page A5

## Happy birthday USA!



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

**Bethlehem celebrated** the nation's 245th birthday in post-COVID style with thousands of spectators in attendance at SteelStacks to view the annual Fourth of July fireworks display. Rockets shot from Sand Island exploded into colorful displays as they boomed loudly in the night sky over the Lehigh River to the many delightful oohs and aahs of residents and visitors.

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rate of hospitalization in pediatric patients to be just 0.4 percent – four in one million children. Meissner also noted that hospitalization rates have been decreasing nationwide since April 24.

"I very strongly believe we need a vaccine for adolescents and children," Meissner said, "but I want to be sure that the risk of the vaccine is lower than the risk of hospitalization. Because four per million certainly does not constitute an emergency, and there are significant questions about the safety of this product."

**Meissner's** main safety concerns were myocarditis and potential sequelae. Rates of myocarditis in Americans between the ages 16 and 24 who received an mRNA product are from 3 to 27 times as high as researchers had anticipated, given the "background" rate in that population. There were 275 cases reported in vaccinated individuals from age 16 through 24 as of May 31, compared with 10 to 102 expected cases in this population.

Meissner framed the issue this way: "We don't know what that [detection of post-vaccination myocarditis] means on a long-term basis. Will there be scarring of the myocardium? Will there

be a predisposition to arrhythmias later on? Will there be an early onset of heart failure? We think that's unlikely, but we don't know that. Before we start vaccinating millions of adolescents and children, it's so important to find out what the consequences are."

## Whose risk?

## Whose benefit?

During the public comment period, Doshi contended that "FDA can only indicate a product in a given population if the benefits outweigh the risks in that population." However, VRBPAC members debated what the "known benefit" to the indicated population (children) might mean, as well as whether FDA could issue or expand an EUA for children based on a benefit to older demographic groups, rather than on a benefit to children themselves.

**Dr. Ofer Levy**, a professor at Harvard Medical School and researcher at the Broad Institute at MIT, asserted that "although we have to focus on benefits to the population of children, reaching herd immunity would be of benefit to children," ostensibly because it might prompt the end of state and federal policies of social distancing, masking, reduced school attendance and the like.

**Dr. Stanley Perlman**, a VRBPAC member who holds the Mark Stinski Chair in Virology at the University of Iowa,

asked for clarification – but didn't receive it during the meeting—on whether Doshi was correct about the conditions for granting an EUA.

**"We have to be in a good position to protect the general population in addition to children,"** Perlman said, noting that "[o]ne of the public commenters said that we could only consider the effects on individuals themselves, rather than on society." He asked, "Is that correct?"

No one at the VRBPAC meeting responded with an official interpretation of 21 US Code 360bbb-3, the authorization for medical products for use in emergencies, but ACIP's June 23 recommendations were explicitly based on comparing benefits for all ages to risks for young people.

VRBPAC members also discussed the follow-up period for children younger than 12 in studies to support further EUA expansions. Two figures used as a starting point were 1,000 children under age 12, followed for a median of six months after receiving an experimental product.

**Dr. David Kim** of the US Public Health Service asked for longer follow-up, suggesting that public confidence in these new products would rise if parents were given safety data encompassing a period of two or even three years. Meissner was unwavering in his stance

that EUA was the wrong avenue for children younger than 12.

**Dr. Hayley Gans**, professor of pediatrics at Stanford University Medical Center, recommended that FDA undertake proactive monitoring for the pediatric population currently receiving the experimental Pfizer product, with specific adverse events added to databases such as the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD), but no decisions were made at the meeting. Indicative of the overall paucity of data was the inability of Dr. Steven Anderson of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) to tell Gans what percentage of the pediatric population receiving the experimental product is tracked "when we add in all the systems of surveillance that are going to be utilized moving forward."

**Note:** The Press did not receive a response to multiple requests for comment from City of Bethlehem Bureau of Health Director Kristen Wenrich regarding COVID-19 shot clinics for children. The Press would welcome a statement from the Health Bureau regarding mass COVID-19 shot campaigns for children 12 through 15, as well as the issue of potential Pennsylvania mandates prior to an approved BLA.

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diate needs of hard-working residents, front-line workers, retirees, business owners, community organizations, our health care system and our students," State Rep. Jeanne McNeill, D-133rd, said.

**"Yes, there were a few things that did see appropriation funding out of the \$7 billion provided by the American Rescue Plan. However, my NO vote was prompted by the missed – and immediate – opportunities smarter budgetary investments would have provided."**

"We failed to utilize

the extra \$10 billion (between \$7 billion from the American Rescue Plan and \$3 billion from an unexpected surplus) to ensure that funding problems – like how we fund the 500 public school districts – would no longer come to rest on the backs of the property owner.

**"While I am NOT against saving money, morally and ethically, I can't be in favor of a budget that fails to put people first, providing the immediate relief and smart solutions to long-standing problems as intended by the federal funding."**

**"It's wonderful to say we have 'billions' in the bank; however, not addressing the**

long-standing problems and making investments now to end the financial burdens now only kicks the can further into our future (and grows the deficit). Our children, our grandchildren deserve better and I will continue advocating for the federal funding to be properly allocated to bring an end to this irresponsible way of running our government."

"I voted to protect taxpayers across the commonwealth with a commitment to no new taxes and no new fees," state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-134th, said. "It continues our pledge to strengthen education by dedicating more

funding to PreK-12, career and technical and higher education. We are also supporting children and families who have suffered through educational losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Mary Grace Hinkle

St. Anne's Catholic Church member



Mary Grace Hinkle, 96, of Bethlehem, died June 26, 2021. Born on the 4th of July, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and the late Alice (Powell) Jordan. She was the wife of the late Delbert K. Hinkle for 40 years.

She was a 1942 graduate of Liberty HS.

She was an administrative secretary for Carpenter's Welfare Fund, from which she later retired.

She was a member of the 55+ Club at St. Anne's Catholic Church where she worshiped as a parishioner since 1949.

She was a volunteer with the Historic Sun Inn. She was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She is survived by two daughters, Dianne Schoch of Seattle and Sharon Seitz of Bethlehem; a daughter-in-law, Kathryn Hinkle of Harleysville; six grandchildren, Sharon Brady; Thomas Salabsky; Mark, Adam, and Brian Hinkle; and Lt. Col. Jason Seitz; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and her long-term companion, Anthony Armellino.

She was predeceased by a son, Delbert J. Hinkle; a grandson, Arthur "AJ" J. Seitz III; and two brothers, Francis and John Jordan.

Contributions may be made to the St. Anne's St. Vincent de Paul Society, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. Arrangements were made by Connell Funeral Home Inc., Bethlehem

## Robert J. Kish Sr.

Steel systems analyst; musician



Robert J. Kish Sr., 80, of Allentown, died June 26, 2021, while in the care of Lehigh Valley Hospice. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John and Mary (Chontos) Kish. He was the husband of Amelia (Ortwein) Kish for 60 years.

He was in the United States Marines.

He was a systems analyst at the Bethlehem Steel for 30 years until he retired in 1993. He playing the saxophone and clarinet and was a musician in many bands.

He was a past Pennsylvania bass champ.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Candace Wallace and her husband Bradley of Lehighon and Suzanne Kish and her companion Wilson of Phoenix, Arizona; two sons, Robert Jr. and his wife Sue of Philomath, Oregon, and Christopher and his companion Marlene of Allentown; a brother, Rodney Kish and his wife Janice of Hellertown; five grandchildren, Jamie, John, Amanda, Scott and Caitlin; and three great-grandchildren, Madelynn, Cameron and Kylie.

He was predeceased by two siblings, Roseanne Quigley and John Kish.

Contributions may be made to Lehigh Valley Hospice Development Office, P.O. Box 4000, Allentown, PA 18105.

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## Dorothy M. (Beck) Zavec

Sarco supervisor, 102 years old

Dorothy M. (Beck) Zavec, 102, of Fountain Hill, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021 in the care of Cedar Brook, Fountain Hill. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Otto J. and Mary (Ambrose) Beck. She was the wife of the late Joseph T. Zavec.

She was a supervisor for Sarco manufacturing for many years before she retired.

She was a member of St. Ursula Catholic Church.

She was a member of the Golden Hillers, Fountain Hill.

She is survived by a son, Roy O. Shelly of Allentown; a sister, Bernadine Zovko of Florida; three stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three sisters, Beatrice Dull, Cathrine Deutsch and Helen Findon.

Contributions may be made to St. Ursula Catholic Church, 1300 Broadway, Bethlehem 18015.

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BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On June 14, roughly 125 Pennsylvanians participated in a rally on the steps of the Capitol Building in Harrisburg. They came from diverse political backgrounds and counties all over the state, but they had a common cause: fighting for the freedom to make their own medical choices, and to keep those choices private. The rallygoers are part of a growing grassroots movement in Pennsylvania and around the country.

### Mandates for workers and children?

When Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer BNT162b2 on Dec. 11, 2020, no company or health care system mandated its use by employees. As of June 18, about six months later, 11 hospital systems, as well as all hospitals in Maryland and the District of Columbia, are mandating COVID-19 injections for employees. The Lancaster General Health facility, which is part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, announced a COVID-19 shot mandate for its employees in May. LGH employees and health care workers in other states have filed suit against these mandates.

With many companies making plans to require employees to return to their offices, some Pennsylvanians are also worried that employers outside the health industry will require them to take an experimental (not FDA-approved) biological product as a condition of employment, which would set two precedents in one move.

Some parents are also concerned that COVID-19 shots will be added to state requirements for school-aged children before the beginning of the next school year, an administrative process run by unelected officials at the Pa. Department of Health. The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), added COVID-19 injections to the list of recommended immunizations for children ages 12 and older on May 12, just two days after Pfizer's BNT162b2 received an expanded EUA from the FDA.



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY OF REP. STEPHANIE BOROWICZ

Rep. Stephanie Borowicz of Pa.'s 76th District speaks at the Health Freedom Rally June 14 in Harrisburg. Legislators have introduced bills to protect Pennsylvanians' health freedom into the General Assembly during this session.

With these concerns in mind, medical choice advocates organized a rally under the banner "Health Freedom PA." A diverse group of individuals gathered in front of the state capitol building at 10 a.m., and several public figures spoke for the next two hours on the topic of health freedom, largely as it relates to COVID-19 shot mandates and "vaccine passports."

State Rep. Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler) told the crowd about his daughter, who was bullied by her pediatric practice when she wanted to deviate from the federal vaccine schedule for her child. Metcalfe has introduced a bill (in the current session, HB286) that would prohibit doctors from denying care to families that do not choose to follow federal government vaccine recommendations. These recommendations currently include still experimental COVID-19 shots for children 12 and older.

"We don't consent to being forced to receive an experimental drug into our bodies that we wouldn't otherwise choose," Metcalfe said to the crowd.

In addition to natural health advocates, Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R-Clinton/Centre), Rep. Russ Diamond, Sen. Doug Mastriano (R-Franklin), also spoke at the rally.

Borowicz talked about the Exeter HS prom in New Hampshire where children were marked with Sharpies to differentiate COVID-19-vaccinated from unvaccinated students, reminding the crowd, "In the past, that [discriminating against groups of people and marking them for identification] has never turned out well." She said the rights of individuals to choose or refuse a COVID-19 shot should not be infringed by state governments in the name of public health.

The crowd cheered the speakers, but overall, was calm and quiet. Fountain Hill Borough Councilwoman Helen Halleman, a local Democrat with family members who attended the rally, shared her thoughts.

"I wouldn't call it a protest," she said, "because it was very orderly." She voiced the view that children are making sacrifices and taking on unknown risks to their long-term health at a level unmerited by the situation. This view was common among rally participants, some of whom wore "My Child, My Choice" shirts. Signs at the rally included "COVID-19 Vaccine Makers Are Exempt from Liability" and "No Jab, No Job - No Way."

Diana Campbell,

founder of Health Freedom PA, shared her reasons for co-organizing the rally with the Press.

"First of all," she explained, "to let people know there's a community out there. This is such an emotionally charged subject. We want to respect everybody's choice - sometimes you're the only person in your family who wants to wait, and you're shunned."

Campbell was also motivated by a desire to share with the public information about risks that has been absent from the hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of publicly funded advertising on behalf of the vaccines over the past six months.

Ultimately, for Health Freedom PA, the issues are personal choice and access to information. The group provides basic information about workplace and school rights through its website. For example, contrary to a popular misconception, parents who have a "strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief" leading them to oppose only certain shots for their children may file religious exemptions with their school district.

Campbell compared people who want more information on risks and benefits of COVID-19 shots to consumers discussing reports of mechanical failures in a particular model of car. She lamented the fact that parents considering even a single deviation from the federal schedule are tagged by public health figures and on social media with the label "anti-vaxxer."

"Anti-vaxxer" is a term used to shut down conversations like this," she said. "Don't let the threat of [that label] stop you from learning something."

Although the state lawmakers who addressed the crowd were all Republicans, the issue of medical freedom and bodily autonomy is resonating with voters of all political stripes across the state. Connie Cavara, a Pittsburgh nurse and mother who is also a registered Democrat, shared with the Press her reasons for getting involved in the health freedom movement.

"I have so many questions about [COVID-19 shots]: How does it affect fertility? How long does the body keep making the spike protein? Can the antibodies to the protein become involved in autoimmunity?"

These questions are swept aside or ignored by public health officials, Cavara contended.

"We're painted as selfish," she said. "We're painted in a neg-

ative light for having questions and wanting to say No."

Cavara is also concerned about the risk-benefit profile of the COVID-19 shots for young people.

"There are no long-term safety studies," she noted, also remarking on the extremely low incidence of death and severe disease in the pediatric population.

Cavara believes that the freedom to make medical choices without coercion and with robust information "includes all groups. This is an everyone issue."

She respects the choices made by people who have taken one of the emergency-authorized vaccines, but notes that they have a stake in this issue as well: "Even if you had [a COVID-19 shot], you should be alarmed [by mandates]. Are you OK with getting one every year?"

State legislators introduce bills to protect health freedom

In addition to Metcalfe's bill, other pieces of health choice and health privacy legislation are being discussed in the Pa. General Assembly.

Pa. House Rep. Russ Diamond (R-Lebanon) has sponsored House Bill 262, the Right to Refuse Act. This bill would prohibit employers from requiring mandatory invasive medical screenings and vaccinations in the workplace. The bill passed the House Labor and Industry Committee June 16.

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York) and Sen. Judy Ward (R-Blair) have sponsored Senate Bill 618. This bill would bar Pa., its counties, its municipalities, its school districts, and its publicly-funded universities from requiring proof of vaccination - colloquially known as "vaccine passports" - as well as banning universal face mask mandates and "quarantines" of individuals who are not ill and have no known exposure to a contagious individual. More information on this bill is available at Sen. Phillips-Hill's website (<https://senatorkristin.com/2021/06/14/house-committee-advances-proposal-to-ban-vaccine-passports-in-pa/>). On June 9, the state Senate passed SB618. Having passed the House Health Committee, it will go to the full House for a vote.

No legislation has yet been introduced barring the addition of an EUA vaccine from being added to the schedule required for school-aged children.

EUA vaccines currently outside Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

Because COVID-19 vaccines are available

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**Thursday, July 15**

Northampton Co. Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee, 5 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.  
 Northampton County Council, 6:30 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Monday, July 19**

Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal Building, 4225 Easton Ave.  
 Fountain Hill Zoning Board, 7 p.m. 941 Long St. (as needed)  
 Hellertown Borough Council, 7 p.m. 685 Main St. Zoom: Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96739790509?pwd=RmFYQXB-NV1dFeFhwMXRXUG1kVmZ5QT09>. Meeting ID: 967 3979 0509. Passcode: 2021. One tap mobile: +16465588656, 9673979050 9#, \*2021# US (New York). Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

**Tuesday, July 20**

Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.  
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Planning Commission (as needed), 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.

**Wednesday, July 21**

Fountain Hill Council 7 p.m., 941 Long St.  
 Freemansburg Council 7 p.m. (as needed), 600 Monroe St.  
 Hanover Twp. (LeCo) Supervisors, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown.  
 Hellertown Borough Zoning Hearing, 7 p.m. 685 Main St. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9267065549?pwd=amwydVh-Vc0N0d0p4U2tzs>

**FROM THE OFFICE OF ...****State Senator Lisa Boscola**

The senate and governor have enacted Senate Bill 115, which will cut red tape and qualify more nurses for licensure in Pennsylvania through authorizing the commonwealth to join the Nurse Licensure Compact. The Compact is an updated licensure solution for the 21st century that allows nurses to have one multistate license with the ability to practice in all compact states - via telemedicine or in person. The Compact offers a flexible and adaptable solution to streamlining care while maintaining the public's protection at the state level. Nurses who practice in a compact state must meet 11 uniform licensure requirements, including state and federal criminal background checks. Act 68 makes Pennsylvania the 36th state to become a member of the Compact, joining neighboring states Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia. Apart from the pandemic, Boscola added that the state's substantial increase in elderly residents (65 and older) has made the need to recruit more nurses critical today and in the future.

\$331,600 in "Green Light-Go" funding has been awarded to two Northampton County municipalities in the 18th District to improve traffic safety. Wilson Borough was awarded \$306,000 for the modernization of the traffic signal at Butler Street and Freemansburg Avenue/South 18th Street/Palmer Street and Bethlehem Township was awarded \$25,600 for LED upgrades at six intersections.

**State Rep. Jeanne McNeill**

\$101,962.25 will be awarded to local volunteer fire and emergency medical services companies. McNeill explained the funding is provided by the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program. Overseen by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner, this annual program provides funding opportunities for volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services and rescue squads. This included \$12,767.97 for the Fountain Hill FD. According to McNeill, grants can be used by eligible organizations for facilities and equipment, debt reduction, training and education, recruitment and retention, and to supplement operational expenses incurred by lack of opportunity for fundraising and inability to create revenue due to compliance with measures

See **DESK** on Page A6**BETHLEHEM PLANNERS****Blighted properties see new focus**

BY LANI GOINS

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The May 13 city Planning Commission meeting began with a review of four blighted properties. The city had sent letters to the owners, who were all out of town or out of state, but none appeared at the meeting.

Michael and Gretchen Devers own the lot at 129 Luna St. Represented by attorney Michael Recchiuti, the Devers sought a partial vacation of an unused portion of Luna Street and the never opened Bushkill Street. Luna Street dead ends to the east at lot 129. There is no macadam. The street serves

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The rear of a Blighted property on Hobart Street.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

**RALLY**

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under EUA, rather than being fully approved vaccines for children, people experiencing a serious adverse event from one of these products do not have access to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, a fund set up by 1986 legislation and administered by the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). VICP acts as a liability shield for vaccine manufacturers; people alleging vaccine injury sue the federal government for compensation instead.

However, people alleging injury from COVID-19 prevention or treatment products that are authorized under an EUA must work through the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP), which operates in secrecy, not publishing judgments or details of claims. Decisions are made by an administrator who never interacts directly with participants in the proceedings. Journalists have used the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to uncover the fact that only 8 percent of petitioners who have ever applied to CICP have received compensation.

Attorney Anne Carrión Toale, who represents vaccine injury petitioners in VICP, talked to the Press about how a person alleging injury after a COVID-19 injection would seek compensation. She told us that a person's chances of receiving compensation are likely much higher in VICP than in CICP. "CICP does not have a table of injuries yet. Historically, they've compensated almost no one."

By law, CICP awards only include compensation for proven medical expenses in excess of insurance coverage and limited payment for lost wages. According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which administers the program, "CICP is the payer of last resort and can only reimburse or pay for medical services or items or lost employ-

ment income that are not covered by other third-party payers, such as Worker's Compensation." Individuals who were not earning an income at the time of injury are not eligible for income compensation, and there is no compensation for pain and suffering.

Philadelphia attorney David Carney of Green & Schafle, LLC, who represents individuals who have suffered injuries from vaccinations, explained why COVID-19 vaccine injury victims cannot bring a case through VICP: "In order for the COVID vaccine to be included in the VICP, it would need to be FDA approved for use in children and pregnant women, and then it would need to be subject to the excise tax that funds the VICP. Inclusion of the COVID vaccine in the VICP is a critical next step because we must

provide a legal safety net for the small percentage of people that will suffer serious and rare adverse effects from the COVID vaccine."

Carney added, "Currently, there is legislation pending that would streamline the process of adding new vaccines to the VICP after they are approved by the FDA. A process that normally takes years, would be truncated to six months when the legislation passes. The legislation is called The Vaccine Injury Compensation Modernization Act." This bill, introduced June 10 by Mike Kelly (R-PA), Fred Upton (R-MI), and Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), would allow HHS to move new vaccines to VICP without an act of Congress. (Kelly represents the 16th Pa. district, which covers the city of Erie and surrounding areas.)

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to prevent the spread of COVID-19. More information on the grant program can be found by [www.osfc.pa.gov](http://www.osfc.pa.gov).

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

In a release July 1, Casey said, "I am pleased that the Department of Transportation has awarded a \$7,972,341 grant to the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority for taxiway construction and runway rehabilitation at Lehigh Valley International Airport. The funding will enable the airport to maintain its standard of safety and make improvements in infrastructure, which will help to bolster the Lehigh Valley's economy. I will continue to fight for Pennsylvania communities to receive federal support for physical infrastructure as the economy recovers from the COVID-19 crisis." The airport also received \$6.3 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority

In partnership with the city of Bethlehem, \$700,000 total from Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement fund and the Commonwealth Financing Authority's new Blight Initiative funding. The money will help redevelop five blighted properties in the city.

Lamont McClure, NORCO exec

Lamont McClure and the Department of Parks and Recreation have announced the awarding of a \$212,500 Livable Landscapes Grant to the Borough of Hellertown for Dimmick Park Phase III Improvements. A \$96,200 Livable Landscapes Grant has also been awarded to Lower Saucon Township for the Polk Valley Park Trail Rehabilitation.

PEOPLE

Phi Kapp Phi inducts Weinberg-Wonslider

Bryan Weinberger-Wonsidler, DNP, CRNP, of Bethlehem, was inducted into the all-discipline collegiate Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Delphi Society inducts Ciera Mesits

Ciera Mesits, of Freemansburg, was inducted into the Delphi Society for the Spring 2021 semester in recognition of outstanding academic achievements.

Delphi is Cedar Crest College college's honor society for undergraduate students. Students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 at the end of their junior or senior year are recognized as members.

Local author Mayer releases book

Bethlehem-based Robert H. Mayer's "In the Name of Emmett Till: How the Children of the Mississippi Freedom Struggle Showed Us Tomorrow," will be available in September 2021. The young adult book spotlights stories of young Mississippians galvanized into activism by the horrific murder of 14 year old Emmett Till. The stories feature Brenda Travis, the Ladner sisters, Sam Block, Anne Moody, Pearlina Lewis and Hollis Watkins, who risked their lives to fight Jim Crow. Civil rights leaders include Medgar Evers, Robert Moses and Fannie Lou Hamer.

Mayer is the author of "When the Children Marched: The Birmingham Civil Rights Movement". As a teacher, he strives to make history relevant and accessible to young people.

City native named head of school

Jennifer Sherman, of Bethlehem, was unanimously named new Head of School for River Valley Waldorf. She earned a B.F.A. in music/vocal performance and a certification in Elementary Education from Moravian College. She studied opera performance at Longy College and Jazz at Berklee College of Music. She earned professional development in Waldorf education through studies at the Sunbridge Institute, and teacher training at Gradalis and Kentahten, Waldorf institutions.

She taught at multiple independent schools and public schools. She most recently was pedagogical lead, assistant principal and a class teacher at Circle of Seasons Charter School.

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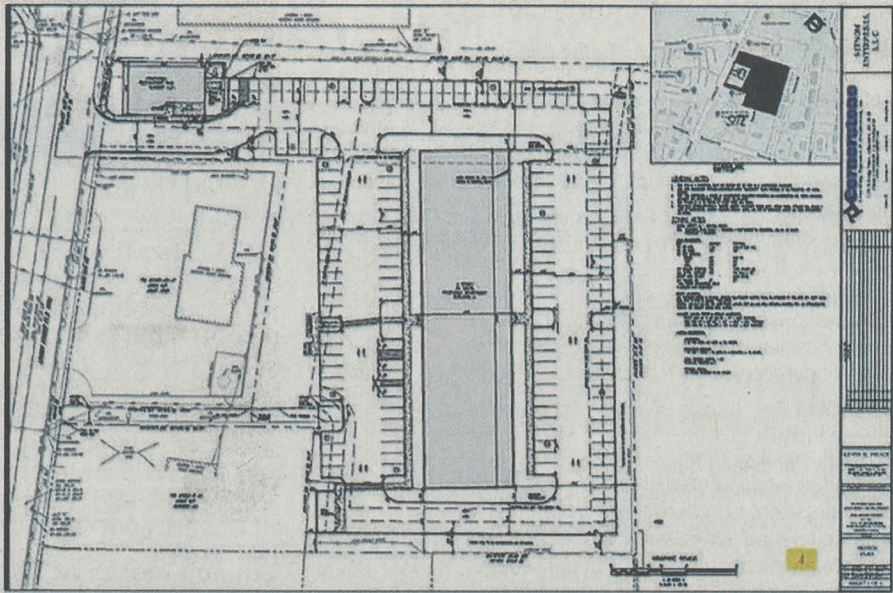
as a means to get to a shed on Bushkill Street, and the Bushkill subdivision was never developed. The plan is to raze the building on lot 129, and build a house and detached garage on the lot. Sharkan Realty owns the nearest property, and they are not opposed to the vacation. A new legal description would be submitted.

Attorney Jim Holzinger presented the land development plan for the proposed Wawa on Route 412 at the city's eastern edge. "As you know, this property is a gateway to the city" he began. CJ Booth, the project engineer, spoke of the city's review letter and the waiver of curb and sidewalk requirements. Director of Community and Economic Development Alicia Karner said the city needed time to review the most response, and Holzinger said he would be amenable to returning once that happened. The Gateway sign design may become a contest. Wawa agreed to commit \$20,000 to the contest, and the design would be voted on by the property owner, a representative from Wawa, and two persons from the city.

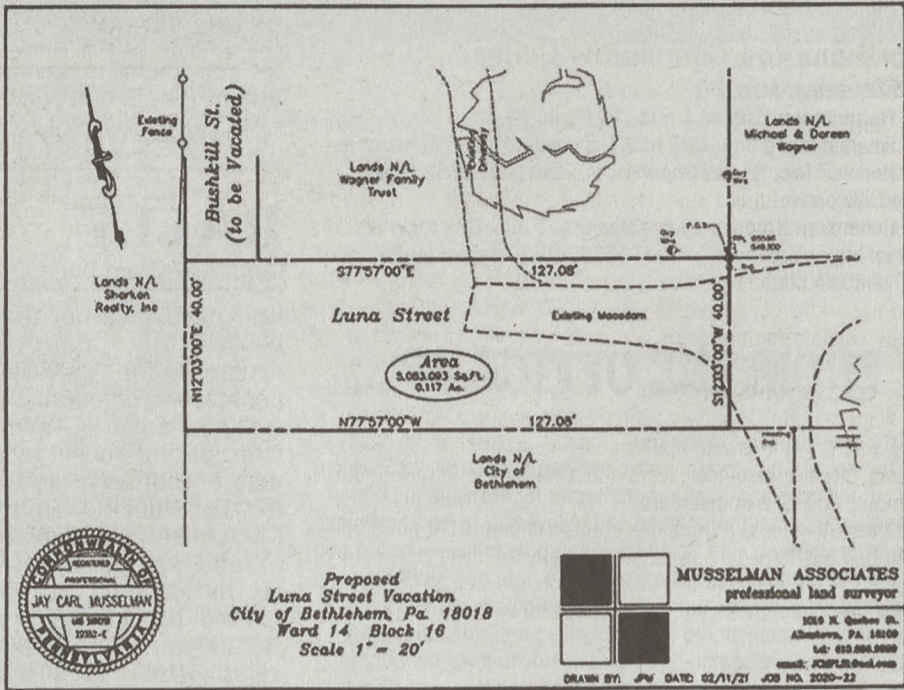
Holzinger said time was an issue. The Commission voted to approve the land development plans, conditional on the items in the city's May 6 letter. Chairman Robert Melosky said that Holzinger and Wawa would need to return to the Commission after the Engineering Study was completed.

Auto Zone appeared, represented by Deborah Shuski. She said "Since November, we have worked with your (the city's) staff." A still outstanding issue was the city's request that left turns be restricted, as they are at the McDonalds. Auto Zone said this would be a non-Starter. However, as the discussion progressed, it appeared Auto Zone "would be agreeable" to a limited three hour turn restriction. Commission attorney Healy said, "The city is not giving up its discretion...In regards to discussions with Penn Dot, "Auto Zone may have input, but it is ultimately at the city's discretion."

Stefano's Restaurant



A site plan for the rebuilt Stefano's restaurant and four story apartment building.



The intersection of Luna Street and the never developed Bushkill Street.



Slides of blighted properties are presented to the Planning Commission.

came forward with a revised plan for their site at 2970 Linden St. The existing restaurant will be razed, then rebuilt, and four stories of apartments will be added to the site. The fire marshall reviewed and approved the site plan. Commission member Debra Cohen asked about elevation drawings for the site. Dwayne Wagner explained that those drawings would be submitted "when we go before the Zoning Hearing Board." Cohen expressed her dislike of the building in the plan, saying it had a "long monolithic look." The plan for the upper floors will include balconies, and the commission requested a plan for the planting of trees as well.

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### Lehigh Carbon Community College Financial debts erasure

Lehigh Carbon Community College has erased the financial debt of 1,065 students using nearly \$1.1 million in federal coronavirus relief funds. The college received these funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and used them to help students with overdue bills or unpaid tuition balances.

This one-time initiative was designed to help students get back on their feet and continue to meet their educational goals. Students interested in enrolling in the fall semester Aug. 21 and who need help with tuition or have emergency needs are encouraged to apply for available emergency grants. For information, visit [www.lccc.edu/about-lccc/news/lccc-provides-emergency-funds-for-students-imp-\(1\)](http://www.lccc.edu/about-lccc/news/lccc-provides-emergency-funds-for-students-imp-(1)).

CRRSAA funds were automatically applied to pay off student debt over the past year; students were not required to apply for the funds. The funds were available to students who either had their accounts sent to collections or before that happened, allowing them to re-enroll for classes. Normally, students can't re-enroll if they have an outstanding debt with the college.

Students who have still unmet needs or need to set up a payment plan for their tuition and fees should contact the bursar1@mymail.lccc.edu or call 610-799-1157. The college maintains a debt relief policy for students who have challenges with tuition bills. For information, visit [lccc.edu/tuition-financial-aid/academic-debt-relief-policy](http://lccc.edu/tuition-financial-aid/academic-debt-relief-policy).

### Northampton Community College FSFA sessions set

Northampton Community College is hosting on-campus Federal Application for Federal Student Aid completion overview and financial aid sessions. The Bethlehem campus sessions are throughout July. New and returning students will be given hands-on assistance with completing the financial aid application process in one of the computer labs.

Visit [info.northampton.edu/fafsacompletion](http://info.northampton.edu/fafsacompletion) for information and to sign up. For general questions, call 610-861-5300 or email [adminfo@northampton.edu](mailto:adminfo@northampton.edu).

### All Access events July 14

Northampton Community College in-person events are now available to get help with applications, meet with different departments, discover resources, learn about ways to get involved on campus, and for campus tours.

These All-Access Admissions events will be held at the Bethlehem Campus from 10 a.m. to noon on July 14. Fall classes start Aug. 30. RSVP online at [info.northampton.edu/ncc-all-access](http://info.northampton.edu/ncc-all-access). For questions, call 610-861-5300 or email [adminfo@northampton.edu](mailto:adminfo@northampton.edu).

### McGann selected as associate vice president

Northampton Community College has named Robert McGann as associate vice president of enrollment management effective July 26. He will lead the Admissions, Financial Aid, Records, Registration and Bursar's offices to attract students for the colleges four schools, two campuses (Bethlehem Township and Monroe County) and 115 degree programs. He was the former director of Admissions and Assistant Vice President of Student and Academic Services at the University of New Hampshire.



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Council meets at Borough Hall in its current 'hybrid' format, with some attendees joining remotely via Zoom on the screen in the background left.

## Weber resigns; new member sought

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was an eventful July 6 Hellertown Council meeting, with the biggest - and most unfortunate - development being that longtime council member Phil Weber submitted his resignation, citing health concerns.

A former council president who has also served as a volunteer firefighter with the Dewey Fire Company, Weber had previously resigned from his most recent position as vice president at the June 7 meeting. "This is a sad day in Hellertown," said mayor David Heintzelman as he praised Weber's considerable contributions to the community. "I can only hope and pray that all of you take some time and pray for him and his family."

Weber also resigned his spot on the Hellertown Planning Commission, and council president Thomas Rieger shared details on subsequent steps to fill the newly-created vacancies. Replacements will be appointed to fill each respective position, serving through the end of the year, he said.



Since Weber's current four-year council term began in 2019 and does not end until 2023, a successor for the remaining two years will be elected on this November's ballot. The interim planning commission term will also run through this December, as the next regular four-

### HELLERTOWN COUNCIL

Former council vice president Phil Weber, whose resignation due to health concerns was accepted at the July 6 meeting.

interviewed by, their potential colleagues, Rieger said.

In news that's sure to be a relief to officials, the borough's much-discussed noise ordinance was finally adopted. The ordinance, which was initially developed several months ago with the assistance of police chief Robert Shupp, aims to better codify allowable levels of sound within the borough.

There had been some concerns raised at the last several meetings; particularly regarding the distinctions between allowable levels for private citizens and businesses, such as bars and restaurants, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Pa. Liquor Control Board. Some residents also expressed concerns over being ticketed for normal maintenance activities like lawn-mowing and weed-whacking.

It was stressed that specifics within the ordinance might have to be changed even after its

year term is set to begin in 2022.

For each position, prospective members should submit a letter of interest and resume outlining qualifications to borough manager Cathy Hartranft by email at [c.hartranft@hellertown-borough.org](mailto:c.hartranft@hellertown-borough.org) by July 28. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a borough resident and a registered voter, and should plan to attend the Aug. 2 council meeting to be introduced to, and

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# Restaurant opening sparks debate

BY LAKISHA BONNELL  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Council President Norman Blatt started the first in-person Fountain Hill borough council meeting since the pandemic July 5.

Resident Jeff Remling addressed council once again regarding his concerns of the new Fountain Hill establishment, Gametime Sports Bar and Grill. Memling has stated in prior meetings that he feels the sports bar should not be allowed to open due to zoning regulations he interprets as not being met. Remling has already submitted a formal letter to the council of his complaint. Solicitor Peter Lehr has already advised the council to reject the complaints of Remling and the council has considered the matter closed. Remling brought up an additional concern stating that the bar and grill will be open until 2 a.m. He said the borough has rules about restaurants closing by midnight.

A representative of Gametime Sports and Bar Grill addressed council to state the establishment has endured a great deal of harassment from Remling and recommended that he be removed from the Zoning board.

In contrast, resident and former Zoning Com-

## FOUNTAIN HILL COUNCIL



PRESS PHOTO BY LAKISHA BONNELL

Members of the Fountain Hill council make a motion to adjourn the first public meeting back in Borough Hall in over a year. Council members are Recreation Committee Chair Jamie Johnson and House and Ordinance Committee Chair Will Rufe.

mittee member Connie Potts echoed Remling's concerns about the changes to the Gametime Sports Bar and Grill. "The seating capacity has doubled," Potts said. "Where is the parking?"

Blatt reiterated that council considers the matter closed.

In her address to council, Mayor Carolee Gifford commended the police department for perpetrators of fireworks over the holiday. "They were so responsive in the borough," she said. Police Chief Edward Bachert verified that there

were 10-12 arrests July 4. The mayor asked that residents who are concerned with the sale of fireworks to contact their legislature officials. The mayor also said she went to Gametime Sports Bar and Grill for the ribbon cutting and that "It is an absolutely beautiful place." Referring to the owner of the establishment, "From what I've seen, he wants to be positive member of the business community."

Blatt continued, "We wish you well, sir."

Interim Borough Manager Anthony Branco

read a letter to the council from a resident requesting a slowdown sign to be placed on a street in the borough and a motion was passed to approve it.

However, a resident in attendance addressed the council to state a need for her city curb to be painted because numerous residents have received tickets for parking too close to the curb. The council advised that it is a Public Works matter.

Later when the floor was open, a discussion was had about why the same consideration that was given to the slow down sign was not the same as the request for the curb painting. Again, the matter was referred to Public Works.

Reporting for Parks and Recreation, Committee Chair Jamie Johnson announced that the pool is open and is very short staffed. She announced a Fountain Hill resident wants to manage the snack bar at the pool. The motion was approved for the snack bar. Residents will still be able to bring their own food such as sandwiches and snacks, but no coolers are allowed. Currently the pool is in operation with 4-6 lifeguards on duty at any time.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21 in Borough Hall.

## CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit [www.healthyanimalcenter.org](http://www.healthyanimalcenter.org).



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**Dahlia**, a 6-year-old husky, is very sweet, loving and laid back for the most part. Dahlia prefers to be the only dog in the home and she doesn't do well with cats. She's a diva and likes all the attention. She would also do best in a home with no children; sudden movements make her uncomfortable.

## VOLUNTEERS

**ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION** needs volunteers for the annual Symphony Ball to assist in various facets of planning their largest fundraising event of the year. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month through January 2022. This two-year commitment will benefit education and outreach programs for underserved students. For more details, contact Lucy Bloise at 610-248-8263 or [lbloise@allentownsymphony.org](mailto:lbloise@allentownsymphony.org).

**CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY**, Allentown, is in need of an individual or individuals to perform basic cleaning duties in the Allentown facility on a weekly or biweekly basis. Duties would include, but not be limited to vacuuming, dusting, mopping and trash removal. Day and time schedule is flexible. Contact Nancy Petite at 610-861-7555, ext. 39 or [npetiet@cancersupportglv.org](mailto:npetiet@cancersupportglv.org).

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## NEW

Continued from page A7 approval. "The (decibel) chart can be modified by resolution as we continue to go, that's one of the nice things about this ordinance," Rieger said. "It's going to be a learn-

ing curve."

In other news, Jeffery Weiss with Zelenkofske Axelrod presented the borough's 2020 financial audit. "There were no findings of any sort," Hartranft said, and Weiss characterized the process as "smooth."

Rieger reminded everybody that the audit would soon be posted on the Hellertown website for public review.

Lauren Sufleta with the Hellertown Borough Authority presented their 2020 audit as well, which she also described

as "clean." She noted that while expenses were up approximately seven percent compared to 2019, assets within the department continued to far exceed liabilities. Both audits were unanimously approved by the council.



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## Gomez leads BC to win

BY PETER CAR  
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More Cedar Beach Summer League games were played this week and Bethlehem Catholic's Edixon Gomez continues to impress, as he posted 31 points in a 53-34 win over Whitehall last week.

Liberty lost to Nazareth 55-47 on Thursday night, as the only two local teams in action.

Becahi head coach Scott McClary is glad to have Gomez back to his old self this summer on the court.

"Edixon has continued to grow within his role for us," McClary said. "With a number of key guys missing this summer, he has really stepped up as a leader. His knee is now back to 100-percent, which also makes a big difference. I have challenged him to make as big of an impact on defense as he does on offense, and I have seen strides there from him. Consistency is also something that we both looked for improvements on. He has really taken advantage of his summer opportunities so far."

The complete scoreboard from last Thursday is below.

Big School Division:  
Bangor 35, Northampton 33, Justin Petersen 11 points

Nazareth 55, Liberty 47, Jayden Alexander 14 points

Wilson West Lawn 49, Dieruff 46, Aidan Melogrand 24 points

Easton 48, Pocono Mt. East 34 Aidan Hutichson 16 points

Allen 49, Central 34, Leandro Pena 14 points

Pleasant Valley 47, Reading 34, Pat Moore 12 points

Becahi 53, Whitehall 34, Edixon Gomez, 31 points

Parkland 47, Quakerstown 32, Kharan Joshi 15 points

Small School Division:

Palmerton 50, Roberto Clemente 47, Brayden Hosier 21 points

Salisbury 49, Southern Lehigh, Jackson Lopez 22 points

Saucon Valley 50, Lehighton 39, Jacob Albert 18 points

Warren Hills 58, Upper Perk 43, Thomas Flaherty 22 points



PRESS PHOTO BY ASHLEY HACKER

The Lehigh 12U all-star team celebrates after capturing the District 20 title last week.

## Lehigh 12U wins D-20 title!

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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After a lengthy wait for a contest between the last two teams standing, Lehigh Little League's 12U all-stars were crowned PA District 20 champions with a 5-3 victory over Southern Lehigh last Wednesday night at Lehigh.

"Here's what happened today: we showed up to this complex at 3:30, we went through our whole pregame routine, and at 5:10 I was told the game had been moved to 8:00," said Lehigh manager Mike Kashner. "The game was not moved to 8:00 till 4 p.m. The kids were devastated, we had them out in the heat for an excessive period of time, somehow we calmed them down, we fed them. They sat there for 2 1/2 hours, and they were

still ready to go, and on top of everything, we get down 3-0 in the first inning, and it's time for panic mode."

Coach Kashner had a decision to make: stick with starting pitcher Brayden Kashner, who had thrown 35 pitches partway through the top of the third inning, or replace him with Willie Cruz. That way, Kashner would be saved for Friday's rematch if Solehi ended up winning.

"Brayden was dominant in two outings, so it was very stressful, but the way that game was going...When I did it, my fear was, we needed Willie to keep that game close, but I didn't know he'd shut them down the way he did," Coach Kashner said. "When I asked Brayden, he said, 'Yeah, that's the move,' so I give him credit for



J.T. Solano slides safely into home during Lehigh's victory in the finals.

understanding that, and as a coach, that was all I needed to hear, and it worked out."

Cruz delivered two strikeouts, a walk, and a ground out to set the stage for what would become Lehigh's rally in

the bottom of the fourth inning.

Marco Sciarra led off with a grounder and beat the throw to first base.

"I was just trying to run 65 feet, and then we got the rally going," Sciarra said.

J.T. Solano followed up with a single that bounced over the infield and he later stole second base.

"I didn't focus on the ball. I just went straight for the bag," Solano said. "I just stole it [myself]. I had to read it good."

With the count 1-1 on Lehigh's next batter Cole Collins, Sciarra stole third.

"Coach Mike put the steal sign on, and I went," said Sciarra. "The third baseman was playing up, and I was hyped that I was in scoring position."

Collins then hit a slow roller toward the pitcher, scoring Sciarra.

"It was supposed to be a sacrifice to advance the runner, but he sort of didn't know where to throw it, so I just ran

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## Lehigh 10U falls to Pennridge

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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An early lead gave Lehigh Little League's 10U all-stars hope in their rematch against Pennridge, but Pennridge rallied in the sixth inning for a 5-2 victory last Monday at Pennridge.

"It started off real well, our pitchers threw well, we limited the mistakes early, we just couldn't find a way to keep them from scoring," said Lehigh manager Ryan Beck.

In the bottom of the first inning, Lehigh's Miguel Medina scored on Coltin Brozino's RBI single to center field, sliding under Pennridge

catcher Connor Lowe to touch home plate.

"That gave us a spark early, and then we did a fake bunt, steal, and an overthrow at third," Coach Beck said. "I was really happy the boys' base running was much better than the first game [against Pennridge]. I was confident this time around, but we couldn't put it all together."

Pennridge tied the game in the third inning on Lowe's RBI to left field that scored pinch runner Jason Lewis, in the game for Jack Walter who singled.

"[Lowe's] been a good player all year long,"

said Pennridge manager Matt Trauger.

Both teams changed pitchers midway through the game with Pennridge's Weston Ritter relieving Walter, and Lehigh's Ryan Beck relieving Medina.

"That was tough and Miguel threw a really good game," Coach Beck said. "I couldn't have asked any more from our pitchers today."

Ryan Beck entered the fourth inning with Pennridge runners on base and no outs, but forced a pop-up at third base and threw two strikeouts to end the inning.

"Yeah, I was really

proud of Braden for getting out of that inning. It's a tough spot to put a 10-year-old in," said Coach Beck.

Still tied 1-1, Lehigh and Pennridge traded mistakes in consecutive innings that tied the game again, 2-2.

Brozino had a hit to right field, Joseph Miller was hit by a pitch, and Brozino scored on a Pennridge overthrow to third base after Mason Martisofski's fake bunt. Then, Pennridge's Weston Ritter knocked the ball to center field, Lowe reached first base on a fielder's choice, Brooks Worman walked, and Micah Keating's fly

ball was caught in right field, but Lowe was able to score from second base.

"We were just scratching and clawing and trying to get back in it, and we were fortunate," Coach Trauger said. "They scored the go-ahead run on our mistake, and that's basically the way baseball goes at this age."

In the top of the sixth, Lewis was sent in to pinch run for Pennridge's Griffin Trauger whose base hit got past Lehigh's infield. Almost immediately, Kyle Newton replaced Lewis, and that's when Coach Beck

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## Carnes named LHS girls basketball coach

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Freedom High School alumnus and former Patriot point guard Jarrett Carnes, Jr. has been hired as the new girls basketball coach at Liberty High School.

Carnes was the assistant girls varsity coach

at Kutztown High School for the past four years.

"It's a huge responsibility, but I'm excited," Carnes said. "At Kutztown, Coach Tim Vink let me set up the lineups. He liked how I saw the game."

The Hurricanes recently won the Catty Summer League title un-

der Carnes' leadership, defeating Catasauqua in the final.

Next for the Lady 'Canes will be the A-Town Throwdown Tournament at the end of this month.

"We have a lot of sophomores and juniors, and it's nice to see they have some chemistry already

so I can focus on things I want to do," Carnes said.

Some of those things include pushing the pace of the game and creating positive mindsets in his players.

"We don't have a lot of height, so I want to play a fast, up-paced game," said Carnes. "Attitude

is the main focus, and a positive mindset will set them up for success."

Carnes will be assisted by two other former Patriots, Jordan Young and Nicole Calabrese, along with Deanna Radio.

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Matt Vital, shown here during last year's golf season, recently broke and impressive record at Reading Country Club.

## Golf honors piling up for Matt Vital

BY JEFF MOELLER  
Special to the Press

In April, Liberty's Matt Vital broke Sam Snead's 72-year-old record of a 63 at Reading Country Club. He had an 8-under 62 filled with nine birdies and eight pars, winning the event by 14 strokes.

Two years ago, Vital won the 12-13 division of the Chip and Put National Finals at the legendary Augusta National Golf Club.

To describe how a 15-year-old accomplished the feat, it was hard to find the exact words. Golf has been life for Vital since he began swinging plastic clubs at the age of three with his twin brother Michael, and since he took to the course a year later.

However, breaking records and achieving honors isn't anything new for Vital. For the past two years, it has been all in an afternoon's work for his role on the Hurricanes' team.

"This is a young man with a definite future in the game," said Liberty head coach Steve Bradley. "He has the ability and potential to burst onto the scene like another Tiger Woods."

"He is just that good."

Vital, who will be a junior in the fall, has tried to keep everything in its proper perspective. He believes his priorities are in order.

"I'm just trying to see the big picture, and trying to focus on where I am trying to get to," said Vital. "The next step will be college, and I'm still going over information on a number of schools."

"The best schools are down South, but there are some good ones in the North, too. My ultimate goal is to be a professional and be the best that I can be."

Vital helped Liberty reach the PIAA Class 3A team final last season. He was the top district qualifier with a 72 and finished tied for seventh overall with a 78.

A district or state crown is still in the offing for Vital, who has welcomed the challenges of the high school season.

"I have definitely felt challenged during the season and when it comes to districts and states," Vital said. "We saw some of the better all-around players this year."

"I struggled a bit with my swing, and I felt like it wasn't in the right spot. My season ended a little shorter than expected. I spotted the problem with my swing, and I worked to fix it. I didn't make it

past districts, and it was a bad day. That's how it goes sometimes."

"But I am happy with my putting game."

Vital continues to implement lessons in his game, taking them twice a week during the winter and spring, and once during the summer. He usually is on the course daily during June and July, and is busy with a tournament schedule on weekends.

Yet, he understands the rigors of his schedule, and he has adapted well. When he has a free minute, Vital is usually playing basketball or hanging out at the pool.

"I think I becoming stronger mentally with the game," said Vital. "It's definitely harder mentally than physically. I have been better dealing with the pressures of tournaments."

"But this have been fun playing with my buddies since we were little. I grew up with the guys on the team and we played together at Northampton Country Club."

Vital credits his father, Gus, and brother Michael for their constant support.

"It's always been fun and very competitive with my brother," he said. "My father played a lot of golf when he was younger, and he started us on the course early."

"I remember playing my first tournament at the age of four at the Bethlehem Executive Course."

Learning how to score was the biggest factor for me growing up. I fell in love with the competitive nature to be better ever since."

Vital recently finished fourth at the at the Pennsylvania Junior Boys Championship – the youngest ever qualifier from the Lehigh Valley – and earned fully exempt status on the American Junior Golf Association Tour in 2022. He will play in the Lehigh Valley Open next week, and in the state amateur tournament at Lookaway Golf Club, Buckingham, July 27-29.

Aside from the tournaments, Vital also is looking forward to rejoining his teammates in the high school season that begins in late August. He will be one of four starters returning to the lineup.

"We all will be juniors, and I think we have a good chance this year," he said. "A lot of teams lost seniors, and we should be in good shape."

"It's all about having confidence for all of us."

Vital certainly can help fill any voids.

## Wanderers wins NORCO Legion title

BY PETER CAR  
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The Wanderers are NORCO Legion champions following a sweep (2-0) over Northampton on Monday night.

It was a perfect post-season record (4-0) for the club, as they took down Northampton 12-2 Monday night.

The win followed up Sunday's 8-2 victory for a resounding championship run that saw the team sit in first place throughout the regular season.

Head coach Dwight Pulieri knew this team was special coming into the year and how much they wanted to win the

championship.

"Our guys have been looking forward to the playoffs for a while," said Pulieri, "especially the one's that have been in the NORCO playoffs with us before because they know how competitive the playoffs are."

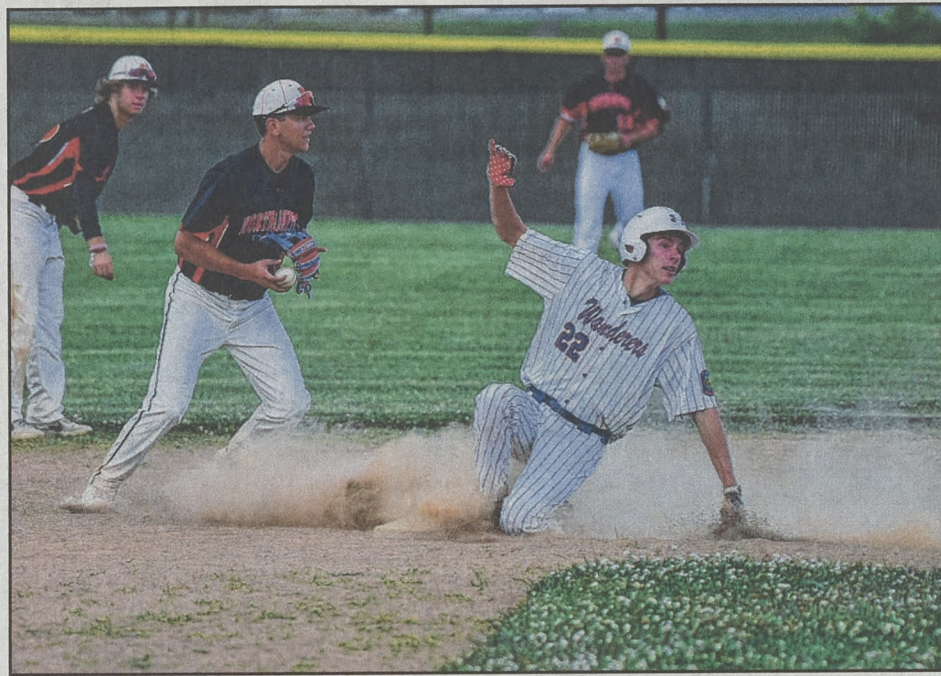
The Wanderers swept Birches in their opening series of the postseason in two games, winning 3-2 in extra innings in the first game and 2-0 in the second contest.

In Monday's finale, the team jumped out to 10-0 lead through four innings and never looked back to dominate a Northampton team that was behind them

in second place all season in the standings and who even knocked them off late in the year.

"I don't think our loss to Northampton in the regular season really affected our guys," Pulieri said. "Like I said before, they've been looking forward to the playoffs for awhile no matter who we were going to play."

The Wanderers now move onto the Region 2 tournament this week with the field set with West Lawn, Norchester, Wyomissing, Nor-Gwyn, Hatfield-Towamencin, Salisbury and Northampton.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Cole Hershman of Wanderers slides into second base during a game with Northampton. Hershman and Wanderers now move on after winning the NORCO title.

### 12U

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it out," said Collins. "I ended up scoring, and I stole, so I felt good about it. Our team was really pumped up."

With Lehigh still trailing and the count 3-2 on Lehigh's next batter, Will Cresci's infield hit was bobbled by Solehi pitcher Colton Sams, and an overthrow to first base sent Cresci to second with 2 RBI, scoring Solano and Collins.

"I was pretty nervous, but I knew I was going to do something good to help my team," Cresci said. "I saw [their pitcher] for a split second. I saw [the overthrow], so I went."

Lehigh now had a 4-3 lead, but they weren't finished yet when Cresci stole third and scored on a base hit by Cruz.

"I stole on a strike-out and slid down in a really weird way and hurt my leg a little, and then the ball came out of his glove," said Cresci. "I was really excited, pumped up. The whole team was. It was awesome."

Cruz returned to the

mound for the top of the fifth inning, striking out Solehi's first batter and forcing back-to-back groundouts.

Solano, who scored Lehigh's first run on a sacrifice by David Dunham in the second inning after Mac Pavlish's single to right field, had his third hit of the night in the bottom of the fifth but was left stranded.

"We hadn't been hitting leading up to this game... There was a lot of chatter about moving the lineup around. We thought about it. I didn't put my lineup card together till about 3:00 today, and when I did, I said, 'These kids got us here. I still have faith in them,'" said Coach Kashner, "and I think a lot of coaching young kids is having faith in the kids to do the job. They're in a certain spot for a reason, and when you waiver, and you show nervousness, they're not going to perform."

Solehi attempted its own rally in the top of the sixth with a leadoff single to the outfield, but Cruz halted the attack and struck out Solehi's

last batter for the win.

"Our first three wins, we were pretty much led by our top players, Brayden and Willie, but what made me so proud about tonight is we literally got contributions from all 13 players," said Coach Kashner. "That's the first time that's happened, and that's what it takes to win championship games. It came down to heart, and hustle, and attitude, and keeping your composure. There had to be 500 people here under the lights, and they did a great job."

Lehigh's PA District 20 champions are Will Cresci, Gio Sciarra, J.T. Solano, Cole Collins, Mac Pavlish, Brayden Kashner, Liam Parry, Willie Cruz, Marco Sciarra, Ben Miller, Andrew Erfle, David Dunham, and Luqkai Dickson, coached by Mike Kashner, Dave Cresci, and Mark Pavlish.

"It felt great," said Solano, "like we just won a million dollars."

Lehigh advances to the Section 6 tournament, which is scheduled to begin on Friday in Hazleton.

### 10U

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questioned the substitution, and the game paused for 10-15 minutes.

"Originally, we thought he was an illegal pinch runner so the red flag was raised when they quickly took him out and we said, 'No, once you're announced, that's official and the pitch doesn't have to occur.' That was the main argument," said Coach Beck. "Then we come to find out after the game he actually was never illegal, and I don't think anybody knew that. I didn't know that, Pennridge didn't know that, so I felt better about it."

"Typical regular season game, you go out to the umpire, figure it out, and it's final. Here, it's different. You talk with

the umpires, and whether they agree with you or not, they don't make the final call. It's up in the box, and that's the unfortunate part. The tournament director has the final say. Even though the umpires agreed with what we were saying, it's out of their hands. You know, it's a shame there's not somebody who doesn't have any affiliation with either team making those decisions. That's the tough part."

Although Lehigh was unsuccessful with its argument at the time, Coach Beck credited Pennridge with being able to squeak out the win.

"It was just a little bit of confusion on our part, but since the ball hadn't been put in play yet, we were fortunate," said Coach Trauger.

When play resumed, a double by Levi Clymer, an under-the-fence base hit by Walter, which paused the game again, and a single by Weston Ritter tallied three more runs for Pennridge.

"There were a couple questionable situations that were unfortunate," said Coach Beck. "We tried our best to follow the rules and make sure that the rules were being followed for us, so that it was fair for the boys, but both teams battled till the end and made it interesting."

Brozino had another hit for Lehigh in the bottom of the sixth inning, a double that flew over the head of Pennridge's center fielder.

Last Wednesday, Southern Lehigh defeated Pennridge, 11-1, for the PA District 20 10U championship.

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A FOLKTALE FROM AUSTRALIA

## How Kangaroo Got a Pouch

Some of the words in the story got washed into the stream. Use them to fill in the blanks.

One day, Mama Kangaroo was \_\_\_\_\_ with her joey near a stream.

An old, blind wombat wandered close to them. He was \_\_\_\_\_ and muttering, "Old and useless, old and useless ..."

Mama Kangaroo asked him, "What's the trouble, friend Wombat?"

"I'm old and I'm blind and none of the other \_\_\_\_\_ want me around. I'm very lonely."

Mama Kangaroo had a kind heart. "I'll be your friend," she said. "My joey and I will \_\_\_\_\_ you find tasty grass and clean water."

Wombat smiled. It made Mama Kangaroo happy to see him \_\_\_\_\_ better.

Just then, Mama Kangaroo looked for her joey. He had wandered off! She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Mama Kangaroo was \_\_\_\_\_. She said to Wombat, "My joey has wandered off! He's always hopping away when I'm not \_\_\_\_\_!"

Can you help me find my joey? (Joey is what baby kangaroos are called.)

That afternoon, Mama Kangaroo found her joey \_\_\_\_\_ under a tree. She was so relieved!

Wombat was not \_\_\_\_\_ a wombat - he was the god Byamee in disguise. He had come to the world to find out which creature had the kindest \_\_\_\_\_.

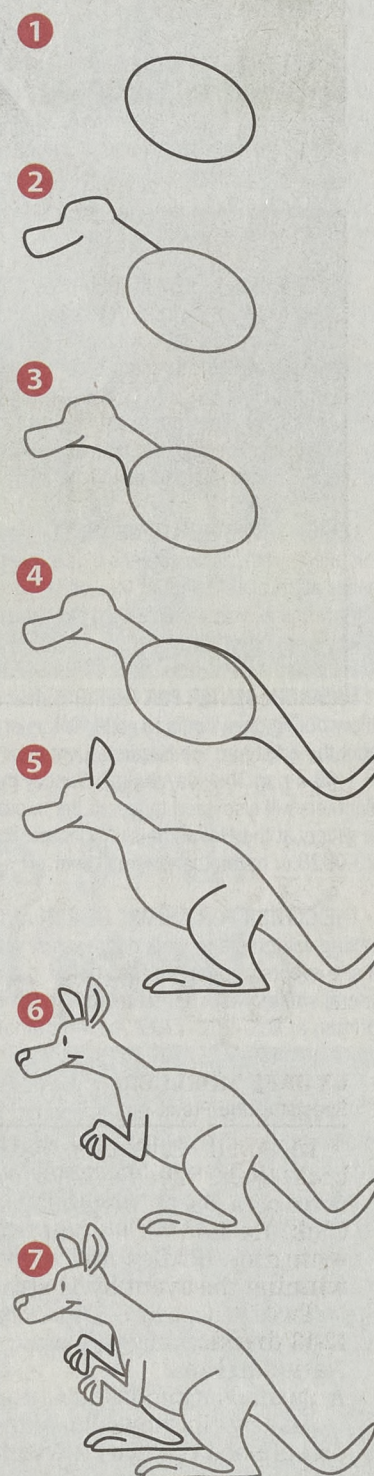
Byamee gave Mama Kangaroo a gift - a pouch where she could carry her joey! Now she could \_\_\_\_\_ him wherever she went and he could even sleep in the pouch when she did her chores.

Ever since then, kangaroo babies almost never get lost.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**RELIEVED**

The verb **relieved** means to be free from a burden or stress.

Emma was **relieved** when she found her keys.

Try to use the word **relieved** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

**What is a wombat?** A wombat looks like a small bear but is, in fact, a marsupial with a pouch to carry its young. They are found in Australia and the surrounding islands.



### Kangaroo Code Trivia

=A =J =O =X  
 =B =L =S =Y  
 =E =M =W =Z

What's the name for a group of kangaroos?



What do you call a kangaroo that weighs less than 45 lbs (25kg)?



### Who is Byamee?

In Australian aboriginal mythology, Byamee is the creator god and sky father. The first inhabitants of Australia have been there for more than 50,000 years.

### Extra! Extra! Looking for Kindness

Look though the newspaper for articles and photos that are examples of kindness. Cut them out and paste them on another sheet of paper to make a kindness poster to display in your home.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Understand meaning from context clues.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Old folktales like *How Kangaroo Got a Pouch* were often created to teach a lesson. Unscramble each word below to figure out what this folktale teaches.

**NEO DOGO NURT  
ESVSEDRE HOATNRE.**

\_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T U R N  
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### Double Double Word Search

ABORIGINAL  
KANGAROO  
RELIEVED  
WOMBAT  
BYAMEE  
FATHER  
SCARED  
POUCH  
BLIND  
HEART  
TEACH  
JOEY  
LOST  
GIFT  
MAMA

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

A B O R I G I N A L  
 R K J G I F T I D N  
 E D O O R A G N A K  
 L E E S B H I T H E  
 I P Y M C L O S T E  
 E E O A B A A M A M  
 V W E U T R A E H A  
 E T R S C A R E D Y  
 D T S R E H T A F B

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Hop Through the News

Hop is a **verb**. It is an action word. Look through the newspaper for 10 or more action verbs such as swim, run, walk, etc. Can you act out each one?

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Identify action verbs.

### What do you get if you cross a kangaroo with an alien?

ANSWER: A Mars-uplali

### Write On!

#### If I Were an Animal

Which kind of animal are you most like? Why? If you were an animal, what kind would you be?

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**FORGOTTEN FELINES AND FIDOS**, Germansville, needs volunteers to help with administrative support, adoption support, schedule coordinator for shelter volunteers, foster care, daily morning shelter cleaning and cat socialization, marketing and communication, grant support, veterinary services, shelter and grounds maintenance, fundraising and event support. Contact Erica Moerder at 610-737-6851 or fffvolunteer@verizon.net.

**HISTORIC BETHLEHEM MUSEUMS & SITES** needs volunteers to help get ready for the sweetest festival of the summer - the 34th annual Blueberry Festival & Market To Go! Help with set up, parking, admissions, craft tents, runners, order fulfillment and more. To view the volunteer opportunities July 15 through July 21 and to sign up for a shift, visit <https://timecounts.org/historicbethlehem/events/34392> or contact Molly Breitbart at mbreitbart@historicbethlehem.org or Jennifer Bender at jbender@historicbethlehem.org.

**LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK** is looking for people to share their talents with the volunteer services department. A variety of opportunities are available both at the Lehigh Valley and outlying campuses. To apply online, visit [www.lvhn.org](http://www.lvhn.org) or contact Ruth Brown at 610-969-2850 or ruth.brown@lvhn.org.

**NAZARETH CENTER FOR THE ARTS** needs volunteers to sit in the gallery during open hours to greet visitors and provide information about the artist and The Nazareth Center for the Arts. Shifts available are 1:45-4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday throughout the summer. Volunteers will also need to record the number of visitors and close the gallery at the end of the shift. Contact Kathleen Reynolds at 901-229-0928 or nazaretharts@gmail.com.

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

**AIDSNET**, Bethlehem needs community members & professionals (lawyer, CPA, clergy, physician, etc.) who live in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton or Schuylkill County to join our board of directors and help oversee our organization's mission of building healthier communities by planning and funding HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Services in those six counties. All meetings are held every other month at our Bethlehem office. Contact Vickey McKinze-Gonzalez, 610-882-1119, executive.director@aidsonetpa.org.

**CAY GALGON LIFE HOUSE**, Bethlehem is looking for individuals or groups for our Support Staff Task Force. Duties include providing safety and security to the residents and assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the house. Child Abuse, FBI, and Criminal Background checks, Mandated Reporter Clearance, and on-site training required. Various shifts available throughout the week, including weekends and overnights. Contact Christine Duddy, 610-867-9546, christine@caygalgonlifehouse.org.

**DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR**, Easton is holding a Trail Patrol Training Event for Formal Trail Patrollers 9am-1pm on Saturday, July 24 at the National Canal Museum. Volunteer on your own schedule and help be our eyes on the trail. This training event includes an overview of the D&L's Trail Patrol Program, tips from existing trail patrollers, a walk-through of the reporting form, and training sessions in First Aid and Quick Fix Bike Repairs. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 14 to Liz Rosencrans, 610-923-3548, ext. 227, [trail@delawareandlehigh.org](mailto:trail@delawareandlehigh.org).

**FAMILY PROMISE OF LEHIGH VALLEY**, Allentown, needs drivers for a 15-passenger bus, for approximately one-hour shifts, who will pick up families experiencing homelessness around 5:30 a.m. at a local congregation and take them to the Day Center located on West Hamilton Street, Allentown. At 5:30 p.m. drivers will transport the same families back to the congregations. There are 14 different congregations that house our families. Contact Roslyn Kuba, 610-351-1368, director@fplehighvalley.org.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RESTORE**, Whitehall is always in need of eager, willing, and excited volunteers to help with accepting donations, cleaning, organization, and customer service 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Contact Gina Loiacono, 610-776-7737, [gina@habitatlv.org](mailto:gina@habitatlv.org).

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDUSTRIAL HISTORY**, Bethlehem is seeking professionals to work with our Museum Specialist to restore industrial machines and artifacts for museum exhibits or programs. This requires a high degree of technical and mechanical skill, working knowledge of machines and tools, attention to detail, a willingness to learn, as well as knowledge of the objects being restored or conserved. Contact Visitor Services, 610-694-6644, [info@nmih.org](mailto:info@nmih.org).

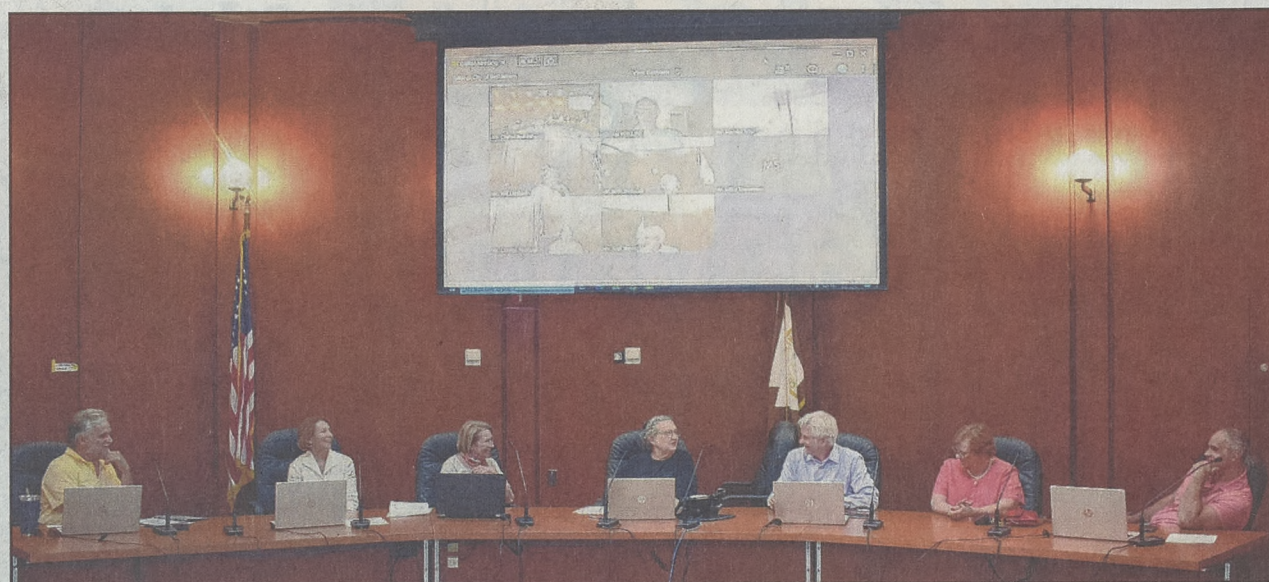
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PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

**HARB commissioners are**, from left, newest member Joe McGavin, along with Connie Postupack, Vice Chair Marsha Fritz, Chairperson Beth Starbuck, Rod Young, Diana Hodgson, and Mike Simonson. Historic officer Joseph Phillips is in the center, top, of the projected computer screen.

## Live meetings return

# Remote viewing still an option

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Historical and Architectural Review Board awarded a certificate of appropriateness to homeowner Dr. James Taylor Reed for 409 N. New St. at the July 8 meeting.

For the first time since the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020, the hearing was available as a public in-person event. It was also accessible to the general public virtually via GoToMeeting.

Contractor Michael Faust assisted Reed with the proposal to install an outdoor Daikin Ductless heat pump behind his house adjacent to an existing condenser. It is to provide air conditioning for the second and third floors of the circa 1880 brick twin.

Approval was given with the stipulation that covered AC lines be rerouted from the highly visible side wall to the rear wall. The SlimDuct model SD-100 line set

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**A COA was granted** to the applicants for a new outdoor heat pump for the rear of this brick twin at 409 N. New St.

cover is to be mounted in mortar joints and painted to match the color of the brick.

The voting was unanimous on this one agenda item with Diana Hodg-

son recusing herself. She said the applicant is a client.

Vacationing member historic officer Joseph Phillips attended remotely. Fred Bonsall

was absent due to injuries sustained in a recent accident.

Afterward, Vice Chair Marsha Fritz, with the assistance of her neighbor, Pat Miller, led a nuanced discussion on architectural styles and the difficulty of determining what could be considered "historically appropriate" regarding size, scale, texture and massing for various neighborhoods. This is part of ongoing post-meeting educational workshops for the commissioners.

The Historical and Architectural Review Board regularly meets the first Wednesday of every month to review all exterior changes proposed to buildings in the Bethlehem Historic District north of the Lehigh River. When a proposed project receives a certificate of appropriateness from the board, applicants must wait for City Council to vote on it before proceeding.



**From left**, homeowner Dr. James Taylor Reed and contractor Michael Faust contemplate board-recommended changes to their outdoor heat pump proposal for 409 N. New St.



**From left**, Vice Chair Marsha Fritz and Chairperson Beth Starbuck successfully convince the applicants to reroute the AC line run from the side to the rear of the house.

# Southside high-rise plan approved

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council approved 5-2 a certificate of appropriateness for a nine-story building on South New Street in South Bethlehem. Councilmembers Dr. Paige Van Wirt and Grace Crampsie Smith voted against.

The South Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission (HCC) had voted 4-2-1 against the planned building. One commissioner abstained from the vote.

This recommendation went against the pro-development forces on the city council and within the city administration.

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The approved building plan includes demolition of existing structures at 319, 321-323, 323 (except for the three-story Italianate front facade which will be preserved), 325 and 327 South New Street. The Italianate front facade will be incorporated into the new structure.

According to the approved certificate of appropriateness, the new building will be a nine-story, mixed-use building 110-feet by 75-feet deep, and about 88-feet high at shortest (southwest) corner and approximately 92-feet at

the tallest (northwest) corner.

The entry level includes 6,500 square feet of commercial and community spaces while upper floor levels will have a mix of one-bedroom with one-bathroom and two-bedrooms with two-bathroom apartments.

Plans call for 65 apartments. A food court is planned for the street level floor.

The floor heights of the lowest levels will match those of neighboring buildings while intermediate cornices above the third-floor level will emphasize transition from commercial street level to residential upper floor levels.

The owner of the property is the 325 South New Street Development, LLC which is owned by Rafael Palomino and Jeffrey Quinn.

The city of Bethlehem administration tacked on some guidance for the Historic Conservation Commission: "Subse-

quent COA (Certificates of Appropriateness) applications for HCC consideration should focus on unifying upper-level facades with facades at the street level for a more cohesive design approach as well as addressing such details as window and door types, cast sills and lintels, cornice profiles and facade materials along with exterior lighting, overall building signage concepts and street-level storefronts with awnings."

According to city of Bethlehem's website, "The Historic Commission is a separate historic review board that reviews modifications to the exterior of buildings in both the South Bethlehem Historic Conservation District and the Mount Airy Neighborhood District on the West Side. The Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM in City Hall.

HCC's recommendations are usually, but not always accepted by the city administration or the city council.



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Most events are held virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. All library locations to offer "grab and go" check-out; place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door or inside.

## Main library

## Through July 22

Story Walk. All ages. 10 a.m. Join us for stories outside the Main library.

## Through Monday, July 26

Picture Book Picnic, All ages. Noon to 1 p.m. Stop by outside the library for a fun storytime. Bring blankets, towels to sit on the grass. Not daily- visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) and click on upcoming events or call 610-867-3761 for information.

## Through August 14

All day. Summer reading and learning program for preschool through adult Stop by a location and register. Story sessions, special events with performers, fun programming with STEM, art activities, gaming, theater, Read to Dogs, and more. Sign up for our Tails and Tales summer reading and activity challenge Visit [www.bapl.org/summer2021/](http://www.bapl.org/summer2021/)

## Tuesday, July 13

Dragon Knight. All ages. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Masks are a must. Activities and photo sessions. Spike, our bearded dragon will appear.

## Wednesday, July 14

Animal Stories Writing Workshop for grades 4 and up at Main. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Information, visit [www.bapl.org/events/animal-stories-writing-workshop-for-grades-4-and-up-at-main/](http://www.bapl.org/events/animal-stories-writing-workshop-for-grades-4-and-up-at-main/)

Sharpie Dot Art for grades 6-12 at Main, 5 to 6 p.m.. Information: visit [www.bapl.org/events/sharpie-dot-art-for-grades-6-12-at-main/](http://www.bapl.org/events/sharpie-dot-art-for-grades-6-12-at-main/)

## Friday, July 16

Every Picture Tells A Story. Grades three to six. TIME???? Discover the work of great artists through stories and hands-on art activities. Learn about the various artists' techniques and produce a work of art that uses that method. No artistic ability necessary.

## Wednesday, July 21

Read to therapy dogs, 11 a.m. to noon. Must be readers. Bring your own book or borrow one at the library and read with a gentle dog. Registration required. For information and to register, visit [www.bapl.org/events/read-to-dogs-at-main-2/](http://www.bapl.org/events/read-to-dogs-at-main-2/)

Teen Coffee and Coloring (Grades six through 12) 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/teen-coffee-coloring-for-grades-6-12-at-main-4/](http://www.bapl.org/events/teen-coffee-coloring-for-grades-6-12-at-main-4/)

## SouthSide

## Through Thursday, July 22

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Tails and Tales summer reading and activity challenge Visit [www.bapl.org/summer2021/Stories](http://www.bapl.org/summer2021/Stories) and fun in the summer sun,

## Thursday, July 15

Free lunch bags for 18 year olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. 400 Webster St. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-07-08/](http://www.bapl.org/events/kids-and-teens-eat-free-at-south-side-2-2021-07-08/)

## Coolidge Building

## Wednesday, July 14

Stories at the SouthSide Farmer's Market. 4 to 6 p.m. At the tent on the Greenway near Taylor Street. Stories, crafts, fun. Joy of Doodling: Sea Creatures. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, July 15

Free lunch bags for 18 year olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. 400 Webster St.

## Monday, July 19

Free lunch bags for 18 year olds and younger. 10 to 11:30 a.m. 400 Webster St.

## Tuesday, July 20

Tails and Tales with Magician Brian Richard 3 p.m. Live and virtual. Visit [bapl.org/events](http://www.bapl.org/events)

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## GRADUATIONS

## Alvernia University

Three Bethlehem area local students were among those who were awarded degrees at Alvernia University in August or December 2020 and May 15, 2021. The graduates are Regan Noel Downey, summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in history and theology; Courtney Rose Miguel, with a master of business administration in community service and economic leadership; and Chloe Beth Musselman with a master of science in occupational therapy.

## Bucknell University

Bucknell University presented degrees to four Bethlehem residents at commencement May 23, 2021. The new graduates, their degrees and majors are Mary Collier, bachelor in business administration in managing for sustainability; Cole Gilotti, bachelor of science in neuroscience; Madeleine Atwood, bachelor of science in chemistry; and Ryan Bailis, bachelor in computer engineering.

## Cedar Crest

Cedar Crest College's Class of 2021's 151st commencement May 14 and May 15 included several Bethlehem area residents. The new graduates and their majors are Margaret Buell, education; Kristy Costales, biology; Caitlin Duff, nursing; Joan Ferdinand, Criminal Justice; Mariela Garcia Romero, Public Health; Dallas Horning, Criminal Justice; Victoria Kohn, Criminal Justice; Melissa Mee, Social Work; Avery Mills, Integrated Biology; Allison Pangrass, Public Health; Brittany Rando, Nursing; Nicole Schaffer, Chemistry; Julia Schneck, Early Childhood Education; Whitney Shannon, Nursing and Emily Werley, Business Administration; and, from

See **GRADUATIONS** on Page A14



PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

Independence Day in the old Edgeboro neighborhood begins when Marty Plyler runs up Old Glory at both ends of a block of Sycamore Street.

## Edgeboro celebrates 37th July 4 neighborhood picnic

BY DOROTHY GLEW  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Since 1984 the residents of a few square blocks in northeast Bethlehem have gathered on July 4 to mark the national holiday with food, games, conversation – and no fireworks. After a year's hiatus due to the pandemic, the celebration came back to life thanks to Kim and Marty Plyler, assisted by neighbors who contributed equipment and their labor.

The day began at 8 a.m. when Marty Plyler and several others raised American flags at both ends of a block of Sycamore Street. See **PICNIC** on Page A14



Kim Plyler presents beads to recognize Ruth Repnyek, who recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday, making her the oldest person in attendance.



Marty Plyler and Tony Donaldson compare their COVID-19 beards. Tony and his wife, Carole, lived in the neighborhood and attended the annual picnic for years.



The first exchange of the water balloon toss: Dorothy Glew (left) passes her balloon to Carole Donaldson.



Manuela Knauer proclaims the final section of the Declaration of Independence: "And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."



Of the nearly 50 people who attended the picnic, the youngest was Lucy Parker, shown here with her father, Erik. Lucy is two years old.



Group photo of the attendees who were still present at the very end of the picnic.

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#### Edinboro University

Lauren E. Hiller, of Bethlehem, earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Edinboro University May 8.

#### Emerson College

Logan Conover, of Bethlehem, graduated from Emerson College in December 2020 where he earned a BA in Media Arts Production. The commencement exercises were held live on May 2 and virtually on May 9.

#### Ohio University

William Eisenbraun, of Bethlehem, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Baccalaureate Nursing) from the College of Health Sciences and Professions at Ohio University.

#### Quinnipiac University

Quinnipiac University has graduated three Bethlehem area residents recently. The former students and their degrees are Jazmyn Illes-Rivera, Bachelor of Science in Health Science Studies; Emily Ledyard, Doctor of Physical Therapy; and Kevin Stoddard, Master of Business Administration.

#### University of Vermont

Riley Galgon, of Bethlehem, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Nursing during the University of Vermont commencement ceremonies in May, 2021.

Submit graduation items to [gtaylor@tnonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@tnonline.com), fax 610-740-0947 or mail it to College graduates, c/o Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26 St., Allentown, PA 18104.

## LEHIGH GRADUATES

Lehigh University conferred degrees to several Bethlehem area residents on May 24, 2021, during Commencement ceremonies on May 24, 2021. The new graduates, their degree and major and level of honors are:

Jesse Seaverns, Bachelor of Arts Political Science, High Honors; Natalie Levine, Bachelor of Arts Psychology, High Honors; Ayden Sylvester-Harms, Bachelor of Arts Psychology, High Honors; Maria Lancia, Bachelor of Science, Bioengineering, High Honors; Fangyi Wang, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Accounting and Business Information Systems, High Honors; Lenke Mila Havas, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Management and Economics, High Honors; Daniela Sanchez, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Supply Chain Management, High Honors; Margaret Perlman, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, High Honors;

Jitong Ding, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, (EN), High Honors; Letong Zhang, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, (EN), High Honors; Ruifan Wang, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Business, High Honors; Abhinav Sekar, Bachelor of Science, Integrated Business/Engineering, High Honors; Hassan Al Khawaldeh, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, High Honors; Anastasia Karras, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, High Honors; Jorgo Damte Tesfa, Bachelor of Science, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Highest Honors; Ngoc Minh Tri Nguyen, Bachelor of Science, Materials Science & Engineering, Highest Honors; Bryce Cavey, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Highest Honors;

Vaafoulay Kanneh, Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, Honors; Evelyn Jiang, Bachelor of Arts Design, Honors; Miona Lucic, Bachelor of Arts International Relations, Honors; Kathy Doan, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Health, Medicine & Society, Honors; Marco Biaggio, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre and Music, Honors; Paige McCloskey, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Honors; Anqi Fang, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Accounting and Business Information Systems; Honors; Joseph Mallsov, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, (AS), Honors; Ziyuan Zhu, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Business, Honors; Miguel Mendoza Martinez, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, Honors;

Paula Torrebiarte Neuweiler, Bachelor of Science, Industrial & Systems Engineering, Honors; Matthew McClain, Bachelor of Science, Integrated Humanities/Engineering, Honors; E. Skibbens, Bachelor of Science, Integrated SS/Engineering, Honors; Amie Januszkiewicz, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Honors; Myunggee Sung, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Honors; Jackson Balestro, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations; Liam Fogarty, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations; Jamie Ghazali, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations; Devon Jackson, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations; Jaylen Floyd, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Jae Kim, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Aiden Henninger, Bachelor of Arts, Health, Medicine & Society and Psychology;

Robert Corvalan-Perez, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and Health, Medicine & Society; Jessica Mellon, Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and Design; Zezheng, Bachelor of Science, Astrophysics; Meryem Okumus, Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Neuroscience; Matthew Korwan, Bachelor of Science, Bioengineering; Nick Pettegrew, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Accounting; James Krukltis, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance;

Samantha Seymour, Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering; Forest Nguyen, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering; Yuhuan Su, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Business, High Honors; Mukhammadiyori Irismetov, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Honors; Jia Mei Li, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Business, Information Systems and Accounting, Honors; Shufan Liu, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Business Information Systems and Economics, Honors; Matthew Troyan, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Marketing, Honors; Tejas Khaladkar, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance;

Matthew Solomon, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance; Kyle Stern, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance; Zhiyin Wu, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics Business Information Systems and Finance; Matthew Solomon, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance; Kyle Stern, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Finance; and Zhiyin Wu, Bachelor of Science, Business and Economics, Business Information Systems and Finance.

## PICNIC

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Over the course of the morning people brought tables and chairs, and Marty fired up his grill and began smoking ribs, pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs. Quarter kegs of soda and beer also made an appearance. Early in the afternoon two large tables were filled with salads of all sorts, desserts, and snacks – much more food than the 42 individuals who registered to attend the picnic (and several additional guests) would be

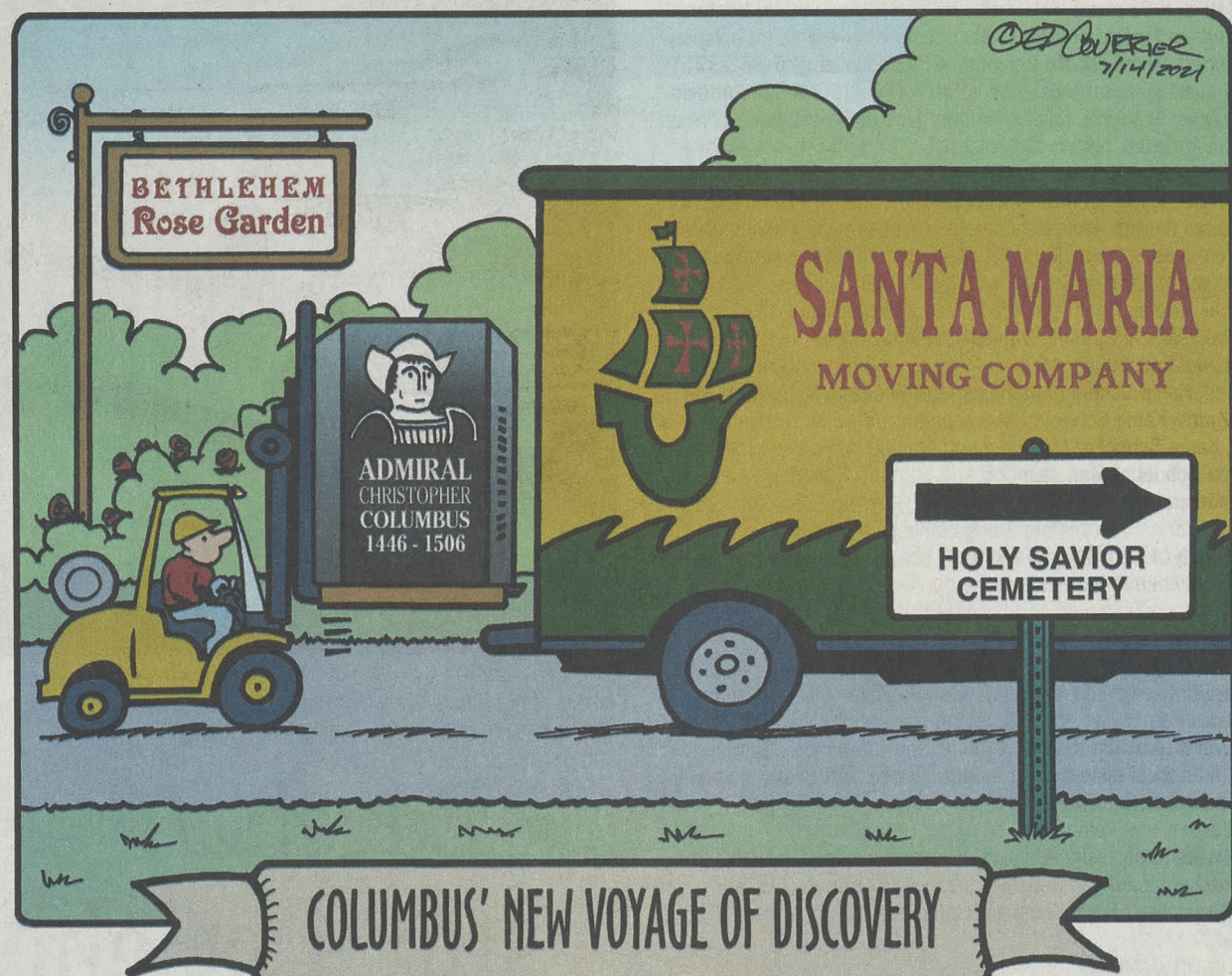
able to eat.

A public reading of the Declaration of Independence, such as happened across Pennsylvania after it was adopted in 1776, was a high point of the day. Volunteers who took turns declaiming sections of the document included Nick Englessen, David Roberts, Joseph Verleza, Elizabeth Bennett, and Manuela Knauer.

A wonderful picnic dinner was followed by another very popular event, the water balloon toss. Pairs of competitors lined up facing one another in the middle of Sycamore Street.

## ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courrier



## LEHIGH VALLEY

# Great Allentown Fair opens Sept. 1

The Great Allentown Fair, one of Pennsylvania's oldest and largest events, will return this summer.

The 2021 edition of the fair will start 4 p.m. Sept. 1 and run through Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Beverly Gruber, president of the nonprofit Lehigh County Agricultural Society that owns and operates the fair and Allentown Fairgrounds, announced the unanimous decision of the organization's executive committee to bring the community back together and produce a fair.

"The announcement of the easement of COVID-19 restrictions from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania updated health and safety guidelines, along with our continued conversations with the Allentown's Department of

Health, led to the decision to go ahead with the 2021 Allentown Fair," Gruber continued. "The health and safety of our local and out-of-town fairgoers, exhibitors, vendors and entertainers has and will always be our number one priority."

The fair started in 1852 as a community celebration of agricultural achievements with entertainment and amusements and quickly evolved into the nationally-renown exposition it is today with a crowded midway of rides and games and a variety of entertainment venues including its 10,500-seat Grandstand that features the biggest acts in the concert industry.

Two of the grandstand shows that were postponed in 2020 were rescheduled for this year's fair.

The Toby Keith with special guests Matt Stell and Laine Hardy concert is Sept. 2 and the Carrie Underwood with special guest Dan Smalley concert is Sept. 3.

Tickets are available for both shows and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.com.

All tickets previously purchased will be honored at the 2021 concerts.

The J&J Demolition Derby, a Labor Day tradition at the fair, is Sept. 6.

Tickets are now on sale on Ticketmaster.com.

Additional information will be released as COVID-19 guidelines and regulations evolve throughout the summer.

For the most up to date information, visit [www.allentownfair.com](http://www.allentownfair.com).

## ArtsQuest, Embassy Bank honor first responders

ArtsQuest is hosting its annual 'Our Hometown Heroes – First Responders' banner display, presented by Embassy Bank, honoring first responders, including police and law enforcement officials, firefighters and volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel and paramedics, who currently serve or who have served our community.

The nonprofit is asking the

community to click here to submit photos of family members, neighbors and friends who are first responders. Submissions will be accepted through July 31, 2021. Those participating are asked to share their contact information, as well as the first responder's name, hometown, job title and department, to be displayed during the Patriot Day Celebration at the SteelStacks

Sept. 11.

Images must be high resolution jpeg, tiff, bitmap or PDF files; color and black and white will be accepted. Photos can also be dropped off at the Banana Factory Arts Center at 25 W. Third St. in Bethlehem during normal business hours, which are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

*Contributed article*

## PENNSYLVANIA

# Wolf signs new law amending 'Sunshine Act'

Governor Tom Wolf has signed Senate Bill B554, sponsored by Sen. Pat Stefano, R-32nd, to amend the Sunshine Act, known as the "Open Meetings Law."

The amendment requires state government agencies, local municipalities and school districts to post an agenda online no later than 24 hours before the start of a public meeting.

"The opportunity to review an

agenda before a public meeting is a positive step toward increasing government accountability and citizen participation," Office of Open Records Executive Director Liz Wagenseller said. "Access to timely and relevant information is crucial to promoting open and knowledgeable dialogue between citizens and government officials, and we look forward to the continued work of the legisla-

ture to improve government responsiveness and transparency."

Under the Right to Know Law, the Office of Open Records is required to offer training on the Sunshine Act.

A webinar on the Sunshine Act, including the newly enacted SB554, will be presented 10 a.m. July 14.

The webinar is free and can be accessed at [openrecords.pa.gov](http://openrecords.pa.gov).

## Ghost gun printers seized from Northampton Co. home

Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced June 29 the Office of Attorney General has seized two 3D printers and molds used to create homemade gun components from a Northampton County resident.

Kenneth Wilson, 38, of Danielsville, had been previously released on bail for charges of trafficking methamphetamines in September 2020.

Agents from the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics Investigations and Pennsylvania State Police Special Emergency Response Team executed a search warrant on Wilson's home June 24.

While executing the search warrant, agents seized two 3D printers, three ghost gun frames, three firearms, a small amount

of methamphetamines, \$1,140 in cash and drug packaging equipment.

Wilson's 3D printer is alleged to have been used to 3D print homemade firearms, which were previously unavailable to residents using an Internet Protocol address in Pennsylvania.

According to Shapiro, loopholes to produce homemade ghost guns, whether by building from an 80-percent receiver kit or using a 3D printer, are often exploited by criminals who would be unable to obtain a gun legally.

Due to Wilson's felony convictions, he was unable to possess a firearm – homemade or otherwise.

"Kenneth Wilson was caught manufacturing untraceable

firearms out of his home," Shapiro said. "Once assembled, these fully functional firearms often become a tool for senseless violence."

"Ghost guns are quickly becoming the weapon of choice for criminals [who] take the lives of too many Pennsylvanians. My office is working overtime to target these gun traffickers and get illegal guns off our streets," he added.

This seizure is the first time a 3D printer has been apprehended by the Office of Attorney General.

The investigation is ongoing. This case is being prosecuted by the Northampton County district attorney.

*Contributed article*

### University of Scranton

Several Bethlehem area residents were named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2021 spring semester. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the dean's List. The list includes students from the Jesuit university's College of Arts and Sciences, Kania School of Management and Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Included on the list are Benjamin G. Jones, history, College of Arts and Sciences; Jacob H. Rachwal, biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Nathan J. Tauber, English, College of Arts and Sciences; Dylan D. LeVan, biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Rachel A. Smith, biology, College of Arts and Sciences; Treasa Burke, nursing, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Kaitlyn E. Berback, occupational therapy, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Dianna K. Depalma, nursing, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Madison D. Langkamer, kinesiology, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Tyler D. McCrone, exercise science, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Daniel R. Shuck, occupational therapy, Panuska College of Professional Studies; Bethany L. Hnatow, marketing, Kania School of Management; Keenan N. Elias, business analytics, Kania School of Management; Jarod M. Herman, marketing, Kania School of Management; Michael A. Karoly, accounting, Kania School of Management; and Matthew I. Morrow, business administration, Kania School of Management.

### College of the Holy Cross

Bethlehem area residents Jacob Pelczynski-Kunda, a Music and Philosophy major, and Lucia Ardizzone, a Spanish major, were named to the spring 2021 dean's list at the College of the Holy Cross congratulates more than 1,451 students who were named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2021 Dean's List.

### University of the Sciences

Three local residents have been named to the Spring 2021 dean's list at the University of the Sciences. Kyle Bartek, Rohan Jwaleshan and Reina Elias, all of the Bethlehem area, completed and passed all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and earned an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the Spring of 2021 to be included in the list.

### Wheaton College

Rachel Papaleo, of Bethlehem, was named to the Wheaton College dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester. To be included, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

### Widener University

Several Bethlehem area resident were named to Widener University's dean's list for spring 2021. The full-time students, who earned a grade point average of 3.50 and above for the semester, are Brenna Craig, Benjamin Stuckey, Caroline Hawk, Donovan Stuard and Jacob Moser.

### Wilkes University

Three Bethlehem area residents were on the Wilkes University dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. To be named, Kaitlyn Falco, Angelina D'andria and Ellie Freiss earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

### Wyoming Seminary

Dallas Holmes, of Bethlehem, was named to the dean's list and earned high honors for the Winter 2021 trimester at Wyoming Seminary Upper School. Students who are named to the Dean's List Honors maintain a grade point average of 3.80 and above.

### Youngstown State University

Khalid Khamis, of Bethlehem, a pre-engineering and technology major, has been named to the Youngstown State University's dean's list for the spring semester 2021. He was named to the list as a full-time undergraduate student who earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the semester.

## AARP SCAM WATCH

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatch-network](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatch-network) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Helpline at 1-877-908-3360.

### Rental car scams

America is open for business again and millions of people are traveling, or planning to. One thing you may run into is sticker shock – especially with rental cars.

The lack of travel in 2020 led rental companies to sell a lot of their inventory of cars. Now that demand has spiked, supply is tight and prices are high.

Unfortunately, criminals are paying attention and posting fake rental car deals at rock bottom prices online. While everyone loves a good deal, doing business with an entity you aren't familiar with could be risky.

Whatever your travel needs, stick to reputable websites with proven track records. If you do find a deal with an unfamiliar provider, do your research: look up the company name with "scam" or "complaint" and see what appears and check out reviews.

### Weight loss scam

Looking to slim down for summer? If so, you are not alone. More than 100 million Americans are watching their diet, spending more than \$70 billion a year to lose weight. It is not surprising bogus diet products and programs ranked first among health care scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission last year.

While there are legitimate diet and weight loss programs out there, many don't work and are just out for your money. Engage your inner skeptic – does it sound too good to be true to lose weight while eating as much as you want?

Second, just because a product is touted as "natural" or "herbal," doesn't mean it's "safe" or "wholesome" and some herbal ingredients are toxic in certain doses.

Lastly, a lot of subscription programs encourage you to sign up for a free trial but when you read the tiny print, they automatically opt you into getting charged for regular orders or additional products. Be careful – it can be very hard to untangle your "opt in" – so read everything before you make a move.

### Disaster recovery scams

Following extreme weather events, dubious contractors and outright scammers descend on affected communities, offering quick, cheap fixes. While some reputable contractors occasionally solicit door-to-door, many are scams.

After storms, shady contractors and outright scammers canvas neighborhoods in search of "work" they may or may not even attempt to do. Many will specifically target older homeowners who they perceive as more trusting, more likely to have savings, and – they think – may be experiencing cognitive decline.

It's safest to only trust contractors you proactively reach out to. Also, regardless of who you are talking to, get written estimates and compare bids from multiple contractors before starting any work. Finally, pay no more than a third of the total cost before the work beginning – and then only when materials arrive.

### Door-to-door scams

Warm weather is here which means door-to-door sales crews are here, too. But what they're selling isn't always legit.

Be cautious anytime a stranger comes knocking, especially if the visitor is trying to sell you goods or services. Be wary of contractors who say they stopped by because they just happened to be in the neighborhood. The good ones are usually too busy to roam around in search of work. Also be on guard for high pressure tactics

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PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

**EMS supervisor EJ Coleman**, Mayor Robert Donchez, and EMS Director Tom Docker were smiling with the delivery of two new ambulances. The Ford E350 models cost \$179,000 apiece and were funded by 2020 CARES Act funding received by Northampton and Lehigh counties. They were manufactured by VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists.

## New emergency vehicles in service

BY DANA GRUBB

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The City of Bethlehem's emergency medical services is placing two new ambulances into service with CARES Act funding provided by both Lehigh and Northampton Counties to cover the \$179,000 per vehicle cost. The 2021 Ford E350 units replace a 2011 ambulance with over 120,000 miles and a 2012 ambulance with over

115,000 miles. One will be housed at the Stefko Boulevard station and the Dewberry Avenue station. In his remarks, Mayor Bob Donchez noted that the eight-vehicle EMS fleet has undergone a near complete upgrade during his term.

Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure said he was happy to be able to provide the assistance and mentioned future opportunities for municipalities

in Northampton County to access the county's emergency services fund for other EMS needs. Although not in attendance Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong was credited for his assistance as well.

Bethlehem's EMS responds to approximately 12,000 calls annually and has a force of 24 full-time paramedics and support staff, and 33 part-time paramedics.



**Both ambulances have** been inspected and licensed with only the programming of NARC drug containment boxes remaining before they are placed into service.



**Stretcher mounts** were included in the construction of each ambulance box. These safety devices prevent the stretchers from rolling around in the event of an ambulance rollover.










**Each ambulance cab** is loaded with the latest technology and features.



**Paramedic Supervisor EJ Coleman** discusses the features he incorporated into the ambulance designs with Mayor Robert Donchez, EMS Director Tom Decker and Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure. Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong was unable to attend.

## YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
						
Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Few Showers	Few Showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
89 / 68 3-7 mph SSW	88 / 70 4-7 mph W	92 / 71 3-9 mph SSW	89 / 70 3-9 mph SSW	86 / 68 4-8 mph WSW	84 / 64 1-5 mph SE	79 / 61 1-8 mph WSW

FORECAST FOR  
LEHIGH  
VALLEY  
PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 89°, humidity of 63%. South southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. The record high for today is 100° set in 1954. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 68°. West southwest wind 3 to 6 mph. The record low for tonight is 50° set in 2009. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 88°, humidity of 58%. West wind 4 to 7 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 70°. Southwest wind 2 to 5 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 92°, humidity of 58%. South southwest wind 3 to 9 mph.

## Weather Trivia

Can an earthquake create a tidal wave?



Answer: Yes, the majority of tidal waves are the result of earthquakes.

## SCAMS

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tics to make a quick decision for a steep discount and requests for payment upfront. Your best bet is to proactively seek out services if you need them, versus reacting to an unexpected sales pitch. It's always OK to explain you don't do business at your front door (or to not answer when strangers knock).

## Free trial offers

Who doesn't love something for free? But beware, that "free trial offer" might mean months of payments you didn't know you signed up for and will have a hard time canceling. These types of sales tactics are called negative options – a customer signs up for a free trial and unwittingly accepts a subscription – sometimes for a questionable product – often by not seeing a prechecked box in the very tiny print.

When it comes to free trials, research before you enroll. Fully understand the terms and conditions by reading the fine print.

Keep a close eye on your credit and debit card

statements so you spot unexpected charges right away.

Contact your bank or credit card company to address the issue; calling the company you inadvertently signed up for a subscription with will likely get you nowhere.

## Protect your devices, protect yourself

Many scams originate right at your fingertips through your computer or smartphone. The good news is the way to block them is also within your grasp. Here are three tips to keep your devices safe from criminals.

Make sure your devices' operating systems are up to date; you should be able to set an auto-update feature that downloads the latest software when available.

Next, make sure to change the password on your Wi-Fi router so it's different from the password it came with. If you have a lot of devices connected to it, they could be vulnerable if the router is compromised.

Lastly, a password manager is a great way to create unique and hard-to-guess passwords for all of your online accounts and apps.

## LEHIGH VALLEY

## Ben Franklin to invest \$207,200 locally

The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania's (BFTP/NEP) Board of Directors has approved the investment of \$207,200 in support of regional economic development. Five companies from throughout BFTP/NEP's 21-county service area received funding in the form of loans with warrants, including two locally:

Celebr8 Life, Inc., <https://celebr8.life/>, Ben Franklin TechVentures, Bethlehem  
Ben Franklin Investment: \$80,000  
Launch and market a

mobile application that streamlines event coordination, photo sharing, the creation of highlight reels, and the storage of life memories. Through integrated event coordination, Celebr8 Life makes it easier and lower cost for users to present and manage events, and helps them leverage digital assets to produce a quality keepsake memory movie.

PMA-13, Inc., <http://www.clarkesystems.com/>, Allentown

Ben Franklin Investment (continuation project): \$8,000

University Partner: Lehigh University's

Center for Supply Chain Research

Implement a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system at this producer of signage for government organizations, hospitals, and companies under the Clarke Systems and People Signs brands. The new ERP system will streamline and simplify processes, improve supply chain visibility, and advance financial operations to enhance customer service and accommodate anticipated growth.

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## 30TH PENNSYLVANIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

### 'An Illiad' for modern times

#### CURTAIN RISES

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



It's "An Illiad" like you've never seen before.

Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival veteran Greg Wood takes on the epic tale of the Trojan War on a nearly empty stage and accompanied only by a single musician.

PSF presents the Lehigh Valley premiere of "An Illiad," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, July 20-Aug. 1, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University, Center Valley, Upper Saucon Township.

Wood first saw the ground-

breaking solo version of the classic Greek poem seven years ago and has been "living with this show in my head" ever since.

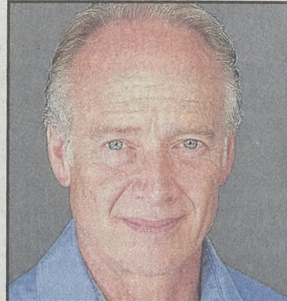
The performance piece was adapted by Obie Award-winning director Lisa Peterson and Tony Award-winning actor Denis O'Hare from Robert Fagles' lauded translation of Homer's "The Illiad."

"It was probably one of the most amazing evenings of theater I ever had," Wood says in a phone interview. "The whole thing was absolutely mesmerizing and I knew I had to do it."

Wood is not only performing, but producing and directing the show, which features Philadelphia musician Liz Fileos.

"This is one of most exciting things I've done," Wood says. "When you get to wear all three hats, it's pretty thrilling."

"An Illiad" was originally slated See **WOOD** on Page B3



Greg Wood produces, directs and stars in "An Illiad," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, July 20-Aug. 1, Main Stage, Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, DeSales University. The performance is available for streaming, 8 p.m. July 27-Aug. 1.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

### 'Dream' perfect for great outdoors

Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," is the right show for this moment, says Barrymore Award-winning director Matt Pfeiffer.

"People are trying to re-enter the world and this show is a welcome opportunity," he says.

Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Air Products Open Air Theatre, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, through Aug. 1, DeSales University, Center Valley, Upper Saucon Township.

It is the first fully-staged Shakespeare play on the new outdoor stage at PSF, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary with the 2021 season.

The play, which mostly takes place in an enchanted forest, is the "perfect play to be done outside," says Pfeiffer. "As a summer hang, you couldn't ask for a better play."

Shakespeare's most beloved

comedy features mischievous fairies, magical pranks, mismatched lovers and a hapless amateur theater troupe.

"I want it to feel more like a party and a celebration of rebirth," Pfeiffer says in a phone interview.

"I wanted to create an environment in which the music and performance elevate the audience and there is no physical space to contain you," he says.

Originally to be performed in Labuda for PSF 2020, the show was postponed because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

Pfeiffer is eager to be directing the cast of 18 actors, who he says will fill the stage with frivolity.

"This ensemble is more muscular than I usually work with," he says. "There is a good mix of new people and people who have put in a lot of time at the festival."

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Matt Pfeiffer, director, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, through Aug. 1, Air Products Open Air Theatre, DeSales University. The performance is available for streaming, 8 p.m. July 20 to Aug. 1.

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**Hot, hot, hot:** The Hot Club of Reading performs an in-person concert, 7:30 p.m. July 16, Main Stage, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown. The Hot Club blends 1920s' New Orleans with 1930s' Paris for "hot jazz" originals and standards. The Hot Club is, above, left to right, Ken Gehret, guitar, violin, accordion; Chris Heslop, saxophone, clarinet, washboard; Trey LaRue, bass; Josh Taylor, guitar, and Josiah Taylor, guitar. Tickets: [www.millersymphonyhall.org](http://www.millersymphonyhall.org); 610-432-6715

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**Southern Metal:** Jackyl performs in concert, 8 p.m. July 16, Penn's Peak, 325 Maury Road, Jim Thorpe. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets honored for rescheduled May 29, 2020 and June 4, 2021, concert. Jackyl, formed in 1991, combines heavy metal and southern rock. The band is best-known for the song, "The Lumberjack," which features a chainsaw solo by lead singer Jesse James Dupree. The group's latest, a compilation, "25," is set for release July 28. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); Ticketmaster, 800-745-3000; Penn's Peak box office; Information: <https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all>; 866-605-PEAK

### Dating in the post-pandemic age

#### LITERARY SCENE

By Dave Howell



Dating has become a little easier as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic recedes.

But men, especially those over 45, might still find dating somewhat intimidating.

If so, Noelle Benson has the perfect book for you. And she wrote it.

She describes her "What Men Don't Know About Dating Is a Lot!" (65 pages; \$11.99, print; \$7.99, digital; 2021) as "a post-pandemic book for all single men between 45 and 75-years-old who feel it's essential to 'quaranteam.'"

Benson says the book "tells men a lot about things that they should know, but often don't."

Benson, a Salisbury High School graduate, Class of 1980, lives in Kennett Square, Chester County. She works in medical marketing.

"What Men Don't Know" is her first book, a project she took on during the pandemic.

The first name Noelle is a pen name. She said she was tired of getting phone calls for "Mr. Noel Benson."

In her book, Benson tells men to look at themselves,

"Get on a dating site and be honest about what you yourself want before you can even think about meeting other people. Be clear on what you want," Benson says.

"Some men aren't really focusing on dating. They are not focused on a real connection. They are just interested in meeting someone and hooking up. Dating is not sex," she says.

Honesty is a vital, Benson emphasizes: "Be authentic. Present the best possible view. That would be a great start."

The book tells stories about a surprising number of people who misrepresent themselves.

"People think it is OK to falsify things on a profile," she says.

Benson points out that



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many times men use photos of themselves taken when they were much younger, or even photos of other men. Of course, there is no way to cover this up when meeting in person.

Benson is stylishly dressed for the interview. She notes that men should make a point to be the same way.

"Men often show up in stained clothes or clothes that are out of style. They haven't been to a mall in this millennium. If women did what they did, they would be super unhappy."

"A woman has to maintain herself. If she is not perfect, men don't like it, but they don't think they

have to practice the same thing. A woman has to be a great package, but men are not doing their part."

The book has many suggestions about clothing, appearance, shopping and health.

Although at times Benson has found dating to be "exhausting and disillusioning," she reflects on her experiences with humor:

"I have a handful of girlfriends who are single. We tell stories about what has happened to us and find ourselves falling on the floor laughing."

"I have been in restaurants and have seen girlfriends with people I have dated. I have texted them saying, 'That guy is a creep' and they text back saying, 'Yeah, I know.'"

She writes many stories in her book of her unfortunate dates with men who did things that defy common sense. Benson



talk about, including drugs, alcohol, lying, cheating and stealing, sex is the only normal one. It is what we are. Sex is the only thing we are supposed to be doing. There is nothing unhealthy about it."

Benson says that men getting back into the dating scene after many years might have another barrier towards understanding the opposite sex:

"Some men have outdated beliefs about the roles of women and men. Women have their own money and their own careers - not everyone, but many more than in the past. A lot of men still think women are needy."

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## Plan summer barbecue for fun

Dear Jacquelyn,  
It's been a while since I've had the opportunity to meet with a group of friends face-to-face. This summer, I'd like to host a backyard barbecue, but I know some of my friends are still apprehensive about meeting up in person. Can you share some guidance for hosting a backyard barbecue that would help everyone feel comfortable?

Dear Reader,  
Summer celebrations are something most everyone is looking forward to sharing. However, some guests may still have some reservations about attending in-person

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By Jacquelyn Youst



gatherings. A quick call to check how people are feeling before you jump in headfirst would be a good idea.

When your friends are all on board and ready to meet up again, it's important to create a fun, upbeat atmosphere. Decorate your tables with potted flowers or plants and consider sending them home with guests as a party favor.

Make sure there is enough space for guests to spread out to cater to their personal comfort level. If you have a small

backyard, limit your guest list to an appropriate number which allows for six feet of social distance between each guest. You'll also want to ensure a variety of seating options.

While there are many summer celebration recipes you can serve your guests, how you serve them is most important when it comes to summer celebration etiquette this year.

Rather than offering a buffet-style meal where guests help themselves, it's better to serve your guests so only one person is handling the food. Also, use disposable plates, cups and cutlery that can be tossed or recycled after use to ensure germs don't spread. It's likely your sum-

mer celebration will be the first time many of your friends have gathered together in a long while. Creating a joyful atmosphere, engaging in pleasant conversation, and being health-conscious are key to a successful summer celebration.

Respectfully Yours,  
Jacquelyn

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## The trend toward 'bigger'

### WARMEST REGARDS

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grown what was once the norm.

I can see this in my own experience.

I marvel when I think how our family of four thrived in our much-loved old Victorian house. While the rooms were big, it only had one bathroom and tiny closets because that was the norm in older houses.

Yet, as I think back to those years, I can't recall ever thinking I needed more closet space. The one small bedroom closet my husband and I shared seemed adequate.

There's an illuminating reason for that. Life for us back then was much simpler. I had fewer clothes and didn't seem to need more than a few pairs of shoes. A pair of sneakers and dress shoes were all I needed.

I contrast that with the situation today. I have three walk-in closets, each one crammed with clothes and shoes.

I'm distressed to think about this.

I don't need more closets. I don't need more room.

I need less of everything.

I deliberately bought a small house when I relocated to Florida, knowing I needed to control living expenses in retirement.

I'm told my cottage-sized house with two bedrooms and two bathrooms is not small.

HGTV keeps claiming across the country there's a growing real estate trend for tiny houses no larger than 500 square feet.

Have you seen any in your town?

The only place I see them is on HGTV.

One builder in our area was offering to build a little enclave of tiny homes. No one wanted them.

Instead, like the rest of the country, homes here are getting bigger, not smaller. That's especially true for retirees who move here from other states, flush with money from the sale of a home in more expensive areas.

In one block alone, three retirees are building onto their recently purchased half-million-dollar, three-bedroom homes.

They need more than three bedrooms, I'm told, because both need an office, separate bathrooms and more space all the way around.

We are definitely in the age of "bigger."

If you want to have fun reminiscing, think back to what used to be compared to how it is now.

For instance, a small 8-ounce bottle of Coke has expanded to the 32-ounce Big Gulp soft drink.

For me, all this rumination was caused by oversized towels that have me rethinking my buying habits and my shameful overstuffed closets.

Bigger isn't necessarily better, and more stuff is seldom needed.

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## Learning to lose lesson for boy, 7

Q: My seven-year-old is very discouraged after losing a contest in school. He did everything himself and we didn't know anything about it until he came home crying. I'm afraid of him losing his motivation.

Losing is a part of life, says the Family Project panel.

"This is just a single instant in this boy's life. If it's his first experience with failure, think about what you want to teach him. You want to tell him to try his hardest and do his best. Acknowledge the fact that he is sad and disappointed. Give him a hug and encourage him to do his best no matter what," said panelist Mike Daniels.

One of the things a child is learning at age seven is you don't always come in first, agreed panelist Chad Stefanyak.

"Your job is to build him back up and encourage him to try again.

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By Kathy Lauer-Williams



Praise his effort. Losing is a part of life," Stefanyak said.

"Talk about what happened and ask him if he felt like he put in enough effort to have come in first," added Daniels.

"He should be praised for being so self-motivated. Tell him, 'You can't always win but I'm proud you did this on your own.' Let him know if he ever needs help in the future he can come to you," said panelist Pam Wallace.

Feelings are short-term, said Daniels.

"This was a blip on his radar and he will move past it as long as his parents don't dwell on it. Kids heal best when adults don't get upset," Daniels said.

"With such a self-motivated child, it is unlikely something like

this will make him not care," said Stefanyak.

"When a child strikes out, he is upset at the moment. But he usually bounces back when everyone goes out to get snow cones," Stefanyak said.

"This will be one of many times he faces disappointment," Daniels said.

"You have to prepare them for 'not success.' It's not failure. Talk about what he can do next time to do better. It's all about effort and the experience he gets from that effort," said Daniels.

"Don't hold on to this even if you are upset because your child is hurt. Everything is exploration at this point. His motivation will be found in his passion. The emotional aspect will pass as long as you don't dwell on it," Daniels said.

**This week's panel:** Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Chad Stefa-

nyak, school counselor, and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

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## Halting Parkinson's disease realistic

Q. Is it true that pesticides are responsible for people getting Parkinson's disease?

Although genetics is very important in Parkinson's disease (PD), environmental exposures also increase a person's risk of developing the disease.

Scientists have known for some time that farm workers who used pesticides, or people who lived or worked near fields where they could inhale drifting pesticides, have an increased risk of PD.

PD was first described in 1817 by Dr. James Parkinson, a British physician. It affects one in 100 over age 60. It can also affect younger people. The average age of onset is 60. Research suggests that PD affects at least 500,000 in the United States.

PD is a complex disorder of the central nervous system. It is the

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second most common neurodegenerative disease, after Alzheimer's, in the United States.

The defining symptoms of PD include tremor, slowness of movement, rigidity and impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced, patients may have difficulty walking, talking or completing simple tasks. They also may experience depression, difficulty sleeping and other problems.

The progression of symptoms in PD may take 20 years or more. In some, however, the disease progresses much more quickly.

In the early 1960s, scientists determined that

the loss of brain cells was causing PD. The cells that were depleted produced dopamine, a chemical that helps control muscle activity. Today, PD is treated with drugs and surgery.

Medication for PD falls into three categories:

The first includes drugs that increase the level of dopamine in the brain.

The second category affects neurotransmitters in the body to ease some of the symptoms of the disease.

The third category includes medication that help control the non-motor symptoms of the disease such as depression.

There are three surgical treatments for PD: pallidotomy, thalamotomy and deep-brain stimulation. Because these procedures are invasive, they are usually reserved for severely afflicted Parkinson's patients who do not get ad-

equated relief from medication.

Surgeons discovered that by removing or destroying parts of the brain that were "misfiring" some of the symptoms of PD could be alleviated. Pallidotomy and thalamotomy are two operations that do this. However, they are rarely used today.

Scientists have found that they can mimic the effects of pallidotomy by deep-brain stimulation (DBS). With DBS, an electrode is implanted in the brain in a way that calms the abnormal neuronal firing.

Then there is focused ultrasound, which is a non-invasive procedure. Guided by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), high-intensity, inaudible sound waves are emitted into the brain. Where these waves cross, they create high energy. The high energy creates heat, destroying

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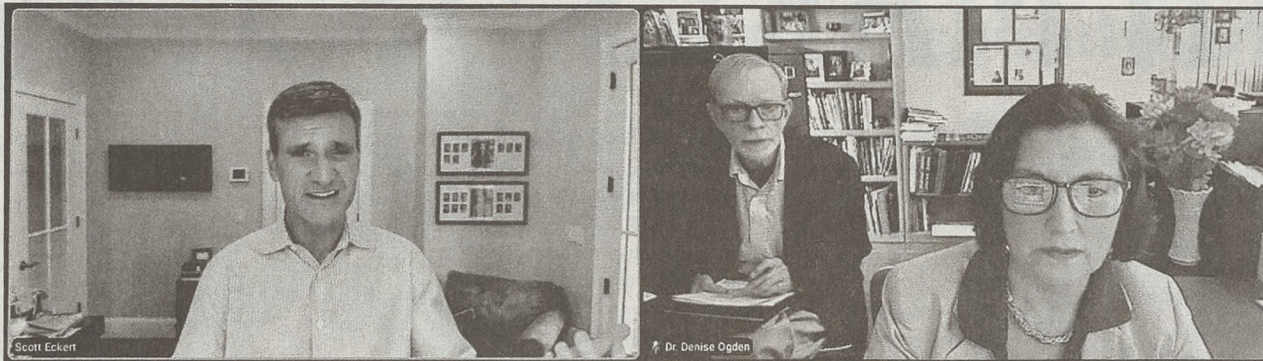
# Walmart executive forecasts pandemic impact on retail

BY ED COURRIER  
Special to The Press

Walmart Senior Vice President (SVP) Scott Eckert presented "Disruption, Innovation, and The Future of Retail" as part of the Council for Retail and Sales (CRS) "Meet the Experts" series.

In the virtual presentation, Eckert discussed the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic impact on the retail industry and how Walmart's incubator Store No. 8 is working to compete against Amazon online.

Instant, ultra-convenience of online shopping and home delivery, focus on in-home and virtual health and wellness access, and flexibil-



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At left, Walmart Senior Vice President Scott Eckert discusses innovation in retail business during a virtual "Meet the Experts" talk April 15. Monitoring the event are Dr. James R. Ogden and Dr. Denise T. Ogden, at right.

ity created by working remotely, are among United States retail consumer trends accelerated by the pandemic, according to Eckert.

Smart sensors and data capture, autonomous vehicles, NextGen

agriculture food production, artificial intelligence and machine learning are being explored to improve sales and efficiency.

Cutting-edge technology for tracking inventory, especially in

brick and mortar stores, was discussed. These include robotics, security cameras dedicated to monitor products on the shelves, along with virtual and "extended" reality, being leveraged to reinvent the retail

space.

Dr. James R. Ogden provided the introduction while his wife, Dr. Denise T. Ogden, served as moderator. Both are with The Doctors Ogden Group, LLC. James Ogden is a professor emeri-

tus of marketing at Kutztown University. Denise Ogden is a professor of marketing at Penn State Lehigh Valley.

CRS is a leading authority on issues and solutions that face the retailing and sales industries.

In addition to developing relationships, strategic alliances, and partnerships with industry stakeholders, the organization connects students with business professionals.

While associated with several community partners, including Penn State, CRS is housed at the Business Division of DeSales University, Center Valley.

**Information:**  
<https://thecrs.org>

## 'Jazz Upstairs' downstairs for Hot Club of Reading

The next concert for "Jazz Upstairs" will be downstairs.

Call it "Jazz Upstairs Downstairs."

The Hot Club of Reading is in concert, 7:30 p.m. July 16, Miller Symphony Hall, 23 N. Sixth St., Allentown.

It's the first in-person concert open to the general public at the hall since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

However, the "Jazz Upstairs" concert will not be presented in the Rodale Community Room.

Instead, the concert will be on the main stage in the hall. Tickets are general admission.

Livestream and 48-hour concert performance rental tickets are also available.

In a phone interview from his home in Reading, Chris Heslop says



By Dave Howell

the Hot Club of Reading combines the Paris of the 1920s and 1930s with the New Orleans sound of the early 20th century.

"Hot Club," a phrase used in the names of many jazz groups, typically refers to the music of gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stephane Grappelli.

Hot Club of Reading guitarists John Taylor and his son Josiah are enthusiasts of Reinhardt's style. They use the same type of guitars that Reinhardt played.

The group's New Orleans music includes

songs done by Louis Armstrong and Sidney Bechet.

Heslop, who plays soprano and tenor saxophone, clarinet and washboard, is an admirer of Bechet (1897-1959). Bechet was one of the first stars of jazz and swing, and brought the soprano saxophone to prominence as a jazz instrument.

Says Heslop, "It was Bechet who brought it out with an unmistakable sound that had a lot of vibrato."

In the Miller Symphony Hall concert, there will be a combination of Paris and New Orleans songs, along with a few originals, mostly likely "See You In My Dreams," "St. Louis Blues," "The Sheik of Araby," "12th Street Rag" and "Everybody Loves My Baby."

Heslop says the music

has wide appeal:

"There is an energy, a constant rhythmic pulse that is infectious. Many places where they don't play jazz, people like this stuff."

"It is enjoyable to play, and this is communicated to audiences," Heslop says, adding, "It is melodious with a sense of whimsy. The musicians are talking to each other, telling jokes and tricking each other."

One song can lead spontaneously into another, and sometimes the band will do medleys combining older and newer songs.

"If you play music in a certain way, if you play true and play well, and care about the people listening and respect them, then they will enjoy your music."

The Hot Club of Reading was founded 10 years

ago.

"John and I would hang out together," says Heslop. "Our kids were the same ages, so instead of doing nothing when we were together we thought we should be more productive."

Taylor and upright bassist Trey LaRue have known each other since they were age 10.

Ken Gehret was brought in for violin, accordion, guitar and vocals. Multi-instrumentalist Gehret has done solo jazz performances with guitar and performed in bands playing traditional Irish music.

The Hot Club played concerts before the pandemic, often playing with three or four members. Since the group started, Heslop says the Hot Club has played at the Berks Jazz Fest every year "in one form or another, some with special guests."

At the 2018 Berks Fest, accordionist Julien Labro played with the group. This year at the Berks Jazz Fest, Heslop and Josh Taylor will appear with Labro and the Reading Pops Orchestra to celebrate "The Spirit of Django Reinhardt."

Heslop expects to resume his extensive touring with accordionist Alex Meixner this fall.

Meixner is known for taking polka music into many genres, including rock and metal.

Heslop is also a composer. He has done music for the Reading Theater Project and is working on an opera for the Berks Opera Company.

**Tickets:** [www.millersymphonyhall.org](http://www.millersymphonyhall.org); 610-432-6715

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a very specific area in the brain connected to tremor.

A wide variety of complementary and supportive therapies may be used for PD. Among the therapies are standard rehabilitation techniques, which can help with problems such as gait and voice disorders, tremors and rigidity and

cognitive decline. Exercise may help people improve their mobility.

While Parkinson's is a complex disease, research has progressed a great deal in recent years. Halting the progression of PD, restoring lost function and even preventing the disease are now considered realistic goals.

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## WOOD

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for the 2020 PSF, but the festival was canceled because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

The premise of the one-person show is that an ancient poet is doomed by the Greek gods to tell the story of the Trojan War to anyone who will listen until all of humanity abandons its propensity for violence.

Wood describes the theater piece as epic and intimate at the same time.

"The Iliad" was originally an oral recitation of a poem by one person from memory," says Wood. "That's what's so great about it."

As he enacts the stories of larger-than-life figures like Achilles, Hector, Agamemnon and Helen of Troy, Wood says, "This fascinating story becomes really personal."

As the storyteller, who may or may not be Homer, Wood goes back and forth between contemporary and poetic language.

"An Iliad," which takes place in the present, is a modern-day retelling in which Wood's poet and Fileos' musician deliver a visceral recollection of heroes, Greek gods and humanity's attraction to destruction and chaos.

"It's written by an actor [O'Hare], so there's a rhythm to it," Wood says. "It's so much fun to say."

"This show is everything theater does best. It's in-your-face, psychological, emotional, passionate and just wonderfully put together."

Wood lauds Fileos' work, saying, "The audience has to believe these two people have been together for 1,000 years."

Wood notes there is very little in the way of a set.

"I wanted the back wall exposed," he says. "The script advises doing it in an empty space, even suggesting a theater that's been closed. How apropos is that?"

He says the space is instead "carved out" with light, and with a few small set pieces.

"It's a big space to play with and we use all the space," he says.

Wood says he knows he will be emotional when the show starts.

"For the first time in a year and a half, I will be standing on a stage," he says. "It's a really good feeling."

"It's been challenging for the arts. I think it's going to be a different world since there's been a little shaking down."

"I'm very excited to be back and I'm cautiously optimistic."

"An Iliad" contains strong language and is recommended for ages 13 and older.

There will be limited-capacity seating and social distancing in the theater. Those attending must wear face masks in Labuda and during the performance.

"An Iliad" will be available for streaming, 8 p.m. July 27 to Aug. 1.

**Tickets:** [www.pashakespeare.org](http://www.pashakespeare.org); 610-282-9455

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## PFEIFFER

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He says "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a great choice not only for its playful staging, but also its positive message:

"It's a story of harmony and discord and how coming together heals the world. Making peace and coming together is the only way forward."

Pfeiffer is no stranger to the play, which he has directed several times, including twice for PSF's WillPower school tours, virtually last summer and even an operatic version in Italy.

Pfeiffer, a 22-year veteran of PSF, has directed critically-acclaimed productions of "Twelfth Night," "As You Like It," and "The Taming of the Shrew" at the festival.

"Midsummer" stands the test of time," Pfeiffer says. "It has really accessible language and iconic characters. The poetry of it is elevated, but it is not as dense as a comedy like 'Twelfth Night.'"

The production features original music by Alex Bechtel. Says Pfeiffer, "The whole cast is involved in making

live music again."

The cast includes Kathryn Tkel (Hermia), Akeem Davis (Demetrius), Luigi Sottile (Lyander) Brett Ashley Robinson (Helena), Ian Merrill Peakes (Nick Bottom), Eleanor Handley (Titania), Lindsay Smiling (Oberon), Bi Jean Ngo, (Egeus and Quince) and Mary Tuomanen (Puck).

Pfeiffer says there have been some challenges in producing the show outdoors.

The play was trimmed to 90 minutes with no intermission to accommodate the natural available light.

"There is stuff I miss and hate losing, but 'Midsummer' can take it," he says. "This will be a unique experience and my hope is that spirits are high."

Pfeiffer says the new stage recreates the fundamentals of Labuda's Main Stage, but outdoors with a hearkening back to the PSF's "Green Show" outdoor stage with a touch of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Pfeiffer acknowledges that it's exciting to be back after the pandemic shutdown.

"For all of us who do this work, it is like having a piece of yourself taken away," he says of the past 15 or so months of the lockdown.

"It is a modest living that is balanced by the fact that you are really putting something good in the world," Pfeiffer says of theater actors.

"I think now it is trying to be a better kind of art form," he says of theater, adding, "We just have to take it one day at a time."

Prologues, offering insights into the play, are held 45 minutes prior to curtain for every performance. There will be a sign-language performance July 21.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be available for streaming, 8 p.m. July 20 to Aug. 1.

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Kenley, a daughter of Matt and Kim Snyder of Lehigh Township, and, right, Harper and Maddux, sons of Josh and Kristy Young of Lynn Township enjoy Fourth of July picnic.

## Faith and family for the Fourth at BWC

A Bethany Wesleyan Church "All-Campus Event" for the Fourth of July was held after the 10:30 a.m. July 4 service, Cherryville campus, 675 Blue Mountain Drive, Lehigh Township. There was a

free lunch and free concert by the Grace Notes Gospel Big Band. Among the estimated 500 attendees were congregants from BWC Palmerton and Lehigh Township.



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Grace Notes Gospel Big Band performed a free concert July 4 at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville.



Lorah's Pig Roasters & Farm Market, Walnutport, provided hot dogs, chips, fruit cups and beverages at the BWC Fourth of July picnic, Cherryville. "We planned for 500 and we had about 500," said Kristin Lorah Soldridge.

## THEATER REVIEWS



Tony Todd (August Wilson), "How I Learned What I Learned," Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, DeSales University.

## PSF Tony Todd "How" wows

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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I didn't know what to expect with the one-man show, August Wilson's "How I Learned What I Learned," starring Tony Todd, which concluded July 11, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (PSF), DeSales University.

With the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown and PSF announcing March 26 that it would reopen for its 30th season with Todd in the acclaimed Wilson work (previews were June 29, 30; opening night was July 1), I was half-expecting a bare stage and single spotlight.

Instead, on July 2 when I saw the play for this theater review, I witnessed a production that is noteworthy not only for its lush, fully-realized stagecraft, but for a standing ovation-worthy performance by Todd.

And "How."

For 90 minutes, with no intermission, Todd commands the stage and theater-goers' attention. Apart from the impressive feat of memorizing the voluminous text, Todd gives a riveting performance not through over-the-top emotionality, but rather in nuanced, subtle but sure delivery as if in one-to-one conversation.

Yes, it's a monologue, but in Todd's supple but firm voice, it becomes a dialogue, as the listener becomes a student of Wilson's imparted wisdom at the heart of Wilson's upbringing, inspiration and playwriting.

The "Hill District" in Pittsburgh is where Wilson (1945-2005) grew up and set nearly all his plays. "The Pittsburgh Cycle" recounted 20th century African-American life: "Jitney" (1982), "Fences" (1984, Tony Award, best play; Pulitzer Prize, drama; Oscar-nominated film, 2016), "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" (1984; Oscar-nominated film, 2020), "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" (1986), "The Piano Lesson" (1987, Pulitzer Prize, drama), "King Hedley

II" (1999; Todd originated the title role).

In subject matter, tone and rhythm, Wilson became a bluesman balladeer of the American stage. His plays have the cadence of song in verse, chorus. It's call-and response. The audience can't help but respond.

"How I Learned What I Learned" is no mere exercise in pedagogy. The words have a lived-in feeling. There is power in the script's specificity of time, place and sentiment. "How I Learned" is not sentimental. Wilson's words have the jazz of a beat poet or the everyday of tavern and town. He didn't only sing the blues in the night. His plays echo the sound of train whistles. His words have the one-two punch of heavyweight truth. "How I Learned What I Learned" is as pertinent as today's headlines.

Todd knows whereof he speaks. He knows the territory. Todd imbues the words with strength tender and true. He doesn't bludgeon. He cajoles. He whispers. You lean in. He strides the stage, making contact with the audience, front row to back.

His body language is elastic, relaxed, conversational, confidential. At times, it's almost a dance. His eyes gleam. His lips smile. He pauses a beat. He elongates some. Let's others linger in the air. He sustains like a gifted woodwind player, acoustic guitarist riffing, stand-up bass player sustaining the beat, and a drummer on the snare. He's vibing like a xylophone. Todd is all of these in this ensemble of words.

The production is simply superb, down to the visual Easter egg and cue referencing that other Pittsburgh neighborhood of sweater and theme song. This is a gritty "Mr. Rogers." Blocking, gesture, music -- all are perfect in this gem of a scene, as is the entire show.

When Todd, as Wilson, sits down at the manual typewriter to click out the scene ti-

tles, the words appear letter by letter on a large backdrop screen. When Todd talks about neighborhood, street scene, history or hustle, corresponding images appear on-screen. Music provides segues, bridges from one topic to another. The stage is awash in purple, or red or blue. It all works seamlessly, and beautifully.

The stage has a raised platform on which is placed the writer's table, with typewriter and a bench. A panel of windowpanes backdrops mid-stage, behind which are screens for projections. The windows symbolically let us look into the life, past and present, of August Wilson. They are windows to his soul, the soul of a people.

Director Christopher V. Edwards carefully constructs the play as a series of chapters in Wilson's life. He has given Todd full range of the stage and his enormous talent.

Set design is by Baron E. Pugh. Projection design is by CJ Barnwell. Lighting design is by Jason Lynch. Sound design is by David M. Greenberg. Costume design is by Kendra L. Johnson.

It's a treat to be able to see an actor the caliber of Tony Todd perform in the Lehigh Valley. It's well worth the wait. Look for a production of August Wilson's "Fences" in the 2022 PSF season (originally scheduled for 2020).

Tony Todd in August Wilson's "How I Learned What I Learned" is a wow at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival.

Ticket information: www.pashakespeare.org; 610.282.WILL (9455).

## Pines' 'Scoundrels' surprises

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to The Press

When two smooth-talking con men in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels the Musical" team up to take a beautiful woman to the cleaners, they find out they are stuck with the laundry bill.

This rich, musical comedy chronicles the adventures of low-life hustlers in their eternal quest to fleece the rich and gullible at a Mediterranean resort.

The stage musical, based on the book by Jeffrey Lane and subsequent movie by Dale Launer, Stanley Shapiro and Paul Henning, is at the Pines Dinner Theatre, directed by Oliver Blatt with musical direction by Stacy Bechtel, through Aug. 22.

Muriel (Jennifer Wills) is enchanting as she leads the ensemble of women (in various states of dishabille) in bawling their fate while recognizing the irresistible charm of the gentlemen on the French Riviera, "What Was a Woman to Do?"

The action heats up when American street hustler Freddy Benson (James Ofalt) teams up with ultra-smooth British confidence man Lawrence Jameson (Sean Carroll).

Freddy (Ofalt) is spectacular as he melds his wiry physical comedy and his big voice while singing "I just want the world to love me - or my money!" from "Great Big Stuff."

His second and third characters (little brother Ruprecht and a paralyzed veteran) give Ofalt the chance to showcase his considerable talent.

Freddy as Ruprecht and Lawrence prove their musical chops as they belt out an energetic "All About Ruprecht."

Beautiful Oklahoma oil heiress Jolene (Leslea Rodig) captivates as she has quick second thoughts about marrying Lawrence (Carroll) after he introduces her to his delightfully disgusting "little brother" Ruprecht (Ofalt).

Lawrence (Carroll) is masterful as the successful con man who lives well at the top of the swindler food chain as he bilks wealthy women out of their cash and jewels. He teams with his confidant Andre Thebault (Kris Wills), a local Chief of Police-cum-bagman, as they sing "Give Them What They Want."

"Soap Queen" Christina Colgate (Abigail Garrigan) combines beauty with nouveau riche brassiness to captivate the two con men who she soon has falling over themselves as they try to separate her from her cash.

Christina's (Garrigan)



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From left: James Ofalt (Freddy Benson), Sean Carroll (Lawrence Jameson), "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," through Aug. 22, Pines Dinner Theatre.

an) enthusiastic "Here I Am" and sweet "Nothing is too Wonderful to Be True" proves that she can sing big show tunes with the best.

Wheelchair-bound Rupert (Ofalt) equals his already stellar previous appearances as he takes on the character of a psychosomatically-paralyzed American serviceman who is looking for a big payoff.

Looking for the same big payoff, Lawrence appears as fake Dr. Emil Schaffhausen (Carroll in his second role) comes to the rescue as the hilarious but sadistic quack who delights in whipping the feeling back into fake crippled American serviceman Freddy's legs.

Riviera Police Chief Andre (Kris Wills), sounding every bit as French as Maurice Chevalier, falls for Muriel "from Omaha" (Jennifer

Wills) and they dance their way to romance. Their duet "Like Zis, Like Zat" is charming fun.

The young, energetic ensemble dancers Michael Covell, Jessica Caldwell, Alexander Vogelgesang, Ellie Glover and Andrew Bausher ably play many characters in this fast-paced comedy from elegant French maids to roo-tin'-tootin' Oklahoma cowboys and gals.

Vogelgesang distinguishes himself as a red beret-wearing French Apache dancer, providing romantic concertina music for love scenes.

With dialog-seasoned with mild double entendres - "How far do you want to go?" "All the way!" - the musical comedy is a pleasure from start to surprise ending.

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## It's 'Come and Gone' at Town Hall Rotunda

Although Brandon Williams specializes in intaglio printmaking, his solo exhibition, "Come and Gone," through Aug. 8, Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, Bethlehem, includes a graphite study on paper for one of Williams' etchings, plus collagraphs and lithographs.

"Moving On" (2017; intaglio, edition size 30, 12 in. x 9.5 in.) is typical of many of the black ink on white print stock in the exhibit. The print has an M.C. Escher-like vibe to it.

Williams, an Easton native who lives in the Nashville, Tenn., area, cites the work of Escher and lesser-known printmakers Peter Milton and David Becker as having an influence on his own art.

A signature element to be found in the piece and throughout the exhibit is a geometric fish-like graphic with a large



By Ed Courrier

circular "eye." Some have asked if the object is an "alien."

Says Williams, "That's a structure that's loosely based off of a mechanical watch movement. It sort of emphasizes the time element in all the pieces."

"Moving On" is the final print in a series that ended when Williams was graduating from grad school. "It was time to close that chapter of my life," he says, hence its title.

The copper plate he created for this edition is also on view. Having worked with zinc plates as an undergraduate, Williams prefers etching copper:

"I found that copper holds up a little better in the etching process. Zinc is slightly softer."

The most recent etching in the exhibition is "From the Ground Up" (2020; multi-plate intaglio, edition size 10, 12 in. x 17.5 in.). The geometric landscape has a black-inked image printed over red and green-colored areas using one additional plate employing the à la poupée technique to create the print. The technique is where different colored inks are applied to the same plate with a piece of fabric to provide spot colors.

Another print in the exhibition was pulled using the four-color (CMYK) process. Each of four plates was inked with cyan, magenta, yellow and black to create additional colors for "Options at Levels" (2019; multi-plate intaglio, edition size 15, 12 in. x 9 in.).



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Brandon Williams with "Moving On" (2017; intaglio, edition size 30, 12 in. x 9.5 in.), left, and its copper plate, right, in Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, Bethlehem.

"I still don't know what a plate is going to look like until I actually proof it," says Williams. "It's a thrilling experience to ink the plate and reveal your print."

After receiving a BFA from Kutztown University in 2013, Williams received an MFA from Kansas State University in 2017.

Williams, who taught at Kansas State and

Oklahoma State University, is an assistant professor of art in printmaking-studio art at Belmont University, Nashville.

He is a member of the Lehigh Art Alliance and Printmakers Society of the Lehigh Valley.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission.

"Come and Gone," through Aug. 8, Ro-

tunda Gallery, Town Hall, 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, Closed weekends.

"Gallery View" is a column about artists, exhibitions and galleries. To request coverage, email: Paul Willistein, Focus editor, pwilistein@tnonline.com

## Great Allentown Fair contests information available online

The Great Allentown Fair's Premium Listing detailing the procedures and categories for entering the Fair's blue-ribbon competitions are available on the Allentown Fair's website.

Placement ribbons and cash prizes are awarded in each of the exhibitor categories judged prior to and during the Fair, Sept. 1 through Labor Day Sept. 6. There are contests for youths in addition to the all-age categories.

Two separate listings are available, one for Agri-Plex entries and one for livestock entries.

Deadline for registering livestock is July 24.

Deadline for Agri-Plex entries is Aug. 7.

Registration must be completed by

the U.S. Mail. No on-site registration will be held.

Farmers, gardeners, antique collectors, crafters, bakers, cooks, photographers and more have the opportunity to compete for monetary awards and Allentown Fair blue ribbons.

There are 175 fruit and vegetable categories, including 11 varieties of organic vegetables.

The Fair typically exhibits more than 900 farm animals in the Farmorama area.

More than 9,000 products from farms, gardens and homes, including arts and crafts, are displayed in the Agri-Plex.

There are 11 culinary contests judged during the Fair in front of an

audience. The contests require separate applications, available on the Fair's website.

Allentown Fair Special Culinary Contests are sponsored by PenTele-Data.

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6. Supreme Cheesecake Contest sponsored by Clover Hill Vineyards and Winery

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# Channel of Peace fund-raiser rings at Bell Gate

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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On a soft summer night when the Strawberry Moon (first full moon of summer and last supermoon of the year) was bright, a super fundraiser, the first for A Channel of Peace, "Art With Heart Celebration," was held at Bell Gate Farm, Lower Milford Township.

"I really like the idea of the fundless fundraiser," said Stephanie Stevens, Bell Gate Farm owner, to a reporter for The Press at the June 24 Channel of Peace benefit.

Stevens donated use of Bell Gate for the fundraiser.

Channel of Peace is a Lehigh Valley-based nonprofit "dedicated to producing and supporting films and other multimedia projects and endeavors."

The nonprofit embraces projects "that provide insight into the advancement of family, faith in God, and the values of love, forgiveness, good works and gratitude."

Channel of Peace produces feature films written and directed by Bethlehem native and movie star Daniel Roebuck, including "Getting Grace," which was filmed in the Lehigh Valley and released; "Lucky Louie," filmed in the Lehigh Valley and in post-production, and "The Hail Mary," scheduled to begin filming July 20 in the Lehigh Valley.

A preview reel of "Lucky Louie" was shown to the 185 attending the "Art With Heart" benefit.

"The Hail Mary" is to film scenes at the former Seminary of Mary Immaculate, Lehigh Township.

The Jandl Land Co., with David Jandl, owner and president, purchased in 2016 the 600-acre property along Cherryville Road with plans for a hotel, meeting-event space, restaurant, spa-wellness center and residential units.

## ALLENTOWN FAIR

2021 Queen sought

The Lehigh County Agricultural Society, the nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Great Allentown Fair, is looking for contestants from Lehigh, Northampton and Berks counties to vie for the title of 2021 Great Allentown Fair Queen.

Young women age 16 to 20 may enter the competition that awards a \$1,500 scholarship. The \$1,000 portion is presented by Lehigh-Northampton Pomona Grange No. 68 and the \$500 portion of the scholarship is presented by Dan and Laurie Wuchter on behalf of the Allentown Farmer's Market.

The 2021 Allentown Fair Queen will be crowned Opening Night, Sept. 1, at the RCN Farmerama Theater at the Great Allentown Fair. The 2019 and 2020 queen Ayla Blatt of Kutztown will return to crown her successor.

The Fair Queen will vie for the title of Pennsylvania State Fair Queen in Hershey in January 2022.

The deadline for registration is July 15.

Fair Queen contest information: [www.allentownfairpa.org](http://www.allentownfairpa.org) and click "Contests," or contact Cheryl Army, Fair Queen Coordinator, [fairqueencoord@allentownfair.com](mailto:fairqueencoord@allentownfair.com); 610-248-6678

At the "Art With Heart" benefit, Jandl was honored with the Excellence in Community Service Award from A Circle of Peace.

"It is a wonderful endeavor," Jandl said of A Channel of Peace. "This Valley is grateful to have you," he said of Roebuck.

Gary Sinise, award-winning movie, TV actor, musician and philanthropist, was honored with the Excellence in Entertainment Award.

"I remind him that he fired me on the very first movie that he directed," Roebuck said of Sinise.

Sinise and Jandl accepted the honors via pre-recorded videos.

Alice Finn Freeh was presented with the Excellence in Education Award.

"One of the reasons I got this award is because I put up with Dan

since kindergarten," said Freeh.

"This award is not about an individual. It's about a community, Bethlehem Catholic High School," Freeh said.

Alyssa Garcia and Madelyn Dundon sang "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace."

Beth Clausnitzer, Chair, Art With Heart Committee; Erin MacLean, Vice Chair-Secretary, Board of Directors, A Channel of Peace, and Daniel Roebuck, Chair, Board of Directors, A Channel of Peace, gave welcoming remarks.

Daniel Roebuck and Kevin Zimmers of Geyer Auction Company led an auction of donated items.

Emcee was Mike Mitman.

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# The long, lost 'Summer'

I didn't go to Woodstock.

I'll tell you why.

My friends from Southern Lehigh High School, Dave, Wolfgang, John, and myself, went to the Newport Jazz Festival, July 3, 1969, when rock groups were added to the lineup for the first time that year.

Either because of 19-year-olds' poor planning (or no planning) or too few hotel rooms, there was no place to stay. We ended up sleeping in, well, that's another story for another time.

"Moreover," to quote one of my Syracuse University history professors, we witnessed a near-riot Saturday night of the Newport Jazz Festival. The uproar was quelled, as I recall, by the calm cajoling of Sylvester Stewart, musician, singer and songwriter of Sly and the Family Stone. With his group on stage, Sly asked some among a crowd estimated 20,000 who tried to bum-rush the front to cool it. They did. The show did go on.

My friends and I had tickets for Woodstock later that summer in August 1969. But as white boys from the suburbs, we decided not to risk a repeat of Newport. We didn't make the trek from the Lehigh Valley to upstate New York. My memories of Woodstock include TV news coverage, the documentary film and album and my bronze Woodstock ticket key chain.

There was a third major music festival in 1969 in the United States, and it's one that my friends and I didn't attend. I didn't even know about the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival until I heard about the documentary

## AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein  
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film, "Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)."

The documentary film about what was dubbed "The Black Woodstock" is like a time-travel trip back to an era, more 50 years ago when the U.S., if not more innocent, seems in retrospect and through the nostalgic lens of the documentary film, to be so.

The film is directed by Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, a Philadelphia native, turntablist (Don't you love that word? Get our your dictionaries. Or should I say, "Google it." I like to have a least one challenging word or term per movie review.) and drummer for hip-hop band, the Roots, house band for "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon."

The "Summer of Soul" title references the Summer of Love in 1967 when an estimated 100,000 teens and young people went to the then hippie neighborhood of Haight-Ashbury, San Francisco.

The title ("SOS") also takes off on Gil Scott Heron's spoken-word jazz composition, "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" (1970), which influenced hip-hop music.

Perhaps most significantly, the film's title refers to the fact that the footage of the festival was unedited and apparently never became a network television special, which apparently

was the intent of filming the festival.

"Summer of Soul" refers not only to the genre of much of the music performed in the Harlem Cultural Festival, but the soulful vibe of the event and of those performing the music, many of whom talk about the event, its music and its impact in contemporary interviews.

The 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, which was held over six weeks in Mt. Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park), was attended by an estimated 50,000 each Sunday and featured Stevie Wonder, Mahalia Jackson, Nina Simone, The 5th Dimension, The Staple Singers, Gladys Knight & the Pips, and Sly and the Family Stone.

Festival performances were apparently filmed on videotape or film akin to the 16mm format (1.33 aspect ratio) so that when "Summer Of Soul" is shown in movie theaters it's not that of the flat format (1.85:1 aspect ratio) that fills the horizontal movie screen.

"Summer Of Soul" has a bevy of performances to recommend it. There are so many great songs and performers.

Highlights include: "Aquarius" by Let The Sun Shine In, The 5th Dimension; "Everyday People," Sly and the Family Stone; a drum solo, Stevie Wonder; "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," Gladys Knight & the Pips; "Why I Sing the Blues," B.B. King; "Watermelon Man," Mongo Santamaria, and "Grazing in the Grass," Hugh Masekela.

There's a major gospel component: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," Mahalia Jackson, Mavis Staples, and "Oh Happy Day," Edwin Hawkins Singers.

Director Thompson deftly places the festival in the context of the waning 1960s and the dawning of the 1970s.

The assassinations of John F. Kennedy (1963), Malcolm X (1965), Martin Luther King Jr. (1968) and Robert F. Kennedy (1968) are duly noted. The festival is seen as a way to let off steam and prevent the Harlem riots of 1968 from reoccurring during another long, hot summer.

The U.S. Apollo 11 landing on the moon happened during the festival. That historic event is presented as very distant for those interviewed at the festival.



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Gladys Knight & The Pips, "Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)."

An interesting technique is having Gladys Knight, Billy Davis Jr. and Marilyn McCoo of The 5th Dimension, and fans who attended the festival view the festival footage and comment about it. The images and sound are excellent.

The fashions of the performers and some of the fans at the festival are fanciful and nostalgic. Everybody is shown having a good time. A feeling of "harmony and understanding," true to The 5th Dimension song, is evidenced.

"Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)" is a must-see for music fans, history buffs and cultural anthropologists.

**"Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised),"** MPAA Rated PG-13 (Parents Strongly Cautioned Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.) for some disturbing images, smoking and brief drug material; Genre: Documentary, Music; Run time: 1 hr., 57 min.; Distributed by Searchlight Pictures.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** Stay to the very, very, very end of the closing credits of "Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)" to see an oddball scene between Stevie Wonder and his band leader.

**At The Movies:** "Summer Of Soul ( ... Or When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised)" was seen in Civic Theatre of Allentown's Theatre514, which reopened July 1.

**Movie Box Office,** July 9-11: "Black Widow" opened at No. 1

with \$80 million, a new post-pandemic record, in 4,160 theaters, zooming past "F9: The Fast Saga," ending its two-week-in-a-row run at No. 1, with \$10.8 million, in 3,648 theaters, \$141.3 million, three weeks.

3. "The Boss Baby: Family Business" dropped one place, \$8.7 million, in 3,688 theaters, \$34.7 million, two weeks.

4. "The Forever Purge" dropped one place, \$6.7 million in 3,058 theaters, \$27.4 million, two weeks.

5. "A Quiet Place Part II" dropped one place, \$3 million in 2,826 theaters; \$150.7 million, seven weeks.

6. "Cruella" stayed in place, \$2.2 million, in 1,875 theaters; \$80.7 million, seven weeks.

7. "The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard" dropped two places, \$1.6 million, in 1,904 theaters; \$35 million, four weeks.

8. "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway" dropped one place, \$1.2 million, in 1,958 theaters; \$37.7 million, five weeks.

9. "In The Heights," \$630,000, in 788 theaters, \$28.3 million, five weeks.

10. "Zola," \$620,000, in 1,401 theaters; \$3.5 million, two weeks.

12. "Summer of Soul ( ... Or When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)," \$375,000, in 752 theaters, \$1.4 million, three weeks.

**Movie Box Office information from Box Office Mojo as of July 11 is subject to change.**

Movie Box Office, July 2-4: "F9: The Fast Saga" was still the box-office boss, continuing at No. 1 for the July 4 holiday weekend, with \$23 million, in 4,203 theaters; \$116.1 million, two weeks, keeping "The Boss Baby: Family Business," opening at No. 2, with \$16 million, in 3,644 theaters, one week, and "The Forever Purge," opening with \$12.5 million in 3,051 theaters, one week.

4. "A Quiet Place Part II" dropped two places, \$4.1 million in 2,826 theaters; \$144.3 million six weeks.

5. "The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard" dropped two places, \$3 million, in 3,361 theaters; \$31.3 million, three weeks.

6. "Cruella" dropped one place, \$2.3 million, in 2,380 theaters; \$76.4 million, six weeks.

7. "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway" dropped three places, \$2.1 million, in 2,954 theaters; \$34.3 million, four weeks.

8. "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It" dropped two places, \$1.2 million, in 1,716 theaters; \$62.1 million, five weeks.

9. "Zola," \$1.2 million, in 1,468 theaters; \$1.9 million, since opening June 30.

10. "In the Heights" dropped three places, \$1.1 million, in 1,405 theaters; \$26.7 million, four weeks.

11. "Summer of Soul ( ... Or When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)," \$647,634, in 752 theaters, two weeks.

**Movie Box Office information from Box Office Mojo as of July 4 is subject to change.**

**Unreel, July 16:**

**"Space Jam: A New Legacy,"** PG: Malcolm D. Lee directs LeBron James, Don Cheadle, Cedric Joe, Khrist Davis, Bugs Bunny and the rest of the Looney Tunes in the live-action and animation comedy.

**"Escape Room: Tournament of Champions,"** PG-13: Adam Robitel directs Taylor Russell, Logan Miller, Thomas Cocquerel and Holland Rodhe in the Action, Adventure, Horror, Science-Fiction Film. Six people are in a lockdown that apparently pre-dates the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic lockdown.

**"The Sleepless Unrest: The Real Conjur-ing Home,"** No MPAA rating: Kendall Whelpton and Vera Whelpton directs Cory Heinzen, Brian Murray and themselves in the Documentary, Horror, Reality-TV Thriller. Film-makers and paranormal investigators move into the alleged haunted home for two weeks in hopes of finding evidence.

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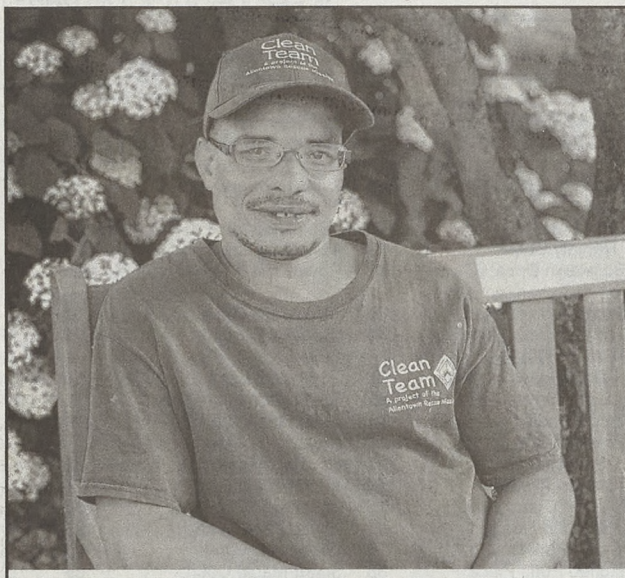
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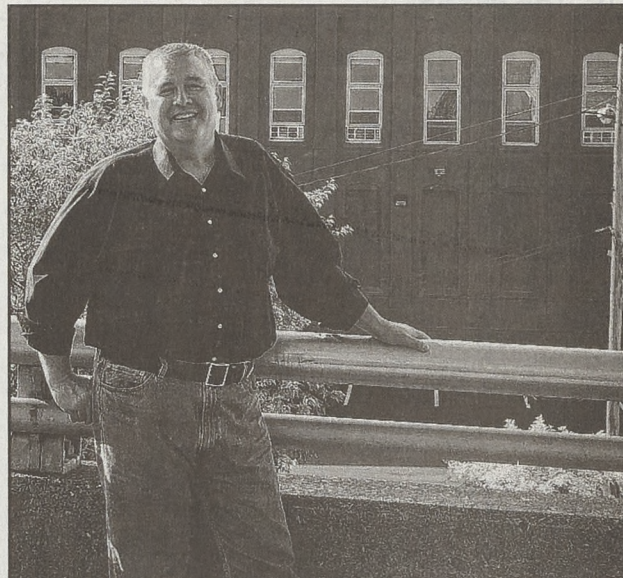
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Raymond came to the Allentown Rescue Mission during a painful chapter in his life.



John Mohr and wife, Jackie, volunteer at various Allentown Rescue Mission events and are highly involved in the design of digital marketing initiatives at the mission.



David has experienced first hand the Mission's work to rescue, rehabilitate and restore. He urges everyone to help.

## Allentown Rescue Mission recognizes graduates, community partners for giving back

BY STEFANIE APPEL  
Special to The Press

The Allentown Rescue Mission's "I AM" billboard campaign tells the stories of their graduates, partners, volunteers, and the Clean Team.

Each of the billboards tells the story of someone who has been impacted by the Allentown Rescue Mission.

"I AM" is a slogan used by the Allentown Rescue Mission to demonstrate that everyone is a part of the Allentown Rescue Mission.

The featured people on the billboards say, "I AM the Allentown Rescue Mission."

David came to the Allentown Rescue Mission when the stresses of trying to balance his family life and career started to get the best of him.

His escape was drinking, and he lost control.

He came to the Allentown Rescue Mission, where he was provided with a safe and supportive environment.

While in the Transformation Program, he was provided with the opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ and experience the Living Word of God.

He is now a volunteer at the Mission.

He has experienced first hand the Mission's work to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore, and he urges all of us to help in any way we can. Pay it forward.

Cohen, Feeley, Altemose, and Rambo, Attorneys at Law, have been giving

to the Allentown Rescue Mission for many years.

More recently, they have been helping provide urgent necessities brought about by COVID-19.

They insist, "It is important to give back to those who are helping the community, to those who are trying to build a better community."

John Mohr has memories of his family being homeless, which is why he decided to help the Allentown Rescue Mission.

He has been volunteering and supporting the Allentown Rescue Mission since he moved back to the Lehigh Valley in 2016.

Mohr, along with his wife Jackie, volunteer at various Allentown Rescue Mission events and are highly involved in the design of digital marketing initiatives at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Raymond came to the Allentown Rescue Mission during a painful chapter in his life.

This was his third stay at the Mission, but this time he joined the Transformation Program.

In his words, the program brought him "closer to the Lord Jesus Christ" and helped him accept responsibility for his mistakes.

Raymond has come a long way, and his work and dedication have paid dividends.

A local company recently contracted the Clean Team for facilities work, and Raymond's contributions turned



Workers at Cohen, Feeley, Altemose and Rambo, Attorneys at Law, have been giving to the Allentown Rescue Mission for many years.

into a job offer.

This company is happy to have Raymond as a part of their family, bringing along his excellent work ethic and joyful spirit. Change can happen.

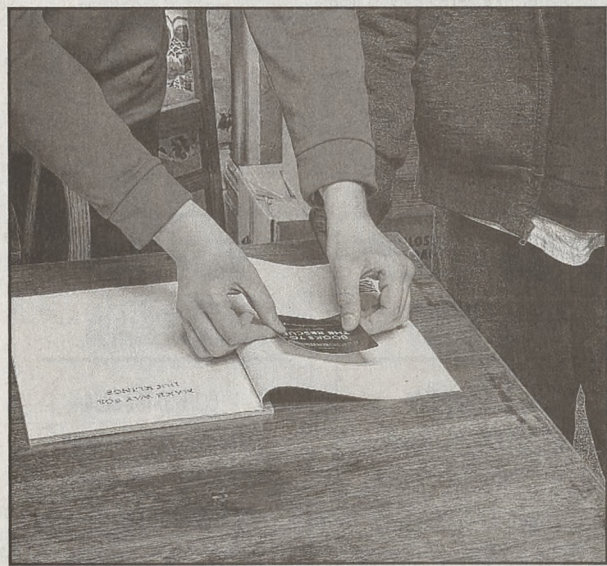
While driving around Allentown and Emmaus, you will be able to put a face to these people and their stories.

The Allentown Rescue Mission billboards are located at both sides of the billboard post on Tilghman Street by Werley Road, Hamilton Street

by Elmo Street, Hamilton Street by Front Street, 15th Street by Sumner Avenue, 15th Street by Elm Street, Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive by 15th Street, S. 3rd Street by Union Street, all in Allentown, both sides of the billboard post on Buckeye Road by Tank Farm Road, Emmaus,

To read more about these stories and see how our partners, volunteers, and donors are helping rescue, rehabilitate, and restore homeless men, visit [allentownrescuemission.org](http://allentownrescuemission.org).

## Mission launches 'Books to the Rescue' for young children



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A "Books to the Rescue" label is placed on the inside cover of a book titled "Make Way for Ducklings" at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

BY STEFANIE APPEL  
Special to The Press

The Allentown Rescue Mission enthusiastically announces the launch of its newest program, Books to the Rescue, in conjunction with National Read Across America Day.

Books to the Rescue is operated by the men of the Mission to acquire, through donations, early learning books and distribute them to local elementary schools for the teachers to pass along to their youngest and most needy students.

This initiative not only benefits the children; it provides the men with an opportunity to help others in their community.

The pandemic produced a major shock to education, especially for the very young.

Early learning in kindergarten and first grade forms the foundation of the entire educational process, and reading at home with

family members has been identified as a vital component of learning how to read.

However, local educators have found that many families do not have the resources at home to supplement COVID-limited school efforts.

The lack of at-home supplies has resulted in the most vulnerable students falling behind.

"During this pandemic, parents began asking for more books for their children to read at home. While I can provide great instruction, school textbooks, and technology, I couldn't provide trade books to all students," said Rachel Hudock, first-grade teacher, Clearview Elementary School, "A program like Books to the Rescue means that our students will be provided with more at-home resources to help pave the way for student success."

Books to the Rescue aims to get books into the homes of students

who otherwise would not have access to them.

The men in the Mission's Transformation Program will collect, catalog, classify and organize the donated books for distribution.

Books to the Rescue provides a way for the men to give back to the community that has so generously blessed them during their stay at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

The Allentown Rescue Mission asks donors to drop off pre-school and elementary level books at its location, 355 Hamilton St., Allentown.

The books collected will help the youngest generation learn to read and help homeless men develop a sense of responsibility to their community.

For more information, visit [allentownrescuemission.org/books-to-the-rescue](http://allentownrescuemission.org/books-to-the-rescue).

Inquiries can be made at [books@armpa.org](mailto:books@armpa.org).

## Mission offers men time to heal

BY STEFANIE APPEL  
Special to The Press

The Allentown Rescue Mission's three step program provides homeless men with a critical commodity...time.

While time does not heal all wounds, time coupled with inner-personal work and accountability can heal, and that is precisely what the Mission offers.

When men arrive at the mission, they live in the Gateway Emergency Shelter, where they can stay for up to 30 days.

If they choose, the men can transition into the eight-week Transformation Program, where more profound healing can occur.

After graduating from the Transformation Program, additional restoration time is offered to the men while working for the Clean Team.

A recent guest, Wayne, is a living testament to the power of time well spent.

Arriving at the mission, Wayne was an alcoholic and had lost everything, including his family and his faith.

Wayne transitioned from the emergency shelter into the Transformation

Program.

During his stay, Wayne discovered time was a precious gift.

At first, the Mission provided time to breathe and consider the direction he wanted his life to head, uncomplicated by daily struggles to survive.

From there, he had time to focus on his sobriety and address the underlining causes of his alcoholism through classes and individual counseling.

As Wayne progressed in the program, he was granted time to rebuild his faith with God and restore relationships with his family.

Wayne became a grandfather while at the mission.

And as a result of the time he spent working on himself, he got to be included in his granddaughter's life.

Since graduating from the Transformation Program, Wayne obtained a job as a machine operator at a local company.

By working and living at the mission, he had enough time to save money.

This money allowed Wayne to recently buy a car and move into his own apartment in the community.

"The Allentown Rescue Mission is

so proud of Wayne," said Stefanie Appel, community relations specialist with the Mission. "We feel privileged to be able to offer men, like Wayne, time; time to forgive and be forgiven, time to rebuild their lives, time to find employment. Most of all, time to be rescued, rehabilitated and restored to their communities."

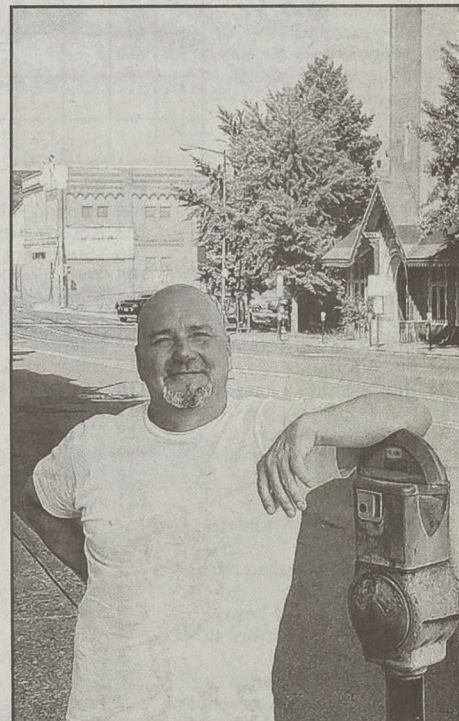
The Allentown Rescue Mission, a 501c3, 123 bed non-profit homeless shelter has been providing shelter for homeless men since 1900.

In addition to emergency shelter services (365 days a year), the Mission offers a residential life skills program, and transitional employment on the Clean Team that's available for hire to the community.

The Clean Team pays the men above PA state minimum - helping them save a nest egg to transition back into the community.

The mission provides shelter services for over 946 men per year, and serves over 42,000 meals a year to men in need.

To refer someone to the Mission for services or to learn ways you can help make a difference, visit [allentownrescuemission.org](http://allentownrescuemission.org).



Wayne M. was a recent guest at the Allentown Rescue Mission, a 501c3, 123-bed nonprofit homeless shelter which has been providing shelter for homeless men since 1900.

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<b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> 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 27th day of July, 2021, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Speed Limits, to allow for certain speed limits on roadways within the Township.				Chaucer Lane Cheryl Drive Chippendale Circle Ciara Drive Clearview Lane Colonial Road Courtney Street Crofton Drive Cross Creek Road				Cherry Avenue Chesterfield Lane Christine Court Claire Street Colgate Drive Comfort Circle Crawford Drive Cross Creek Court				Pebble Road Post Drive				Place Road Princeton Drive			
The public meeting will be open to the public; however, <b>MASKS MUST BE WORN BY UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS</b> attending the public meeting in person. In addition, and due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will also be held electronically through Vimeo. To access the meeting through your computer, go to <a href="https://vimeo.com/566563875">https://vimeo.com/566563875</a> .				Dartmouth Drive				Dolores Lane				Quail Creek Road				Quincy Lane			
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 and on the Township's website.				Elmira Drive				Emerson Circle				Rainbow Drive Remaly Street Roselawn Drive				Red Oak Lane Rosedale Lane Rosewood Drive			
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<b>AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 172 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; ARTICLE II SPEED LIMITS TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN SPEED LIMITS ON ROADWAYS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.</b>				Hale Avenue Hanover Street				Hampshire Drive Hanoverville Road (East) Harmor Circle				Valley Center Parkway Victoria Drive				Vassar Avenue Virginia Drive			
<b>WHEREAS</b> , The Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "Second Class Township Code" of Pennsylvania as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby enact and ordain the following amendment to the text of the Hanover Township Code of Codified Ordinances;				Hanoverville Road (West) Harmor Lane				Harriet Lane (North of Hanoverville Road) Helen Street				Walt Whitman Lane				Weaversville Road (SR 3017) Wegmans Drive Westgate Circle Wheaton Drive White Birch Lane Whitewood Road Winston Circle Winston Road Winthrop Avenue Woodmere Drive Wynnewood Drive			
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township desire to amend its Code of Codified Ordinances by providing for speed limits on roadways within the Township.				Harriet Lane (South of Hanoverville Road) Hemlock Place Highland Avenue				Hidden Hill Drive High Point Boulevard				Wedgewood Road Wellesley Road Westgate Drive Wheatsheaf Lane Whitewood Road Winston Circle Winston Road Winthrop Avenue Woodmere Drive Wynnewood Drive				Yorkshire Road			
<b>NOW, THEREFORE</b> , be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the same is hereby ordained and enacted as follows, to wit:				Illick's Mill Road Innovation Way				Imperial Drive				SECTION 2: Chapter 172 Vehicles and Traffic; Article II Speed Limits; Section 172-33 is deleted in its entirety.				SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provisions of this Amendment to be invalid in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provision of this Amendment shall continue to be separately and fully effective.			
<b>SECTION 1:</b> Chapter 172 Vehicles and Traffic; Article II Speed Limits; Section 172-32 Establishment of Speed Limit is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:				Jacksonville Road Jaindl Boulevard Jeannie Drive				Jaclyn Lane Janet Lane Jolan Lane				SECTION 4: REPEALER. All provisions of Township ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.				SECTION 5: ENACTMENT. This Amendment shall be effective five (5) days after the date of passage.			
The maximum speed limits in this ordinance have been established according to 75 Pa.C.S.A Sections 3362 and 3363 based upon Statutory Speed Limits for urban districts and residential districts or Engineering Studies in accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Publication 212, Official Traffic Control Devices. The Maximum Speed Limits are as follows:				Karen Drive Kenwick Circle Kenwood Drive Kim Street Kocher Place				Kathi Drive Kenwick Drive Kevin Drive Kipling Circle				James L. Broughal, Esquire TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR 38 West Market Street Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018				July 14			
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Airport Road (PA 987)		40		Allen Circle		25		Lilac Drive		25		Limestone Circle		25		Marble Circle		25	
Allen Drive		25		Allen Way		25		Longfellow Place		25		Lorraine Lane		25		Maria Lane		25	
Alyssa Place		25		Andrea Circle		25		Lord Byron Drive		25		Lynnwood Drive		25		Maryann Lane		25	
Angelo Drive		25		Armstrong Road		25		Macada Road		35		Marble Circle		25		Merrivale Road		25	
Ashley Lane		25		Ashton Drive		25		Mark Twain Circle		25		Monocacy Drive		25		Muhlenberg Court		25	
Autumn Ridge Road		25		Bates Avenue		25		Matt's Drive		25		Nicole Lane		25		Nala Drive		25	
Barbary Street		25		Belaire Road		25		Mica Circle		25		North Commerce Way		35		Norma Lane		25	
Bath Pike (PA 512)		40		Biafore Avenue		25		Mulberry Court		25		Oakside Circle		25		Northgate Drive		35	
Bella Vista Drive		25		Blair Road		25		Nala Drive		25		Oakside Drive		25		Norma Lane		25	
Birchwood Drive		25		Bluestone Drive		25		Nola Drive		25		Oakside Drive		25		Northgate Drive		35	
Blossom Circle		25		Brentwood Avenue		25		Norma Lane		25		Oakside Drive		25		Northgate Drive		35	
Bonnie Avenue		25		Briarstone Road		25		Nola Drive		25		Oakside Drive		25		Northgate Drive		35	
Briarcliff Drive		25		Briarstone Road		25		Nola Drive		25		Oakside Drive		25		Northgate Drive		35	

CRYPTOGRAM

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MABWOIM NFBUNS MFUES. HM DFBNU YI MFF WBLV  
TFA VHW MF YNEAI.

See solution on page B11 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals F

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

ODD BIRDS  
ACROSS

- 1 Soprano's last note, perhaps
- 6 Jordanians, e.g.
- 11 Oscar winner Rockwell
- 14 Mazda model
- 19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas
- 20 Tanzanian national park
- 22 "Burnt" or "raw" color
- 23 Bird from Richmond?
- 25 Trident, e.g.
- 26 Winter D.C. hrs.
- 27 Fermented honey drink
- 28 Fashion's Oscar de la —
- 29 Patron associated with a "fire"
- 30 A handful of
- 31 Bird partially composed of element #56?
- 33 In less peril
- 36 Seek the affection of
- 38 Archery asset
- 39 Solo of sci-fi
- 40 Bird that always keeps to itself?
- 43 Mob member
- 48 Adept
- 49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe
- 50 "Atlantic City" director Louis
- 52 Prefix with 33-Down
- 53 Fellow soldier
- 55 Bird that travels to and from work?
- 58 Notable time
- 59 Potentially offensive, in brief
- 62 El — (certain current)
- 63 Stand for art
- 64 Bird wearing a hard hat?
- 69 Far — eye can see
- 71 Ending for switch
- 72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
- 73 Cell material
- 76 Bird nesting in winter precipitation?
- 80 Causes to be ashamed
- 82 Finnish coin
- 83 Not worth — of beans
- 84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo
- 87 Some small batteries
- 88 In — (while not present at the event)
- 90 Bird performing under the big top?
- 92 Abbr. of fair hiring
- 93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"
- 95 Business agt.
- 96 Peels the skin off of
- 97 Bird that plays bebop?

- 103 Real admirer
- 104 German subs
- 105 Absorb a loss
- 106 "Sure, sign me up!"
- 108 The Gem State: Abbr.
- 111 Mournful song
- 112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?
- 115 Being tried, as a case
- 116 Movies' main stories
- 117 Rub down
- 118 Chairs, e.g.
- 119 Waco-to-Austin dir.
- 120 Cary of "Saw"
- 121 Alternative to Valium

DOWN

- 1 Bees' place
- 2 Horned Egyptian goddess
- 3 Surrounded with a belt
- 4 Witch
- 5 Mythological fire-breather
- 6 Korea's place
- 7 Peruse
- 8 Brow's shape
- 9 Catcher Yogi
- 10 Be disdainful of
- 11 Nose partition
- 12 Elite squad
- 13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter
- 14 Feral horse
- 15 Drive along
- 16 "That rings —"

- 17 "I love you," in Mexico
- 18 Symbol on a one-way sign
- 21 Wish-fulfilling spirits
- 24 Innovative
- 29 River in a Foster tune
- 30 Flu symptom
- 31 — chic (fashion style)
- 32 Will, biblically
- 33 Part of NASA
- 34 Shady shelter
- 35 Movie cast members
- 36 Failed to be
- 37 Mo. in fall
- 41 Commotions
- 42 Extremely old: Abbr.
- 43 Particles believed to bind quarks together
- 44 Kitchen wrap
- 45 Result of backcombing
- 46 Toledo's lake
- 47 Pack of coins
- 50 2,002, in Roman numerals
- 51 Comeback to "Are too!"
- 54 Two wives of Henry VIII
- 56 En pointe, in ballet
- 57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"
- 60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan
- 61 Moisturizer brand
- 65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow
- 66 Relative of a univ.
- 67 Refuse to talk
- 68 Kimonos, e.g.
- 69 Out of port

- 70 Rebuff rudely
- 74 Writer Zora — Hurston
- 75 Aides: Abbr.
- 77 Spiteful types
- 78 Buckeye State sch.
- 79 Slugging stat
- 81 The Evil One
- 85 Mutt's threat
- 86 Pitching star
- 89 Fishers with seines, say
- 90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail
- 91 Lycra, e.g.
- 93 "Trainwreck" director Judd
- 94 Word before jury or larceny
- 97 Betrayer of Jesus
- 98 "Take — out of crime!"
- 99 "— the Greek"
- 100 Big name in restaurant guides
- 101 Repasts
- 102 Web vending
- 103 Pine's cousin
- 106 Frozen drink treat
- 107 Widespread
- 108 Privy to
- 109 Art's art
- 110 Arthur Haley
- 112 #2 execs
- 113 Dir. 135 degrees from 119-Across
- 114 Author Levin

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See solution on page B11

PUBLIC NOTICE  
ZONING HEARING BOARD  
AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Borough Council Chambers, 28 South Fourth St. Emmaus, PA, to hear the following appeals:

**APPEAL 10592- GARY HENGVELD** 562 BROAD ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to operate a tool repair and computer maintenance business at 562 Broad St. Emmaus, PA. Applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use for a General Home Occupation from the Z.O. Table of Uses and the requirements of Z.O. Section 403.4.F. Site is located in a R-HO zoning district.

**APPEAL 10593- JARED LAURY** P.O. BOX 7 COPLAY, PA 18037 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 251 MAIN ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to convert an existing commercial use restaurant into a dwelling unit. Applicant is requesting a Use Variance to Z.O. Section 306.2 and Z.O. Table of Uses. Site is located in a B-C zoning district.

**APPEAL 10594 - CAMERON DRAIN** 658 FURNACE ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 128 N. 4TH ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to operate an automotive repair business from a garage located at 128 N. 4th St. Emmaus, PA 18049. Applicant is requesting a Use Variance to Z.O. Section 306.2 and Z.O. Table of Uses. Site is located in a R-HO zoning district.

James L. Farnsworth- Zoning Officer

July 7, 14

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
SENIOR MENUS

Call 610- 829-4540  
(ask operator for Area Agency on Aging) for locations or visit  
<https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/default.aspx>  
for the most recent updates.

LEHIGH COUNTY  
SENIOR MENUS

Call 610-782-3254  
or visit [www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Human-Services/Neighborhood-Senior-Centers/](http://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Human-Services/Neighborhood-Senior-Centers/)  
for the most recent updates.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

7/14

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

Answer to previous puzzle

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**Anthony Lee - Space #705**

July 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of James Edward McPhillips**, Deceased, late of Macungie, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Kate Frances McPhillips, Administratrix**, c/o 2045 West-gate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

July 14, 21 & 28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In order to satisfy its statutory lien pursuant to 73 P.S. §1901 et seq., the following facilities will sell at **PUBLIC SALE** all the personal property stored in its facilities located at Nazareth Self Storage, 240 S Main St, Nazareth PA 18064 **AT 10:00 AM, on July 28, 2021. Auction will be hosted on storageauctions.com** Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, cancel or adjourn the sale

**Customer Name** Melaine Brown  
**Unit #.** A103

July 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public lien sale on July 21, 2021, the personal property in the below-listed occupants' leased spaces, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 10:00 AM and continue until all units are sold.

**PUBLIC STORAGE # 24516, 2977 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, (484) 408-6691**  
**Time: 10:00 AM**

B0028 - Moser, Noel; C0033 - Vega, Dora; D0108 - Gnyp, Jessica; E0305 - Worth, Corbie-Lynn; E0328 - Gnyp, Jessica; E0437 - Carrasquilla, Adrian; F0511 - Canaris, Camellia; F0532 - Rivera, Hector; F0545 - Moser, Noel; G0704 - Carpio, Charlene; G0736 - Oswald, Bryan

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Orangeco, Inc., 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

July 7, 14

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE NOTICE Estate of Jillian Elizabeth Snyder**, deceased late of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: **Keith Snyder, Administrator**, Estate of Jillian Elizabeth Snyder 1420 Sage Street Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: 610-797-3898.

July 7, 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF RICHARD W. BLOSE**, deceased, late of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**LISA ANN BLOSE AND ADAM R. BLOSE CO-EXECUTORS**  
c/o KEITH W. STROHL, ESQ  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

July 14, 21, 28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF GLORIA E. KERN**, deceased, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Roger C. Mantz, Executor**  
c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esq.  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080

July 14, 21, 28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF BRUCE EDWARD COURTRIGHT**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Henry Courtright**, 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 Larry R. Roth, Esquire c/o, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

July 7, 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of Joseph Rosenfield**, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration C.T.A. have been granted to **David M. Roth, Esquire**, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to David M. Roth, Esquire c/o, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

July 14, 21, 28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Estate of Alwine JoAnn Scanzelli, a/k/a A. JoAnn Scanzelli**, deceased, late of 303 Poplar Street, Borough of Catasauqua, 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 **Toni Ann Dries**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or her attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102

July 14, 21, 28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF DONALD K. LEWIS**, deceased, late of Hellertown Borough, Northampton 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:

**Mark W. Lewis, Executor**  
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire  
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.  
2610 Walbert Avenue  
Allentown, PA 18104

June 30, July 7, 14

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the Grange Road Park Phase 2 Spray Irrigation System project. The Work will include the installation of a spray irrigation system. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM (prevailing time) on Monday, August 2, 2021. Bids results will be made available on PennBid after bid opening.

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

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 6.01 of the General Conditions. This project is subject to minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act and the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Upper Macungie Township reserves the right to waive any informality in, and/or to reject, any or all bids.

July 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on July 28rd at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 to hear the following appeals:

**#06 21 024** The Special Exception Application of **New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, 717 Constitution Dr., Ste 201, Exton, PA 19341**; to permit a communications tower in the public right of way near **6322 Farm Bureau Rd., Allentown, PA 18106**.

The Zoning Appeal of **New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, 717 Constitution Dr., Ste 201, Exton, PA 19341**; for a variance from **\$27-402.R(1) and \$27-402.R(3) "Additional Requirements for Specific Principal Uses"** to allow the site to be within the street right-of-way, less than 46 feet from all property lines and not require perimeter fencing.

The property is situated in the LI Zoning District. The parcel identification number is 546656703236.

**#06 21 025** The Zoning Appeal of **Blair Image Elements, 5107 Kissell Ave., Altoona, PA 16601**; for a variance from **\$27-704 "Freestanding, Wall and Window Signs"** to allow additional wall signage of 123 sq ft, exceeding the permitted amount of 75 sq ft at **7801 Glenlivet Dr W, Foglesville, PA 18051**. The property is situated in the NC Zoning District. The parcel identification number is 5456659322521.

**#06 21 026** The Zoning Appeal of **Fastsigns, 700 N. 13th St., Allentown, PA 18102**; for a variance from **\$27-704 "Freestanding, Wall and Window Signs"** to allow wall and freestanding signage exceeding the permitted sizes at **5254 W Tiighman St., Allentown, PA 18104**. The property is situated in the HC Zoning District. The parcel identification number is 5476256940731.

All interested parties may appear and be heard.  
Daniel DeMeno, Zoning Officer

July 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lower Macungie Township will hold a public hearing on Tuesday July 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room "A" 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062-1428.

**Appeal No. 15-2021** of Posh Properties 2216 Willow Park Road, Bethlehem, PA. 18020. Property located in at 4316, 4320, 4330 and 4344 Hamilton Blvd. in a HC, Highway Commercial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel Nos. 548518947026 1, 548518733098 1, 548518830850 1, and 548518624507 1. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 10C, Sec. 27-10C08, Part 23, Sec. 27-2304 1, and Sec 27-2304 2. regarding the proposed building setbacks, buffer yards and loading spaces for the day care center and self-storage facility and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Appeal No. 16-2021** of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility 717 Constitution Drive, Suite 201 Exton PA. 19341. Property located at 2623 Brookside Road in an S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 547495548329 1. Applicants are requesting a Variance (use) to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 7, Sec. 27-702 1. and Part 24, Sec. 27-2407 2 (N) 1. regarding the proposed small cell telecommunication pole and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Appeal No. 17-2021** of Adam Rath dba 5580 Quince LLC. Allied Automotive, LLC. 109 Elm Street, Allentown, PA. 18104. Property located at 5580 Quince Road in a S-Suburban Residential Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 5475552126141. Applicant is requesting to expand and extend an existing non-conforming use to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 25, Sec. 27-2503 regarding the existing automotive repair business and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Appeal No. 18-2021** of Horizon Signs 1520 Allentown Road, Quakertown PA. 18951. Property located at 6900 (6894 Kohl's) Hamilton Blvd. Trexlertown PA. 18087 in a C-Commercial Zoning District. Lehigh County Tax Parcel No. 546581317549. Applicants are requesting a Variance to Ordinance 2019-10, Chapter 27, Part 22, Sec. 27-2216 1. C. (1) regarding the proposed additional wall signage and any other relief that may be required by the Lower Macungie Township Zoning Ordinance.

All applicants must appear at the hearing. Any interested persons are invited to appear before the Board at 6:00 p.m.

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

July 14, 21

Carl L. Best, Zoning Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP  
ZONING APPEAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of North Whitehall Township will be held in person on Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of hearing the following Appeal/Interpretation:

**Appeal No. 210004**, Randall & Shelley Frey 4658 Hillside Road Coplay, PA 18037 is hereby requesting a Variance to North Whitehall Township Zoning Ordinance Section 403.15.b.1 "Residential Accessory Structure or Use" to exceed the maximum total floor area of all accessory building above 1000 square feet.

The property in question is located at 4658 Hillside Road Coplay, PA 18037, and is situated in the (AR) Agricultural Residential Zoning District. Tax ID# 5570 6047 5345.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THIS HEARING**  
All persons interested or those desiring to protest will be heard.  
*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, CDC rules and regulations will be followed by anyone attending the hearings.*

July 7, 14

PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Whitehall Township Planning Commission has scheduled their meeting for July 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM, due to current Pandemic meeting restrictions, via WebEX platform (links to same to be announced on the Township's Website- [www.whitehalltownship.org](http://www.whitehalltownship.org), at a later date) to discuss the following:

- A) SUBMISSION REVIEW**  
**INDEX #1985-21 - RAJHA SUBDIVISION**  
4205 Lehigh Street  
Minor Subdivision  
**INDEX #1986-21 - KING KONE & THE JUNGLE KAFE LLC**  
4220 Wright Lane, 4124 & 4128 Springmill Road  
Land Development  
**B) DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
1) **INDEX #1981-21 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - PLANNED COORDINATED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
2) **INDEX #1984-21 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL COOKING OPERATION**  
**C) OTHER: Approval of 3/17/2021, 4/21/2021, and 5/19/2021 Meeting Minutes.**

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

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

Applicants and all interested parties MUST appear at this meeting to be considered.

July 14

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Notice of Hearing/Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Lynn Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing/meeting at the Lynn Township Municipal Building, 7911 Kings Highway, Lynnport, PA 18066 on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following appeal(s):

**Appeal #533, Case #21-05**  
Brian & Casey Snyder (owner & applicant) are applying for a special exception use of the Lynn Township Zoning Ordinance Section 27-503.15(2) for an auto repair/inspection station. The parcel number(s) is 541958990614; property location is 7508 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066 and is in the AP-Agriculture Preservation District.

Christopher Noll  
Zoning Officer

July 7, 14

## CRYPTO SOLUTION

THAT SICK FELLOW IS TOO WEAK TO PLAY HIS TRUMPET LOUDLY TODAY. IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO BLARE.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a Special Meeting to discuss matters associated with the fire apparatus utilized by the Upper Macungie Township Volunteer Fire Companies, any other issues that may come before the Board, and to take any necessary action, if appropriate. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031

July 14

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Borough of Macungie Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Invitation to Bid. The Borough of Macungie is currently accepting bids via the PennBid Program ([www.PennBid.net](http://www.PennBid.net)) until **1:00 P.M.** prevailing time on **Wednesday August 11, 2021** for the Macungie Sanitary Sewer Lateral Lining Project consisting of more than 400 Sanitary Sewer Laterals located within the Borough. Bids will be referred to the Macungie Borough Council for consideration and awarded at their meeting on Tuesday September 07, 2021. All Bidding Documents, including Bidding Instructions and Specifications, as prepared by Barry Isett and Associates, will be available online on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at no cost.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at the Macungie Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA 18062 at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday July 29, 2021.

John Brown  
Interim Borough Manager

July 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF ELAINE MUMBAUER**, deceased, late of Hellertown, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

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

Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062

July 14, 21

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**ESTATE OF JOHN MATRICIAN**, deceased, late of Alburtis, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to

**Martha A. Rex, Administrator**  
**Theodore Matrician, Administrator**  
c/o Wiener and Wiener, LLP  
512 Hamilton Street, Suite 400  
Allentown, PA 18101

OR to their attorneys  
Wiener and Wiener LLP  
512 Hamilton Street, Suite 400  
Allentown, PA 18101

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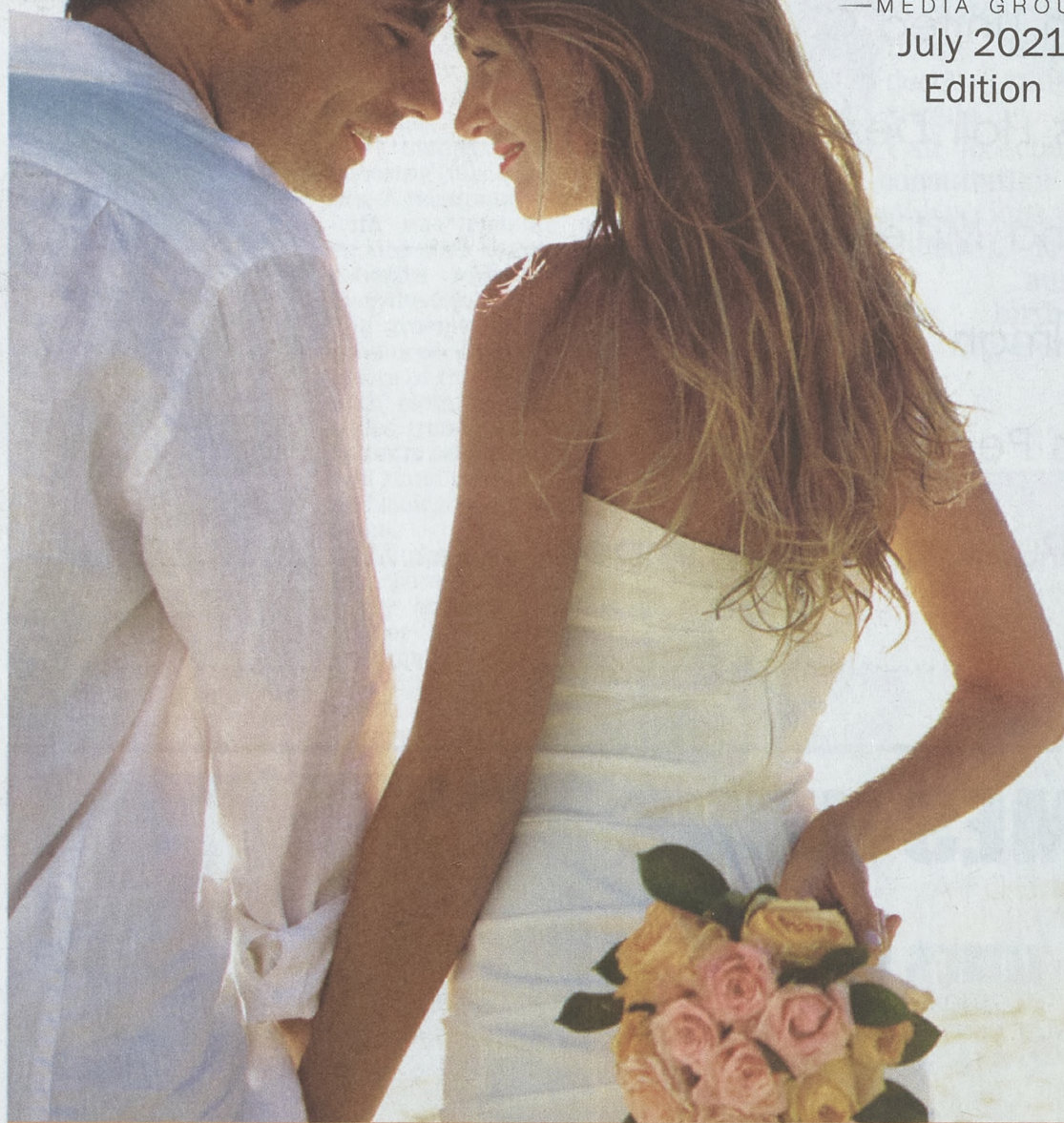
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# Choosing wedding color palettes

Some brides may feel beholden to the color white on their wedding days, at least in regard to their gowns. Those who do often embrace the opportunity to showcase their personal styles and set the mood for their nuptials by embracing various colors throughout their ceremonies and receptions.

Color can be a critical component when establishing the ambiance for a wedding. Color can evoke certain moods and set the tone for the day. Some colors work better together than others, so while choosing a color scheme may seem like an easy undertaking, some couples may find it requires more careful consideration than they first imagined.

According to the bridal guide *A Practical Wedding*, wedding colors can give couples a starting-off point for all of the other details of their weddings. This ensures the wedding ultimately has a cohesive look. Colors need not necessarily match, but borrowing on similar hues can make it easier to plan wedding party wardrobes, flowers, table linens, and much more.

Colors can come from anywhere, but many couples try to coordinate their color schemes with the season in which the wedding takes place. In fact, couples who are finding it difficult to decide on a palette can look to seasonal colors for inspiration. For example, pastels and blooming flowers can set the scene for spring weddings, while jewel tones and rich reds and greens may be fitting for winter ceremonies.

Some couples opt for

more loosely defined color palettes, such as neutral and natural colors. Country and garden weddings can borrow ideas from the landscape, with natural linens paired with wildflowers. Using whites, grays and beiges enables couples to add a pop of color without overwhelming the setting.

Brides magazine suggests that couples avoid choosing too many colors. A maximum of three with one metallic can ensure that things look cohesive without being over-the-top. Also, brides and grooms needn't feel pressured by the "hot" colors of the moment. As with clothing and hairstyles, trends change. It is better to select colors that will stand the test of time and look good for years to come.

Couples may have to incorporate colors already at their wedding venues into their style. Fortunately many reception sites are outfitted in neutral tones to enable customization.

The wedding resource *The Knot* also says having a basic knowledge of the color wheel can help. Typically, colors that pair well together are those that are opposites on the color wheel. Also, colors that share proximity on the color wheel will have similar tones and play well together. Examples of opposite colors include purples and yellows, reds and greens, and oranges and blues.

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According to TripSavvy, 99 percent of couples who choose to have traditional weddings take a honeymoon. Around 1.4 million couples in the United States depart for honeymoons around the world each year, spending an average of \$4,466 on the trip.

Though not nearly as pressure-filled as wedding planning, honeymoons do require some planning to ensure a fun and memorable trip. In a Bridal Guide survey, wedding couples indicated they were most likely to worry about wardrobe, swimsuits, sunglasses, sunscreen, and luggage when getting ready to depart.

Couples who want to look their best on their honeymoon and in their honeymoon photos should not forget to pack the following items.

- **Sunscreen:** Sunscreen is a must whether you're traveling to the pink beaches of a tropical



island or the slopes of a ski resort. Choose a product that protects against both UVA and UVB rays, and be sure to reapply every 80 minutes or so, especially after perspiring or swimming. Sunscreen will help prevent damaging and painful sunburns that can adversely affect a trip.

- **Makeup-remover wipes:** Even high-end resorts may not provide the correct face bar for removing makeup and refreshing skin. Makeup-removing wipes can offer deep cleaning in a few convenient swipes.

- **Hair refresher:** Brides who want to get a few extra days out of a wedding day hairstyle should pack a hair refreshing spray to tame static and add UV protectors that keep locks pampered until they're ready to wash. Dry shampoos also allow for a little refreshing of hair between daytime adventures and evening dinner.

- **Eye cream:** There may be a few late nights while you're enjoying romantic, candlelit meals or hitting up the hot spots around a resort. Ensure honeymoon photos do not show tired eyes with an eye cream that can reduce puffiness and dark circles.

- **Tinted moisturizer or BB cream:** A high-quality tinted moisturizer or BB cream will hydrate skin and add just a sheer wash of color to even out skin tone. Pair with lip balm and a waterproof mascara and your honeymoon face will be ready.

- **Teeth whitening treatment:** Couples who invested time and money into achieving whiter teeth for their weddings don't want to let all of that hard work go to waste. Brush on whitening product after eating and drinking to prevent stains and freshen breath.

- **Blotting papers:** Humid climates may cause perspiration and oils to leach out of the skin. Tame shine and that greasy feeling with blotting papers purchased from a cosmetics retailer.

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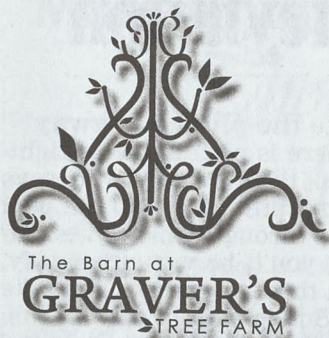


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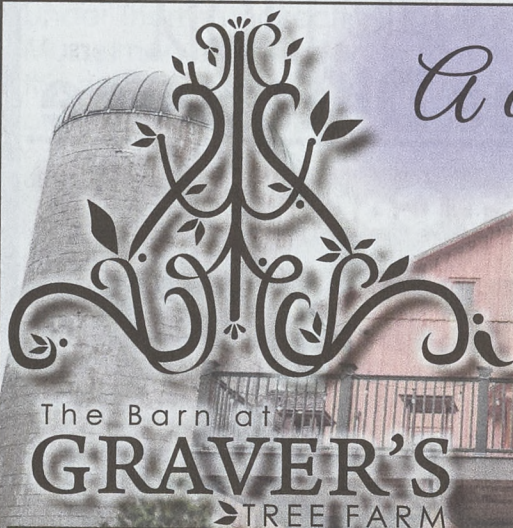
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# Make the most of a rainy honeymoon

Rain on a wedding day is something that many couples encounter, but the silver lining is that various cultures view rainy wedding days as a symbol of a lucky and successful match. Rain on a wedding day is considered good luck in India and in areas of Great Britain and Ireland as well. In ancient pastoral societies, rain symbolized fertility - a mark of good luck for the newly betrothed.

While couples may rely on these lucky day customs to cope with a shower on their nuptials, rain on a honeymoon may not be so welcome. Mother Nature is unpredictable, so couples may have to contend with soggy honeymoons. Here's how to handle the situation with grace.

## Invest in a hotel upgrade

Honeymooners may not expect to spend much time in their hotel rooms, especially if beautiful weather is the norm at their destination. But if it rains, you'll be

spending more time indoors. If budget allows, upgrade to a suite or a more opulent hotel with added indoor amenities. A hotel with an indoor pool or a spa can save the day when a beach day is canceled due to rain.

## Walk (or kiss) in the rain

The patter of rain on an umbrella can be soothing and romantic. Don't let a light shower get you down. Instead, take a stroll with your newly betrothed and soak up some fresh air and negative ions that a fresh rain can bring.

## Sleep in

While you already may be spending more time together in bed, use rainy days on your honeymoon to extend time spent under the covers. Put the "do not disturb" sign on the door and lounge around while raindrops cascade outside. Order breakfast or lunch as room service and catch up on extra cud-

dles.

## Take the plunge anyway

If there is no thunder or lightning in the forecast, who says you can't still dive into the pool or jump through some waves? After all, you'll be wet either way. Put on those swimsuits and take a dip. Snuggle up in the hot tub, especially if it's under a sheltered pergola or gazebo.

## Take a drive

Rent a car or arrange for a taxi service to take you on a tour. Rain generally cools down hot climates and can reduce airborne pollen, so it might make sightseeing more comfortable. While you're out, visit museums or other indoor venues. The soft light created when it's overcast also can make photographs pop. Capture many memories along the way by snapping photos as you go.



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## Various ways to preserve wedding memories

Couples' wedding days are momentous occasions, and couples want their memories of the day they tied the knot to endure long after the final guest has departed.

Weddings can be amazing, but they only last a few hours. Memories can be forever if they are effectively documented. The following are some ways for couples to permanently memorialize their wedding days.

- **Dry the bouquet.** Wedding bouquets can be freeze-dried and/or chemically preserved so that the colors, textures and the volume of the blooms can appear just as vibrant as they were on couples' wedding days. After preservation, the bouquet can be displayed in a vase or in a specially prepared shadow box with other mementos.

- **Create a custom locket.** Brides can wear a piece of their wedding gown day after day with a custom necklace or locket. All they need to do is trim a small piece of the lace or other embellishment from the gown and enclose it in the locket. Jewelry designers also may be able to convert a section of the gown pattern into metal through a casting process.

- **Have guests sign the label.** Purchase a special bottle of wine or champagne and ask guests to sign the label or the bottle itself. Store the bottle until a special occasion, such as a memorable anniversary, and then toast to a happy marriage.

- **Make a cake replica.** Ask an artist to make a

miniature replica of the wedding cake out of pottery. Put the clay cake out for display or ask for it to be made small enough to serve as a Christmas tree ornament.

- **Teddy bear transformation:** Have tuxedo fabric or wedding gown material turned into a keepsake teddy bear. Bowman Bears produces such bears, which can be passed down to future generations.

- **Create bouquet jewelry.** Encapsulate favorite wedding flowers into a resin pendant, bracelet or earrings.

- **Frame the invitation.** Display the wedding invitation in a beautiful frame with custom matting.

- **Revisit the site.** On their anniversaries, couples can visit their ceremony site or have brunch or dinner at the venue where the reception took place. Take an 'after' picture to display with the 'before' shot from the wedding day.

- **Make an invitation ornament.** Cut the wedding invitation into strips and place it inside of a hollow glass ornament. Seal the top and hang with a ribbon.

- **Design a greeting card scrapbook.** Turn all of those special handwritten messages and well-wishes into a scrapbook so that memories can be revisited time and again.

The planning may take months and the wedding mere hours, but well-documented wedding day memories can last forever.

# Wedding registry tips

Building a wedding registry is a task unlike any other couples may encounter during their lifetimes. Wedding registries are invaluable resources that provide engaged couples' loved ones with gift suggestions. In spite of that value, couples may find it daunting and even a little uncomfortable to build their wedding registries.

Building a wedding registry can feel like walking a tightrope. Couples likely won't want to ask for too much or for gifts that are too expensive, but a poorly built registry can be a major inconvenience for guests. The following tips can help couples build adequate registries that benefit them without asking too much of their guests.

- Register with more than one store. It's important to register with more than one store. Doing so makes things as convenient as possible for guests and increases the chances they will be able to shop at stores they're familiar with. Unless your guest list is predominantly local, try to register with at least one national chain so guests who live in different regions can shop for gifts in-person if they prefer to do so.

- Make a large list. Some couples are hesitant to make large wedding registries, feeling that doing so gives the impression



that they're asking for too much. But large registries simply give guests more options to choose from. Many industry insiders advise registering for two to three gifts per guest. That might seem like a lot, but guests will appreciate having all of those options.

- Don't hesitate to include expensive items on your registry. Couples also may be hesitant to include especially expensive items on their wedding registries. However, the couples' parents and other close relatives may be honored to purchase more expensive items, so couples should not feel embarrassed to include them on their lists. It's also important to note that many retailers, after couples' wedding days have come

and gone, discount registry items that weren't purchased. So even if no one purchases the more expensive items, including them on a registry may significantly reduce their cost for couples who want to buy such items themselves after tying the knot.

- Vary the prices of items on the list. In addition to including more expensive items on the registry, make sure to include moderately priced and inexpensive items. This gives guests more options and ensures guests who might be spending a lot to travel to and from the wedding can still purchase gifts without digging too much deeper into their pockets.

- Periodically update the registries. Periodically update your registries to remove items you have already received and to add items if many of the less expensive ones have already been purchased. This also makes things more convenient for guests. Building a wedding registry is a unique task that couples can embrace as their wedding day draws near.

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# Consider food allergies when planning wedding menu

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

Even though weddings are all about the happy couple's wants and needs, special attention should be placed on ensuring guests' comfort. Individuals with allergies and dietary restrictions warrant extra caution. Any food can cause an allergic reaction, but eight types in particular, often referred to as the "Big 8," are responsible for the greatest numbers of adverse reactions. Milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soy comprise the Big 8. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Food Allergy Research and Resource Program says the Big 8 accounts for about 90 percent of all food allergies in the United States.

Couples need to recognize the likelihood that at least one person at the wedding will have a specialized food need. Most people with dietary restrictions will be very understanding that eating out is a challenge, especially at a wedding. But couples can take steps to ensure that guests with food allergies don't go hungry.

- Ask about allergies on the response card. Some couples request that guests choose their food preferences on their RSVPs. Include a spot where guests can mention serious food allergies.

- Choose a caterer very carefully. Caterers are increasingly adapting



to common food restrictions. Express specific food avoidances or what you want to be included and find a caterer who specializes in this type of cooking.

- Offer allergen-free appetizers. Martha Stewart Weddings suggests serving customized bite-sized hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour to allow for easier customization. This gives guests with allergies the ability to pick and choose their pre-entree bites.

- Label foods and let guests with severe allergies dine first. Buffets

should be clearly labeled so those with allergies can avoid certain foods. Also, those with severe food allergies should have

first shot at the buffet to limit cross-contamination from serving utensils.

- Create separate meals. A caterer may be able to make separate meals for certain guests, particularly if they have advanced notice.

- Don't forget desserts and drinks. Allergens can be included in drinks and desserts as well. Offer gluten-free desserts and gluten-free beer as well.

Dietary restrictions are another factor that couples must consider when planning their weddings.

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# Plan to treat guests in extra-special ways

Weddings may focus on the couples getting hitched, but weddings also are special thanks to the many family and friends couples involve in the festivities. Some of the more successful weddings are ones in which couples honor their guests and let them know how much they're appreciated. By incorporating these ideas into their wedding ceremonies and receptions, couples can let their guests know how much they're loved.

- Arrange seats at the ceremony (if practical) in a circular pattern around you so that everyone can have a great view when you exchange vows.

- Create a bathroom convenience basket for both the men's and women's bathrooms. Stock items that might come in



handy, like mouthwash, toothpaste, first aid items, spare pantyhose, hair

spray, sanitary products, moisturizer, gum, and whatever other niceties you can think of.

- Provide prearranged to-go boxes so that guests can take home tasty tidbits from the meal or dessert table.

- Offer transportation between the ceremony and reception.

- Customize "do not disturb" door tags for overnight guests so they can ensure they get enough shut-eye after partying into the wee hours of the morning.

- Make sure the photographer takes photos of everyone at every table and then share those photos on a wedding website or via social media. Create a hashtag unique to your wedding so that guests can easily find the photos.

- Provide inexpensive slippers or flip-flops so that avid dancers can rest their toes in between songs.

- If valet parking service is not included, ask for an add-on so that guests get door-to-door treatment.

- Always be considerate of special needs by seating guests in places where they're most likely to be comfortable. Keep elderly guests away from speakers and near exits to facilitate trips to the bathroom.

- Be mindful of all food allergies or requirements and have accommodations set up in advance.

- Honor those people who could not be at the wedding in a special way, including deceased family and friends.

- Include information about how guests can request songs at the reception. Pass on the information to the band or DJ.

- Encourage guests to get up and dance by making it fun. Put song lyrics from different songs on each table. When that song is played, that table has to join you on the dance floor.

- Remember to thank everyone for coming and follow up those in-person sentiments with handwritten, personalized thank-you notes after the wedding.

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# Serious Wedding Styles for Short Hair Brides



On a day when all eyes and cameras will be trained on them, it's natural for brides and grooms tying the knot to want to look their best. As a result, many couples invest a portion of their budgets into spa and beauty treatments, with many even hiring salon stylists to ensure their wedding-day looks are flawless.

Women with short hair may lament that they do not have many options when styling their hair for their wedding days. Some may even consider growing out their locks. However, plenty of creative styles exist for ladies without long locks.

## Experiment with color

One way to "tress to impress" is to experiment with some color. Well-placed highlights, balayage treatments, ombre, or peek-a-boo underlights can add an extra spark to a bride's normal hairstyle. Speak with a qualified stylist about what you plan to achieve with a wedding-day look, so color can be applied correctly.

## Retro glamour

Brides may want to harken back to an era when glamour reigned supreme. Replicate one



of the short styles of the 1940s or 1950s, paying homage to Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Lauren Bacall, or Judy Garland.

## Braids and plaits

Braids can add whimsy to shoulder-length or shorter hair. In addition, braids can anchor short locks when an up-do is desired. Braids can be placed into the front or rear crown of the head to look like a hair halo or crown.

## Use embellishments

If short hair cannot be gathered into a braid or bun, you can opt for adorned pins, barrettes or headbands to add a touch of sparkle to the look. Ask a stylist to tease the crown of your hair to achieve a little more height and impact.

## Half-up style

Many women with short hair find that using bobby pins to pin up select areas of their hair can help achieve a partial up-do look without the need for longer locks. Experienced stylists will know how to manipulate hair effectively to create this look. Small ten-

drills of hair can be left free and curled for a less structured, more natural effect.

Brides-to-be with short hair do not need to fret nor make drastic changes to their hairstyles to look beautiful on their wedding days. Short hair can be manipulated into many camera-ready creations.

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# Questions to ask before booking a photographer for your wedding



Various components combine to make weddings beautiful and memorable. Couples rely on photographers to capture the smiles and moments that helped make their events unique and to ensure the big day is remembered for years to come.

The trusted wedding resource The Knot notes that an internal study found that, among 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, an average of \$2,400 was spent on a wedding photographer to document their big day.

Couples who want to find the best photographer for their wedding day can ask several questions before making their final decision.

## What style do you specialize in?

Photographers may be able to shoot various styles of photos, but may specialize in a specific type. For example, some photographers specialize in photojournalism, while others may excel at portraiture. Going with a photographer who has the most expertise shooting the style you prefer will help produce the desired results.

## Who will be shooting my wedding?

Certain photography studios have several pho-



tographers working under one roof. Just because you meet with one does not necessarily mean that photographer will be on site, unless it is specified in the contract.

## Have you ever worked at my venue before?

Photographers may be familiar with several local wedding venues and houses of worship. A photographer who has experience working in the locations where couples will tie the knot and subsequently celebrate might produce the best results, but lack of experience with particular venues need not exclude other professionals.

## Can we see a full gallery of a recent wedding?

According to Brides magazine, unlike an album or a highlight gallery, a full gallery provides a better sense of a photographer's

style and attention to detail.

## Will photos be color balanced and retouched?

Skilled photographers are capable of capturing winning photos. But photos can be enhanced further in the studio with retouching software to bring out specific effects. Some photographers will polish all proofs, while others only will work on the images ultimately ordered. Confirm retouching details before signing the contract.

## What's included in the photo packages?

A detailed price list helps you compare one photographer to another and decide which elements are covered. Additional prints, having a photographer's assistant, ordering albums for the parents, or ordering a large framed print can alter costs sig-

nificantly. Explore all prices to ensure you're getting the best value. In addition, consider how many hours of event coverage are included in the price.

## What is the payment timeline?

Photographers may accept deposits for their services but expect a different timeline of payment. Some may require payment in full before the wedding, while others may offer a payment plan that includes a final payment when picking up proofs or albums.

Wedding photography is one of the essential elements of a wedding and helps tell the story of couples' special day. Asking key questions can help couples find a photographer who will produce the desired results.

# Wedding flowers become larger than life

Move over bouquets and centerpieces. Flowers are taking over weddings in a big way. While wedding trends come and go, flowers will always have a place at the wedding table.

The blooms brides and grooms choose and how they decide to display them can say much about the couple's style. Many modern couples are opting for statement pieces with their flowers to rival the big and bold ideas they're incorporating elsewhere into their occasions, such as in cakes and clothing. In fact, floral designer Tom Uberuaga says traditional hurricane vase centerpieces are outdated and only focus the eye on the middle of the table. He prefers guests enter the wedding and have their senses stimulated by flowers from all angles. Large flower installations, as well as blooms popping up in unexpected places, are some of the hot trends for couples to keep their eyes on.

## Floral chandeliers

There's no need to worry about seeing over table centerpieces or flowers getting in the way of photo moments. Thanks to hanging flowers and floral chandeliers, flowers are quite literally moving up in the world. Hanging floral pieces can add instant drama and make a large visual impact. Florists can hang flowers from beams over table-tops to increase visual impact, whether as individual baskets, single stems or floral swags. Hanging floral chandeliers are



dramatic but naturally expensive. Think about a large installation that forces guests to look up into a sea of greenery and flowers. The smell and the sight can be breathtaking.

## Welcome wreaths

Why should wreaths only be reserved for front doors and holiday decor? A welcome floral wreath can be placed by the entryway to a chapel or reception hall with a heartfelt sentiment that shows guests how much they're appreciated.

## Fairy-tale flowers

A floral curtain of hanging flowers can line a chuppah or drape the altar in beautiful blooms. Couples who would like a fairy-tale entrance also can make their debut as a couple by coming through a flower curtain at the re-

ception. Martha Stewart Weddings says a cascade of flowers and greens can be romantic and elegant.

## Dance floor blooms

Who says flowers have to be overhead or on a table? With a plexiglass dance floor, or one made from some other transparent material, flowers can be underfoot, creating a magical floral carpet.

## Floral necklaces

Brides needn't carry their bouquets, they can wear ethereal and whimsical floral pieces around their necks or on their waists instead.


Couples are urged to speak with their florists about the innovative ways they can make flowers an even more awe-inspiring component of their weddings.



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