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**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Carmine Fusco** 

Carmine **Fusco COVID-19 claims** local man as state's first victim **BY BERNIE O'HARE** 

# Special to the Bethlehem Press

industry and as a part owner of Wingate Farms in Bushkill Township, where he kept 20 horses. His decades on area racetracks, however, are ordinarily be a busy eclipsed by his death. one for Bethlehem area He was the first victim restaurants and pubs, in both Northampton downtown County and the state was eerily silent on St. to be claimed by the Patrick's Day. A stroll COVID-19 He died March 18 at St. Luke's University Hos-

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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.

# Virus dampens city's Carmine Fusco, 55, of Bath, was well known in the harness racing St. Patrick's Day celebration

### **BY DANA GRUBB** Special to the Bethlehem Press

On a night that would Bethlehem pandemic. along Main Street revealed many announcements on the doors of pital in Fountain Hill. businesses due to, at that time, the recommended closures of non-



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 celebrat-ing 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 disinfec-tant. She said she does



Organizing my pictures in Photoshop, and trying not to gain 20 pounds." **Ed Phillips** Hanover Township

> **PEOPLE SAY** Continues on A2

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB



caring for an elderly

parent and writing a

**Mark lampietro** Hanover Township

book."

PEOPLE SAY **BY DANA GRUBB** What are you doing to fill

# A message to our loyal customers

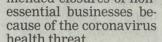
Until further notice, we will no longer accept walk-in customers at our offices. We have taken this step in order to protect our employees and the general public from the possibility of exposing anyone to the COVID-19 virus.

We will be happy to accept phone calls, and you can make payments through the mail or through the mail slot in our door or electronically on our website at www.tnonline.com.

Our offices will be effect. staffed and in operation conducting business over the phone and through email during this crisis.

Many of our employees will be working from home to continue publishing our newspapers, and we will continue to deliver them to the best of our ability.

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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.

Irish music floating out out orders. on the street or crowds general manager Ivan the dinner hour," Alicea ans even rarer.

quiet one. There was no staff were handling take- that after each customer.

Alicea said bare bones said. "We're doing what

As a sign of the cur-"We had a good push rent times, vehicular waiting to enter to cele- in the afternoon and or- traffic on Main Street brate. Instead, assistant ders have increased over was sparse and pedestri-

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# **Business owners make adjustments**

**BY LANI GOINGS** Special to the Bethlehem Press

Governor Tom Wolf's order closing all non-life sustaining business-

es has had extreme an Wolf on shuts of scores businesses, shops and hun A3 dreds, 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



**PRESS PHOTOS COURTESY LANI GOINS** 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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Your health deserves a partner



# **PEOPLE SAY** BY DANA GRUBB

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



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"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

# LOCKDOWN SPECIALS

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New Hours: Clusters Popcorn-Bethlehem will have limited busin hours of 12pm-4pm everyday

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

possible Julian Sghiatt

**PRESSPHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB** 

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

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pick-up.

Continued from page A1 "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 Steet Bethlehem

**Owner Arlene Brock**el'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 LANI GOINS PHOTO 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.



"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 husinesses.

"The priority of the Pennsylvania State Police is protecting lives and

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.





Dear Clistomer's

further notice

the retail door to the business

Due to the health concerns of our staff and customers

Clusters Popcorn-Bethlehem, will be temporarily closing

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

We ask anyone who may be visiting the store for a pickup

to please do your part by taking the appropria precautions prior to arrival. Please call us when you arri

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

so we can bring out your order in a timely fashion

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.

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

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

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Continued from page A1 Tragically, he is one of four family members who have succumbed to the virus.

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

critical condition.

Farms, described Fustrue horseman." He addwas involved in horse racing.

dest brother Italian-American fam-

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

are infected, with two in ily that included 11 children and 27 grand-Dan Markowitz, ma- children. He was also jority owner at Wingate close to Northampton County Judge Anthoco as "a hard worker, a ny Beltrami, who had known Fusco for years ed that the entire family and has ridden in several races himself. Judge Beltrami said he is too Fusco was the el- grief-stricken to comin an ment at this time.

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# **MUNICIPAL UPDATES**

# **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 cepartment 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.BASDschools.org.

### VITHANOVER 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 y check can be dropped in the drop box, located to the right of the municipal building meeting entrance, 24 hours a day.

# A lesson from history: The 1918 Spanish influenza epidemic

local

### **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, mea-sles – and the forgotten, short-lived Spanish influenza epidemic, so awful, that people buried the memory of it with their dead.

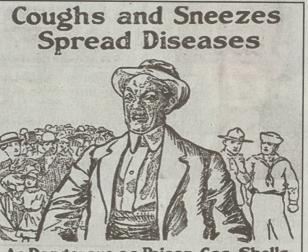
During the summer and fall of 1918, American soldiers who fought in France and Germany during WWI returned to Camp Devon in Boston, Mass., with typical symptoms of "la grippe," high fever, sore throat and headache. Camp Devon's hospital was soon filled to capacity with soldiers coughing bloody sputum, 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

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As Dangerous as Poison Gas Shells SPREAD OF SPANISH INFLUENZA **MENACES OUR WAR PRODUCTION** 

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

**GRAPHIC COURTESY KEN RANIERE** 

work, everyone smelled "medicated."

In September 1918,

of Spanish Influenza –

195,000 in October and

30 million worldwide.

Vigorous healthy men

survival, while the very

had a 50/50 chance of

young, the weak and

the very old were most

Armistice Day was de-

clared on Nov. 11, cases

of influenza began to

reported. While the

immunity.

drop, with fewer cases

number of susceptible

victims waned, those who survived developed

Some facts about

Spanish influenza

The following ap-

ment in the Reading

Times, Oct. 9, 1918 – "Spanish" influen-

za is a serious matter

though something of

a mystery. It probably

of the German Army

Holland, France, En-

originated in the ranks

and in prison camps. It

no doubt spread from -

the southward through Spain and northward to

gland and Scandinavian

countries. America was

free from it until Aug.

12, 1918, when a Norw

vulnerable. By the time

mounted, coffins were stacked three-high on porches prior to burial. When undertakers could 12,000 Americans died 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 peared as an advertise-- the vaccine they produced and distributed failed. Spanish influen-

za 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

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.

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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 meet**ings 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 BY JARRAD HEDES 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 indefinately. 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,

GOVERMENT 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.

collapsing their lungs leading to their death.

Beaver Oil or mentholated products. Though As the death toll quickly home remedies didn't

gian steamer arrived to an Atlantic port, having had over 200 cases on

pure, breathe all of it you can - breathe deeply.

# Wolf's orders hit businesses hard

# jmhedes@tnonline.com

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 also remains a possibility. 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.

and/or may be subject to other down period. appropriate administrative action.'

Criminal prosecution, he said,

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 Wolf said businesses in non- soon have the Economic Injury compliance could face citations, Disaster Loan assistance availfines or license suspensions, and able for businesses. The loans "forfeit their ability to receive can be used to cover expenses any applicable disaster relief still incurred during the shut-

# 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 the public, 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

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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.

# **ALTH 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 member

# **Emergency support groups** cope with coronavirus threat

local

# **BY DOUGLAS GRAVES**

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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 according to Jennings. He said case workers response to the coronavirus emergency. The shelter is being staffed rity. Jennings said that feet, they will need more time, lengthening the already unacceptably long local, state and federal waiting time to get in. despair," said Jennings, participating in situ- staying open, according "look in their [turned ation awareness calls to a statement released with federal partners away shelter applicants'] faces." "I don't know how we and HHS. We are develare going to adjust," said Jennings. "There are cleaning protocols to virus in the Lehigh Valway too many variables. of this in 40 years of service. challenged in taking on community problems as I am by this pandemic. There are far too many variables. Frankly, I'm scared."



**PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES** 

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



**PRESS PHOTO COURTESY LVHN** enterprises, the Sixth LVHN employees are recycling surgical wraps, Street Shelter in Allen- the common blue sanitary sheets that protect town, is facing a crisis, operating room instruments before they are

preciate your help now more than ever. Please continue your financial support and we now accept physical donations via curb-side 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 our-selves 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.'

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 GCSOM'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 pos-itives at Gracedale," Mc-Clure 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 judge. 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

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

Say you saw it in the Bethlehem Press

# **Salvation Army**

The local Allentown in need of emergency Army didn't return a employees facing laycall requesting a state- offs due to COVID-19. had a message addressfrom the national headquarters.

"As the coronavirus situation evolves. COVID-19 has evolved into a pandemic, we are cal divisions will conmonitoring the situa- tinue to work in close tential admittance. tion daily. Safety is of partnership with area have ramped up efforts experts to prepare and ployees, volunteers, and 23 million individuals and stay in a newly crevulnerable people we the more than 63,000 em- are their home. serve.

used and making coverings for N-95 masks.

have been sent home in one in six people live in to update this page as poverty, and more than developments warrant.

"We need support 550,000 are counted as homeless. These pop- from our communities by the caretaker staff, ulations severely lack to continue to meet the mainly to ensure secu- access to proper care, daily needs of these vulhygiene, updated infornerable without caseworkers to mation, and medical re- Your donations will concoach the residents on sources, which makes tinue to help us respond how to get back on their them more susceptible to the situation.' to the virus.

"We are working with

government and health

like FEMA, CDC, DHS,

mended by the CDC.

# Allentown **Rescue Mission**

populations.

The Allentown Res-"If you want to see authorities, including cue Mission will be by its President Stuart "Skip" Smith.

"With the growing oping new hygiene and pandemic of the coronahelp keep safe our res- ley the Allentown Res-I've never seen the likes idents and others who cue Mission is taking depend on The Salvation steps to make sure that Army's programs and our men are remaining "I've never been as services to survive. In safe and healthy. The addition, all staff, volun- Allentown Rescue Misteers, and program par- sion plans to stay open ticipants have been sent and continue accepting hygiene and prevention men during the paninformation as recom- demic. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, "We also anticipate and restore men who a significant increase are homeless and the Allentown Rescue Mission office of the Salvation assistance for low-wage is their last and only option.

"We are taking every ment, but its website The support we provide precaution possible, in-- rent/mortgage, utili- cluding facility isolation ing the coronavirus ty, and food assistance, areas, to minimize the among others - will be- spreading of COVID-19 come more urgent as the among both clients and staff. Men with symp-'Meanwhile, our lo- toms will go to the hospital for testing and po-

"Should the hospiutmost priority, so we government and health tal send men home who have tested 'positive,' to slow the spread of this respond to meet specif- they will be allowed to virus among our em- ic community needs of return to the mission the homeless and other we serve each year and ated isolation area. We ployees of our organiza-

Smith appealed to the "In the United States, tion. We will continue public: "We need and ap-

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# **AREA DEATHS**

# **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 Bennie 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.

provals from Infection Control and Prevention BY DOUGLAS GRAVES and Public Safety and Special to the Bethlehem Press Manage-Emergency ment 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."

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# **Remaining active during health crisis**



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.

**PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB** 

# "In the last 24 hours, our team has created a prototype, received ap- State of the county is 'excellent'

Executive County 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

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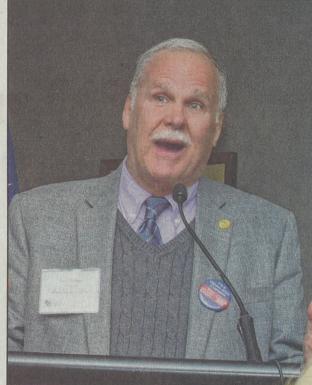
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# **LEHIGH COUNTY**



Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong

and encourage supervised treatment to

by September.

announced a new drug court that "will provide

addicts." Current plans are for it be operational

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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 "These tax revenue. 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 implement 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







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.

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



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# LEHIGH

Continued from page A4 nitive 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 Val-

ley." "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 the new contract with ghmark for a new Townhouses proposed for Van Buren to the new contract with Highmark for a new health and prescription plan that resulted in over \$1 million in savings over last year.

noted that a new county ordinance returns collective bargaining negocounty 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 preserva-tion, according to Armstrong, is "approaching a huge milestone at 25,000 acres of farmland places Lehigh County at number four in total number of farmlands preserved and number ferred to the city's con- present at the meeting. 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 fulltime 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.

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In a nod to the Coun- Planning meeting on his preference for river around the property. ty's strong unions, he Feb. 12 was a mixture of rock, stating that in oth- Residents would be avdrama and levity.

tiating authority to the velopment LLC attorney damaged. Jim Preston brought a proposal for land development at 305 1/2 to 321 an Buren St.

The developers are mes 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, preserved." He said this extending it to provide sight-lines for automobiles.

> March 6 memo, about the potential for cars parking outside of designated space on the property.

dressed the concerns. the property. He also commission noted that described an area of the a bike rack and a tree. James Butscheski, Ansuggested the neighbor consult the city forester, who could best ex- scribed a senior living ysis would be costly, and plain the root system of building with 40 liv- would be performed if the tree that would be planted. The next point singles, and half two approved. of contention was the bedroom units. She destrip between the drivepointed out the city prefers the divide be filled lehem Greenway and office, lobbying against

# **BETHLEHEM PLANNERS**

procedure and passion, er properties they had erage age 70 to 75, and developed, grass was would have access to a Van Buren Street De- easily driven over and small clubhouse and a

to approve the plan as the property. dated March 6, with the addition of the 6-inch Architects, spoke to lot line adjustment. The planning five townho- motion was seconded and approved.

for a zoning change for is comprised of a flood the property at 2105 Creek Road. The property is at the southern edge of Bethlehem city. The other side of Creek Road peaked roof unit being is Hellertown. The property is owned by Abra-The commission re- ham Atiyeh. He was not cerns, expressed in a Priya Atiyeh, who is the vice president of Manors of the Valley (several area senior or assisted living campuses, including Saucon Valley Man-Louis Antillo, a or), presented their plan about the potential wid-partner in the LLC, ad- for the site. She utilized ening of Creek Road. the large screen above Atiyeh's plan does not He accepted a request and behind the commisfor no parking signs on ion members' seats. The road. their decision would be stone Engineers spoke of yard the would have a recommendation to the design of the buildcar access blocked by city coucil, either for ing and lot as covering approval or denial of the only three percent of the zoning change request. property, compared to tillo's partner, spoke Chairman Molesky also the 25 percent coverage of a neighbor's concern address the screen's allowed by RRC zoning. that the tree would be connection and picture He also said the building too close to the build- quality issues, inquiring and parking lot would be ing. The commission of Darlene Heller about above the 100-year flood a requested hdmi cord.

with vegetation, i.e., to Hellertown,

The Bethlehem City grass. Antillo explained existing walking paths part time clinic in small A motion was made existing buildings on

Gene Berg, of Gauch specific conditions of the proposed development and the land itself. The next request was Much of the property plain and flood way for the Saucon Creek. He described the large building as a four story 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 comission asked include widening the

Bill Erdman of Keyzone. He said drainage Priya Atiyeh de- analysis and other analing units, half of them the zoning change was

Darlene Heller described the property as scribed numerous letways. The commision highly desirable, with ters and a petition subproximity to the Beth- mitted to the zoning with changing the zoning. See PLANNING on Page 8

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 Comission 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 sensaving the timents, 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 de-



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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 per-sons 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 clown persona at birthday celebraon the tip of her tongue when he asked for naming help.

Schantz said he never learned gathering. 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. 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

Four appeals are heard; 3 approved

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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 tions, nursing home visits and other venues where he can add joy to a

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 While she participated as a clown 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 Le-high Valley Health Network Community Partner, send an email to dgalbraith@tnonline.com.

# **CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE**

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, 2 or v www.healthvanimalcenter.org

**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, re-

for a new house on the the Jefferson Democratic subdivided property. The Club's appeal of a proposrequests were approved al to build a concrete out- unanimously approved, without conditions.

The second case was

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

The club's request was door patio to accommo- with considerations of a date smokers. The club 9:30 p.m. closing time, and



Gypsy is an 8-yearold 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 lovebug 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.

garding 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 stormwater washing onto Decatur Street, and a plan

124-128 W. Union St., and is located at 1002 Linden 114 W. Spruce St. Attornev were seeking a special exception to reduce offstreet 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.

St. The proposed patio Brandon Benner would be toward the rear spoke for the owners, who 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 over- to deny the request, and hang protection would be suggested Ms. Floyd con-

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 offered. The present off- ference with the zoning The third case was street parking of 15 spaces 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.

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 pointed out there are still which the board returned two more appeals on the with its decision to up- matter in process.

The meeting was run 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

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velopment had great value for the retirees of Bethlhem 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 Westgate Mall. 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 final word, requesting hdmi and having its buses enter local shopping centers for centers it does not bring its buses to, such as the

Minor subdivisions will be handled administratively, while major subdivisions will still go through the planning comission. Chairman Melosky had the

wireless connections for the rotunda.

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Trout fishing opener pushed back to April 18.

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# **THEY SAID IT**

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### **Matt Potts**

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# **VIA EVENTS** POSTPONED

Via of the Lehigh Valley is monitoring the latest updates on

# Hoping for a return to Normalcy Pates happy to top Mounties

# **BY KATIE MCDONALD** kmcdonald@tnonline.com

Freedom's boys' tennis team was in the middle of a match at Pocono Mountain East on March 13 when the Patriots became aware that the season was being postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Initially, I think we were all a little shocked, even though we were aware a postponement was possible, especially after the NCAA and NBA suspended their seasons," said Freedom tennis coach Matt Potts. "I am not really sure anybody knew what to think. Ultimately, all of the kids are optimistic that they will be back on the courts to finish the season, but we are all pretty much in uncharted waters.'

The Pates left Pocono Mountain East with their third victory of the new season, defeat-

ing the Cardinals, 7-0, after winning against East Stroudsburg North, 6-0, on March 9, but it was the 6-1 victory over Stroudsburg on March 11 that meant the most.

"Stroudsburg beat us convincingly the last two years, and we were aware that they were team district semifinalists last year, so we knew we had to come out strong and pretty much everybody did," Potts said.

In that match, Noah Potts won, 6-2, 6-3, at one singles, Arun Chhugani lost, 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, at two singles, and Gavin Labaddia won, 6-1, 6-2, at three singles.

"Our singles players are freshmen and one of our doubles players is a freshman, so high school tennis, itself, is new to half of our team," Potts said.

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Deshmukh Matt Potts is back as Freedom's number-one tennis player.

# Liberty girls softball would feature 13 senior players



### BY KATIE MCDONALD kmcdonald@tnonline.com

softball Liberty's team was at their practice field, having a laid back whiffle ball game when they were informed that the season they were looking forward to was being postponed because of the are Kylie Figueroa, Alacoronavirus outbreak with no resume date given.

Samantha Taylor or Julie Curti will play first base, Tori Panik will play second base, Alexa Burger is the Hurricanes' shortstop, and Julia Luisser or Hana Reifinger will play third base.

Liberty's outfielders nysee Solomon, and Na-

Missing my extended family

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I could make a case for my favorite sports season being fall, winter, spring, or summer, but I was in the middle of favoring

winter when I watched what was left of that season crumble before my



eyes on March 12. What was left were

PRESS PASS **By Katie McDonald** Freedom's

girls' basketball, Bethlehem Catholic girls' basketball, Liberty swimming, Moravian Academy diving, and Bethlehem Catholic diving, all in the middle of PIAA state tournaments and meets.

That Tuesday, I had covered the Lady Patriots beating Central Bucks West, and their screams of excitement and joy about heading to the quarterfinals I took all the way home

with me. That Wednesday, I covered the Lady Hawks beating Gwyn-ned Mercy Academy, and I can still see their looks of confidence and planned continuous determination about their upcoming quarterfinal. On that Thursday, I

was scrolling through Twitter to check up on the Liberty swimmers, and the two divers from Becahi and Moravian, who were all competing at Bucknell University.

I can't remember which came first, whether it was the tweet that announced the end to the state swimming

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on an ongoing basis and have been in contact with local health officials as this situation is developing rapidly.

As a precaution to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Via All-Star Basketball Classic has been postponed to May.

### Clinics

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May date and location TBD (formerly March 15)

## Via All-Star Banquet

Wind Creek Bethlehem Event Center Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (formerly March 25)

Via Super Saturday May date and location TBD, 10:30 a.m. (formerly March 28)

Paige Zigmund was throwing the ball well before the shutdown.

"I am brokenhearted," said Liberty coach Sam Carrodo. "Thirteen out of 15 of my players are seniors.

Senior Paige Zigmund will return to the pitcher's circle with Kat Borda doing the catch-

ing. "I hadn't seen Paige throw that hard and that good as she was throwing this year," Carrodo said. "She is doing really, really well.'

talle Calozzo.

"The team was looking really, really good. I thought we were going to do really well," said Carrodo. "Freedom has good pitching and they beat us twice last year, Beca always comes up with good teams, and Easton is always tough, but I thought we could handle it, especially the way Paige was pitching.

The Hurricanes were scheduled to scrimmage Notre Dame Green Pond See LHS on Page A10

and diving meet, or the postponement of the girls' basketball games. What I do remember is that I was sad.

Sports is my world in the sense that I have an occupation that brings me a lot of joy. From my purely sports writer perspective, each season happily reunites me with the coaches and players I haven't seen in months, and we pick up right where we left off.

It also reunites me with the announcers, scorekeepers, and officials, with whom I've grown a fun camaraderie.

District and state playoffs expand my sports world with fellow media members because we're all together, covering the same games instead of being scattered at different ones. Playoffs allow me to spend time with familiar reporters and photographers and meet new ones; people who are of the same mind and who are like me because we all do the same thing, have the same experiences, and, truth be told, have the same senses of humor. I also get to travel to other venues outside the Le-See MISS on Page A10

# BC potentially has a loaded team

### **BY PETER CAR** pcar@tnonline.com

If there is a volleyball season this spring, Bethlehem Catholic would certainly like to see what they can do this year. The Hawks have a new coach in Tim Sledz, but have familiar faces across the board, as they return all their starters from a team that made a run to the state quarterfinals last year.

'Ten seniors lead a very experienced team, which knows that in order to put together a successful season takes dedcommitment to a team,"

said Sledz. "There are only so many touches to go around but the main focus has been on team success."

Outside hitter Nick Greenawalt leads what could be a potent offense which includes fellow outside hitter Alex Santostefano, who is looking to move from middle to free up space for up and coming sophomore Owen McFadden. McFadden, along with Dylan Zambo, will be a force at the net both blocking and attacking the ball. The offense See BC on Page A10



ication to practice and is run by senior setter Dylan Zambo, right, is one of several key, returning players for the Hawks.



Fahim Paiker and

Dylan Sarkozy won at

Pates

hearts," Carrodo said,

season can be salvaged

"The seniors at Beca-

were

four doubles, 6-3, 6-3.

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# FHS

Continued from page A9 and Connor Olivieri won at two doubles, 6-2,

7-6 (6). "At two doubles, we came out ready to play and jumped on them early. Stroudsburg made some adjustments in the second set and maybe our kids lost a little focus, but they got back on track in the second half of the second set," said Potts.

"Advay was one of the best third singles players in the district last year. We had three tough freshmen come in and right now, Advay is

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Continued from page A9 on March 13 and had two other scrimmages

# ВЮ

Continued from page A9 Brent Brown, who has dual right side threats rounding out the offense with Pat Metzger and Aaron Sudigala. Defensively, the team is led by junior Jacob Sledz, who was an honorable mention all-area team last year as libero and senior Nathan Estock as

defense specialist. "We have a really deep team this year," said Sledz. "A lot of the players on the bench would be starters for us

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high Valley, and if I'm lucky, land in Hershey for a state final.

All this expansion was happening the week of March 9, and my sports world was becoming bigger than myself, and then it was halted and grew smaller, and all of the coaches, players, announcers, scorekeepers, officials, reporters, photogra-

at the two doubles spot, the third set," Potts said. but he's a kid who can compete with anybody. away from the net play-Connor is a very tal-ented freshman, who, and played aggressively I think has a very high when we got the chance. ceiling, and the two of Ultimately, we were able them play well togethto get the set into a tiebreaker and squeaked er

Shivam Chand and out the win.' Tommy Potts won at three doubles, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (4). "Three

doubles jumped out to a good scheduled to play their start, but the Strouds- fourth match on March start, but the Stroudsburg team (Jaren Norte 14 against Southern Leand Jake Hoffman) was high, but now, with the strong and pretty much season on hold, it redominated us in the mains to be seen where second set. Our kids boys' tennis will pick up got back to playing just for the 2020 season. good, solid doubles on

scheduled before their of them, all the teams. March 24 season opener It's going to break their at Easton.

"I hate to see this "but I'm not giving up happen to these kids, all until they say it's over.'

others years. The great cal athletics that hopes a thing about them is they can fill in anywhere if permissible. across the net. Yet, when we asked the play- hi and all across the ers what they wanted to league have put in so accomplish this year, much hard work over they all mentioned team these past four years," goals and how they want he said. "I really hope to help the team get to that they get to enjoy those goals. It is great to some part of their senior work with a team that year on the court and has that type of focus in the classroom. They on team vs individual deserve to be kids one goals.

With the 2020 season to have a senior night. the balance along It would be a shame for in with all other spring them to have to look sports, Sledz is among back and wonder 'what the many involved in lo- if'.'

phers, and venues would not be my world, and for how long, I didn't know. And that's why I was sad.

That Friday, I had the chance to speak to some fellow sports writers, and even then, after all the stoppages, we were of the same mind. We made inappropriate jokes about toilet paper, worried about our paychecks, empathized with the coaches, players, and parents, and then we

sadly realized that our team, our media team, wasn't going to get to play out the rest of our season either.

I don't know whether my next happy reunion will be with winter, spring, or summer sports, but I do know that, like the Pates, the Hawks, and the Hurricanes, I'm part of a team that will continue to do our part in our jobs, but in a different way for the time being.

March

# BC felt ahead of game "We kept the ball before the shutdown

### **BY KATIE MCDONALD** kmcdonald@tnonline.com

"A little anxious," is how Bethlehem Catholic softball coach Rich Mazza and the Hawks have been feeling since receiving the news that everything is off" hours before their scrimmage was to be played against Pen Argyl on March 12.

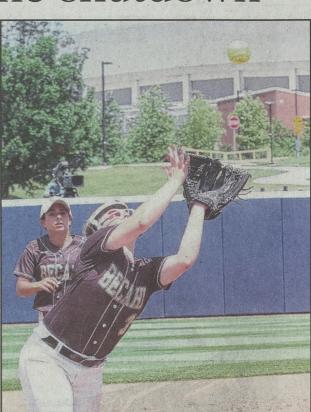
The Allentown Diocese closed all its schools early that day to help stop the spread the coronavirus, which meant no sports practices, matches, and scrimmages for Becahi student athletes. The shutdown was then extended to the state of Pennsylvania by Gov. Tom Wolf.

"This is probably the first year we were on the field the first day of practice (March 9). Usually, we're trying to shovel snow," Mazza said. "This year we only missed one day because of rain, so we were way ahead of where we were in the past."

Becahi has several seniors on the softball team who worked hard in the offseason, along with the rest of the players, and were excited to get started.

Haley both seniors, are competing for the first base position. Mazza has decided that both will be in the lineup, but one of them will bat.

Junior Abby Rodriguez is a transfer from Dieruff and will play second base.



Addison Roche looks to haul in a catch during last season.

Senior Alyssa Brand- Tony Iasiello. stetter is returning to shortstop, and senior er will be sophomore Addie Roche is return- Emma Bond. ing to third base.

sophomore from Stroudsburg, will za. "She's a new person.' play left field.

er is returning to center the season, at least, and McMenimen field, and senior Shy- was looking forward to and McKenzie Brandon, lynn Cordero will play strong division competiright field. Junior Ash- tion with Easton, Liberley Judd is also expected ty, and Freedom. to play right field. "I sent out

Becahi Teighan Boyle is return- Mazza said. "I just can't ing as catcher. She is the do anything with them.' granddaughter of late Becahi wrestling coach season game was schedand National Wrestling uled for March 24 at Hall of Fame member home against Dieruff.

Returning as pitch-

"Emma had a decent Jordan Merklin, a summer, and she is do-phomore transfer ing very well," said Maz-Mazza is hoping to be

Junior Jaden Spign- able to play a portion of

some sophomore emails to the players,

Becahi's first regular

# Fishing: Trout openers pushed back to April 18

**BY NICK HROMIAK** Special to the Press

The

Lehigh Valley trout anglers will have to wait a bit longer for the trout fishing opener.

Pennsylvania

will be prioritized to de- the PFBC's Outdoor liver trout to regions of Shop's website (www. the state that are predict- pa.wildlifelicense.com). ed to be affected most se- You can then take a verely by COVID-19 that smartphone photo of it could result in restric- and use it for identifi-

ings, says the agency, ing both online through



more time. They deserve





# Congratulations **COLE HANDLOVIC. Bethlehem Catholic High School**

high school match on March 7 and came away with a state gold medal in the process. Handlovic won the 145-pound title in Hershey, knocking off Northampton's Jagger Condomitti, who he ironically also met in the District 11 and Northeast Regional finals over the past several weeks, splitting those matches. Handlovic used a third period escape and takedown for a 3-2 victory. The gold medal, along with teammate Kenny Herrmann's gold, helped the Hawks to come away with the team title.



Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) has announced that they're consolidating opening days to one amid concern for the COVID-19 virus.

The separate early opening in 18 southeastern counties that was set for April 4 was canceled and has been reset for April 18 when the remainder of the counties had their usual and statewide opener. This also affects Men-

tored Youth Trout Day that will now take place on Saturday, April 11.

Another change will be that trout stocking volunteers will not be permitted as all stocking will be handled by PFBC personnel. The PFBC in their

press release says that in some cases preseason and in-season allocations of trout will be combined into single stocking events to increase the efficiency of stocking trips. Stock-

tions on travel.

In addition, stockings will be an- containing an image of nounced upon the com- your license is providpletion, rather than in ed via email. As for boat advance on the Fish- launch permits and reg-BoatPA mobile app and istration, customers will PFBC's website (www. eventually receive valifishandboat.com). such, it's also very like- tration cards in the mail ly that the published from the PFBC. stocking dates on the PFBC's consolidation. Added to better, aside from the vithis, stocking will occur rus concern, in that it's seven days a week until a bit warmer then and further notice.

Kauffman, PFBC District 6 Commissioner, season stockings, it's "We're trying to get as surmised that since many fish in the water PFBC personnel are as possible as quickly as stocking trout, they possible while we still won't be placing the have the best access to trout throughout the waterways and avail- stream as the many vol-able staff." unteers did, but mainly

chased your fishing li- stream as it's more expecense, boat launch per- dient that way. So let's mit or boat registration hope the fish will move and don't want to visit a around and not stay at tackle shop to do so, the one place. PFBC suggests purchas-

cation if a fish warden trout asks to see it as a pdf file As dation decals and regis-

The single opening website will day, like it was some change through this years ago, may be for the more conducive for kids According to Rick to more enjoy the sport.

As for the recent pre-If you haven't pur- put in deep holes of a

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**NASCAR THIS WEEK** 



Denny Hamlin, left, passes Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the last lap to win the first ever Pro Series Invitational virtual reality race at iRacing's Homestead-Miami Speedway. [NASCAR PHOTO]

# Virtual NASCAR racing becomes stock-car reality

# By Godwin Kelly

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ess than two weeks ago a group of NASCAR drivers started a conversation about holding a virtual race as a social distancing diversion. One thing led to another and this past Sunday Fox Sports 1 hosted the first virtual reality stock-car race from the cyber version of Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Thirty-five drivers competed in a 100-lap Pro Series Invitational Series race over the iRacing platform and FS1 supplied three commentators and graphics to give it a realistic look and feel. For those who missed the broadcast, Denny Hamlin passed Dale Earnhardt Jr. exiting Turn 4 on the last lap to score the victory. "I was trying to get to the finish, I was trying to win the race and trying not to wreck anybody," Earnhardt said from his virtual driving station. "I gave Denny a little more room than I wanted to, but I had to, to keep from crashing him or anyone else. It was a fun race." The early metrics are promising. At one point during the telecast the race was the top trending topic on Twitter. Fox won't have the hard TV ratings numbers until later this week. Hamlin said the event came together organically as NASCAR went a second

week without a real race because of the coronavirus outbreak. All professional and college sports have shut down with the hopes of slowing the spread of the disease. <sup>2</sup> With a lot more time on their hands, several NASCAR drivers started showing up on the iRacing platform to keep their skills sharp.

"I think everyone just started doing it, and then iRacing got involved and emailed everyone, said, 'Hey, this is what we're thinking about,'" Hamlin said after the win. 350 to 400 laps of iRacing to learn and engage myself as much as possible.

"I was excited about doing this because this was as close as you could get to the <sup>6</sup> · <sup>21(19)</sup> real world with having the real world. In my war room I didn't feel any differently than I would have been calling a real race from Homestead."

If those Nielsen ratings come in strong and NASCAR remains closed for business until May, virtual racing could

# QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Could this be a "when life gives you lemons" moment?

Quite possibly, both in the short and long term for NASCAR. In the short term, Sunday's enjoyable iRacing from "Homestead" didn't provide a long-term answer to the combination of anxiety and boredom associated with the current pandemic. It was a neat diversion and another race (or two) might be in order, and if they do, it'd be interesting to try one of the available dirt tracks to gauge the performance and reaction. Also, I believe Rockingham is an iRacing option,

### And longer term?

NASCAR officials say they plan to squeeze in all 36 races this season, which means they'll have to get creative with scheduling. If they have any desires to "test drive" ideas, this is the time to do it. Not just weekend doubleheaders, such as they've already scheduled at Pocono this summer, but maybe a NASCAR-IndyCar doubleheader somewhere.

### Is an early-May return at Martinsville likely?

Scheduled, yes. Likely, we'll see. Eventually, we'll wake up and the news will start trending toward the positive. Hopefully that'll happen soon and Martinsville is a reality instead of a hope. I'll put it at 50-50 right now.

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# 2020 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

Feb. 9: Clash at Daytona (Erik Jones)
Feb. 16: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 23: Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
March 1: Fontana (Alex Bowman)
March 8: Phoenix (Joey Logano)
March 15: Atlanta (postponed)
March 22: Homestead-Miami (postponed)
March 29: Texas (postponed)

"NASCAR got involved; television got involved and said they'd be interested. So, I think it all just came together."

Mike Joy, Jeff Gordon and Larry McReynolds called the action from the studio just like it was a real race, explaining the iRacing racing rules as the competition developed, such as each driver being given two car repairs, or resets, if they were involved in an accident.

Clint Bowyer set up his virtual driving station in the FS1 studio for quick driver feedback to the action happening on the track. At times it looked like a real race, depending on the shot angle.

"Everybody at Fox treated this like a big event," McReynolds said in a telephone interview soon after the race. "We were all in. In the last three or four days (before the race), I watched

April 5: Bristol (postponed) April 19: Richmond (postponed) April 26: Talladega (postponed) May 3: Dover (postponed) May 9: Martinsville May 16: All-Star Race at Charlotte May 24: Charlotte May 31: Kansas June 7: Michigan June 14: Sonoma become a short-term television regular.

"I've been broadcasting for 20 years and I've never really got engaged to rating numbers, because there ain't a damn thing I can do to change them," McReynolds said. "All I can do is what we did today.

"But I want to want to believe, based on the fact that our NAS-CAR fan was hungry for something on the race track. Since there were no other live sports events, I have to believe the interest level was high."

"I don't know if we will score a .5 or 5.5 but I look at this as a huge success," he added.

Hamlin thinks we will see more virtual racing in the near term as everyone practices social distancing for the foreseeable future.

"I think it would be a great thing to keep it going and get people excited for the real season when it kicks back off in early May," he said.

June 21: Chicagoland June 27: Pocono June 28: Pocono July 5: Indianapolis July 11: Kentucky July 19: New Hampshire Aug. 9: Michigan Aug. 16: Watkins Glen Aug. 23: Dover Aug. 29: Daytona

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**PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB** 

Bethlehem City Council's March 17 meeting may have been the first in its history without a quorum and nobody in attendance from the public.

# Semi-meeting held in empty room

### **BY DOUGLAS GRAVES** Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem city council's March 17 meeting had to skip its agenda when a lack of a quorum made it impossible to conduct business or vote on agenda items.

Four of the seven Bethlehem city council members skipped the Tuesday night meeting, leaving Council President Adam Waldron, Councilmen Michael Colon and William Reynolds the only audience as Bethlehem Department Health Kristen Wenrich and Bethlehem Emergency Management Director Robert Novatnack and Mayor Robert Donchez explained steps being taken to meet the emergency created by the corona virus.

council members at the pecially "while sitting dates on how the city's meeting, one was work- shoulder to shoulder in various departments are ing, one had emergency a council meeting." surgery, and one had a Instead of conducting "It's a very fluid situ-headache and decided to normal business as out- ation, sometimes changskip the meeting out of sense of caution.

eling frequently and virus crisis.

# 

Due to the Coronavirus situation we will not be using public comment sign-up sheets for this meeting.

However, we will still have both public comment sessions, with 5 minute time limits. First public comment will be for ANY SUBJECT NOT BEING VOTED ON THIS EVENING. Second public comment will be for ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON THIS EVENING. The President of Council will ask if anyone wishes to speak during each public comment period.

# Please make sure to state your name and address when you get to the podium.

# Thank you.

A notice informs the public that as a precaution ,the normal sign-up sheets would not be used if someone wished to address city council.

to reduce the chances invited the public to go

dron turned the meet- said. Councilwoman Olga ing over to Mayor Bob

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lined in the agenda, Wal- ing hourly or daily," he

One option of many Negron, in an interview, Donchez and his staff for on the table is to extend said she had been trav- an update on the corona deadlines for any tax or Bethlehem Health rus crisis. bill payments due the Director Kristen "We've been meeting city. "We will make a de- Wenrich reports



Adam Waldron explains that no official action would be taken without a quorum of councilmembers.



# **DEAN'S LISTS**

### **Clarion University**

Bethlehem residents Irena Guptill, Colleen Healey and Nathan Petke were named to the Clarion University of Pennsylvania dean's list for the fall 2019 semester To earn placement on the dean's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Clarion University is located at 840 Wood St., Clarion, 16214. For information, visit www.clarion.edu or call 814 393-2000.

# **Cedarville University**

Madelyn Schaffer of Bethlehem was named to the Cedarville University dean's honor list for the fall 2019 semester. To be included, she maintained a 3.75 GPA for the semester while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours

Cedarville University is located at 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, Ohio, 45314. For information, visit www. cedarville.edu or call 937-766-7700.

# **Coastal Carolina University**

Bethlehem area residents Erin Manzo, Carolina Paul-Lastres and Steven Riad were named to the Coastal Carolina University dean's list for the fall 2019 semester with a grade point average between 3.5-3.99.

Additionally, Bethlehem area resident Lina Perugini was named to the school's president's list for the spring semester for earning a 4.0 GPA.

Coastal Carolina University is located at 100 Chanticleer Drive E., Conway, S.C. 29528. For information, visit www.coastal.edu.

# **Grove City College**

Three area students were named to the Grove City College dean's list for the fall 2019 semester.

Christian Burns and Gabriel Yaich were named to the list for having a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59. Jonathan Skee was named to the dean's list with distinction with a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84.

Grove City College located at 100 Campus Drive, Grove City, 16127. Call 724-458-2000 or visit www.gcc. edu

### **Hofstra University**

Megan Forst and Marlana Ryan of Bethlehem were named to the Hofstra University fall 2019 dean's list for earning a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester.

Hofstra University is located at 1000 Hempstead Turnpike, Hempstead, New York 11549. For information, visit www.hofstra.edu or call 800 463-7872.

# Lebanon Valley College

Justin Benton, Lauren Bunke and Jennifer Lopez, all of the Bethlehem area, were named to the Lebanon Valley College dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. To be included, they maintained a GPA of at least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Lebanon Valley College is located at 101 College Ave, Annville, 17003. For information, visit www.lvc.edu.

### **Shenandoah University**

Kelly Donah and Hannah Hale, both of Bethlehem, were named to the Shenandoah University fall 2019 president's list for earning a GPA of 3.9 or higher.

Shenandoah University is located at 1460 University Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22601. For more information, call 540 665-4500 or visit www.su.edu.

### **Slippery Rock University**

Bethlehem resident Shawn Camus was named to Slippery Rock University's fall 2019 dean's list. To qualify, the undergraduate student earned an adjusted semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits.

Slippery Rock University is located at 1 Morrow Way,

felt that she should stay away from the meeting daily," said Donchez. He

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cision on that within the next week or so," said Donchez before he turn ed to Bethlehem Health Department Director been monitoring travel-Kristen Wenrich, who ers coming into Bethlealso briefed the three council members present.

nate here in the Leihigh those offered were only Valley," said Wenrich, good as of March 17. She "to have such a great emergency preparedness infrastructure.

place and we regularly drill those plans," said Wenrich. She said that since the beginning of this outbreak, the Health Department has

Wenrich reports on the single identified case of the coronavirus in Bethlehem.

hem from China since mid-January.

She said the numbers "We are really fortu- are changing daily, so said the Health Department is monitoring one case in Northampton "We have plans in County and one in Lehigh County.

Wenrich said, "They are opening up mass testing facilities in Montgomery County See CITY on Page A16

Slippery Rock, 16057. For information, call 1-800-778 9111 or visit www.sru.edu.

# University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Leah D. Fastenau of Bethlehem was named to the 2019 fall semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, for completing 12 or more letter-graded credits with a 3.66 grade point average.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities is located at Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455. FOr information, Call 612 625-5000; visit https://twin-cities.umn.edu/.

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# dining & entertainment



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

PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB In the community dialogue that ended the 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 part-nership 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 hope-ful 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.

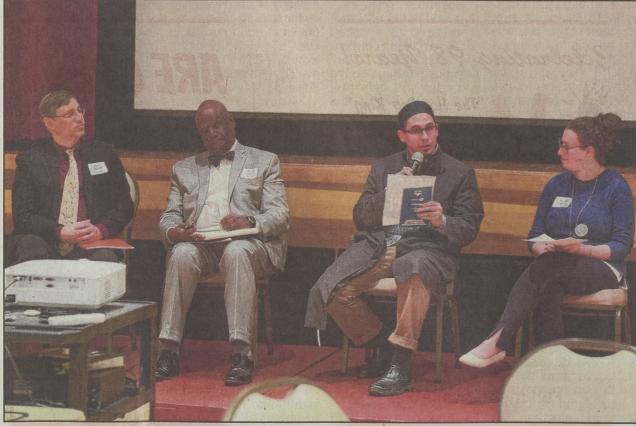




Several of the over 220 in attendance check in and receive their table assignments.



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.

# MAMA'S MUSINGS A14. THE PRESS

# M is for mess

It's amusing most of our healthcare options start with the letter M. And appropriately so, because much of it is a convoluted mess!

It has been this way for at least as long as I've been alive, or at least since I was in preschool. That is when

my adopted father died, leaving his wife a new single mother with two young children.

In college, I took a class in human resources. One of the units covered healthcare. I had no idea the mess this would uncover. One day in class, my professor was going over Medicaid benefits. He explained that the minor children of widows and widowers who receive Social Security are eligible for Medicaid.



My mouth dropped open. My widowed mother paid out of pocket for Blue Cross coverage for me and my sister. For over 20 years!

Before I could recover from the shock and speak, a woman at the front of the room burst out of her seat. She was irate. She had been widowed a few years earlier and had a young son. Like my mother, she paid out of pocket for their healthcare.

It seems when you applied for Social Security for yourself and your kids after the death of a spouse, no one at the Social Security office bothered to explain Medicaid eligibility. This is a complete failure. Who expects someone who has just lost a spouse to understand all the options?

Further complicating matters, Medicaid, aka Medical Assistance, is managed at a state and county level. Social Security is managed at a federal level. This is akin to getting three people who speak different languages to communicate with each other.

Recently, I had to reapply for medical assistance. Since our income changed, I had not renewed, thinking James' coverage was intact because of his ADHD diagnosis. I was unpleasantly surprised to discover that information was missing from our file. Once everything was resubmitted, Erick, my oldest son, was denied. Try explaining formulas to a 20-year-old who didn't study human resources.

Even as I worked on this column, I received another notice that now the county wants more confirmation of James' needs. And from what a state worker told me, every parent of a child with special needs, regardless of income, must go through this process. Multiple times. Conventional healthcare, be it major medical or marketplace, will not cover these services. Even so, each year I have fill out forms that go to my health insurance, knowing it is strictly a formality, and they will be rejected.

Someone must be making a fortune on all this paperwork.

Back when I was in college, I thought about going for a master's degree in economics and planned to start with further exploring the cost of not insuring those children of widows through omission. Now I think this is merely going to be one chapter in a larger book.

By the way, Medicaid, you owe my mother a lot of money. Single motherhood is tough, and no one should be making it more difficult than it already is.

# **AARP SCAM ALERTS**

## What to do after identity theft

We take a lot of precautions to protect our personal information, but we're not the only people responsible for our data. So many different entities have our personal information it's hard to keep track. Our banks, health providers, email, TV and internet provider, retailers and more all have our data and many of them have been hacked. The reality is that most Americans have already had their identity compromised. So what can we do to protect ourselves after the fact? Here are three steps to protecting yourself after your personal information has been stolen: sign up for credit monitoring that will alert you if someone tried to open an account in your name; place a free security freeze on your credit to help stop identity thieves from opening new accounts in your name and establish online access to all of your bank accounts, credit cards and retirement accounts and check them frequently.

**BY CHRIS REBER** creber@tnonline.com Gov. Tom Wolf says that the state needs to use every tool at its disposal to prevent COVID-19 from spreading at a rate that would overwhelm the state's healthcare system.

"The difficult decisions we make now will make it possible for the healthcare workers to manage this crisis as we see the full brutality of the virus in the coming weeks," Wolf said during a press conference Friday.

According to the Department of Health, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the state more than doubled since last Wednesday. A day after Wolf ordered businesses which are not "critical to sustaining life" to close their physical locations, he defended the decision in a

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virtual press conference.



**PRESS PHOTO BY MARTA GOUGER** Drive-through testing sites like this one in Monroe County are being set up by area hospitals. Residents who feel they need to be tested are asked to first contact their helath provider.

health systems. Limiting terest loan program for exposure by closing busi- small businesses which nesses' physical locations are affected by his order, means that fewer Penn- in addition to programs sylvanians will become which are available from sick at the same time, re- the U.S. Small Business quiring hospitalization. Administration.

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**ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD** 

opinion

Graphic commentary by Ed Courrier



# Wolf tries to ease burden on hospitals across the state

# ery option to add capacity to the hospital systems, including space, staffing, supplies of necessary equipment and standards

of care for treatment. She again emphasized that the best thing for Pennsylvanians to do to fight the spread of the virus is to stay home, as well as follow the CDC guidelines for handwashing, touching your face, and cleaning surfaces regularly.

Levine specifically addressed younger people who feel they may not be at risk for serious illness from the COVID-19 virus.

Levine cited data from the CDC which said 20 percent of all hospitalized COVID-19 patients are be tween 20-44 years of age. And in other countries, 50 percent of confirmed cases were people under 54 years of age.

"We are seriously concerned that individuals

**By Lani Goins** 

### Freezing credit

The sheer volume of data breaches makes all of us vulnerable to identity theft. Placing a freeze on your credit is one of the most effective ways to protect yourself from identity fraud - when someone uses your information to open accounts in your name, or even take over your existing accounts.

Here's what to know before you start the process.

First, you will have to freeze your credit with each of the three major credit agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You will also need to create passwords and PINs for each, so have a filing system for retrieving the information if you need to unfreeze your credit in the future.

If you are placing a freeze for other family members, you will need their Social Security numbers.

### Credit repair scam

If you're like a lot of Americans, you spent a lot during this holiday season and you might be in the mood to tackle your debt in the new year. Getting yourself out of debt is hard work. It takes time and discipline. Be wary of offers of guaranteed quick fixes. Con artists prey on consumers' frustration over finances by offering the keys to getting your finances in order. These offers usually involve up-front fees, bad advice like stopping communication with your creditors and vague details on what services they actually provide. If you need help getting out of debt, turn to an organization like the nonprofit National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

### Bank imposter scam explained

A new scam that has emerged recently involves criminals posing as bank representatives and offering to pick up a customer's "compromised" bank card.

This scam originates over the phone with the impostor offering to send a "senior services" agent to the house to pick up the credit card or debit card and PIN so the problem can be fixed. The crook then racks up credit card debt or drains checking accounts attached to debit cards.

Know this: banks don't have "senior service centers" from which they send bank employees to your home. If you get a call like this, hang up.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

Wolf said the move was needed because the virus is increasing at a rapid pace in the state, particularly in urban areas and all of Southeastern Pennsvlvania.

Wolf said he is acting in order to avoid having the virus overwhelm the state's hospitals and

everything perfectly, but necessary for the federal are not heeding the meswe're going to do every- government to pass an sage to stay home and are thing we can to prevent economic stimulus pack- creating an unnecessary our hospital system from age once the crisis is over. risk to themselves and crashing like we've seen said.

the state will start its wide prepare for a surge own \$60 million low-in- of patients, looking at ev-

Wolf said that it

in other countries," Wolf Rachel Levine said her a significant impact on department has been our healthcare system,' Wolf announced that helping hospitals state- Levine said.

in the 20-44 age range Secretary of Health others. This could lead to

# Lehigh Valley leading hospital networks issue joint message, advice to patients

Officials of the Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network, not- sons said patients whose do for the safety of every- or your MyLVHN app; ing their organizations procedures are post- one in our community is call the MyLVHN Nurse are in regular communication with each oth- ed individually. They exposure to the virus is 402-LVHN; and complete er with respect to the note postponing elective our first and best line of an LVHN Video Visit by impact of coronavirus surgeries will help pre- defense. COVID-19, have issued a' vent the spread of disjoint message regarding ease and help the hospisurgical services by both networks.

two leading hospitals tive equipment for pro- healthy habits - Keep state:

"As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, continued, "Both LVHN the surgeon general, Jerome Adams, MD, and the American College of the safety and health Surgeons have recom- of the communities we health network's webmended hospitals limit elective surgical procedures. These measures are intended to allow hospitals to be prepared for the anticipated surge in COVID-19 cases, as well as to limit patient and caregiver exposure.

LVHN and St. Luke's geries will be postponed. This will not affect urgery or any other elective surgery where delay

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poned are being contact- stay home. Minimizing Information line at 1-888tals to conserve precious chest tightness are all resources such as blood, symptoms of COVID-19. In that message, the ventilators and protec-

viders.

and St. Luke's have taken measures to promote alone. Each person plays or LVHN.org/covid19). a major role during this unprecedented crisis."

cludes:

say some elective sur- Wash your hands with resources. You can use for at least 20 seconds to contact a health progent /emergency sur- throughout the day, es- vider at your preferred org/covid-19 and LVHN. pecially after touching health network: commonly touched sur-

• Know the symptoms - A dry cough, fever and

Continue with your scheduled doctors' The joint statement appointments and procedures

Stay-up-to-date Stay connected by checking updates from your serve, but we can't do it site (SLHN.org/covid-19

• Stay home – If you feel sick, contact your Meanwhile, the hospi- health provider and he/ tals issued a list of steps she will inform you of the public can take to next steps. We are rehelp ensure safety. It in- serving COVID-19 tests for people who exhibit • Wash your hands - symptoms to conserve soap and warm water the following methods

LVHN - complete an

could cause a negative faces, before eating and E-Visit (detailed ques-• Avoid large crowds ted to a provider) by Hospital spokesper- - The best thing you can visiting MyLVHN.org downloading the MyL-VHN app.

St. Luke's - call your St. Luke's Physician Group practice; download the St. Luke's app and utilize the video visit feature to connect with a doctor; call St. Luke's Coronavirus hotline at 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7; and email: coronavirus@ sluhn.org.

The two hospitals, meanwhile, have implemented common hospital visitation restrictions to limit any confusion in the community. The "No Visitation, No Access Policy" has been implemented for all LVHN and St. Luke's hospitals and outpatient facilities. You can read those policies at SLHN. org/covid19.

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# school

BETHLEHEM AVTS NOTES By Liam Chavez

# Studying COVID-19 Area robotics teams compete

# from Italy's view

Health career students at the Bethlehem Area Vocational-School had the opportunity March 10 to Facetime college student Margherita Grillo, presently studying at Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia in Modena, Italy. Her family residence is located approximately 623 miles from the Università. Therefore, she is being restricted from returning home. Residents were told at the end of January to limit travels and stay home.

Margherita said she feels residents did not heed the warnings issued by the government to restrict travel, possibly because many people believe the rules apply only to others.

Margherita is a cousin of one of the staff members, Nina Pardoe, at BAVTS. To bring the virus impact attention to health career students, the BAVTS staff held an interactive session with Margherita. She said Italians first heard of the virus at the end of January and felt nonchalant toward the disease, as they felt it was too far away from their



Chavez

home. Little did they realize that their region would be considered a red zone where residents are now in a lockdown situation which restricts travel for emergency situations only. After a brief exchange of introductions between Margherita and the students, they began their questions and answers.

Students had the opportunity to pose questions regarding the situation from her point of view. As of March 8, Margherita said, Italians were starting to be in low supply of bread and pasta. Here in the U.S. snow belt, it's bread and milk.

A student asked about the space in their hospitals. As of that time, Margherita said, the public was informed that even if they did follow instructions and self-quarantine, hospital staff may have to choose whom they could provide care for.

Was the population preparing for this outbreak? She said nobody had been preparing because they didn't realize how quickly the virus spread.

Unbeknownst to our students, within less than a week, they would be in practically the same situation of limiting travel and interaction with others. Empty store shelves, empty schools and increasingly empty streets are a few of the effects being experienced. COVID-19 was officially declared a global "pandemic" by the World Health Organization. Since then, the panic surrounding the virus has grown worse.

Governor Tom Wolf officially announced the closing of all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania for 10 business days beginning March 16. After the 10-days, an evaluation will take place to determine whether or not more time is needed.

Currently, some people foresee the schools possibly being closed for the remainder of the school year. At the same time, a big question facing school administrators right now is how exactly to go about online schooling. This problem is even more significant amongst the state's career and technical schools because of how hands-on the work is.

The fact of the matter is that no one was quite ready for the effects COVID-19 would have. While many students are pleased by this inevitable leave of absence, others are concerned about things like graduation and sports. Most schools have seen their sports seasons either canceled or postponed.

Despite the fact that local school practices have been canceled, Liberty HS Head Baseball Coach Andrew Pitsilos says, "Liberty's team will not give up and will continue to keep in shape, anticipating the time when they will play again."

As for seniors, what will happen concerning graduation remains uncertain. I know that I have found myself a bit concerned when it comes down to whether I will graduate this year, this summer, or next year. Nothing is certain at the moment.

What is important now, though, is that we all do our parts in taking the necessary precautions to prevent the catching and spreading COVID-19. This includes washing hands, staying home, and practicing social distancing when in public. Otherwise, all we can do now is wait and pray that our government makes decisions that are in the people's best interest.

### **BY DOUGLAS GRAVES** Special to the Bethlehem Press

Fifty teams of robotics enthusiasts filled the cafeteria at Emmaus HS all intent on seeing their automated creation in the winner's circle.

Emmaus's Steel Hor-nets Robotics team hosted the First (the name of the organizing nonprofit is "First") Tech Challenge State Qualifier Ro-botics Competition. Lead by EHS Chemistry and Robotics instructor John Bradley, Connor Mack, Rachel Tobey, Gabriel Black, Laura Klopchin and Ian Zakos and many other Emmaus students

ents and coaches came

Three teams from the Lehigh Valley compet-Team "Le Pampleed: mousse" from Freedom HS, team "Panthera Robotica," representing Saucon Valley, and a nonschool affiliated team with members from several local schools. Team "Igutech" members came from Freedom and Liberty high schools and Orefield MS.

"I've always had a knack for anything electronic and mechanical. I thought this would be a good extracurricular activity," said Freedom junior Steve Lantosh.

Peter Pequeno, the mentor for the Saucon Valley team, said, "We won two out of our five rounds today. We didn't win overall, but we are super happy with our team. They have overcome many obstacles this season (their first season as a team) and have delivered a great first robot and shown great teamwork.'

First's program offers more than \$80 million in scholarship "from nearly 200 providers," according to the organization's literature.

A First robotics com-



**PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES** 

Panthera Robotica team members, all from Saucon Valley, hurriedly reprogrammed their robot to adapt it to recognize the floor's texture which was different from what they had practiced on at school. From the left: Eric Brown, Connor Morgandale and Emma Patterson.



Freedom's team, Le Pamplemousse: Tyler Malitziki, Nilansh Gupta, Sebastion Jakowski, Tyler Smith, Steven Lantosh and Krishna Korrapati,



provided the support staff for the robotics competition. Students and their par-

from as far away as Sharon, Massachusetts, and from all over Pennsylvania. Several teams were from New York, Dela-ware and New Jersey.



petition, according to its promotional material, is 'not a science fair driven by a teacher-selected list of the best and the brightest. Not about individuals so much as it is about teams. It is truly diverse. Minority and female participation is the norm. Many kids who aren't necessarily doing well academically ... yet. They aren't just geeks. They are athletes, musicians, and former dropouts, and the demonstrate talent they did not know they had. It's an at Red Lion Senior HS in Red Lion. The results of the weekend's competition at EHS were not immediately available.

The lgutech Robotics Team had students from several local schools. Front, left to right: Brian Raneri - Freedom HS; Jianing Wang - Liberty HS. Back row: Evan Slieh - Liberty HS; Somac Roy - Freedom HS; Jerrod Harris - Orefield MS.



**PHOTO COURTESY OF BAVTS** Bethlehem Area Vocational-School health career students Facetime with college student Margherita Grillo, presently studying at Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia in Modena, Italy. Margherita is a cousin of BAVTS staff member Nina Pardoe.



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LEHIGH PENNSYLVANIA

AST FOR Today we will see cloudy skies with an humidity of 75%. East northeast wind 9 to 13 mph. The record high for today is 77° set in 1963. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of rain, overnight low of 41°. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 37°. The record low for tonight is 17° set in 2014. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 45% chance of

scattered rain, high of 57°, humidity of 57%. West wind 6 mph. Thursday night, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 44°. Southwest wind 4 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 45% chance of scattered rain, high of 58°, humidity of 50%. Northwest wind 4 to 8 mph.

# Weather Trivia

Which area is warmer, the North Pole or the South Pole?

Answer: The North Pole.

# Local hospitals set visitation policy

safety of patients, staff visitors are permitted Department and the community in except under these spemind during the ongoing cial circumstances: coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) and St. Luke's Universiimplementing a common or neonatal ICU "No Visitation, No Achospitals and outpatient delivery unit facilities, including Le-Luke's Physician Group • One parent/guard-(SLPG) offices. The "No ian at a time for pediat-Visitation, No Access ric patients Policy" took effect for all LVHN hospitals and outpatient sites as of Sunday, March 15, at 12:01 a.m. and at 5 p.m. tients undergoing same-Monday, March 16 at St. day surgeries and proce- understand these re-Luke's In the hospitals and

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• One visitor to accompany patients for hospital discharge

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and Lehigh] have already done it," said Novatnack. "It's a document we are council] President Waldron and the mayor.

"That means we will activate our emergency the council that the var- he said, referring to she hopes to see that operations center down-

counties [Northampton funds down the road is not necessary since from FEMA [Federal **Emergency Management** Agency]. "That's one of working on with [city the reasons we want to declare a state of disas-

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Novatnack ious city departments the depth of the chain

Bethlehem has a robust tap water supply system. He assured the council that a priority is that government continue to function. "We're three assured deep in everything,"

STUDENT PROFILE Coordinated by Julie Swan

# **Kaitlin Borda Liberty HS**

### Grade: 12

Family members: Father, Brian Borda, mother, Stacy Borda, sister, Brianna Borda

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Favorite subject: My favorite subject is actually more of a class I am taking. I am a student in Protective Services at Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School. I love this class because I learn things that pertain to my interests and will help me in my future career. Our class is based on police, fire, EMS and military work.

Activities: I am in the military and volunteer with my local police and fire department. I also am a Bethlehem Police Explorer and an enlisted soldier for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. I am also involved with Nancy Run Volunteer Fire Company, a member of Liberty's Key Club, practice karate at Bethlehem Karate Association and am part of my high school's varsity field hockey and softball teams. This past summer I attended Army basic training ment (so far): My greatest at Fort Leonard Wood, Mis-



mate sacrifice for others. Hobbies: My hobbies are staying active with sports, and helping in my commu-

nity. Current job(s): I am a waitress

Volunteer/community work: I spend a lot of my time volunteering in my community.

Likes: I love helping people. It has always been a passion of mine.

Greatest accomplishaccomplishment by far has

health.

ter," he said.

tients, family members and friends, and they are 12 is permitted to visit in sympathetic to those concerns. At the same time,

they must be responsible

to the communities they

serve and do what's best

to protect everyone. We

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nurses and staff as they

help our organizations

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will allow the facilities

to return to the more

normal lifestyle and activities everyone is ac-

Contributed article

A united effort follow-

fight COVID-19.

as possible.

lab and results; she said time shortened.

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and in the Philadelphia

area. She said there is

a three to four-day delay

between corona virus

testing in a commercial

emphasized She that the test should be reserved for cases of known exposure or for health care workers or emergency care workers, or by doctors to help diagnose patients.

Robert Novatnack, Bethlehem's Emergency Management Director, spoke to the councilmembers present, saying he was planning to declare a state of disaster. "The

stairs," said Novatnack. "There will be restricted pandemic. access. It's a level three ,with level four being a said everyone should lisnormal day.

He said they are responding to every call just as they always do. [the spike in corona vi-He said once a respond- rus cases]. He observed ing team gets to the location, they are sending in one responder to evalu- cases low, there will be ate the situation in light an inevitable criticism of the potential for the that the medical issue.

Novatnack said a city may be able to recoup hording of bottled water

were prepared for the

Waldron, in response, tened to the experts, and follow best practices to help "flatten the curve" that if they do succeed in keeping the number of ulat the "government over reacted."

Novatnack added that

of command for all the functions of city government.

Councilman William Reynolds offered a general "thank you" to Novatnack and the community of emergency responders. "We're in an unprecedented situation and vou are implementing plans you never thought or were hoping would never have to be put in place."

souri. I graduated with the second highest APFT (Army Physical Fitness Test) score in a class of 140.

Next steps: After high school, I will attend my Army AIT (Advanced Individual Training) for 11 weeks. Following that, I will attend college majoring in criminal justice.

Career goals: I hope to work as an officer for the Bethlehem Police Department.

Heroes: I am beyond thankful and grateful for those around me in these fields of work; those who work hard every day to help and protect others, who put their lives on the line and are willing to make the ulti-

been the completion of Army basic training. All of my life I was told I could not do it because I was female or because I was not strong enough.

Advice for peers: If you want something, go get it! Do not ever let someone tell you that you cannot do something. When you find something in life that you love, you will strive for it. It will push you to work hard and be the best version of yourself. Make your own path in life; do not strive to follow others, strive to leave a mark on the world.

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WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2020



# STORIES AND PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

The spotlight is on Lehigh Valley high school musicals and, although the road may be bumpy on the way to the 18th annual Freddy Awards, the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section continues its annual preview series.

Students and teachers put a lot of time, effort and money into their school theater productions. This is their time to shine. With school closings March 16-27, consult district websites about performance updates.

The 2020 Freddy Awards ceremony, scheduled for 7-10 p.m. May 21, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, is to be telecast live on WFMZ and wfmz.com.

For a list of the 29 participating high schools, musicals, performances and ticket information: TheLehighValley-Press.com; freddyawads.org



Whitehall High School's "Cinderella (2013 Broadway Version)" cast includes, from left, Samantha Di Carlo (Cinderella), Sophia Libonati (Marie, Fairy Godmother), Rachel Hanzarik (Madame) and Quinn Martin (Gabrielle).

# WHITEHALL 'Cinderella'

An iconic fairy tale is choreographer scheduled to come to the stage as "Cinderella (2013 Broadway Version)," 7 7 p.m. April 2, 3, 4 and 2 p.m. Award nominations and April 5, auditorium, Whitehall High School, 3800 Mechanicsville Road, Whitehall

The show has music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, and book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Douglas Carter Beane

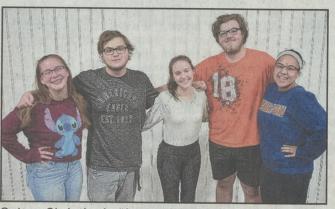
Producer, director and music director Eddie Hong is assisted by assistant director Monique Haney and

Melissa

Zimmer. The 2013 Broadway debut received nine Tony garnered one Tony.

Musical numbers in-clude "In My Own Little Corner," "Ten Minutes Ago," "Do I Love You Be-cause You're Beautiful?" and "There is Music in You."

Ticket information: showtix4u.com/ events/whitehalltheater; 610-437-5081, ext. 93270



Salem Christian's "Anne of Green Gables: The Musical" cast includes Alyssa Vella (Anne Shirley), center, and, in double-casting, from left, Rileigh Hoffner (Marilla Cuthbert), Gage Slack (Matthew Cuthbert), Zachary Landis (Matthew Cuthbert) and Melanie Vizcaino (Marilla Cuthbert).

# SALEM CHRISTIAN 'Anne of Green Gables'

A self-reliant orphan bles."

travels to her new home in "Anne of Green Ga- hard is assisted by co-dibles: The Musical," 7 p.m. rector Pam Stevenson April 2, 3, 4 and 1 p.m. and music director Jane and 7 p.m. April 4, audi- Rivera. torium, Salem Christian School, 8031 Salem Bible Off-Broadway in 1971. Church Road, Macungie.

by Norman Campbell, lyrics by Don Harron, Nor-man Campbell, Elaine "I Can Stay" and "Making Campbell and Mayor Up for Lost Time." Moore, and book by Don Harron, is based on Lucy Maud Montgomery's novel, "Anne of Green Ga- ext. 2

Director Yana Rein-

The musical ran

Musical numbers in-The show, with music clude "You Never Know What's Around the Bend,"

**Ticket information:** https://salem.booktix.com, 610-966-5823

THE PRESS B1.

# Coronavirus HOSII Muhlenberg cancels summer theater season

### **BY PAUL WILLISTEIN** pwillistein@tnonline.com

Charles Richter won't be around this summer to celebrate his 40th anniversary as cofounder of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre

That's because there will be no Muhlen-berg Summer Music Theatre (MSMT).

"I pulled the plug on Tuesday [March 17] because I think now people are beginning to realize that this [Coronavirus pandemic] is a long haul," said Richter, MSMT Artistic Director.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's March 16 order for nonessential businesses in the Commonwealth to close and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to limit social gatherings to no more than 10 persons for 15 days as of March 16 were implemented to mitigate community spread (transmission) of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Sports arenas, concert venues, movie theaters, shopping malls, state stores and more closed. Restaurants can offer take-out only.

Persons are urged to keep their distance from one another, known as social distancing, and avoid crowds.

'I think we're just at the beginning of this crisis," said Richter.

"Our activity [MSMT] requires putting together large crowds of people," continued Richter in a March 19 phone interview with The Press. "I just don't think that even this summer, the idea of putting theater productions together with large audiences is going to be possible.'

MSMT attracts more than 11,000 and employs more than 150 artists, technicians and administrators each summer on Muhlenberg College's West End Allentown

See MUHLENBERG on Page B2

**Civic** Theatre closes, artistic staff laid off



William Allen High School's "Bring It On" cast includes, from left, Destiny Martinez (Eva), Meredith Schafer (Bridget), CaSandra Danubio (Campbell Davis), Ceijay Clay (Randall) and Kassandra Chatman (Danielle).

# ALLEN 'Bring It On'

It's a rivalry between sistant director and chocheerleading squads in reographer Dawn Blanco, cal," 7 p.m. April 2, 3, 4 Remp and technical diand 2 p.m. April 5, John rector Marc Hissam. F. McHugh Auditori- The original 2012 um, William Allen High Broadway production re-School, 106 N. 17th St., Al- ceived two Tony Award lentown.

The musical, with Musical numbers in-music by Tom Kitt and clude "What I Was Born Lin-Manuel Miranda, lyr- to Do," "One Perfect Moics by Amanda Green and ment," "Do Your Own Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Thing," "Killer Instinct" book by Jeff Whitty, is and "Bring It On." based on the 2000 movie by screenwriter Jessica www.ticketor.com/ Bendinger.

Director John Τ. Sechler is assisted by as-

"Bring It On: The Musi- music director Brandon

nominations.

**Ticket information:** wahsboxoffice; 484-765-5001



Nazareth Area High School's "On the Town" cast includes, from left, Nathan Schmidt (Gabey), Abby Ellis (Ivy Smith), Jacob Kremer (Chip), Allie Goodricke (Hildy), Owen Baur (Ozzie) and Paige Horvath (Claire).

# NAZARETH 'On the Town'

Three sailors on leave dreaux, choral director explore New York City Justen Blackstone and in "On the Town," 7 p.m. conductor L. Rick Hil-April 2, 3; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. born. April 4 and 2 p.m. April The musical, premier-5, auditorium, Nazareth ing on Broadway in 1944, Center St., Nazareth.

ty Comden and Adolph four Tony Awards. Green, is based on the ard Bernstein.

Director John An- "New York, New York." dreadis is assisted by vocal director and cho- www.vancoevents. reographer Colette Bou- com/814

Area High School, 501 E. had 1972 and 1998 Broadway revivals, each re-The show, with music ceiving one Tony Award by Leonard Bernstein and nomination, and a 2014 lyrics and book by Bet- revival nominated for

Musical numbers inballet "Fancy Free" by Je-rome Robbins and Leon- Place," "I Can Cook, Too," Some Other Time" and

**Ticket information:** 

### **BY PAUL WILLISTEIN** pwillistein@tnonline.com

The staff of Civic Theatre of Allentown has been laid off and the anchor of Allentown's West End Theatre District is closed.

Civic Theatre has launched a campaign, #IAMCIVICTHEATRE, to raise funds for operating expenses to reopen the historic theater which produces plays and musicals and screens arthouse, foreign and classic films.

The layoffs and closing during its 92nd season of the Lehigh Valley art-deco landmark that spearheaded the 19th Street area business, restaurant and entertainment renaissance is apparently an unintended consequence of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's March 16 order for nonessential businesses to close and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to limit social gatherings to no more than 10 persons for 15 days as of March 16 to mitigate the community spread of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Dr. Barry Glassman. 2nd Vice President of Civic Theatre of Allentown Board of Directors, confirmed the layoffs and Civic Theatre closing in a March 21 phone interview with The Press.

We did what we needed to do to assure ourselves that when the world approaches normalcy again, we're going to be in a position to continue our mission as well, if not better, than we were accomplishing it," Glassman said.

Laid off are seven full-time Civic staff members, including the artistic team of William Sanders, Civic Theatre Artistic Director; Will Morris, Associate Artistic Director-Production Manager, and Sam Roff, Technical Director-Scenic Design-See CIVIC on Page B2



# **B2. THE PRESS**

# focus on the arts

# MUHLENBERG Continued from page B1

campus.

A March 19 press release from Scott Snyder, Marketing Manager, Muhlenberg College Department of Theatre & Dance, which produces MSMT, announced the 40th season is postponed until summer 2021.

The summer 2020 season, June 11 - July 26, was "Legally Blonde," the world premiere of "The Legend of New York," and a new all-ages circus musical, "The Comedy of Wizards."

"This would have been the 40th season,' Snyder said in a March 18 phone interview with The Press, noting, "And then there's that mathematical thing where the 40th season would've been the 39th anniversary.

Next summer, the 40th season and 40th anniversary will align. "All of the 40th season celebrations will be postponed until next year," Snyder said. That includes an alumni cabaret and late-night show-tune karaoke.

The final three productions in Muhlenberg College Department of Theatre & Dance mainstage series were also canceled: "The Bacchae,' March 26 - 29; Fringe Festival, April 4, 5, 17 - 19, and Dance Émerge 2020, April 23 - 25. The Muhlenberg Theatre & Dance Department plans to resume public performances in the fall.

Continued Richter concerning the MSMT season, "This is the time of the year when we're doing all of our advance preparations.

'And the fact that we're not there [on campus, as of March 14] would have made planning very difficult," said

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Baker Center for the Arts, left, and Trexler **Pavilion for Theatre** and Dance, right, where Muhllenberg Summer Music Theatre is presented. **PRESS PHOTO BY** PAUL WILLISTEIN



Richter, a professor of rect "The theater at Muhlenberg, Legend of New York" who, as with Snyder and with music by Joshua other college employees, is working from home.

left campus March 14. Richter is doing online teaching. "The students have been very receptive. Attendance has been excellent," said Richter.

for the MSMT 2020 season, but casting was not finalized.

us to cancel the season now before all of the actors, technicians and backstage crew had committed to us for the summer and before we had spent a lot of money to develop and get ready for the season," said Snyder.

'We've notified everyone who auditioned or applied for a position," continued Snyder. "We've notified the students and faculty in theater and dance."

Work on costumes, sets and lighting for the MST 2020 season was underway. "It had begun. Our designers were already working," Snyder said.

We have a lot of professionals from New There are thousands of York who work on the theater artists who are shows," said Richter. "I didn't feel I had the right country. to tie them up only to tell to tell them we weren't the population that's very doing it [the 2020 MSMT season].

Richter was to di- friends who, as they say,

Charles Richter, co-founder, Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre CONTRIBUTED **ΡΗΟΤΟ** 

Salzman, Muhlenberg, Class of 2002, and book Muhlenberg students and lyrics by Ryan Cunningham. "We had de-velopmental readings," said Richter.

The musical, set in New York City during the 1977 blackout, has Auditions were held a disco-funk score. "It's a project that we were very excited about and we're very heartbroken "It's much easier for that we can't do it at this time," said Richter.

MSMT commissioned "The Comedy of Wizards" by Christopher Scheer, libretto, and Toby Singer, music.

No decision has been made about the lineup for the 2021 season. Richter hopes to include some or all of the shows selected for 2020, but that depends on whether they are available, and postponed. on what else might open up

Ticket-holders for the 2020 MSMT season will be contacted individually by box office staff.

Said Richter, "This has been an extremely devastating experience for the entire arts community.

"Broadway is dark. out of work all across the

"This was a segment of hard-hit, instantly.

"I have all kinds of again.'

are in the business, who are out of work overnight. No income," said Richter. "It's a crucial time for

the arts community in general," Snyder said. 'All times are lean times for the arts community. This time, it's skin and bones.

"I hope that people who value and appreciate the arts will keep their favorite organizations and museums in mind and help if they can. I would love to see people who were planning to buy a ticket, donate the cost of the ticket to the organization,' said Snyder.

Lehigh Valley region cancellations includes productions by Bucks County Playhouse, Civic Theatre of Allentown, Crowded Kitchen Players, DeSales University Act 1, Global Impactors Group, Lehigh University Theatre Department. Pennsylvania Playhouse, Pines Dinner Theatre, Selkie Theatre, Star of the Day Productions and

Touchstone Theatre. Gov. Wolf ordered schools in Pennsylvania closed March 16-27. High school musical performances entered in the Freddy Awards, presented annually at the State Theatre, were canceled or

"When we talk about the economic impact of the arts on the Lehigh Valley, the flip side of that is the economic impact when the arts go dark, as well," Snyder

said. "The Lehigh Valley's arts community is resil-

ient and dedicated. I'm hopeful and optimistic that a few months down the road we'll bounce back as strong as ever,"

said Snyder. Said Richter, "It's a new world. We've not visited here before. Hopefully, we will not visit here



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN Nineteeth Street Theatre marque states "Be Safe Stay Healthy."

# CIVIC

Continued from page B1 er-Facilities Manager, as well as Shirley Kline, Managing Director; Lauren Matthews, Marketing and Community Engagement Director; Sue Sneeringer, Business Manager, and Dar-lene Mozeko, Box Office Manager and Volunteer

Coordinator. full-time Another position at Civic, that of Director of Development, is unfilled with interviews begun, following the resignation about one month ago of Robert Laconi.

Two part-time staff members are laid off: Suzanne Baltsar, Film Manager, and Christine Zondervan, Graphic Designer.

Approximately 12 to 15 hourly employees who sell tickets, staff concession stands and are responsible for other duties at Civic's Nineteenth Street Theatre and Theatre514, are laid off.

"These people are truly part of our family. This has been truly painful," said Glassman.

On March 12, Civic Theatre announced the Lehigh Valley premiere of "Silence! The Musical," March 13 - 21, Theatre514, is postponed until April 3 - 11.

"Here's the sad part," said Glassman. 'Silence' was sold out before the run, to the performances.'

Also postponed at Civ- man said. "Frozen Jr.," April 2 5, to April 23 - 26, Main ber Kathleen Oswalt Stage, Nineteenth Street Theatre, featuring Civic Theatre School actors; the film series, "Exhibi- its "Kapital for Kids" tion on Screen: Easter in Art," April 9 - 12; "Monty Python Film Series,' April 11 - 25, and the musical-comedy, "Monty Python's Spamalot," May 1-17, to June 5 - 21, Main Stage, and the "Tonys & Tapas" benefit, June 7. The play, "Sig-nificant Other," June 19 - 28, Theatre514, is apparently canceled.

"On top of that, we have another theater [Theatre514] and administrative offices, and with that comes expenses.

"Our staffing costs alone are higher than the budgets of most community theaters," Glassman said.

The staff layoff decision was made during March 17 and 19 meetings by the Civic Theatre Executive Committee, which included Maria DeFebo-Edwards, Civic Theatre Board President; JoAnn Wilchek Basist, 1st Vice President; Dr. Barry Glassman, 2nd Vice President; Michelle LaWall, 3rd Vice President; Douglas Down-ing, Treasurer; Abigail M. Martin, Secretary; Sharon Lee Glassman, President Emeritus, and Joseph V. Kochanasz, former treasurer.

After the committee's decision, the board of directors was informed.

The Civic board includes Aliette Abo, Dr. Robert D. Barraco, Frank Facchiano, Shirley Kline, Joseph V. Kochanasz, Marilyn Marles, Elizabeth Massa, Elizabeth Meade, Rebecca Price, Lauren Rabin, William Sanders and Ray Starner.

Glassman said on March 21, "The past 24 hours have been really busy with securing Civic's buildings. hh

"There are a bunch of us who will be working to raise funds so that point, that we added two we'll be ready to open when we can," Glass-

# WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2020







Glassman said Civic Theatre could reopen quickly if and when the business nonessential ban is lifted.

'Once we know that more than 10 people can meet, 'Silence' can be rehearsed and put up in a week," said Glassman. "The 'Silence' cast vowed to return.

"They [Civic staff] have to work five or six weeks before we can put on a show. We need to raise funds for operations."

Glassman said laidoff Civic staffers can apply for unemployment compensation. "It was in their best interest that we did this," Glassman said of the layoffs.

'We're a professional community theater, but because of the professional part of that we carry an overhead that most community theaters don't carry.

"We're proud of how we've been able to raise those salaries to provide livable wages and to provide health-care without contributions from our staff.

"It's one thing to have gorgeously-restored a theater [Nineteenth Street Theatre], but with it comes expenses.

Civic Company Memcreated the #IAMCIV-**ICTHEATRE** branding.

Civic is continuing campaign to revamp the Nineteenth Street Theatre second-floor rehearsal studio; "Name a Seat " campaign, and its "The Next Act: Setting the Stage for the Future" \$5.5-million Capital Campaign, kicked off Nov. 23, 2016.

Following extensive restoration and renovation of Nineteenth Street Theatre, Civic reopened Oct. 12 - 28, 2018, with the musical, "Billy Elliot," with music by Ellton John, one month after the superstar's "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" world tour began Sept. 8, 2018, PPL Center, Allentown.

Civic Theater of Allentown, founded in 1927, moved to Nineteenth Street Theatre, a 1928 art deco movie palace, in 1957.

Civic Theatre's web site, under "Our Story," states:

"As a professionally staffed, year-round, non-profit theater with roots in its community and excellence as its primary objective, Civic has proudly served the area for 90 years. We look forward to another 90 years of presenting locally produced first class theatre, showing the finest independent films, and bringing the best performing arts instruction possible to the young people of the Le-high Valley."

Information: Civic Theater of Allentown, 527 N. 19th St., Allentown; www.civictheatre.com; 610-432-8943 7

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# focus on lifestyle

# Handle delicate-condition question delicately

## Dear Jacquelyn,

Ever since we got married, well-meaning family members **RESPECTFULLY** have been asking yours when are we going By Jacquelyn Youst to start a family. We have been politely no matter how you resmiling and trying to spond, you know that give a vague answer. What is the best way analyzed. to politely answer tion?'

Dear Reader,

posed will make most ious motives. people feel uncomfortable.

have a sensitive aware- were



your response will be

to politely answer Before you say the the "When are you first thing that comes having a baby ques- to mind, pause and take a deep breath. Even though the question This is a very person-feels intrusive, most al question that when people don't have nefar-

Take into consideration these well-mean-Some people do not ing family members probably part ness of boundaries when of your wedding celeit comes to personal bration. To them, this topics. The problem is, would be the next step your [insert job or fam-

married couple.

Many people who ask the subject. "When you're going to sation. They see it as the small-talk equivalent of "How do you like this warm weather?" Often, all they want to know is how things are going and this is a sideways method of inquiring.

Even though the subject matter is sensitive, it's possible the people asking mean no harm and only want to offer support.

When posed with this question, it's best to smile, have a stock answer ready like "When we're ready. So, how's

and they want to be a ily here]?" Don't elab-part of your journey as a orate more than necessary and then change

With so many potenstart a family?" are only tial emotions tied to this trying to make conver- question, answering in a way that is most comfortable for you is the best.

**Respectfully Yours**, Jacquelyn

Have a question? Email: jacquelyn@ptd. net. Jacquelyn Youst is owner of the Pennsylvania Academy of Protocol, specializing in etiquette training. She is on the board of directors of the National Civility Foundation.

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# Mother's son is a parent by another name

Q. My son is married to a lovely wom- THE an who has two children ages 10 and 8. FAMILY He has taken on a **PROJECT** parenting role with By Carole Gorney them since their father is completely out of the picture. The children seem to like my son and respect him, but he refers to them as "my wife's kids." This bothers me because it seems that he doesn't fair concern on the part see the children as of the mother if she was belonging to him or looking for clarification being part of a family of her own role with the together. How can I children. He suggested

from panelist Mike Danreferred to "my wife's kids" in front of the children.

but it is for his mother. children. She could then She may have some con- ask him what he is comcerns about her son tak- fortable with her saying on a family," Daniels ing," Stefanyak said. said, adding, "My sense "be Focusing on " the is this is about her deal- grandmother's her son's life."



uation. "Maybe what the grandmother wants is to be able to call the youngsters her grand-

Following up on that comment, panelist Chad Stefanyak said it was a bring this up to him? that she could use that fers to them the way he mend any medical prod-

"She could begin by iels, who asked if the son telling her son that she children and that she wasn't sure how to refer "It may not be an is- to them, as her grand-sue for the children, children or his wife's

role, ing with the changes in rather than the son's actions, panelist Bahar Panelist Wanda Mer- Mallah said it would cado-Arroyo had a dif- help to approach the Stefanyak, ferent take on the sit- subject in a much more

positive way.

know," Daniels said, "is had a conversation therapist. about parenting. With a new person in the children's lives, the wife may feel she needs to maintain her role, and the use of the words 'my wife's kids' may clarify it for everyone."

Suggesting that the wife may have asked him to refer to the children as hers, panelist sey said.

Continenza. Ramsey, supervisor, Wanda counselor;

Mercado-Arroyo, ed-'What we may not ucator and former school administrathat the son and his wife tor, and Bahar Malprobably have already lah, family practice

Have a question? Email: projectchild@ projectchildlv.org The Family Proj-

ect is a collaboration of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.

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Having nothing isn't all bad

I want to tell you about 15-year-old Lynn. At an age when WARMEST friends are important, Lynn finds it hard to make friends.

She doesn't wear the right kind of jeans.

She doesn't wear brand-name sneakers. Her sneakers came from the donation bin at a secondhand shop. And she's proud of her thrift. She's proud of finding ways to survive.

Lynn is good at scouring thrift stores to find what she needs.

She doesn't get invit-ed to "hang out" with other girls, but that's OK with her. She doesn't have time to do that, even if she were asked.

After school each day Lynn rushes to a construction site where she works alongside her father shoveling dirt, pounding nails and in general just doing everything to help the home get built.

It's going to be small home, modest at best. But it will be a most special place for Lynn, her father and her brother.

It will be special because it will be their very own place.

For the past 18 months, ever since they were evicted from their apartment, her father, Chris, has been sleeping in his car then sneaking in to work early so he can shower before anyone gets there.

In the meantime the kids had to live with grandmother who wasn't happy about having them.

It may be hard for many of us to believe that someone like Chris who works full time at an assisted living facility can't afford to rent most places. But rents around here keep climbing and his salary doesn't.

There are times when didn't like my answer. he can't even afford food. When he was desperate deserve to go to college. he went to a food bank Are you sure he wants saying he needed food to?"



"He's my hero," she says. "When my mom left us to live with a drug dealer, he promised he would always be there to take care of us. And he is."

The most important thing in her life, she says, is her father followed by doing well in school.

She has firm goals about graduating with high grades because she wants to apply to a military academy.

"I know I'll find a way to get to college if I work hard enough," she told me

I couldn't help contrasting this highly motivated teenager with other college-bound kids I've come in contact with.

According to their parents, they only work on their college essay after a lot of parental prodding and screaming.

The kids don't even fill out their own college applications.

"That's too hard for them," one parent told me.

If filling out an application is "too hard," will college be any easier?

I'm sorry,<sup>1</sup> but I have to say it. Many parents do too much for their kids. They try to give them everything, but in the process they rob them of self-initiative, valuable learning experiences and so much more.

When a close friend complained to me about having to fill out her son's college application then having to push and prod him to sign up for courses on time, she

"Maybe he doesn't

# Buckle up, welcome to the Stroke Belt, y'all

Q. I love southern cooking and I was wondering what you HEALTHY thought about it from a geezer health standpoint.

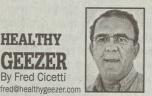
Every time I've traveled south, I've been struck by the food many southerners eat. Lots of fat, salt, sugar and other harmful foods in great quantities.

I remember trying to get a Kaiser roll in a neighborhood grocery story in North Carolina. The best I could do was a Moon Pie, a chocolate-covered pastry made with two round graham cracker cookies and marshmallow filling in the center.

I also recall my first dish of Smithfield Ham that I ordered in a Virginia restaurant. thought I was a deer at a salt lick. I sent it back with a befuddled waiter.

My dining experiences in the South always made me wonder why all hushpuppy-popping southerners were not on the ground clutching their chests. For those who've never popped a hushpuppy (I love them), you should know that they are finger-shaped dumplings of cornmeal that are deep-fried and traditionally served with fried catfish.

In the years that I've been writing my senior-citizen health column, I've run across an expression I would like to share with y'all. In medical literature, the southeast quadrant of the United States is known as the Stroke



Belt. The message is clear: If you eat a traditional southern diet, you go south and die.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) examined age-adjusted stroke mortality rates by state. Eleven states had stroke death rates that were more than 10 percent higher than the United States average.

The Stroke Belt is made up of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Lou-Mississippi, isiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Scientists have also identified a region they call the Stroke Buckle, which includes the coastal plains of the Carolinas and Georgia. People in the Stroke Buckle are even more likely than those in the Stroke Belt to have fatal strokes, researchers say

Cerebrovascular disease, or stroke, is a leading cause of death. According to the World Organization, Health 15 million people suffer strokes each year. Of these, 5 million die. You are at risk for a stroke if you have high blood pressure, smoke cigarettes or are obese.

that: Similar to the national pattern, African-American men and

and parts in other regions of said. the country. Thus, the higher death rates in the that eating fried fish, Stroke Belt cannot be a staple in the Stroke attributed solely to the Belt, may contribute to higher proportion of Af- the higher rate of fatal rican-Americans.

as memory and orienta- stroke. tion.

the memory problems geezer.com. and other mental issues could be related to the same underlying risk factors for stroke: lifestyles that contribute to high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity.

A study by researchers at the University of Alabama underscored the fact that science isn't positive why the Stroke Belt has so many strokes.

We found geographic and racial differences columnist and column are useful in predicting do not necessarily state stroke risk, but they only explain less than half the picture," said Dr. George Howard, professor of biostatistics at the University of Alabama, and a principal investigator of the study.

"Something else is The NHLBI reports happening. It could be exposure to allergens in the home. It could be mi-

women in the Stroke cronutrients in drink-Belt have higher death ing water or it could be rates than white men other factors considered women. White non-traditional because men and women in the they don't fall into the Stroke Belt also have list of nine factors coma higher stroke death monly used to predict rates than their counter-stroke risk," Howard

Another study found strokes. Research in-In a large nation- dicates that frying fish al study, researchers diminishes the benefits found that southerners of the omega-3 fatty acalso are more likely to ids in fish. Studies have experience a decline in demonstrated that these mental processes such acids reduce the risk of

on. Have a question? Some experts believe Email: fred@healthy-Order "How To Be A Healthy Geezer," 218-page compilation of columns: healthygeezer.com

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for his kids. He didn't he needed to take care of them.

He said asking for help was humbling and embarrassing, but it turned out to be a good thing in the long run.

That was where he learned about the Habitat for Humanity program that built homes for qualified needy families. Part of qualifying meant putting in 1,000 volunteer hours helping to build the home.

Chris worked the early shift at work so he could get finished by 3 and go directly to the Habitat for Humanity home site.

Lynn rushed home from school every day to help her dad accumu- years," he said. late those hours. She did more than her share to make it happen and said she was happy to do it.

When I asked Chris if I could interview his ing everything. daughter for an article on getting by when things are tough, he said she was a private person so he didn't know if she everything handed to would share her feel- her. ings.

Lynn was open and candid, asking only that her last name or address not be used.

First of all, let me tell you how touching it was to watch Lynn with her father.

She said not having care about himself but a college degree would hurt him in life and she didn't want that.

Three years later, after several failing semesters, her son dropped out of school. He's now trying to get certified in air-conditioning maintenance.

I've always believed when kids want something badly enough, they work for it.

So many have stories similar to mine of struggling to have the privilege of going to college.

When my father was at the end of his life, he told me his biggest regret was not being able to send me to college.

"It hurt so much to see you struggle for

I told him it was one of the best things that ever happened to me.

I believe having little is often superior to hav-

That's why I think Lynn is lucky. She might not have been so resourceful if she had

By the way, the last time I saw Chris and Lynn, they were sobbing crying tears of joy as they moved into their own little house.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast. net.



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ST. PAUL'S UCC, TREXLERTOWN 1249 Trexlertown Rd. Worship/Sunday Sch. 9:30 am Childcare available www.trexucc.org 610-395-4571

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www.uccbethany.org Pastor Linda Wisser 10:45 a.m. Worship "Come Worship With Us" **CHRIST'S CHURCH AT** LOWHILL UCC 4695 Lowhill Church Rd., New Tripoli, PA 18066 9 a.m. Sunday School with Spark Curriculum 10 a.m. Worship, Handicap Accessible christschurchatlowhill.org 250th Anniversary Year!

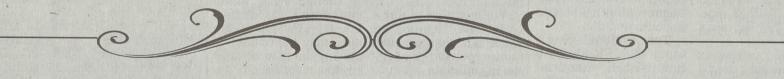
uesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship

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# Tasting the taters at Union UCC





**LEFT**: Youth group members served guests during the recent suds and spuds baked potato lunch at Union United Church of Christ, Neffs. Proceeds will go toward the group's trip to the UCC National Youth event at Purdue University in July. After choosing her favorite toppings, Dixie Gross of Slatington is ready to dig into her baked potato.

ABOVE: Leon Haydt of Walnutport accepts a spoonful of chili on his potato from Olivia Rice of Schnecksville.

## WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2020

# focus on business-health-COVID-19

# **LVHN** adds test locations

During the corona- Clinic, second floor virus (COVID-19) outbreak, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) added two more LVHN Assess and Test locations, effective March 19, and expanded hours.

New Test and Assess locations - LVHN COVID-19 Schuylkill

Street, 1730 W. Chew St., Allentown. 18104

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. a.m. - 3 p.m.

- LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test: Muhlenberg, 2604 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem. Test locations in a num-18017

a.m. - 5 p.m.

a.m. - 3 p.m.

Practice tions

New Assess and Test Centers are spaces pre-viously used by other practices. Here are the relocated practices and their new temporary locations:

Family Medicine Muhlenberg (with inte-grated psychiatry prac-by an LVPG health care tice), moved from 2604 provider. To access an Schoenersville Road to:

berg, 2710 Schoenersville Road

Family - Easton Avenue, 3024 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem

- Lehigh Valley Fami- visit ly Health Center, moved at Lehigh Valley Hospi-tal - 17th Street, 1627 W. Chew St., Allentown:

Medicine - Specialty

Centro de Salud, Suite 403

Fleming Memory Center

New weekend hours

To provide greater access to coronavirus care in Luzerne and counties, Assess and Test: 17th LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations in Hazleton and Cressona have added Saturday and Sunday hours, 9

Referrals

Individuals are referred to LVHN COVID-19 Assess and ber of ways, including Monday - Friday: 8 by their primary-care m. - 5 p.m. provider, if the patient Saturday - Sunday: 9 has been pre-identified as having symptoms of reloca- coronavirus infection (COVID-19) when seeking care at an LVHN or Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) practice,

or has been screened by: E-Visit: A questionnaire-based assessment that is completed on MyLVHN. Submitted

E-Visit, go to www.MyL-Behavioral health: VHN.org or the MyL-LVPG Adult and Pediat-ric Psychiatry-Muhlen- www.LVHN.org/Evisit

- Video Visit: A se-cure video visit with an medicine: LVHN health-care pro-LVPG Family Medicine vider. Access a Video Visit through the MyL-VHN app. Information: www.LVHN.org/video-

Hotline: 888-402 from 1730 W. Chew St., LVHN (5846) provides Allentown, to practices callers with an over-the phone COVID-19 screen-ing with a nurse.

Information: www. Center for Women's LVHN.org/covid19

# **New York City** contact can be heightened risk

If you have been in your MyLVHN app New York City or **MyLVHN** the posed to someone who Nurse Information line: has traveled there in the 1-888-402-LVHN past 14 days, you may be Complete an LVHN at heightened risk for Video Visit by downloadcontracting coronavirus ing the MyLVHN app. (COVID-19). LVHN wants to screen While this is not a for- patients via these techmal declaration from a nologies so that they restate or federal agency, main in their own home the alert represents ob- and only need to leave servations that Lehigh if testing is needed. The Valley Health Network screening helps reduce (LVHN) medical pro- the spread of COVID-19 fessionals have made and it helps keep doctor's regarding the cohort of offices open and available positive COVID-19 cases to provide other importin Eastern Pennsylvania. ant care. For the safety of pa-During the screentients and colleagues, ing, if the LVHN medical LVHN colleagues are be- professionals determine ing informed that if they a patient has COVID-19 have been in New York symptoms, the person City or exposed to some- will be directed to one of one who has traveled the stand-alone COVID-19 there in the past 14 days, Assess and Test locations. Patients will qualify their temperature daily for a test only if they have symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath). **Symptoms** of The test detects active disease and cannot deter-- Fever - Cough mine if a patient has been - Shortness of Breath exposed. Remember to take What you should do - Stay home if you have these steps to stay healthy: symptoms. Wash your hands Complete a free COVID-19 screening on- frequently for at least 20 line or by phone (you seconds or use a hand must be in Pennsylvania sanitizer with at least 60 to receive screening bepercent alcohol. - Practice social distancing.

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**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

Operating room is temporarily closing at J.B. and Kathleen Reilly Children's Surgery Center, Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township.

# LVHN closing certain operating rooms in attempt to mitigate COVID-19 impact

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) an- operating rooms nounced March 11 that Scheduled proigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

'COVID-19 is now in our community, and the disruption it has caused is unprecedented. When dealing with crisis situations as an emergency physician, the most valuable lesson I learned was: Do not panic. Fear is our enemy," said Brian Nester, President and CEO of Lehigh Valley Health Network.

With an increasing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, LVHN is implementing three actions that will interrupt a number of planned surgeries and tests:

surgical services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sites temporarily closing include: - Fairgrounds Surgical

Center

tal - 17th Street, operating room

Network - Tilghman, op- tions. erating ro

- Coordinated Health fective March 23 are:

Scheduled procedures several of its operating at these sites will be re- If you are seeking non- COVID-19 assess and test rooms will close to mit- viewed. Critical proce- COVID-19 care, go to only. If you are seeking dures will be relocated LVHN ExpressCARE - non-COVID-19 care, go to other locations in the Palmer Township or an- to LVHN ExpressCARE LVHN

LVHN staff was to begin contacting patients March 22 to discuss plans for scheduled procedure. Ambulatory ser-

vices changes some previously-scheduled tests and procedures during the COVID-19 out-

break Beginning March 23, LVHN staff will contact patients scheduled for tests and appointments that need to be delayed

because of the impact of COVID-19.

and procedures are not room being cancelled.

solidation

ensure To adequate staffing at LVHN COVID-19 Assess and Test locations, LVHN is temporarily suspending services at three LVHN ExpressCARE locations.

In addition, LVHN ExpressCARE locations offering COVID-19 Assess and Test services and Assess and Test locatypical ExpressCARE services will redirect people seeking ExpressCARE Lehigh Valley Hospi- seeking ExpressCARE treatment for minor illnesses and injuries to

LVHN ExpressCARE

- LVHN ExpressCARE Bethlehem Township. other ExpressCARE location

- LVHN ExpressCARE - Bangor. If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, go to LVHN Express-CARE - Palmer Township LVHN is postponing or another ExpressCARE location.

- LVHN ExpressCARE - Blakeslee. If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, go to LVHN ExpressCARE - Tobyhanna or another ExpressCARE location.

Starting March 24, parents seeking care for their children should uti-The non-urgent tests lize health care services ad procedures are not at LVHN ExpressCARE - Palmer Township while ExpressCARE con- Children's ExpressCARE services are temporarily suspended.

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital remains open to provide specialized care for children.

Starting March 23, the health partner, today following LVHN Express- and every day, especially CARE locations that also serve as LVHN COVID-19 tions will redirect people services to other Express-CARE sites:

- Lehigh Valley Health other ExpressCARE loca- cungie: COVID-19 assess support as we navigate and test only. If you are these seeking OVID-19 times non temporarily care, go to LVHN Exor another ExpressCARE

location.

LVHN Express-CARE - MacArthur Road: - Muhlenberg or another ExpressCARE location.

LVHN ExpressCARE Palmerton: COVID-19 assess and test only. If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, go to LVHN ExpressCARE -West End or another ExpressCARE location.

- LVHN ExpressCARE Bartonsville: COVID-19 assess and test only. If you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, go to LVHN ExpressCARE - Pocono or another Express-CARE location.

**LVHN ExpressCARE** - Richland Township will offer COVID-19 assessment and testing and ExpressCARE services. However, if you are seeking non-COVID-19 care, vou will use a separate registration desk and

waiting room. Said Nester, "Rest assured, LVHN is your when things get tough. With regard to this current COVID-19 outbreak, we have taken innovative measures to make sure our community remains as safe as possible. Thank ExpressCARE - Ma- you for your continued unprecedented

**Operating** changes In order to protect pa-tients and staff and to preserve medical supplies and protective equipment, LVHN is temporarily closing select operating rooms. This will allow LVHN to maintain vital

that they should take before reporting to work.

**COVID-19 infection** 

cause of medical licensing regulations).

- Complete an E-Visit (questionnaire visit submitted to a provider) at: LVHN.org/covid19 www.MyLVHN.org or

- Know the symptoms. Information: www.

J.B. and Kathleen locations Center

Information: www. Reilly Children's Surgery suspending services ef- pressCARE - Fogelsville LVHN.org/covid19

# St. Luke's Network requests PPE items

throughout the United (PPE) and other sup- including cotton, den-States, health-care sys- plies from employees, im, duck cloth, canvas, tems are preparing for potential shortages of critical supplies.

While work now has an adequate stock of necessary items, officials want to the future.

St Luke's is accepting

nationwide members and community partners.

The types of PPE and While St. Luke's supplies are: surgical University Health Net- masks, N-95 masks, goggles, face shields, vinyl gloves, hand sanitizer, Lysol and Clorox, inplies and disinfectant.

donations of Personal cepting donations of fab- Suite 7, 575 S. 9th St., Le-

woven fabric, and elastic or rubber bands.

St. Luke's has setup donation drop-off centers at Urgent Care locations, including:

501 Cetronia Road, Allentown; 2402 MacArbe prepared for short- cluding wipes, and hos- thur Road, Whitehall; ages that might occur in pital-grade cleaning sup<sup>a</sup> 157 West End Boulevard, Quakertown: 9 St. Luke's is also ac- Dave's Way, Hamburg;

As COVID-19 spreads Protective Equipment rics for making masks, highton; 153 Brodhead roughout the United (PPE) and other sup- including cotton, den- Road, Bethlehem; 487 E. Moorestown Road. patients, friends, family twill, silk or other tight Wind Gap; 111 Route 715, Brodheadsville, and 200 Stryker's Road, Phillipsburg.

Contact Ben Guerin to arrange a pickup directly from a company, Benjamin.Guerin@ at sluhn.org; 610-739-9332

Questions: 1-866-ST-LUKES (785-8537), option 7.





### **B6. THE PRESS**

# focus feature-COVID-19



**CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** LVHN staffers assemble mask covers for N-95 respirators.

# **LVHN staffers** innovate N-95 respirator masks

Personal Protective plies to construct mask Equipment (PPE) in the covers," Hougendobler United States because of said March 20. the COVID-19 outbreak, Colleagues gathered Lehigh Valley Health March 20 at the School Network (LVHN) is ex- of Nursing building at tending the use of N-95 Lehigh Valley Hospital

recycling surgical wrap, ting up work stations common blue sanitary throughout the room. sheets that protect operating room instruments made every two min-before they are used, to utes with a few supplies, make coverings for N-95 including blue sterile masks.

'There's a sense of twine. urgency as its been well documented that coverings greatly in-health-care providers crease the lifespan of everywhere are running N-95 respirator masks. low on N-95 respirator "Using blue sterile masks," said Donald wrap adds an extra barment and Sustainabili- them last a lot longer,'

"In the last 24 hours, our team has created a [mask coverings] will Control and Prevention our patients and coland Public Safety and leagues." Manage-Emergency

With shortages of ment, and gathered sup-

respirator masks used - 17th Street to construct by caregivers as protec-tion against the virus. - 17th Street to construct blue-wrap mask cov-erings. They practiced LVHN colleagues are social distancing by set-

One mask can be wrap, a hole-punch and

The blue-wrap mask

Hougendobler, LVHN's rier if put over the N-95 Director of Environ- mask and it will make said. Hougendobler "This little solution prototype, received ap- give us peace of mind provals from Infection and allow us to protect

# **Concerts postponed into April** at Penn's Peak, State Theatre

### **BY PAUL WILLISTEIN** pwillistein@tnonline.com

The impact of the Coronoavirus pandemic on the greater Lehigh Valley canceled on campuses. the greater Lehigh Valley arts and entertainment scene continues through April, with concerts at Penn's Peak, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Sherman Theater, and Godfrey Daniels postponed, productions at DeSales University and Touchstone Theatre canceled, and the 40th season of Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre halted.

The wave of coronavirus crisis has crashed across the Lehigh Valley with the Allentown Art Museum; Civic Theatre of Allentown; SteelStacks, Bethlehem, and Wind Creek Bethlehem, shuttered temporarily.

Venues, including PPL Center, Allentown; Miller about Gala, April 4, to be Symphony Hall, Allen-town, and Mauch Chunk Opera House, Jim Thorpe, have canceled or postponed concerts.

announced that post- mand. ponements at the State Am Theatre would extend through April.

Said Shelley Brown, President & CEO of the State Theatre, "Through nana Factory, Bethle-March 31st, the State The- hem - Closed March 16 atre has suspended Box - March 31. Programming Office operations for the suspended, including cinsafety of the community ema screenings and comat large. When it is pos-sible to accurately deter-Center and classes at the mine the status of a per-formance, postponement poned: Lehigh Valley or cancellation, we will Podcast Festival, Steel-communicate that infor- Stacks High School Jazz

school musical perfor- Lee's Red Dragon Cartel, mances entered in the May 5; Rescheduled: The Freddy Awards, presented annually at the State Theatre, were canceled or 2021; Everlast, March 14, postponed. Check district 2021 and school websites for updates.

With classes moving online at colleges and uni-



versities in the Lehigh April 22 - May 3; Elisa- ute to the Big Bands, May Valley, theater and con- beth Von Trapp, April 5 7; Lights Out - The Music cert performances and

film venues that have closed in the Lehigh Valley include the Roxy Theatre, Emmaus Theatre, Civic Theatre of Allentown, ArtsQuest Banko Cinemas, New Vision Tilghman Square 8, AMC Theatres and Regal Cinemas.

Here's an update, as of March 22, of Lehigh Valley arts, entertain-ment and cultural closings, cancellations or postponements. The list is in alphabetical order. Check venues' websites for more updates.

Allentown Art Museum - Closed March 14 - March 31. Information announced.

AMC Theatres Closed March 17 for "at least six to 12 weeks." oned concerts. Movies available via On March 17, it was AMC Theatres on De-

America on Wheels, Allentown -Closed March 14 - March 31

mation to you." Gov. Wolf ordered schools in Pennsylvania closed March 16-27. High school muicel penfor Closed March 16-27. High closed March 10; Jake E. Amish Outlaws, July 23; Gary Hoey, March 13,

> **Bach Choir of Beth**lehem - Canceled: Spring Concert, March 29; "Bach

> at Noon," April 14 Baum School of Art, Allentown - Closed through March 28

May at earliest

Society - Canceled: "The April 11 Circus is Coming to the Penn Valley," March 19

**Emmaus** Theatre -Temporarily closed Ju Global Impactors <sup>19</sup>

Group, Allentown - Canceled: "Thinner than Water," March 20 - 29

**Godfrey Daniels,** Bethlehem - Concerts canceled or postponed: Lucy Wainwright, Frog Holler, Blackwater, The Razzies, "Dave's Night Out," Kristy Cox and Serene Green, Pierre Bensusan, Come Together, "On the Road, In the Round," Michael Smith, Toby Walker, "Jelly Bean Jam," My Darling Clementine, Sirens of Spring, The Kennedys, Family Storytelling, Jams and Open Mike. Next scheduled concert: Rory Block, May 1

Historical Bethlehem Museums and Sites - Moravian Museum, Kemerer Museum, Visitor Center closed through March 22

Lehigh University, Bethlehem - Canceled: "Godspell," April 17 - 25; Zoellner Arts Center events, through May 3

Lehigh Valley Her-itage Museum, Allen-town - Closed through March 31

Mack Trucks Historical Museum, Allentown - Closed until further notice

Mauch Chunk Opera House, Jim Thorpe - Concerts postponed through March

Michener Museum, Doylestown. Closed through March 30

Miller Symphony Hall - Akropolis Reed Quintet, March 15: private performance; Can-celed: March 19, "Third Thursday," Steve Brosky, Nighttrain, Contraband, The Lyric Room: March 20: "Jazz Upstairs," Erich Cawalla Quartet; March 21, Allentown School District Foundation High Notes 2020 Gala; March 22, "The Met: Live in HD Series," Handel's "Agrip-pina"; March 25, "Laughs at The Lyric"; March 29, Young Musician String Festival Concert; Take 3, April 4 Muhlenberg Col-Bradbury-Sullivan GBT Community enter - Activities sus-Internetion g lege, Allentown - Can-celed: "The Bacchae," March 26 - 29; Fringe Festival, April 4, 5, 17 -19; Dance Emerge 2020, April 23 - 25 Muhlenberg Sum-mer Music Theatre, announced Allentown - Canceled: **Chamber Music So- ciety of Bethlehem** -Canceled: Juniter String artet, April 3"The Comedy of Wiz-Civic Theatreofards," June 24 - July 25 National Museum

Dorney Park, South of Frankie Valli, May 7, Whitehall Township - rescheduled to Sept. 16; Postponed: Opening, Get The Led Out, May Movie theaters and May 1, rescheduled mid- 8. Canceled: The Blue Mountain Community Emmaus Historical Church Easter Service,

Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem - Postponed: "Twelve Angry Jurors," March 27 - April

Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra -Postponed: April 4 concert, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; rescheduled to Aug. 1

Pines Dinner Theatre, Allentown - Postponed: "Nunsensations! the Nunsense Vegas Revue," March 20 - May 10. Performances suspended through March 27.

**PPL Center**, Allentown - Postponed: Adam Sandler, Rob Schneider, March 18; "Trolls Live!," April 10 - 12; "Baby Shark Live!," June 4. Next scheduled concert: Michael Buble, May 19. Regal Cinemas -

Closed until further notice

Roxy Theatre, Northampton - Closed until further notice.

The-Sellersville atre - Closed through March 26

Selkie Theatre, Charles A Brown Ice House, Bethlehem - Postponed: Lehigh Valley premiere, "The Revolu-tionists," March 26 - 29

Sigal Museum, Easton - Closed March 13, including historic houses; reopening to be announced

Sherman Theater, East Stroudsburg - Postponed: Ynot, Roi and The Secret People, March 28; Makeshift, Goalkeeper, House & Home, April Lin In This Moment, Black Veil Brides, DED, Raven Black, April 3; Blue October, April 4; Lil Tjay, April 5; The Infamous April 18, Next scheduled concert: Tim Reynolds, Chicago Farmer, Copper Fields. May 8 Star of the Day **Productions**, Emmaus - Postponed: "Newsies," March 27 - April 5 State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton Events postponed until April 2. Postponed: The Fab Faux, March 14, rescheduled to Sept. 12; Postponed: Red Hot Chilli Pipers, March 21; rescheduled to March 11, 2021; "One Night of Queen" by Gary Mullen & the Works, April 4, new date to be announced; "The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour," April 18, new date to be announced; The Orchestra: Former Members of ELO, April 25, new date to be announced. Touchstone Theatre, Bethlehem - Postponed: "The Secret, Act 2," April 3, 4; new dates to be announced. Canceled: 15th Annual Young Playwrights' Festival & Gala, May 9 Wind Creek Event Center, Bethlehem -Closed March 15; scheduled to reopen 6 a.m. March 29. Postponed: Chelsea Handler, March 13, new date to be announced; Profession-March 14, al Boxing, rescheduled to May 8: 27, rescheduled to July rescheduled to Oct. 18; Dennis DeYoung & The

**Ben Franklin Tech**nology Partners, Bethlehem - Postponed: 2020 iXchange, May 12

Bethlehem Fine Commission, Arts Rotunda Gallery, Town Hall, Bethlehem - Can-"Quiet Reflecceled: tions" by Jeffrey M. Green; Lehigh Valley Charter Arts students exhibition

LGBT Center - Activities suspended until May 15

Bucks County **Playhouse** - Postponed: World Premiere, "Other World," new dates to be announced

Canceled: Jupiter String New York," July 9 - 26; Quartet, April 3

Allentown - Closed. Postponed: "Silence! The Musical," Lehigh Val-ley premiere, March 13 April 1 - 21; "Frozen Jr." April 2 - 5; Exhibition on Screen-Easter in Art, April 9 - 12; Monty Python Film Series, April 11 - 25; "Monty Python's Spamalot," May Thorpe - Postponed: Styx, 1-17. Film programming on hiatus.

Community Music School, Allentown - Can- March 21, rescheduled celed: Spring Brunch, to Aug. 22.; Last in Line, April 26 Lynch Mob, March 22,

Players, The Irish Rebellion of 1916 in Song and Verse," March 16 - 18

semble Concert, March Tribute Starring Terry 20 - 22; Student Film Fes- Goffee, May 5, resched-"The Sound of Music," Saturday Night: A Trib- rescheduled to Nov. 7

New Vision Tilghman Square 8 - Closed as of midnight March 16 until further notice

Penn's Peak, Jim March 14; Melvin Seals and JGB, March 20; Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot, oril 26 Crowded Kitchen ayers, Charles A. "The Kids Closet Sale," Brown Ice House, Bethle-hem - Postponed: World Black, April 3, resched-27, rescheduled to July hem - Postponed: World Black, April 3, resched- 27, rescheduled to July premiere, "The Rising: uled to Aug. 15; Artimus 18; Air Supply, March Pyle Band, April 17; Cash 19, resceduled to June Cab's Ben Bailey, April 19; Brit Floyd, March 21, 18; LiveWire AC-DC trib- 22, rescheduled to Aug. DeSales Universi- ute concert, April 25, 14, 15; Pitbull, March ty, Center Valley - Post- rescheduled to Aug. 29; 26, rescheduled to June poned: Act 3 Children's Accept, Blackfoot, April 28; Brian Regan, April Theatre, "The Jungle 30; The Mavericks, May 2, rescheduled to June Book," March 19 - April 1; Daughtry, May 3; The 26; David Foster, Kath-28; Canceled: Dance En- Ultimate Johnny Cash erine McPhee, April 19, tival, March 27, 28; Act 1, uled to Sept. 15; Jukebox Music of Styx, April 25,

# local



**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<sup>5</sup>Plunge gear, including "I'm Too Chicken to Plunge" T-shirts were sold. Wawa provided free treats and coffee and hot cocoa.

Festivities included snowsuit races and dances. Many 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 partic-ipated 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 vear."



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 that \$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.

Jeffrev 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

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-lehighvalley-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.

### **B8. THE PRESS**

### Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green 3 1 5 9 8 9 6 5 7 2 9 1 King bv 1 5 4 9 3 2 6 1 4 2 9 8 1 5 3/25

Difficulty Level \*\*\*

Sudoku is a numberplacing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Emmaus Borough Council will be voting on the following Ordinances at its April 6, 2020 Council Meeting:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1198** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §404.1 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SETTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT CERTAIN

TIMES ON A PORTION OF ARCH STREET

# **ORDINANCE NO. 1199**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §303 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SETTING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS AND RESTRICTING TRACTOR TRAILER TRAFFIC ON PORTIONS OF S. 2ND STREET AND AND S. 10th STREET

The Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers,

28 South Fourth St., Emmaus, PA. The proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shane M. Pepe, Borough Manager Mar. 25

# **CRYPTOGRAM**

Answer to previous puzzle

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The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactothe Owner

The Bidder's attention is called to the fact that this project is governed by The Borough Code of the State of Pennsylvania and that various State labor and administrative requirements apply, as noted in the Bid Documents, including the requirement that all wages paid are consistent with the Pennsylvania prevailing wage structure. Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Ques-

tion" tab. Bidder Inquiry Deadline is 11:00 AM Monday, April 20, 2020.

Award of Contract will be to the lowest responsible bidder, but the Coplay Borough reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in awarding the contract in the best interest of Coplay Borough. Mar. 25, Apr. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING

Fountain Hill Borough

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NUMBER: Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA TITLE: New Utility Garage Building AVAILABLE DATE: March 23, 2020 CLARIFICATION DEADLINE: April 20, 2020 DUE DATE: April 27, 2020 BID TYPE: Fixed Fee Contract

Coplay Borough, Lehigh County, PA will receive single prime bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.net) , until 11:00 AM, prevailing time on April 27, 2020 for the construction of its "New Utility Garage Building" Project to be located at 1 Bridge Street, Coplay, PA. All bids will be publicly opened and posted.

The project will be awarded under one (1) Prime Contract. Plans, speci-fications, information for bidders and forms for proposals are available at no cost on PennBid (www.pennbid.net).

A Pre-Bid Meeting shall take place at 2:00 PM Thursday, April 9, 2020 at the project site. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged. Bids must be submitted electronically via the PennBid Program on the

forms furnished by the Owner and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total price bid made payable to the Owner. Certified checks to be submitted to the office of the Architect.

ry Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price with a corporate surety approved by

### WEEK OF March 25, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS will be accepted by East Allen Township for the "2020 East Allen Township Road Program" until 12:00 P.M. on MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020 via the internet at www.pennbid.net. All bids must be submitted electronically for the following items:

31,350 +/-Square Yards of 1 3/4" FB-3 Modified Bituminous Wearing Course

31.350 +/-Square Yards 1/4" Single Bituminous Seal Coat followed by a Fog Seal Application

18,250 +/-Square Yards of Variable Depth Milling not to Exceed a 1 3/4" Depth

All materials must meet PennDOT Pub. 408 Specifications. All Bidders must be PennDOT prequalified and must supply proof of prequalification. Proposals must be on forms provided by the Township. Proposal forms, specifications and bid information can be obtained via PennBid. All bids submitted must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid made payable to East Allen Town-

The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance and Pay-ment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price within 20 days of the award of the contract. All bids will be opened electronically via www.pennbid.net at approximately 12:05 P.M. on MONDAY APRIL 6, 2020 at the East Allen Municipal Building. The bids will be awarded at the East Allen Township Board of Supervisors on Wednesday April 8, 2020 at approximately 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows.

It is the intent of this project to award to a single bidder. East Allen Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or por-tions thereof, and to delete projects and or portions of the project depending on budgetary constraints and also to waive any technicalities deemed to be in the best interested of the Township.

East Allen Township Brent Green, Manager 5344 Nor-Bath Boulevard Northampton, PA 18067

March 18, 25

# PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD **UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP**

Notice of hearing is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of Fountain Hill will hold a public hearing on April 20th at 7:00 pm in Borough Hall, 941 long St., to hearing the following appeal(s): NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet in the Upper Milford Township April 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following appeals: Upper Milford Township April 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following

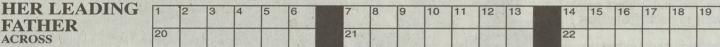
> ALL APPELLANTS MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING Appeal No. 2020-001, Kristofer, Kimberly & Franklin Reith of 6464 Chest-nut St., Zionsville, PA 18092, request an Interpretation and/or Variance to Article 3, Section 304.B.1. (Permitted uses within R-A Zoning District) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to conduct/operate a silt sock processing/sales business known as Silt Containment Solutions, Inc. at 6464 Chestnut St., Zionsville, PA 18092. Rural Agricultural (r-A) Zoning

ZONING HEARING BOARD UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP Dannell Macllwraith, Chairman March 18, 25

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PREMIER Crossword

# By Frank A. Longo



PUBLIC NOTICE In accordance with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) regula-tions, Section 71.53(d)(6) of PA Code, Title 25, Act 537; Public Notice is hereby given that Upper Macungie Township is accepting comments for the next 30 days on a planned revision to its Act 537 Official Sewage Facilities Plan.

The recommended plan revision has been pre-pared by Langan Engineering on behalf of Laurel Field, LLC which proposes development located in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, on approximately 7.67 acres located along Werley Road. Laurel Field - Phase 5 will include 25 residential units and is projected to generate a total of 5,575 gallons per day of additional sewage flow to be collected and conveyed to the existing Kline's Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. Public notice is required for the following items under Pennsylvania DEP regulations: 1) The site contains prime agricultural lands which will be disturbed; 2) Encroachment in the floodway of the Un-named Tributary to Cedar Creek requires permitting under Chapter 105. The project has been assigned PADEP Code #2-39920288-3. In accordance with PADEP regulations, the

public may present written comments on this proposal for a period of 30 days commencing with the publication of this notice, and concluding on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. A copy of the draft Sewage Facilities Planning Module is available for review at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Any comments on the proposed plan update must be directed in writing to Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Township Secretary, at the address listed above. Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Township Secretary Mar. 25

Appela 2020-001, Application No. 2020-001 Applicant: Russell Ave. Group, LLC Property location: 1336 Russell Ave. Fountain Hill, Pa. 18015 Construction of an 18 unit apartment building, Section MD-R:

- Variance for amount of impervious cover, Zoning section 508.E.
   Special exception approval of building demolition of structures regulated under the Historical Overlay District provisions, sections

Zoning 308

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District.

Any other requests for relief determined to be necessary. Anthony Branco, Borough Administer

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 Variance for building height, Zoning sections 202 and 307.B.
 Variance for lot width, Zoning section 307.A. •Variance(s) for building setbacks, Zoning section 508.E.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of ERNEST L. JOHN a/k/a ERNEST LEONARD JOHN, a/k/a ERNEST JOHN, Deceased, late of the Whithall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Corinne Reily, Executor

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary have been granted in the Estate of Emma Jane Mosser, AKA Emma-Jane Mosser, late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, who died on 22 September, 2019. All persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent shall make them known and present them, and all persons indebted to the decedent shall make payment thereof, with-out delay, to Jane Curran, 16 Rose Lane, Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431. Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Cora Elizabeth Rhys O'Brien a.k.a. Cora O'Brien, Deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to: Charles William O'Brien, Executor Estate of Cora Elizabeth Rhys O'Brien aka Cora O'Brien c/o Daniel K. McCarthy, Esquire Davison & McCarthy, P.C. Two City Center 645 Hamilton Street, Suite 510 Allentown, PA 18101 Mar. 18, 25, Apr.1

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE OF SELMA ANCELITZ, deceased, late of the Township of North Whitehall, Laurys Station, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Es-tate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Michael B. Ancelitz

1114 Wellington Circle Laurys Station, PA 18059 or to her Attorney: Neil D. Ettinger, Esquire Ettinger & Associates, LLC Peachtree Office Plaza 1815 Schadt Avenue Whitehall, PA 18052 Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

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- 1 "The Famous Teddy Z" Civil rights figure Parks Leaves in, to an editor

## WEEK OF March 25, 2020

# PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE OF ESTATE OF GERALDINE M. KUTZLER, late of Allentown, County of Le-high, Pennsylvania, deceased. NOTICE IS hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above Estate have been granted to **DENNIS KUTZLER, SR.** All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having demands or claims to present the same without delay to: Kent H. Herman, Es-quire, One West Broad Street, Suite 700, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Mar. 25, Apr. 1 & 8

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

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VIN# 2B4GP25G1YR859771 95 SATURN (SEDAN)-VIN# 1G8ZK5278SZ136085 02 MITSUBISHI LANCER-VIN# JA3AJ86E12U065856

PUBLIC NOTICE TRUST of EVELYN KEOWN, late of Bethle hem, 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 sam and all persons indebted to the Settlor to make pay-ments 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. Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

PUBLIC NOTICE Trust of FLORENCE A. POREMBA, late of Center Valley, County of Lehigh, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Trustees, Elizabeth Krynicky and Thomas

Krynicky, 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 Krynicky and Thomas Krynicky, 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 Mar. 11, 18, 25

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 per-sons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Diane Marie Smith, Administratrix, c/o 2045 Westgate Drive, Suite 14040 Bethlehem, PA 18017; or Timothy J. Duck-worth, Jr., Esquire, Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C. 2045 Westgate Drive, 404, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Suite Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

### 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

# classified

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of MATTHEW SPITTEL, AKA MAT-ESTATE of CARLTON J. RITTER aka CARL-THEW H SPITTEL, AKA MATTHEW HARRY TON RITTER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentalate of the Township of Lower Macungie, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth ry have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebt-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary on the above named estate have

> delay to: Judith A. Sabo, Executrix WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104

ed to the Decedent to make payments without

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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 known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Kathy S. Bercik and Sheri L. Bercik,

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE 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 known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay

to: Jill K. Koose a/k/a Jill L. Koose, Executrix c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C. 2610 Walbert Avenue

Allentown, PA 18104

Mar. 11, 18, 25 PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE OF KIMBERLY A. GROSS, de-

ceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been grant-ed 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 Cody A. Gross, Executor c/o YOUNG & YOUNG

Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

Or to his Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE of RICHARD M. DUFOUR, a/k/a RICHARD DUFOUR, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Tes-tamentary 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 Mark R. Dufour, Executor

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

Macunige, PA 18062 Mar. 11, 18, 25

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 un-dersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the De-

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL ZONING HEARING BOARD **PUBLIC HEARING** 

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hear-ing Board will be held on **April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Public Meet-ing Room of the Municipal Building, at 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, 18052, to hear the following appeals

DOCKET # 1965 - Samer Yacoub and Claudette Marie Yacoub - 1001 Ninth Street, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 4324 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548959121372, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicants are requesting a variance to Sec. 27-74 A, Sec. 26-74 E (5) and Sec. 27-93 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding use, maximum impervious coverage and density. Applicant proposes to convert front dwelling to two (2) unit multi-family use for a total of three dwelling units on the property. Continued to this meet-ing at the request of the Applicant.

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. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-161 A (1) of the Zoning Ordinance regarding wall signs. A variance is being requested for two (2) additional wall signs than what is permitted. Continued to this meeting at the request of the Applicant

DOCKET # 1974 - American Promotional Events dba TNT Fireworks -4003 Helton Drive, Florence, AL 35630. Location: 2180 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549852398039, the subject property is located in a C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a special exception to Sec. 27-65 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding a temporary use to have a temporary tent sale of Pennsylvania legal fireworks from June 19, 2020 to July 5, 2020 in the parking

DOCKET # 1975 - EOS Property Management, LLC - PO Box 195, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 4510 Main Street, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 548948037340, the subject property is located in a C1 Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-93 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the addition of one (1) more apartment to an already existing mixed use building that has three

(3) other apartment to an already existing mixed use building that the stime (3) other apartments and one (1) commercial space. DOCKET # 1976 - Alexin Real Estate, LLC - 3655 Municipal Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. Location: 3645 and 3655 Municipal Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052, PIN 549900905975 and 549900805501, the subject property is located in a R4 Medium Density Residential Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a variance to Sec. 27-60 C, Sec. 27-60 D (1), Sec. 27-145 P, Sec. 27-145 I and Sec. 27-74 E (5) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a non-conforming use to be expanded, a proposed parking area set-back from a right-of-way line (10' required, 0.62' proposed) and reduced landscaping in lieu of a fence or compact hedge and maximum impervious

 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. Applicants are appealing the March 11, 2020 Enforcement Notice under Sec. 27-12 of the Zoning Ordinance with respect to the operation of a Bed and Breakfast facility. Applicants are also requesting variances to Sec. 27-68, Sec. 27-75 D (1), Sec. 27-80 and Sec. 27-122 to permit an Airbnb in their residence. DOCKET # 1978 - Keystone Novelties Distributors, LLC - 201 Seymour Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Location: 1259 Whitehall Mall, White-hall, PA 18052, PIN 549872328571, the subject property is located in a

C2 Regional/Community Commercial Zoning District. Applicant is requesting a special exception to Sec. 27-45 E, Sec. 27-65, and Sec. 27-80 A (23) of the Zoning Ordinance to operate a temporary tent for retail sales of Pennsylvania legal fireworks from June 18, 2020 to July 9, 2020 in the parking lot.

Copies of plans, applications and supporting documents are available for public inspection at the Township Municipal Building.

The decisions of the Township of Whitehall Zoning Hearing Board are made without regard to race, color, national origin, familial status and disability status of the Applicant.

The Whitehall Township Municipal Building is accessible to the physically handicapped. Any person that requires special assistance to under-stand the nature of the business conducted at the above meeting because of visual, hearing or other impairment, is requested to contact the Zoning Officer at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting to arrange for the necessary assistance

Applicants, and all interested parties MUST appear at this hearing to be considered.

The Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board has an obligation to affir-matively further fair housing and to review all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil right statutes. This includes taking meaningful actions that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclu-sive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.

The Zoning Hearing Board, in its land use and zoning decisions, does not discriminate against persons based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status and reviews all land use and zoning applications in accordance with federal civil rights statutes. Public com-ments made on the basis of bias and stereotype concerning people within these protected classes will not be taken into consideration by the Zoning Hearing Board in its deliberations.

Zoning Officer

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Lynn Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that it is their intention to conduct a public hearing, and thereafter consider and act upon proposed Ordinance No. 20-01 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LYNN TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING

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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 known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to CAROL L. GILLETTE f/k/a CAROL L. CHU,

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O KEITH W. STROHL, ESQUIR	E
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC	
25 S. WALNUT STREET, SUITE	210
SLATINGTON, PA 18080	
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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 known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments with-

out delay to:

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 known the same, and all per-sons indebted to the Decedent to make pay-

ments without delay to: Joseph E. Casso c/o Steckel and Stopp, LLC

Administrator, or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp LLC, By: Charles W. Stopp, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080

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PUBLIC NOTICE

been granted to the undersigned. All persons in-

debted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or

demands to present the same without delay to: THOMAS SPITTEL, Executor c/o GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ceased, late of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration

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known the same, and all persons indebted to the

c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esquire STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC 125 Walnut Street, Suite 210

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of DOMINICK THOMAS DeFILIPPO,

deceased, late of Borough of Northampton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Tes-tamentary have been granted to the under-

signed, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent

to make known the same, and all persons in-

debted to the decedent to make payments with-

LENORE THOMAS DEANGELIS, Executrix c/o CHARLES W. STOPP

STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC

125 Walnut Street, Suite 210

Slatington, PA 18080

PUBLIC NOTICE

Decedent to make payments without delay to: William R. Schuyler, Administrator

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ESTATE of THOMAS M. SCHUYLER, de-

GAIL WEINER SHEARER, ESQUIRE

nnsylvania, deceased

SPITTEL.

or to:

70 E. Broad Street

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Bethlehem, PA 18016-1426

PO Box 1426

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of JOAN E. PERSING, late of the Township of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, Pennsvlvania. 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 payable without delay to: CANDACE K. BUCHER

2309 Main Street Whitehall, PA 18052-4713 or to her Attorney John L. Obrecht, Esquire 1731 Main Street Northampton, PA 18067-1544 Mar. 11, 18, 25

### 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. The name of the corporation is

Miller Thielen, P.C.

### Jacob T. Thielen, Esq. 22 E. Main Street Fleetwood, PA 19522 Mar. 25

### 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. Cathy Bonaskiewich

Township Manager/Secretary Mar. 18, 25

# PUBLIC NOTICE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

Please be advised that the Salisbury Town-ship ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING scheduled for Tuesday April 7, 2020 has been CANCELLED. All scheduled agenda items will be discussed at the next public hearing.

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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: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

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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 Muschlitz, 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: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Mar.11, 18, 25

y Kerchne c/o John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049 Or to her attorney: John O. Stover, Jr., Esquire

Law Offices of John O. Stover, Jr. 537 Chestnut Street Emmaus, PA 18049 Mar. 11, 18, 25

# PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE 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: Executrix: Virginia Mae Watkins aka

### Virginia M. Watkins c/o Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Esquire, Swartz & Associates 7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051 Mar. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE **ESTATE 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 de-mands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to David S. Medence, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Mar. 18, 25, Apr. 1

### PUBLIC NOTICE **ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Frank J. Hanzl, Jr., late of Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testa-mentary 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 Scot T. Hanzl, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, David M.. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Or-ganization has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provi-sions of the Pennsylvania Limited Liability Act of 1994 for the following limited liability company: Gray Wolf Consulting, LLC has filed a Certificate of Organization under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company Law of

1994 Attorney: Robert Van Horn, Esquire The Roth Law Firm 123 North Fifth Street Allentown, PA 18102 Phone: (610) 434-1517

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sons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Margaret E. Ritter, Admin.

c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

Mar. 11, 18, 25 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 Trustees: Bruce A. Rockwell and

Leigh S. Rockwell

Notice is hereby given that the settlor of the revocable trust set forth below has died. All persons having claims or demands against said de-cedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the co-trustees or the co-trustee's attorney as named below

Bruce A. Rockwell, Co-Trustee Leigh S. Rockwell, Co-Trustee c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney

YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 19 E. Man Street Macungie, PA 18062 Mar. 11, 18, 25

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Estate of Eleanor D. Bowley a/k/a Eleanor Doris Bowley, deceased, late of Coopersburg, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamen-tary 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 cedent to make payments without delay to: Kenneth H. Bowley and Kevin L. Bowley,

**Co-executors** 

c/o Emily A. Zettlemoyer 53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 or to their attorney:

Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq.

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### PUBLIC 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 Jo-seph T. Jones, Jr., Executor, c/o David S. Workman, Esq., 200 S. Broad St., 6th Fl., Phila. PA 19102. Or to his Atty.: David S. Workman, As-tor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19102 Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWNSHIP OF LYNN, TO ADD CER-TAIN ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY LYNN TOWNSHIP PRIOR TO LYNN TOWNSHIP CODIFYING ITS ORDINANCES BUT WERE MISTAKENLY OMITTED FROM THE CODIFICATION ORDI-NANCE: TO ADD A FIVE (5') FOOT SIDE YARD AND FIVE (5") FOOT REAR YARD REQUIREMENT FOR THE ACCESSORY USE OF A PRI-VATE NON-COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOL IN THE VILLAGE CEN-TER (VC) ZONING DISTRICT; TO ELIMINATE REGULATION OF TEM-PORARY SIGNS: AMEND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO NONCON-FORMING STRUCTURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR MORE THAN ONE PRINCIPAL USE ON THE SAME LOT IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL/ GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GC/GI) ZONING DISTRICT" at a public meeting to be held on April 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lynn Town-ship Municipal Building located at 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Briefly summarized, the proposed Ordinance would amend the Lynn Township Codified Ordinance to add a five (5') foot side yard and a five (5') foot rear yard requirement for the accessory use of a private noncommercial swimming pool in the Village Center (VC) Zoning District, to eliminate temporary regulation of signage, to amend regulations pertaining to nonconforming structures, to allow for more that one (1) principal use in the GC/GI Zoning District and to add the following former Ordinances of Lynn Township which predated the Code of Ordinances, Township of Lynn that were mistakenly omitted at the time of adoption: Ordinance Nos. 08-5, 08-6, 09-1, 09-3, 10-2, 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, and 12-1. In addition. the proposed amendments make technical corrections to reflect that Ordinance No. 2008-04 repealed Resolution 1982-6, Ordinance No. 09-2, repealed Township Ordinance No. 94-1 and Ordinance No. 10-1 was repealed by Ordinance No. 11-5.

A certified copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Lynn Township Secretary and may be inspected by the public during normal business hours. In addition, a true and correct copy of this Ordnance has been supplied to this newspaper

Marc S. Fisher, Esquire Solicitor for Lynn Township

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# PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE ZONING HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough of Macungie Zoning Hear-ing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA, on the following appeal: APPEAL 2020-02: RUDY AMELIO/178 WEST MAIN, L.P., 170 WEST

MAIN STREET, MACUNGIE, PA, 18062, FOR PROPERTY AT 170 WEST MAIN STREET, MACUNGIE, PA 18062 - The applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use of Zoning Ordinance § 345-26,F, § 345-36 and § 345-17,C(3) to construct a 4,800 sq. ft. Car Wash Facility wherein said structure/facility is not a permitted by right or accessory use in the GC zon-ing district. The site is located in the GC Zoning District.

The applicants and all interested parties must appear at the hearing to be heard.

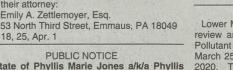
Joe Peterson, BCO, Zoning Officer

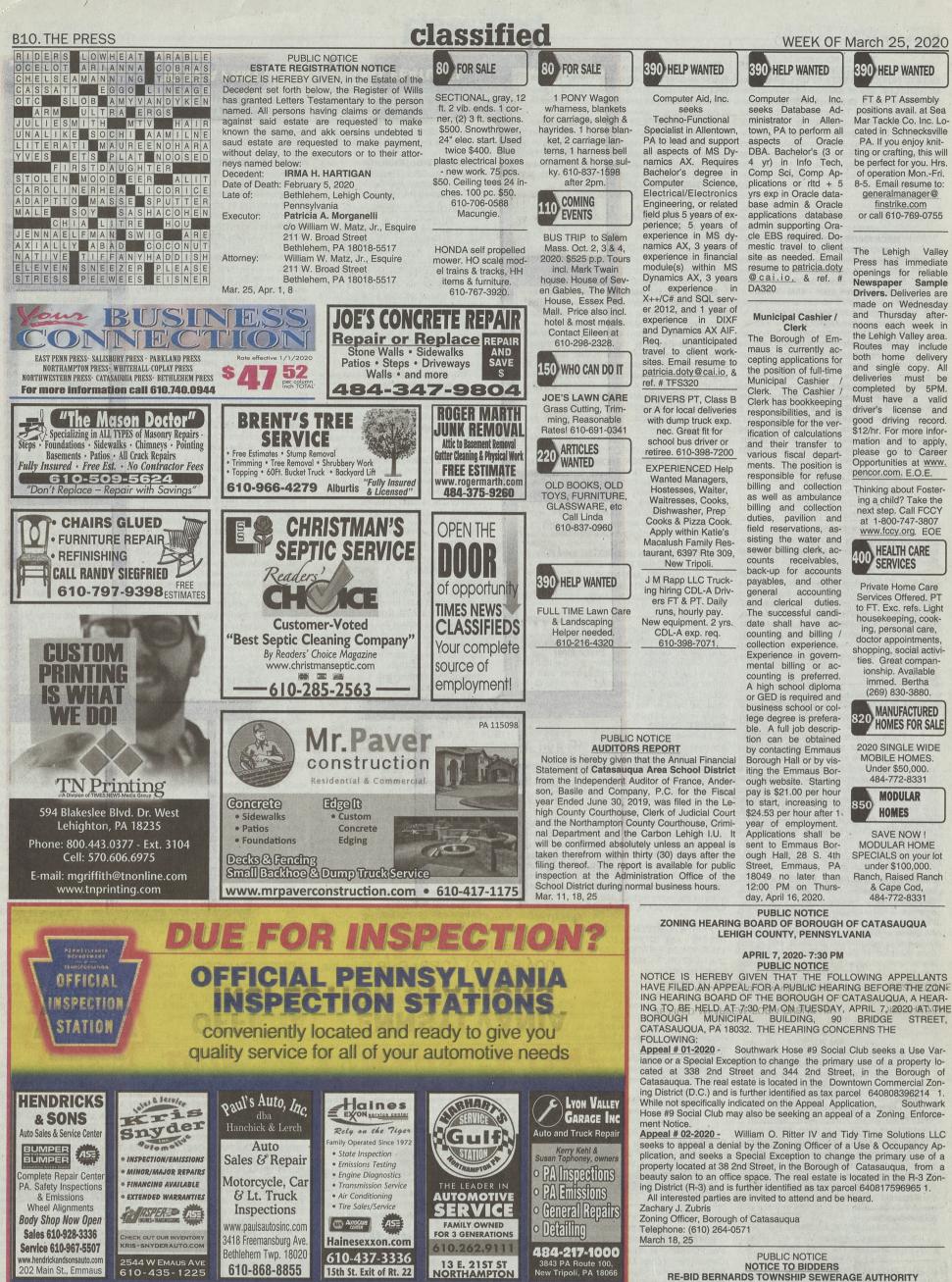
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township invites the public to review and provide comment on the Township Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) beginning on March 25, 2020 and extending through April 24, 2020. The PRP, as required by the Township National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), outlines the Township's 5-year plan beginning in 2020, to reduce sediment loading to impaired lo-cal surface waters. A copy of the PRP is available for public review at 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA 18062, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The Township will accept comments from the public at its regularly scheduled Board of Commission-ers meeting on April 2, 2020 and April 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Mar. 25









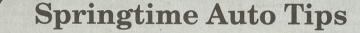
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Some preparation now will help ensure that your summer driving plans go as smoothly as you envision them now. ASE (The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) offers the following tips on getting your vehicle ready for summer.

- •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.
- Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs.
- •Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer solvent on hand to combat summer's dust and insects.

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Sealed Proposals will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the Town-ship 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 # BTSA 2020-04 Harrison Brook Sewer-age 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, PENNSYL-VANIA, 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 under stand 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

Brian C. Carl, Secretary March 25

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