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Carmine Fusco

COVID-19 claims
local man as
state's first victim

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Carmine Fusco, 55, of Bath, was well known in the harness racing industry and as a part owner of Wingate Farms in Bushkill Township, where he kept 20 horses. His decades on area racetracks, however, are eclipsed by his death. He was the first victim in both Northampton County and the state to be claimed by the COVID-19 pandemic. He died March 18 at St. Luke's University Hospital in Fountain Hill.

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A message to our loyal customers

Until further notice, we will no longer accept walk-in customers at our offices. We have taken this step in order to protect our employees and the general public from the possibility of exposing anyone to the COVID-19 virus.

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Due to the closings of non-essential businesses brought on by COVID-19, Main Street on St. Patrick's Day was like a ghost town, unlike the normal celebratory atmosphere and activity one would expect on that day.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Virus dampens city's St. Patrick's Day celebration

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On a night that would ordinarily be a busy one for Bethlehem area restaurants and pubs, downtown Bethlehem was eerily silent on St. Patrick's Day. A stroll along Main Street revealed many announcements on the doors of businesses due to, at that time, the recommended closures of non-essential businesses because of the coronavirus health threat.

Some signs indicated the reason for the closures while others promoted Internet or phone sales that could then be gathered via takeout or possibly by delivery.

At McCarthy's Red Stag Pub and Whiskey Bar, one of the busiest nights of the year was a



Hotel Bethlehem Ice Cream Parlor associate Christine Neu said that she disinfects the counter after each customer. As of March 17 the business remained open for takeaway.

quiet one. There was no Irish music floating out on the street or crowds waiting to enter to celebrate. Instead, assistant general manager Ivan Alicea said bare bones

staff were handling take-out orders.

"We had a good push in the afternoon and orders have increased over the dinner hour," Alicea said. "We're doing what

we can to get the employees some hours and if the orders keep coming in it's a good sign that the community is out to support us."

Further down Main Street, nearby residents Stephen and Lindsay O'Brien were celebrating their second wedding anniversary by taking a walk and buying ice cream at the Hotel Bethlehem Ice Cream Parlor. It was takeaway only because of COVID-19, and when the O'Briens left, employee Christine Neu began wiping down the counter with disinfectant. She said she does that after each customer.

As a sign of the current times, vehicular traffic on Main Street was sparse and pedestrians even rarer.

Business owners make adjustments

BY LANI GOINGS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Governor Tom Wolf's order closing all non-life sustaining businesses has had an extreme effect on scores of businesses, and hundreds, if not thousands of people. While we try to keep ourselves safe, here is a look at several local businesses affected by the governor's order.

Plaza Cards & Snacks
3 West Broad Street
Bethlehem
Jay Nar, who owns

Wolf shuts shops
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Chocolate Lab in Bethlehem, where chocolates are available for curbside deliveries and through Grub Hub.

the business along with his wife, is keeping their store open, with some limitations. Jay says he has some groceries available, and also paper goods.

Entrance into the store is limited to one or two people at a time, and customers are expected to practice social distancing. Jay is unable to get any new stock at this time.

To prevent people from hoarding and emptying his store of stock, some items are limited to purchase of only one or two per person.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What are you doing to fill your time during the current public health crisis?



"I'm keeping busy caring for an elderly parent and writing a book."

Mark Iampietro
Hanover Township



"Organizing my pictures in Photoshop, and trying not to gain 20 pounds."

Ed Phillips
Hanover Township

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What are you doing to fill your time during the current public health crisis?



"Recuperating from emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix, checking in on my family and friends via phone, and praying for everyone's health and safety during this difficult time."
Grace Crampsie Smith
Bethlehem



"I am working remotely and also providing this ability to work remote to all of our customers and any business who has a need, at our expense *free. I'm with a local IT support company serving the Lehigh Valley."
Matt McKernan
Allentown



"I am walking my dogs, reading books, keeping up daily texting with three friends from elementary school days, and counting my blessings."
Amy Miller Cohen
Bethlehem



"I've been going to the D&L Trail in both Bethlehem and Bethlehem Township, picking up trash and cutting vines away from the trees. I've been in touch with both municipalities to locate the trash I've piled up so they can pick it up."
Dave Brown
Bethlehem Township

STATE POLICE

Non-life sustaining businesses encouraged to close doors

Colonel Robert Evanchick, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), issued the following statement March 22 on the agency's enforcement of Governor Tom Wolf's order closing physical locations of non-life-sustaining businesses:

"The priority of the Pennsylvania State Police is protecting lives and maintaining order in the commonwealth. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, troopers and liquor control enforcement officers are prepared to ensure compliance with Governor Wolf's order.

"Private businesses, organizations, and other noncompliant entities face possible criminal penalties under the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. § 1409 and/or the Pennsylvania Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, 35 P.S. § 521.20(a). Both violations are summary offenses punishable by fines and even jail time. Violators may also be subject to additional administrative penalties under certain circumstances.

"We believe most Pennsylvanians want to act responsibly and do their part to help slow the spread of this deadly virus. Troopers and liquor control officers will make every effort to achieve voluntary compliance by educating business owners and using discretion when appropriate. But our message is clear: COVID-19 is a serious health and public safety risk that requires an extraordinary response from law enforcement and the public. I urge everyone to stay home, stay calm, and stay safe."

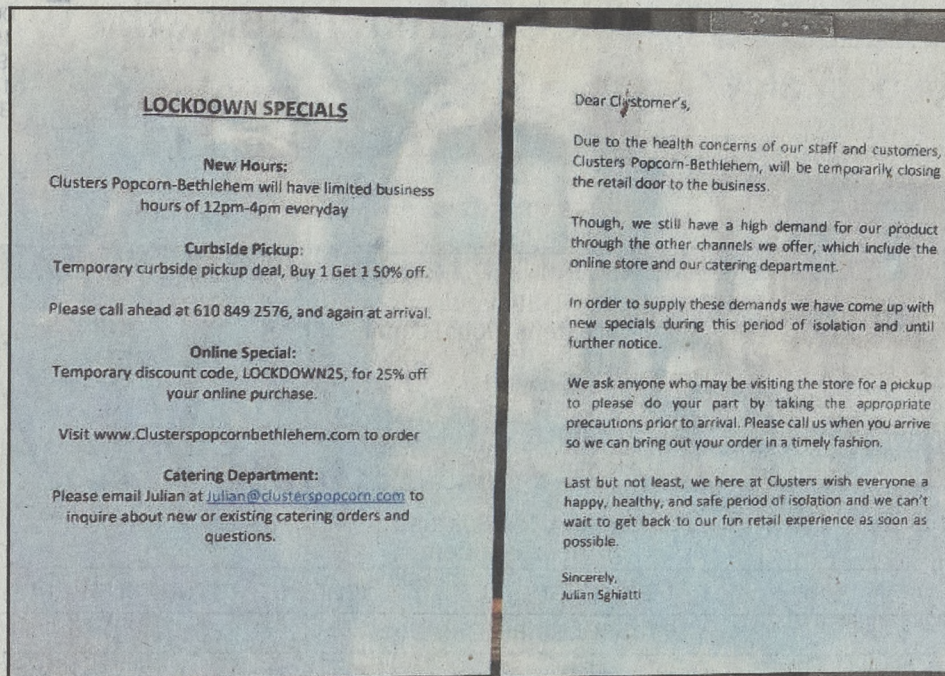
The governor has directed the following state agencies and local officials to enforce the closure orders to the full extent of the law:

- Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
- Department of Health
- Department of Agriculture
- Pennsylvania State Police
- Local officials, using their resources to enforce closure orders within their jurisdictions

The Wolf administration has provided all local law enforcement with enforcement guidance that mirrors PSP's.

To report a noncompliant business, contact your local law enforcement agency's non-emergency number or the nearest PSP station. Please do not call 911 to file reports.

For more information on the Pennsylvania State Police, visit psp.pa.gov.



LOCKDOWN SPECIALS

New Hours:
Clusters Popcorn-Bethlehem will have limited business hours of 12pm-4pm every day

Curbside Pickup:
Temporary curbside pickup deal, Buy 1 Get 1 50% off.

Please call ahead at 610 849 2576, and again at arrival.

Online Special:
Temporary discount code, **LOCKDOWN25**, for 25% off your online purchase.

Visit www.Clusterspopcornbethlehem.com to order

Catering Department:
Please email Julian at julian@clusterspopcorn.com to inquire about new or existing catering orders and questions.

Dear Customers,

Due to the health concerns of our staff and customers, Clusters Popcorn-Bethlehem, will be temporarily closing the retail door to the business.

Though, we still have a high demand for our product through the other channels we offer, which include the online store and our catering department.

In order to supply these demands we have come up with new specials during this period of isolation and until further notice.

We ask anyone who may be visiting the store for a pickup to please do your part by taking the appropriate precautions prior to arrival. Please call us when you arrive so we can bring out your order in a timely fashion.

Last but not least, we here at Clusters wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe period of isolation and we can't wait to get back to our fun retail experience as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Julian Schmitt

PRESSPHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

LEFT: Similar signs were posted on most downtown businesses, with some offering online or phone ordering and curbside pick-up.

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"A lady came in the other day with two cars and told me she was going to buy everything in the store. I had to ask her to leave. I'm gonna make sure everyone gets what they need. Older folks are thanking me for having what they need."

Jay has not had to lay anyone off, as it is only himself and his wife who run the store.

Chocolate Lab,
446 Main Street
Bethlehem

Owner Arlene Brockel's store is open for curbside pickup and Grub Hub deliveries only. She has not had issues getting supplies, and has plenty of delicious handmade chocolates for sale. They also have coffee and tea available for purchase.

"I have had to tell two employees I have no hours for them until things get back to normal. I have also had to cut Erick's hours almost in half." (Erick Goins is a chocolatier, and the writer's son).

Chocolate Lab's normal sales are around \$1,000 on a Saturday at this time of year. Right now, sales are down about 80 percent.

"I am afraid how long this is going to last," Arlene said. "Trying to take it one day at a time, but I believe this isn't going to go away any time soon."

The store is on Facebook and Instagram.

Salon Mia
401 Main Street,
Hellertown

The Salon is currently closed, but is scheduling future appointments.

"We love and appreciate our clients, so we are trying to be available anytime to discuss their thoughts and ideas," says owner Maria Makkas.

The salon has five employees who are currently unable to work.

She has been exploring whether they can offer custom-mixed hair color for their clients, to be picked up curbside, and applied at home by someone in the client's household. Check the Salon's website or Facebook page for updates.

These are just a few local businesses affected by the shutdown. To learn the status of a business, call, check Facebook or Instagram, or the business' website.



Bethlehem residents Stephen and Lindsay O'Brien stop by the Hotel Bethlehem's Ice Cream Parlor for takeaway while out on a walk. Associate Christine Neu serves them. The O'Briens were hoping to induce the birth of their first child, a son who will be named Rory, on the two-year anniversary of their wedding.



In addition to the closure of the Bethlehem Area Public Library, book drops are also posted as "closed" during this public health emergency.



LANI GOINS PHOTO

Maria Makkas, owner of Salon Mia in Hellertown, is looking for ways to help her clients during the shutdown.

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Tragically, he is one of four family members who have succumbed to the virus.

Fusco's brother, sister and mother also passed away at Central State Medical Center in Freehold, N.J. Three more family members

are infected, with two in critical condition.

Dan Markowitz, majority owner at Wingate Farms, described Fusco as "a hard worker, a true horseman." He added that the entire family was involved in horse racing.

Fusco was the eldest brother in an Italian-American family that included 11 children and 27 grandchildren. He was also close to Northampton County Judge Anthony Beltrami, who had known Fusco for years and has ridden in several races himself. Judge Beltrami said he is too grief-stricken to comment at this time.

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CITY OF BETHLEHEM

CITY HALL: Bethlehem City Hall and the city's service center will remain open, but as much business as possible should be conducted via mail, email, online by visiting www.bethlehem-pa.gov and by phone at 610-865-7000.

DROP OFF: There will be a drop-off area for customers on the first floor of city hall to handle all inquiries, permit applications and to accept payments. Contractors seeking permits and plan submissions may drop off plans during normal office hours, Monday through Friday. There is a drop box outside city hall to make bill payments.

CLOSED FACILITIES: The following city facilities will be closed: Bethlehem Golf Course, the Bethlehem Recycling Center, the Charles Brown Ice House, Illick's Mill, Skate Plaza and all bathroom facilities at public parks. The Clubhouse Grille is open for take-out business.

POLICE: Residents who need access to the police department may enter through the garage entrance.

RECYCLING: Although the Recycling Center remains closed until further notice, curbside recycling services will be running normal operations.

MEETINGS: All city of Bethlehem public meetings are canceled through April 3, at which time the situation will be reevaluated. If additional cancellations are needed, notice will be provided once a determination is made.

Monitor the city's website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov and on social media for additional information and updates on COVID-19.

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOLS CLOSED: Gov. Tom Wolf announced Monday that the closure of schools in Pennsylvania will be extended to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. Schools will remain closed through at least April 6, according to the Department of Education. However, officials said the closure could be extended beyond that date, if necessary.

BAGGED MEALS: Bethlehem Area School District's Emergency Food Distribution, in conjunction with Aramark, has made available free bagged breakfasts and lunches to BASD students, including charter school and parochial students, through age 18. Children must be present for pickups. Meals are available through March 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Broughal, East Hills, Nitschmann, Northeast, Calypso, Fountain Hill, Marvine and Lynnfield. Backpack Pals have priority and may pick their bags up at Broughal, East Hills, Northeast and Lynnfield.

On March 17, more than 1,000 meals were distributed. For information, menus and addresses, visit the district website.

SCHOOL BOARD: The meeting at 7 p.m. March 23, has been moved to the Education Center (1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem). The agenda is posted at BoardDocs (<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/beth/Board.nsf>); updates will be accessible by clicking the red circle with the exclamation point on the district calendar page (<https://www.basdschools.org/calendars#calendar1/20200320/month>).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The March 30 budget workshop and the April committee meetings are tentative; information will be updated online as the situation changes (<https://www.basdschools.org/calendars#calendar1/20200320/month>).

SCHOOL BUILDINGS: School buildings are closed through March 27 by Governor Wolf's order; a longer closure is possible. Playgrounds have been officially closed. The Education Center at 1516 Sycamore St. was open for the 7 p.m. board meeting March 23, but closed at all other times until further notice.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: Please visit your child's school's website for information accessing literacy and other resources during this initial 10-day closure, and in the event of an extended closure. Students are not responsible for assignments during the closure through March 27, but are encouraged to keep their skills sharp by completing the recommended work posted on school websites. If the closure is extended beyond March 27, students will be assigned work to complete.

Please stay up-to-date by continuing to visit the district website: www.BASDschoools.org.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, non-employees will not be permitted beyond the lobby area. Payments will be accepted at the window and other items can be left in the lobby. If additional information is needed, township staff will contact you. Payments made by check can be dropped in the drop box, located to the right of the municipal building meeting entrance, 24 hours a day.

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS: Continues to perform essential duties with social distancing.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: The meeting of March 26 - TBD.

OTHER COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS: All meetings canceled.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER: Closed with all indoor and outdoor programming through April 30, 2020 canceled or postponed.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP PARKS, OPEN SPACE & RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT: Our outdoor facilities remain open. However, we are not sanitizing the apparatus and playground equipment. We ask that you use common sense if bringing children to our parks and not congregating in groups of five or more as per CDC guidance.

FIRE & EMS: Continues to respond to all situations and calls.

POLICE: Continues to handle all emergency and non-emergency calls.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING: Continues as scheduled.

MUNICIPAL COOPERATION: Township staff continues to work with other townships and boroughs in Northampton County to share ideas and provide assistance as needed.

If you have any questions, please call the township office at 610-866-1140.

LEHIGH COUNTY

SENIOR CENTERS: Lehigh County wants to assure all residents that they are taking every precaution when it comes to our vulnerable elder population. As such, they will be closing senior centers indefinitely. For any questions or concerns regarding elder safety, contact the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services directly at 610-782-3034.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

GRACEDALE: Gracedale Nursing Home is accepting donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, gowns and masks (N95 and surgical) to protect the residents and the staff during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please contact the Gracedale Volunteer Coordinator first at 610-829-3686 to see if your donation meets guidelines and can be accepted.

All donations can be dropped off in the lobby at Gracedale Nursing Home at 2 Gracedale Ave., Nazareth.

GOVERNMENT CENTER: Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Northampton County Government Center and Courthouse remain closed to visitors. We are working on a plan to re-open to the public as soon as practicable. We hope to do so by April 1.

The following exceptions to the closure are still in effect: Any person and their legal representative(s) having business before the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County will be permitted to enter the building. (If you have any questions as to whether you are required to appear, you should call Court Administration at 610-829-6700).

Any person needing to make an application for a 'Protection from Abuse' order will continue to be admitted. Additionally, any person and/or their legal representative who believes, in good faith, that a statute of limitations pertaining to them may expire within the month of March, may be admitted to the building.

Also allowed is anyone who needs to post bail. This includes a bondsman or a third party surety.

A lesson from history: The 1918

Spanish influenza epidemic

BY KEN RANIERE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

While coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic threatens global community lives in 2020, a century ago, Americans endured loss of life to smallpox, yellow fever, cholera, typhoid, measles – and the forgotten, short-lived Spanish influenza epidemic, so awful, that people buried the memory of it with their dead.

During the summer and fall of 1918, American soldiers who fought in France and Germany during WWI returned to Camp Devan in Boston, Mass., with typical symptoms of "la grippe," high fever, sore throat and headache. Camp Devan's hospital was soon filled to capacity with soldiers coughing bloody sputum, and their lungs filled with fluid that turned them blue from pneumonia before they died. Known as "Spanish influenza," the disease quickly spread throughout the population by the simple act of coughing in public.

On Sept. 11, two civilians dropped dead on a street corner in Quincy, Mass. The disease quickly spread from Boston to New York and Philadelphia by passengers who used the railroad. Patients who contracted the illness died within hours of a doctor's diagnosis.

While flu cases and deaths made news in New York City, the government made no plans to halt the draft – instead, President Woodrow Wilson drafted an additional 13 million recruits for the war effort. Rumors suggested that Germans initiated the disease through germ warfare.

Despite attempts to quarantine the sick in Philadelphia, patients who contracted the disease suffered nosebleeds and high fever that made them delirious, collapsing their lungs leading to their death. As the death toll quickly

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SPREAD OF SPANISH INFLUENZA MENACES OUR WAR PRODUCTION

U. S. Public Health Service Begins Nation-wide Health Campaign.

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mounted, coffins were stacked three-high on porches prior to burial. When undertakers could no longer make enough coffins to meet the demand, trenches were dug to bury the dead in mass graves.

The disease led to a national crisis – in Washington, D.C., the government banned all public gatherings, closed city schools and saloons and encouraged the public to wear gauze face masks to filter the air they breathed.

In their quest to find a cure, the medical profession was unsure whether the disease was a bacteria or a virus. Assuming the disease was a bacterial infection – the vaccine they produced and distributed failed. Spanish influenza was a virus.

Out of desperation to fight the disease, the general public found its own cure through folk medicine – home remedies that included the inhalation of camphor and mothballs, swallowing teaspoons of turpentine or kerosene with sugar, or the use of commercial preparations on the market, like Beaver Oil or mentholated products. Though home remedies didn't

work, everyone smelled "medicated."

In September 1918, 12,000 Americans died of Spanish Influenza – 195,000 in October and 30 million worldwide. Vigorous healthy men had a 50/50 chance of survival, while the very young, the weak and the very old were most vulnerable. By the time Armistice Day was declared on Nov. 11, cases of influenza began to drop, with fewer cases reported. While the number of susceptible victims waned, those who survived developed immunity.

Some facts about Spanish influenza

The following appeared as an advertisement in the Reading Times, Oct. 9, 1918 – "Spanish" influenza is a serious matter though something of a mystery. It probably originated in the ranks of the German Army and in prison camps. It no doubt spread from the southward through Spain and northward to Holland, France, England and Scandinavian countries. America was free from it until Aug. 12, 1918, when a Norwegian steamer arrived to an Atlantic port, having had over 200 cases on

the voyage. Whether this marks the entry of the epidemic or not, the fact remains that Spanish influenza is here and is a serious menace, much like the familiar 'Grippe.'

The disease is not alarming in itself if proper precautions are taken. But without care, the high fever and likelihood of pneumonia to follow make it extremely dangerous. The Surgeon-General of the Army recently issued the following rules by which the public may guard against the spread of this subtle enemy:

- Rules to avoid respiratory disease**
1. Avoid needless crowding – influenza is a crowd disease.
 2. Smother your cough and sneezes – others do not want the germs, which you would throw away.
 3. Your nose, not your mouth, was made to breathe through – get the habit.
 4. Remember the three C's – a clear mouth, clear skin, clean clothes.
 5. Try to keep cool when you walk and warm when you ride and sleep.
 6. Open the windows – always at home at night: at the office when practicable.
 7. Food will win the war if you give it a chance – help by choosing and chewing your food well.
 8. Your fate may be in your hands – wash your hands before eating.
 9. Don't let the waste products of digestion accumulate – drink a glass of water or two on getting up.
 10. Don't use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, glass or cup, which has been used by another person and not washed.
 11. Avoid tight clothes, tight shoes, tight gloves – make nature your ally, not your prisoner.
 12. When the air is pure, breathe all of it you can – breathe deeply.

Wolf's orders hit businesses hard

BY JARRAD HEDES
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Local businesses are continuing to feel the trickle-down effect of the coronavirus.

More than 150 types of "non-life-sustaining" businesses were forced to close by 8 p.m. Thursday as Governor Tom Wolf strengthened the state's efforts to limit person-to-person contact.

Late Friday night, the governor extended the enforcement period from Saturday to Monday.

Per Wolf's order, businesses such as grocery stores, beer distributors, gas stations, pharmacies and building material stores are allowed to stay open.

Take-out, delivery and curb-

side or drive-thru pickup remain the only options for restaurants and bars, though some have chosen to temporarily shut the doors anyway.

Those businesses ordered by the governor to shut down include furniture stores, florists, office supply stores, car dealers, clothing stores, law firms, accounting offices, and varying types of manufacturers.

Wolf said businesses in non-compliance could face citations, fines or license suspensions, and "forfeit their ability to receive any applicable disaster relief and/or may be subject to other appropriate administrative action."

Criminal prosecution, he said, also remains a possibility.

The Wolf administration said questions on who should close and who can stay open should be emailed to ra-dcedcs@pa.gov. Waivers and exemptions to the closure order can be sought through RA-dcexemption@pa.gov.

At the federal level, the Small Business Administration will soon have the Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance available for businesses. The loans can be used to cover expenses still incurred during the shutdown period.

Council declares state of emergency

BY BERNIE O'HARE
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On March 19, and with no advance notice, Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure closed the doors of the courthouse to those who made the trip for gun permits, passports, marriage licenses or to pay taxes. Only emergencies like Protection from Abuse Act petitions were admitted.

McClure explained he needed to "pump the brakes" because people from other counties were coming. He opened the doors to the public for a county council meeting that evening, and told council the closure is only temporary.

Visitors might be limited to

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county residents, and they could be required to have their temperatures taken before admission. He indicated that a flood from other counties would interfere with the six-foot social distancing he is attempting to maintain for those at the courthouse. This social distancing has been recommended by both the state health department and Center for Disease Control (CDC).

"A wave is coming," McClure warned of the COVID-19 virus.

It was in this atmosphere that McClure asked for and received county council's unanimous approval of an emergency declaration expanding his powers so he can react to the COVID-19 pandemic. All council members were physically present except for Peg

Ferraro, who participated by phone.

The emergency declaration makes it easier for the county to apply for state and federal resources like surgical masks and gowns. It also gives McClure the ability to transfer union employees working from one department to another. He is concerned that the virus could hit both residents and staff at Gracedale, presenting staffing shortages.

"If someone needs to be fed at Gracedale, they're going," he said of other county employees.

McClure said the county is low on personal protective equipment for first responders, and EMC Director Todd Weaver is scrambling to get supplies from CDC from the national strategic stockpile. At Gracedale, McClure said the county would exhaust its

A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website

CLOSURES

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 or canceled.

Northampton Area Community College Monroe and Bethlehem areas open houses through April 18 are canceled. For more information, visit northampton.edu/open-house.

Wednesday, March 25

Canceled: Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lectures for March 25 and April 1
 Canceled: BAPL book sale

Friday, March 27

Canceled: Volunteer for Boutique at the Rink meetings. 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

Canceled: BAPL book sale: Main branch, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 W. Church St.
 Canceled: Main library and SouthSide branch activities., 11 W. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org or call 610- 867-3761.
 Postponed: Lehigh Valley Podcast Festival, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way. Tickets, information: visit www.steelstacks.org.
 Canceled: Volunteer for Boutique at the Rink meeting.
 Canceled: Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. Main library

Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1

Call for cancellations: Salvation Army, bridge players program, seniors 50 and up, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

Wednesday, April 1

National Day of Service- NCC
 Call for cancellations: Drop in center, 9 a.m. Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon; Program: TBA 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Information, senior activities: call 610-867-4681.

MEETING BOARD

Wednesday, March 25

Canceled/closed: Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton. The courthouse is closed.
 Closed: Lehigh County Government Center, 17 S. Seventh St. Courthouse is closed. Visit www.lehighcounty.org/Services/Suspended-Services.

Thursday, March 26

Canceled: City of Bethlehem Planning Commission, 5 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.
 Continued: Hanover NorCo Zoning Hearing Board meeting: Continued to April 23 as of now.

Tuesday, March 31

Canceled: Mayor's Southside Task Force meeting, 4 p.m. Room 106, NCC Fowler Center, 511 E. Third St.

Wednesday, April 1

Canceled: Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

HEALTH NEWS

St. Luke's Health Network

SLUHN receives Civica Rx drug shipment
 St. Luke's University Health Network received its first shipment of injectable drugs from Civica Rx, a nationwide consortium the Network joined last year to combat chronic shortages and rising prices of widely used generic medications.

Civica Rx is a nonprofit generic drug company that aims to circumvent traditional supply chains by producing in-demand drugs and selling them at fair and sustainable prices to consortium members.

David Herold, St. Luke's Senior Director of Business Development & Planning, said, "This first shipment is an important milestone for St. Luke's and signals that Civica Rx is making good on its promise to provide reliable and affordable access to mission critical drugs."

The St. Luke's shipment from Civica Rx includes drugs that are critical to its mission, including the antibiotics Vancomycin and Daptomycin and the overdose reversing drug Naloxone. Herold said many common drugs are manufactured by one or two generic companies, a situation that leads to price hikes due to little competition. It also spurs shortages when weather-related or unforeseen events hit a lone manufacturing site producing a drug.

PEOPLE

Littlejohn to present research paper

Ashanti Littlejohn of Bethlehem was one of three second-year medical students at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine who conducted research to evaluate the lived experiences of first-generation medical students. The students were invited to present their findings for a poster presentation at the American Association of Medical Colleges Group on Student Affairs, Careers in Medicine and Organization of Student Representatives Professional Development Conference in Chicago and as a workshop at the 2020 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in New York City.

The "Make the InVISIBLE Visible: First-Generation Students' Experiences in Medical Education" research was conducted as part of GCOSM's Summer Research Immersion Program.

NORCO

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supply in a week if residents become ill.

"It's only a matter of time before we have positives at Gracedale," McClure predicted. Twelve beds are currently available for isolation with another 12 to be available soon. If necessary, Gracedale can have as many as 48 isolation units.

According to Nursing Director Dawn Marie TuersFeldman, temperatures are taken of every employee who the nursing home enters. Vital signs are taken daily, and temperatures are taken twice a day.

The emergency decla-

ration will expire in 30 days unless renewed by county council.

Northampton County's courts are operating under an emergency as well, but have signs posted at all entrances for people with emergencies.

Court Administrator Jermaine Greene said those in need of emergency relief should call his office at 610-829-6700, and a court officer will come to the door and admit you. If it's after hours, a police officer will help arrange an immediate hearing before a magisterial district judge.

You could call this curbside judicial service, minus the fries.

Emergency support groups cope with coronavirus threat

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The coronavirus has forced the closing of local schools and businesses, which has, in turn, forced the American Red Cross Lehigh Valley - Bucks Chapter to curtail planned blood drives, according to Executive Director Peter Brown.

"We are looking at adding [blood] drives," Brown said in an interview during which he called the blood supply a "big challenge."

"The public should still go ahead and make appointments to give blood," he said.

Brown said potential blood donors can arrange appointments by going to the website, redcrossblood.org, and entering their zip code.

He said the Red Cross remains focused on its ability to respond to disasters such as fires.

"We are still actively involved with municipal emergency services," he said.

In response to the coronavirus threat, the Red Cross has implemented new screening measures designed to keep staff and clients safe.

CACLV

Other social services organizations are also facing a new reality.

Alan Jennings, the executive director of Community Action Committee Lehigh Valley (CACLV), was busy when contacted by the Press. He was delivering food to the home of a couple of 70-year-olds, both sick and infirm. Volunteers are harder to find during this public health crisis, so Jennings had to "redeploy" his staff to fill food boxes and make deliveries.

Another of CACLV's enterprises, the Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown, is facing a crisis, according to Jennings. He said case workers have been sent home in response to the coronavirus emergency. The shelter is being staffed by the caretaker staff, mainly to ensure security. Jennings said that without caseworkers to coach the residents on how to get back on their feet, they will need more time, lengthening the already unacceptably long waiting time to get in.

"If you want to see despair," said Jennings, "look in their [turned away shelter applicants'] faces."

"I don't know how we are going to adjust," said Jennings. "There are way too many variables. I've never seen the likes of this in 40 years of service."

"I've never been as challenged in taking on community problems as I am by this pandemic. There are far too many variables. Frankly, I'm scared."

Salvation Army

The local Allentown office of the Salvation Army didn't return a call requesting a statement, but its website had a message addressing the coronavirus from the national headquarters.

"As the coronavirus COVID-19 has evolved into a pandemic, we are monitoring the situation daily. Safety is of utmost priority, so we have ramped up efforts to slow the spread of this virus among our employees, volunteers, and the homeless and other vulnerable people we serve.

"In the United States,



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PRESS PHOTO COURTESY LVHN

LVHN employees are recycling surgical wraps, the common blue sanitary sheets that protect operating room instruments before they are used and making coverings for N-95 masks.

one in six people live in poverty, and more than 550,000 are counted as homeless. These populations severely lack access to proper care, hygiene, updated information, and medical resources, which makes them more susceptible to the virus.

"We are working with local, state and federal government and health authorities, including participating in situation awareness calls with federal partners like FEMA, CDC, DHS, and HHS. We are developing new hygiene and cleaning protocols to help keep safe our residents and others who depend on The Salvation Army's programs and services to survive. In addition, all staff, volunteers, and program participants have been sent hygiene and prevention information as recommended by the CDC.

"We also anticipate a significant increase in need of emergency assistance for low-wage employees facing layoffs due to COVID-19. The support we provide - rent/mortgage, utility, and food assistance, among others - will become more urgent as the situation evolves.

"Meanwhile, our local divisions will continue to work in close partnership with area government and health experts to prepare and respond to meet specific community needs of 23 million individuals we serve each year and the more than 63,000 employees of our organization. We will continue

to update this page as developments warrant. "We need support from our communities to continue to meet the daily needs of these vulnerable populations. Your donations will continue to help us respond to the situation."

Allentown Rescue Mission

The Allentown Rescue Mission will be staying open, according to a statement released by its President Stuart "Skip" Smith.

"With the growing pandemic of the coronavirus in the Lehigh Valley the Allentown Rescue Mission is taking steps to make sure that our men are remaining safe and healthy. The Allentown Rescue Mission plans to stay open and continue accepting men during the pandemic. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore men who are homeless and the Allentown Rescue Mission is their last and only option.

"We are taking every precaution possible, including facility isolation areas, to minimize the spreading of COVID-19 among both clients and staff. Men with symptoms will go to the hospital for testing and potential admittance.

"Should the hospital send men home who have tested 'positive,' they will be allowed to return to the mission and stay in a newly created isolation area. We are their home."

Smith appealed to the public: "We need and ap-

preciate your help now more than ever. Please continue your financial support and we now accept physical donations via curbside drop off so donors can maintain social isolation in their car. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers."

New Bethany Ministries

New Bethany Ministries has no plans to close its doors, according to Executive Director Marc Rittle.

"We are an emergency food access organization, providing groceries and meals to nearly 9,000 people annually; New Bethany is taking measures to protect ourselves and the public."

Rittle said they are serving hot meals, but service is curbside. In the first week of the crisis, New Bethany served 260 lunches or between 50 to 60 lunches daily.

All grocery orders from the food pantry are also delivered curbside.

"In our first week of altered service, we handed groceries to 90 families," Rittle said.

"To date, we are serving a population who already depend on our daily food access services. We have not seen too many new families or lunch guests. We expect that might change, depending on continued employment, access to benefits, and overall availability of food in our community.

"New Bethany is operating with a reduced team of staff and volunteers. Two staff were previously out on medical leave and have not set foot on premises for well over a month. Other staff are asked to stay at home unless they are performing an essential site-based task.

"New Bethany's office hours have been reduced. We are open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Restrictions are in place for how many people may be in any part of the organization at any time: no more than four in the pantry; no more than four in the kitchen, etc. This rule includes staff and volunteers alike.

"All regular volunteer groups have canceled. Nearly all of our regular volunteers are aging, and we are encouraging any volunteer to be conservative in their decision to help out. We do not want any person putting themselves at risk.

"New volunteers have stepped up. Younger working-age people who have revised work schedules are now able to work. Staff and volunteers from other nonprofit organizations that have closed down are starting to call us.

"If you want to volunteer [with New Bethany Ministries], please call Brandy Garofalo at 610-691-5602, ext. 210.

"New Bethany is in need of the following items: cleaning and disinfectant supplies (sprays, wipes, sanitizers), food of any kind (prepared, frozen, or non-perishable), and financial contributions.

"Three of New Bethany's spring fundraisers have already been canceled or dramatically altered, and the organization has started to accrue COVID-19 related expenses. To date, no staff has been laid off or received reduced pay for any reason and the organization has no plans to stop paying staff."

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Your health deserves a partner.

Dorothy (Johnson) Fremstad

4,000-hour St. Luke's volunteer

Dorothy (Johnson) Fremstad, 92, of Bethlehem, died March 10, 2020. Born in Whitehall, Wisconsin, she was a daughter of the late Francis and Clarissa (Linnell) Johnson. She was the wife of the late Benjie A. Fremstad.

She volunteered more than 4,000 hours at St. Luke's, Bethlehem.

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Fremstad and her companion Ron Post, and Sandra Ann Robinson and her husband Andrew; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Ben A. Fremstad; and a daughter, Kristen Fremstad.

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

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LVHN

Lehigh Valley Health Network is addressing the shortage of face masks by making covers to extend the life of the limited supply they already have.

With shortages of personal protective equipment across the nation due to the COVID-19 outbreak, LVHN is doing its part by taking an innovative approach to extend the use of N-95 respirator masks used by caregivers as protection against the virus.

LVHN employees are recycling surgical wraps, the common blue sanitary sheets that protect operating room instruments before they are used and making coverings for N-95 masks.

"There's a sense of urgency as it's been well documented that health care providers everywhere are running low on N-95 respirator masks," said Donald Hougendobler, LVHN's director of environment and sustainability.

"In the last 24 hours, our team has created a prototype, received approvals from Infection Control and Prevention and Public Safety and Emergency Management and gathered supplies to construct mask covers.

"Colleagues joined together at the School of Nursing building at Lehigh Valley Hospital on 17th Street to construct blue wrap mask coverings. They practiced social distancing by setting up small working stations throughout the room."

Remaining active during health crisis



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

As government mandated closings and public health recommended procedures are implemented, people are still looking for ways to remain active by heading outdoors. Some are going to area parks and taking their canine family members along. On March 16 these two hikers seek the peaceful atmosphere of Jacobsburg Park near Nazareth.

State of the county is 'excellent'

LEHIGH COUNTY

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

County Executive Phillips Armstrong is running for re-election. "I'm throwing my hat into the ring," he said dramatically, doffing a fedora and tossing it to the floor before presenting his annual state of Lehigh County address at Coca Cola Stadium March 5.

"The State of Lehigh County is excellent," he then began.

Armstrong spoke with pride about the Moody's Bond Rating of AA enjoyed by Lehigh County.

He said he was pleased by the spirit of compromise that led to

a balanced budget for 2020.

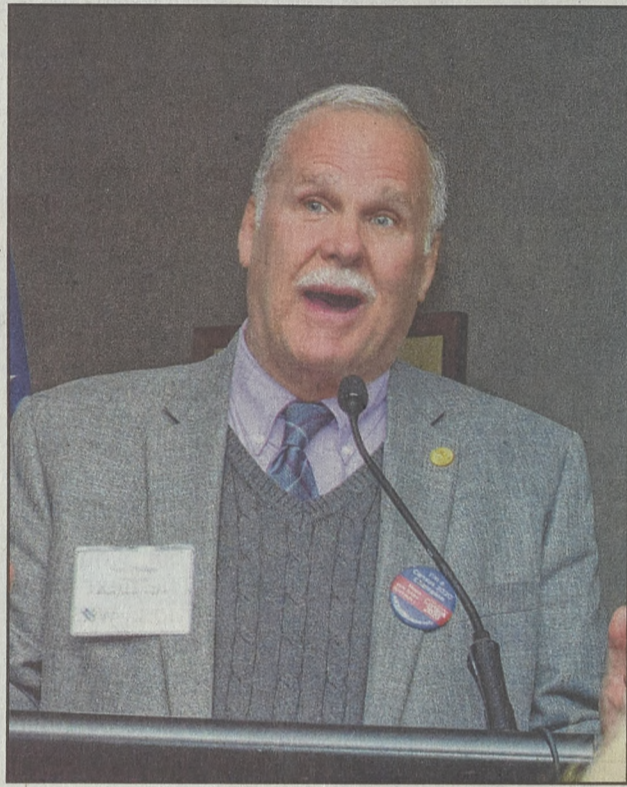
He encouraged everyone's participation in the 2020 Census because 79 percent of the income for the budget comes from federal and state tax revenue. "These funds are decreased, maintained or increased based on the Census count."

Armstrong then turned his attention to the county's infrastructure. He said the Coplay-Northampton bridge was "completed ahead of schedule." Other achievements: closer to completion for designs of the new Cedarbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation wing and of the old Lehigh County Courthouse.

Regarding Cedarbrook, he said, "An action plan has been implemented to maintain the four-star ranking and strong quality of care rating among customer satisfaction." He said it ranks as the 20th best nursing home in the state as rated by Newsweek's Best Nursing Homes 2020 issue.

The newly consolidated 911 system that integrated the county with Allentown got a shout-out for "increased overall efficiency across a larger scale for all county residents." Armstrong also noted the new juvenile holding cell and the beginning of a new engineering study for the government center parking garage.

Armstrong mentioned the Blue Guardian Program, a follow-up service for those that were administered naloxone. Programs such as this reflect law enforcement's move from a pu- See LEHIGH on Page A7



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong announced a new drug court that "will provide and encourage supervised treatment to addicts." Current plans are for it to be operational by September.



Kevin Lewis, a representative of Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, and Rep. Jeanne McNeil (133rd) meet before the start of Armstrong's address.



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native approach to one more attuned to treatment for drug abuse.

He spoke a new initiative to help homeless veterans in the Lehigh Valley.

"Lehigh County is proud to continue serving veteran programs on a local, state, and federal level," said Armstrong. "Although there was a reduction in federal funding, Lehigh County reached out to local municipalities for assistance. \$200,000 of state grant funding was recently secured with the help of Pa. Senator Pat Browne [and the help of] the Community Foundation of the Lehigh Valley."

"Now individuals and corporations can make charitable gifts to the Lehigh Valley Veterans Homeless fund care of the Community Fund of the Lehigh Valley," said Armstrong.

He spoke about the change in the election law that adds "mail-in" voting traditional absentee voting. "This is an addition to our new paper trail voting system implemented by Lehigh County in 2019." He said the new systems in place will ensure privacy and integrity for future elections.

Armstrong gave a nod to the new contract with Highmark for a new health and prescription plan that resulted in over \$1 million in savings over last year.

In a nod to the County's strong unions, he noted that a new county ordinance returns collective bargaining negotiating authority to the county executive.

"Conversion to LED lighting technology over the span of the next several years will [reduce] in-house energy costs about 40 to 50 percent," said Armstrong.

Farm land preservation, according to Armstrong, is "approaching a huge milestone at 25,000 acres of farmland preserved." He said this places Lehigh County at number four in total number of farmlands preserved and number five in total acres preserved in Pennsylvania.

He closed his comments to a near capacity crowd of employees, vendors, and supporter by noting that Lehigh County has 2,010 full-time employees, hundreds of part-time employees, and volunteers who serve 368,100 residents. He said Lehigh County is the fourth fastest-growing county in the state and one of only 20 counties that has increased its population.

Townhouses proposed for Van Buren

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Bethlehem City Planning meeting on Feb. 12 was a mixture of procedure and passion, drama and levity.

Van Buren Street Development LLC attorney Jim Preston brought a proposal for land development at 305 1/2 to 321 Van Buren St.

The developers are planning five townhomes and a duplex on the site, from 305 1/2 to 311. Most of their plans had already been submitted, but there was a 6-inch modification to the front yard plan for the duplex, extending it to provide sight-lines for automobiles.

The commission referred to the city's concerns, expressed in a March 6 memo, about the potential for cars parking outside of designated space on the property.

Louis Antillo, a partner in the LLC, addressed the concerns. He accepted a request for no parking signs on the property. He also described an area of the yard the would have car access blocked by a bike rack and a tree. James Butcheski, Antillo's partner, spoke of a neighbor's concern that the tree would be too close to the building. The commission suggested the neighbor consult the city forester, who could best explain the root system of the tree that would be planted. The next point of contention was the strip between the driveways. The commission pointed out the city prefers the divide be filled with vegetation, i.e.,

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grass. Antillo explained his preference for river rock, stating that in other properties they had developed, grass was easily driven over and damaged.

A motion was made to approve the plan as dated March 6, with the addition of the 6-inch lot line adjustment. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next request was for a zoning change for the property at 2105 Creek Road. The property is at the southern edge of Bethlehem city. The other side of Creek Road is Hellertown. The property is owned by Abraham Atiyeh. He was not present at the meeting. Priya Atiyeh, who is the vice president of Manors of the Valley (several area senior or assisted living campuses, including Saucon Valley Manor), presented their plan for the site. She utilized the large screen above and behind the commission members' seats. The commission noted that their decision would be a recommendation to city council, either for approval or denial of the zoning change request. Chairman Molesky also address the screen's connection and picture quality issues, inquiring of Darlene Heller about a requested hdmi cord.

Priya Atiyeh described a senior living building with 40 living units, half of them singles, and half two bedroom units. She described the property as highly desirable, with proximity to the Bethlehem Greenway and to Hellertown, with

existing walking paths around the property. Residents would be average age 70 to 75, and would have access to a small clubhouse and a part time clinic in small existing buildings on the property.

Gene Berg, of Gauch Architects, spoke to specific conditions of the proposed development and the land itself. Much of the property is comprised of a flood plain and flood way for the Saucon Creek. He described the large building as a four story peaked roof unit being constructed adjacent to the floodplain and flood way. The driveway would be on Creek Road, close to Friedensville Road. The building would have a 60-car parking lot for residents, employees and visitors.

The commission asked about the potential widening of Creek Road. Atiyeh's plan does not include widening the road.

Bill Erdman of Keystone Engineers spoke of the design of the building and lot as covering only three percent of the property, compared to the 25 percent coverage allowed by RRC zoning. He also said the building and parking lot would be above the 100-year flood zone. He said drainage analysis and other analysis would be costly, and would be performed if the zoning change was approved.

Darlene Heller described numerous letters and a petition submitted to the zoning office, lobbying against changing the zoning.

Some of the issues raised in the letters, including one from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, expressed concerns about the safety and integrity of the flood plain, and potential difficulties with emergency responders access to the property and residents during flooding.

Then the public was given the opportunity to speak. Mike Topping, who described himself as a former Planning Commission member, showed photos of flooding in the flood way, saying it has flooded five times in 20 years. "Any development will have an adverse effect on all properties downstream," he said.

Robert Ashford echoed Topping's sentiments, saying the proposed development would cause harm to existing owners.

Jane Cook read a letter from the board of the Monacacy Creek Watershed, which spoke of the land's value as a wetland, and urged against a change in the site's zoning.

Further comments addressed the presence of bald eagles, herons and osprey on the property; a question of how the development would change traffic patterns and negatively impact pedestrians and bicyclists; and the status of Saucon Creek as a Class A trout stream.

The commission then voted, with four against the zoning change, and one in favor. The yes vote came from Mr. Barker, who said he visited the site, and thought the proposed development was a good use of the property. See **PLANNING** on Page 8

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Robert Schantz

Retired art teacher has performed as Chump the Clown for over three decades

BY JIM MARSH
Special to The Press

As a youth growing up in Orefield, Lehigh County, Robert Schantz never dreamed clowning around was in his future. He wasn't the "class clown," and he does not recall any of his teachers in the Parkland School District ever telling him to stop clowning around.

But as an adult, retired art teacher Schantz, now living in Lower Macungie Township, has spent more than three decades entertaining, amusing and teaching religious lessons through his persona as Chump the Clown.

Schantz says he has been attending Jordan UCC Church, near the intersection of Route 309 and Walbert Avenue, since he was "2 years old."

He volunteered in every spot at the church where there was a need.

Through it all, Schantz wove his Kutztown University college degree as an art teacher into his volunteer activities, and the church's rotating seasonal theme settings.

In 1980, a new opportunity arose, and with it Schantz's persona as "Chump the Clown" was born.

A church volunteer attended a conference that promoted ways to bring the arts into worship services. Included was a session on how to begin a church clown ministry.

The idea gained immediate traction at Jordan UCC and Schantz was one of four or five adults, and later several teens, who volunteered to learn how to apply clown makeup, design costumes, and use pantomime techniques to teach Bible truths to youthful, and established, church audiences.

"Clowns in a church ministry never talk," Schantz said, "but we became adept at being mute and using facial expressions, body motion, signage and props to get our message across."

In a typical performance, the clown ministry participants would begin in everyday street clothes, then apply makeup and get into costume, while congregants watched the transformation. "We knew that some youngsters, and even adults, can be fearful and skeptical of persons made up as clowns," Schantz said. "We took it slow and easy so we did not just spring our clown personas on our audience."

In the world of clowning, makeup levels can be elaborate.

The level used by Schantz and his clown ministry companions is labeled the "august" look. It is the simplest to apply and employs cheek spots of white, red and black and a lip application.

"Even the colors we applied had significance," Schantz explained. "Our white makeup represented Christ's death, and the red depicts new life."

Schantz's most memorable clown skit revolved around a Biblical changed heart parable.

Schantz was designated as the "bully" clown who disrupted other clowns involved in playful activities.

"The other clowns 'loved me' out of my bullying ways," Schantz recalls. "They gave me an injection and pulled slips of paper labeled 'bully, anger, jealousy and resentment' out of my heart area, and replaced them with labels of 'love, caring and helpfulness. They gave me a



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Robert Schantz, of Lower Macungie Township, transforms from his everyday identity as a retired art teacher, to his persona as Chump the Clown, through which he has entertained, amused and used as a religious training tool for more than three decades in the Lehigh Valley.

changed heart."

To this day, Schantz looks back at that lesson as the most life-changing pantomime he ever participated in as Chump the Clown.

Schantz's clown name came from a youth group member who had it on the tip of her tongue when he asked for naming help.

Schantz said he never learned until many years later his father had the nickname "Chump" as he was growing up, and his father just took it for granted his son picked that name for his clown persona.

Schantz said his wife Cheryl has been a very supportive partner throughout his clown ministry. While she participated as a clown in the early portion of the ministry, she had to drop back because of allergic reactions to the makeup. "She is always there, though, whenever we need costuming or background setting assistance, or to drive me home after a tiring performance.

"Youth church programming has

changed in recent years," Schantz said, "with teen participation being the main driver." That has led to the clown ministry giving way to the new direction, Schantz said.

He has continued employing his clown persona at birthday celebrations, nursing home visits and other venues where he can add joy to a gathering.

Even though the clown ministry does not have the influence it had years ago, Schantz said, "I still have the clown in me, and I pull out the greasepaint makeup kit when the Schnecksville Fair and a few other festivals roll around each year.

"When I get made up as Chump the Clown, I become that persona and bringing joy to people gives me unspeakable satisfaction."

Editor's Note: If you know someone who should be featured as a Lehigh Valley Health Network Community Partner, send an email to dgalbraith@tnonline.com.

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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.



Gypsy is an 8-year-old lady that would love nothing more than a lap to call her own. She can be slow to warm up to new people, but is a love-bug once she gets to know you. Gypsy suffers from a chronic inflammation of her gums which can be painful at times, but she does not let this slow her down. She would thrive in a quiet home with no children so she can spend her days napping the sunlight.



Samuel Adams and Sadie Rose are a bonded father-daughter pair of Labrador mixes. At 8 and 4 years old, this duo is looking for a new home together. Both members of this team are very sweet, but take some time to warm up to new people. Being the perfect mix of playful and laid back, this duo would do best in a home with either no kids or teenagers. In the hopes of finding a home together, The Center for Animal Health and Welfare is offering a special promotion for this adorable pair.

Four appeals are heard; 3 approved

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In the first appeal at the Zoning Hearing Board Feb. 26, Dominic Villani Jr. spoke for 565 West Lehigh Partners, LLC, regarding 1039 Decatur St., seeking a width variance of five feet for an existing house on the property closer to Norman Street. Villani spoke of extensive renovations having been made to the existing house, and of plans for a second house on the subdivided lot.

More attention was given to a plan for removal and redesign of a curb, to prevent erosion, sitting water, and storm-water washing onto Decatur Street, and a plan

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for a new house on the subdivided property. The requests were approved without conditions.

The second case was 124-128 W. Union St., and 114 W. Spruce St. Attorney Brandon Benner spoke for the owners, who were seeking a special exception to reduce off-street parking spaces for the site. The basis for the change took into consideration overflow parking in the Old York Road lot, with renters required to acquire a permit for parking in the lot from the city. The change was unanimously approved.

The third case was

the Jefferson Democratic Club's appeal of a proposal to build a concrete outdoor patio to accommodate smokers. The club is located at 1002 Linden St. The proposed patio would be toward the rear of the side parking lot, encroaching on the rear setback. The club was also asking for relief of some off-street parking spaces, to accommodate the new patio. The patio would offer seating consisting of tables and chairs. A privacy fence would surround the patio. No overhang protection would be offered. The present off-street parking of 15 spaces

would be reduced to 13, with overflow parking offered by a neighboring business.

The club's request was unanimously approved, with considerations of a 9:30 p.m. closing time, and a written lease addressing the overflow spaces.

The final matter for consideration was 730 East Morton St. The property owner, Jie Floyd, spoke on behalf of Clen Homes LLC. The appeal was for a dimensional variance to convert the first level of the building from a garage into an apartment. The board voted unanimously to deny the request, and suggested Ms. Floyd conference with the zoning officer, Craig Pfeiffer.

Board upholds ordinance as written in zoning challenge

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board held a special meeting Feb. 26 to conclude the matter of the zoning ordinance challenge by the owners of the property at 2 W. Market St.

The appellants were represented by attorney Tim Stevens. Bruce Haines, the owner's representative, was notably absent. Attorney Matt Deschler represented the city of Bethlehem and Jim Preston was appointed mediator.

The meeting was run by attorney Erich Schock. Briefs had previously been submitted by both sides, and had been read by the board.

Deliberations lasted about 20 minutes, after which the board returned with its decision to up-

hold the ordinance as written.

The appellants have the right to appeal the decision to state court. Deschler said he felt it was likely they would, and pointed out there are still two more appeals on the matter in process.

PLANNING

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velopment had great value for the retirees of Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The commissions no vote will go to city council.

The final item on the agenda was SALDO. Among the items

highlighted were the removal of the word "variance" from zoning requests, in favor of "waiver" or "modification," as well as making the city more pedestrian and bicyclist friendly. Discussions will be had with LANTA about having its buses enter local shopping centers for centers it does not bring its buses to, such as the

Westgate Mall.

Minor subdivisions will be handled administratively, while major subdivisions will still go through the planning commission.

Chairman Melosky had the final word, requesting hdmi and wireless connections for the rotunda.

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A buffet-style dinner featuring healthy options such as butternut squash ravioli, salad and veggies was provided at the Friendship Dinner.

In the community dialogue that ended the session, Center Valley resident Alan Snyder said, "We are living in a time when the world can no longer be considered infinite."

'If there is no water, there is no life'



Keynote speaker David Brandes analyzed past flooding in the Lehigh Valley, its causation, and weather data trends. "Our future will be hotter and wetter, leading to more extreme weather events," said Brandes.

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Jewish Community Center of the Lehigh Valley hosted a friendship dinner Feb. 20 to discuss various faith perspectives about the water we all share as a valuable natural resource. The session was hosted by the Lehigh Dialogue center in partnership with the Sierra Club Pennsylvania chapter, Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Conference of Churches, with over 220 area residents in attendance.

Following a buffet style dinner, Rachel Rosenfeld, community outreach coordinator, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, and Muhammed Said Selmanlar, president of the Lehigh Dialogue Center, welcomed attendees.

"We hope you take home what you'll learn here tonight and become environmental leaders in our communities," said Rosenfeld after she addressed the impact of impervious surfaces on the 86,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania.

Said Selmanlar spoke in terms of the "bright clear liquid that is the

symbol of life" and the need to find common ground when addressing issues.

Keynote speaker David Brandes, professor of civil and environmental engineering at Lafayette College, discussed flooding in the Lehigh Valley and weather trends that can impact it. Brandes said flooding is caused by heavy rainfall and exacerbated by development. Using data, Brandes said that summers are getting hotter and larger rain events have increased by 40 percent. "There is a definite pattern that days and weeks of more than 5 inches of rain is increasing," observed Brandes. "One-half of the greatest rainfalls from 1960 to 2019 have happened since 2000," he added.

Brandes suggested incremental changes, such as updating storm water ordinances and using green infrastructure guidelines to address the issue. "The best way to control floods is with natural assistance," he said, naming vegetation, rain gardens and rain barrels as potential aids.

In the faith panel discussion led by Rosenfeld, Rabbi Michael Singer related praying for rain to caring for the earth and the human obligation

to take care of the planet. "If there is no water there is no life," he said. "We are at a tipping point and the time for talk has ended, the time for action is now," concluded Singer.

The Reverend Dr. Larry Pickens addressed the Christian perspective of stewardship and nurturing the planet. "There is a need for all of us to be involved in injustice and to protect the environment," he said. "We all have a role in shaping public policy," intoned Pickens. "We have to make our voices heard."

Muslim Chaplain Ustadh Amjad Tarsin explained that there is a direct relationship between water and humanity as a cleansing agent and noted that both the earth and humans are composed of roughly 70 percent water. "God brings water for humans and all of life is sustained by that water," he said. Striking a hopeful tone, Amjad Tarsin said, "Even if the sun is rising from the west to mark the end of the world, and you are holding a seed, plant that seed."



Several of the over 220 in attendance check in and receive their table assignments.



Over 220 listen to the faith leader panel in the Jewish Community center's meeting hall.



Rachel Rosenfeld facilitated a panel discussion about the importance of the relationship between water and faith among faith leaders, including Rabbi Michael Singer of Congregation Brith Shalom, Reverend Dr. Larry Pickens, who is ecumenical director of the Lehigh Conference of Churches, and Ustadh Amjad Tarsin, who serves as Muslim chaplain at the University of Toronto.

"We are at a tipping point and the time for talk has ended, the time for action is now."



South Whitehall Township resident Merry Landis gathers information about design and installation of solar systems from Evoke Solar owners Wes and Roshelle Checkeye, who were also event sponsors.



PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

Members of the Colonial IU Parent Support Team and their families raised over \$4,000, and before taking to the water. The team won first place in the costume contest. Virginia Biancamano, Robert Biancamano, Caterina Campbell, Nakia Rodriguez, Tiana Torres, Judith Saccento, Isabella Biancamano, Gabe, AmyJo and Nia Sefcik, and Kimberly Wismer are the team members.

So why jump into chilly winter water?

Polar Plungers raise over \$110,000 for the Special Olympics

BY LANI GOINS
Special to The Press

On Feb. 22, the 12th annual Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge (Freezin' for a Reason) took place in Scott Park in Easton.

The weather was clear, cool but not cold. More than 600 people braved the chilly water of the Delaware River to raise money for Special Olympics.

Entertainment was provided by DJ Joe Franzo; and radio personalities Sam and Hanna from Cat Country 96. Polar Plunge gear, including "I'm Too Chicken to Plunge" T-shirts were sold. Wawa provided free treats and coffee and hot cocoa.

Festivities included snow-suit races and dances. Many of the plungers dressed in costumes, and a costume competition took place on the stage before the plunge.

Finally, the plunges began. Plungers were assigned to groups, to limit the number of people in the water at any one time. Spectators watched from above the plunge area.

All together, plungers raised more than \$110,000 for Special Olympics.

So why jump into a chilly water in your swimsuit or costume for the Special Olympics? Participants shared their stories.

Jeffrey Kovacs, of Bethlehem, a teacher with Colonial IU 20, said, "This is my second year doing it. Basically knowing that the money raised is going toward the Special Olympics and that it is associated with my job that I want to do it for all the students and athletes that will compete.

"My favorite part would be the rush of when you first jump in. I've swam all the way to the end and always go all

the way under and will continue to do so every year."

Caterina Campbell, head of the Colonial IU 20 Parent Support TEAM, said, "This is the first year the Colonial IU 20 Parent Support TEAM participated in the Polar Plunge.

"What inspired us to do something so extreme is how much the Special Olympics does for our children. We wanted to be part of helping raise money so that these amazing activities can continue to bring joy to so many children and adults with disabilities.

"The whole event was amazing, we had a blast and can't wait to participate next year."

Providing the entertainment, Joe Franzo said, "I started as DJ and MC of the Polar Plunge in February 2017. I was asked by the organizers to provide my services, and I was happy to do so.

"When I did it the first year, it was such an amazing event that I volunteer every year. I would hate to miss it.

"The amount of support seen by parents and volunteers for all the Special Olympics participants is wonderful.

"The number of people plunging, supporting Special Olympics fundraising and awareness, is incredible.

"I love the excitement of the day, and the fact that it brings everyone together for the good of the children who benefit from the event. I hope they keep asking me back!"

You can still donate to the Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge by visiting classy.org/event/2020-lehigh-valley-polar-plunge/e256246.



Kristen and Morgan, of Special Olympics Pennsylvania, have a little fun in the merchandise tent before the event begins.



A group of plungers waits by the river for their turn in the water. A changing area was provided at the plunge point.



Plunger Karen and her dog Bowser (aka Chewbacca) dressed warmly in cute costumes for the plunge.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
ESTATE OF ESTATE OF GERALDINE M. KUTZLER, late of Allentown, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MATTHEW SPITTEL, AKA MATTHEW H SPITTEL, AKA MATTHEW HARRY SPITTEL, late of the Township of Lower Macungie, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF CARLTON J. RITTER aka CARLTON RITTER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL
ZONING HEARING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC NOTICE
MECHANICS PLUS TOWING AND TRANSPORT, INC.
4701 Colebrook Ave., Emmaus, PA 18049
610-967-3035
Cars ready for sealed bid auction
Wednesday, March 25th - 9AM - 10AM

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF THOMAS M. SCHUYLER, deceased, late of Northampton, Northampton 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 payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF BETTY L. BERCIK, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

DOCKET # 1973 - Michael Sign Company c/o Wendy Flichman - PO Box 275, Ephrata, PA 17522. Location: 2600 MacArthur Towne Centre, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549846306986, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District.

94 DODGE STATION WAGON- VIN# 1B4GH54R2RX396611
96 TOYOTA TACOMA- VIN# 4TAWN74NOTZ087694
13 VAN GUARD TRAILER- VIN# 5V8VC5329DM304608
07 MAZDA RX-8-VIN# JM1FE173870209983
04 NISSAN MAXIMA- VIN# 1N4BA41E24C872651
05 FORD ESCAPE- VIN# 1FMYU02Z85KA29000
91 LAYTON DXL- VIN# 1SL200R27MH000194
00 FORD FOCUS- VIN# 1FAFP34P2YW333801
99 CHEVY MALIBU- VIN# 1G1NE52J8X6271298
00 DODGE CARAVAN- VIN# 2B4GP25G1YR859771
95 SATURN (SEDAN)- VIN# 1G8ZK5278SZ136085
02 MITSUBISHI LANCER- VIN# JA3J8612U065856

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DOMINICK THOMAS DeFILIPPO, deceased, late of Borough of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JOANNE L. LaBarre, deceased, late of Palmerton Township, 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 payments without delay to:

DOCKET # 1975 - EOS Property Management, LLC - PO Box 195, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 4510 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549848037340, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRUST OF EVELYN KEOWN, late of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
The Trustee, Grace Ann Keown, requests all persons having claims or demands against the Trust or the Settlor to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make payments without delay to Grace Ann Keown, Trustee, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy Duckworth, Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C., 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF DOMINICK THOMAS DeFILIPPO, deceased, late of Borough of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF KIMBERLY A. GROSS, deceased, late of Emmaus, 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 payments without delay to:

DOCKET # 1977 - James Foose and Carol Olsen - 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549970082436, the subject property is located in an OS1 Open Space Residential/Agricultural Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Trust of FLORENCE A. POREMBA, late of Center Valley, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
The Trustees, Elizabeth Krynicki and Thomas Krynicki, request all persons having claims or demands against the Trust or the Settlor to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make payments without delay to Elizabeth Krynicki and Thomas Krynicki, Trustees, c/o 2045 Westgate 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. Casso, deceased, late of Whitehall, 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 payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF RICHARD M. DUFOUR, a/k/a RICHARD DUFOUR, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

DOCKET # 1978 - Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC - 201 Seymour Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Location: 1259 Whitehall Mall, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549872328571, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. VEON, Deceased, late of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF MARGARET M. KUNKEL, deceased, late of North Whitehall 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 payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF GRACE ELIZABETH HARMON, a/k/a GRACE E. HARMON, deceased, late of Macungie, 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 payments without delay to:

DOCKET # 1979 - James Foose and Carol Olsen - 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 3244 Water Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549970082436, the subject property is located in an OS1 Open Space Residential/Agricultural Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Northwestern Recreation Committee will have a meeting on March 28, 2020 @ 8am; location of meeting will be at the Northwestern Recreation Fields.
Tammy M. White, Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Township/Lehigh County
Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE of Anna L. Stahl, a/k/a Anna Stahl, deceased, late of Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF GRACE ELIZABETH HARMON, a/k/a GRACE E. HARMON, deceased, late of Macungie, 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 payments without delay to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JOAN E. PERSING, late of the Township of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, 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:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF FORREST RONALD YEAKEL, aka FORREST R. YEAKEL, Decedent, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRUST NOTICE
Trust Agreement of Stewart R. Rockwell and Mary Nicol Rockwell, Dated October 9, 2006. Late of Emmaus, Lehigh County Settlor: Mary Nicol Rockwell Co Trustee: Bruce A. Rockwell and Leigh S. Rockwell

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, PA, on March 10, 2020 for the purpose of obtaining a charter of a corporation organized under the Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF JANET L. MEDENCE, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Eleanor D. Bowley a/k/a Eleanor Doris Bowley, deceased, late of Coopersburg, 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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(MEETING CANCELLATION)
As a precaution to reduce the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID-19), the March 26, 2020 Salisbury Township Board of Commissioners Meeting has been cancelled.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Frank J. Hanzl, Jr., late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Maria Stella Jaworski, deceased, late of Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Loretta Wilson, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Organization has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Limited Liability Act of 1994 for the following limited liability company:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Eleanor D. Bowley a/k/a Eleanor Doris Bowley, deceased, late of Coopersburg, 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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Dorothy H. Hahn, deceased, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Darlene Dorothy Muschitz, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Dorothy H. Hahn, deceased, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to Darlene Dorothy Muschitz, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Phyllis Marie Jones a/k/a Phyllis M. Jones a/k/a Phyllis Jones, Deceased. Late of S. Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 11/6/19. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to:

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ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and akk oersins undebted ti saud estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:
 Decedent: **IRMA H. HARTIGAN**
 Date of Death: February 5, 2020
 Late of: Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania
 Executor: **Patricia A. Morganelli**
 c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire
 211 W. Broad Street
 Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517
 Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire**
 211 W. Broad Street
 Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517
 Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

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 SECTIONAL, gray, 12 ft. 2 vib. ends. 1 corner, (2) 3 ft. sections. \$500. Snowthrower, 24" elec. start. Used twice \$400. Blue plastic electrical boxes - new work. 75 pcs. \$50. Ceiling tees 24 inches. 100 pc. \$50. 610-706-0588 Macungie.

80 FOR SALE
 1 PONY Wagon w/harness, blankets for carriage, sleigh & hayrides. 1 horse blanket, 2 carriage lanterns, 1 harness bell ornament & horse sulky. 610-837-1598 after 2pm.

390 HELP WANTED
 Computer Aid, Inc. seeks Techno-Functional Specialist in Allentown, PA to lead and support all aspects of MS Dynamics AX. Requires Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Electrical/Electronics Engineering, or related field plus 5 years of experience; 5 years of experience in MS dynamics AX, 3 years of experience in financial module(s) within MS Dynamics AX, 3 years of experience in X++/C# and SQL server 2012, and 1 year of experience in DIXF and Dynamics AX AIF. Req. unanticipated travel to client worksites. Email resume to patricia.doty@cai.io & ref. # TFS320

390 HELP WANTED
 Computer Aid, Inc. seeks Database Administrator in Allentown, PA to perform all aspects of Oracle DBA. Bachelor's (3 or 4 yr) in Info Tech, Comp Sci, Comp Applications or rtd + 5 yrs exp in Oracle database admin & Oracle applications database admin supporting Oracle EBS required. Domestic travel to client site as needed. Email resume to patricia.doty@cai.io & ref. # DA320

390 HELP WANTED
 FT & PT Assembly positions avail. at Sea Mar Tackle Co. Inc. Located in Schnecksville PA. If you enjoy knitting or crafting, this will be perfect for you. Hrs. of operation Mon.-Fri. 8-5. Email resume to: generalmanager@finstrike.com or call 610-769-0755

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 Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of **Catasauqua Area School District** from the Independent Auditor of France, Anderson, Basile and Company, P.C. for the Fiscal year Ended June 30, 2019, was filed in the Lehigh County Courthouse, Clerk of Judicial Court and the Northampton County Courthouse, Criminal Department and the Carbon Lehigh I.U. It will be confirmed absolutely unless an appeal is taken therefrom within thirty (30) days after the filing thereof. The report is available for public inspection at the Administration Office of the School District during normal business hours.
 Mar. 11, 18, 25

Municipal Cashier / Clerk
 The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time Municipal Cashier / Clerk. The Cashier / Clerk has bookkeeping responsibilities, and is responsible for the verification of calculations and their transfer to various fiscal departments. The position is responsible for refuse billing and collection as well as ambulance billing and collection duties, pavilion and field reservations, assisting the water and sewer billing clerk, accounts receivables, back-up for accounts payables, and other general accounting and clerical duties. The successful candidate shall have accounting and billing / collection experience. Experience in governmental billing or accounting is preferred. A high school diploma or GED is required and college degree is preferable. A full job description can be obtained by contacting Emmaus Borough Hall or by visiting the Emmaus Borough website. Starting pay is \$21.00 per hour to start, increasing to \$24.53 per hour after 1 year of employment. Applications shall be sent to Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 no later than 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 7, 2020- 7:30 PM
PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPELLANTS HAVE FILED AN APPEAL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA, A HEARING TO BE HELD AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 AT THE BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 90 BRIDGE STREET, CATASAUQUA, PA 18032. THE HEARING CONCERNS THE FOLLOWING:
Appeal # 01-2020 - Southwark Hose #9 Social Club seeks a Use Variance or a Special Exception to change the primary use of a property located at 338 2nd Street and 344 2nd Street, in the Borough of Catasauqua. The real estate is located in the Downtown Commercial Zoning District (D.C.) and is further identified as tax parcel 640808396214 1. While not specifically indicated on the Appeal Application, Southwark Hose #9 Social Club may also be seeking an appeal of a Zoning Enforcement Notice.
Appeal # 02-2020 - William O. Ritter IV and Tidy Time Solutions LLC seeks to appeal a denial by the Zoning Officer of a Use & Occupancy Application, and seeks a Special Exception to change the primary use of a property located at 38 2nd Street, in the Borough of Catasauqua, from a beauty salon to an office space. The real estate is located in the R-3 Zoning District (R-3) and is further identified as tax parcel 640817596965 1. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.
 Zachary J. Zubris
 Zoning Officer, Borough of Catasauqua
 Telephone: (610) 264-0571
 March 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
RE-BID BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
 Sealed Proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the Township of Bernards Sewerage Authority at the Municipal Building, One Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, at 10:30, prevailing time on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 for Re Bid # BSA 2020-04 Harrison Brook Sewerage Treatment Plant Main Switchgear Repairs.
 Each bid package has been filed in the office of the Purchasing Agent at the above address and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours, Monday through Friday. Bidders will be provided with a copy of the bid package upon request for a non-refundable cost of \$ 7.30 in the form of a check or money order payable to Bernards Township. Bid documents are also available to download at www.bernards.org under "Current Bids".
 All bid addenda will be issued on the Bernards Township website; www.bernards.org. All respondents should check the township website from date of advertisement through bid opening date. It is the sole responsibility of the respondents to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this project.
 Bidders shall comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17-27 et seq.
 Francis J. Decibus, QPA
 Purchasing Agent
 Mar. 25

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the Weisenberg Township Board of Supervisors will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEISENBERG, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE LITTERING AND DUMPING OF TRASH; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED CONDUCT; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS OF THIS ORDINANCE DEEMED TO BE INVALID; REPEALING ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." The proposed ordinance prohibits trash littering, as well as the accumulation and storage of trash on property in the Township. The proposed ordinance imposes civil penalties for violations. The Board of Supervisors will consider the foregoing Ordinance at a public meeting on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance is available to any interested party for inspection and/or copying at the Township Building, 2175 Seipstown Road, Fogelsville, PA 18051, or for inspection during normal business hours at the offices of this newspaper, Northwestern Press, 1633 N. 26th Street, Allentown, Pa 18104 and the Lehigh County Department of Law, Room 440, 17 S. 7th Street, Allentown, Pa 18101. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting.

The Weisenberg Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to understand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing, or other impairment is requested to contact the Township Secretary at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance.
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 Some preparation now will help ensure that your summer driving plans go as smoothly as you envision them now. ASE (The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) offers the following tips on getting your vehicle ready for summer.
 • Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.
 • Have hard starts, rough idling, stalling, etc. corrected before hot weather sets in.
 • Flush and refill the cooling system (radiator) according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically.
 • If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians.
 • The tightness and condition of belts, clamps, and hoses should be checked by a qualified auto technician.
 • Have a marginally operating air conditioner system serviced by a qualified technician to reduce the likelihood of more costly repairs.
 • Change the oil and oil filter as specified in owner's manual. (Properly dispose of used oil.)
 • Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended.
 • Check the condition of tires, including the spare. Always check tire pressure when the tires are cold.
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