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## Too many opioid cases

BY TERRY AHNER AND NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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Long before President Donald Trump declared the opioid crisis a national public health emergency, local authorities were dealing with the fallout.

Drug overdose deaths had risen precipitously over several years as local authorities sought answers — both to why this was happening and how to stop it.

In Bethlehem alone, reported overdoses increased from 79 in 2015 to 209 in 2018, according to Health Bureau Director Kristen Wenrich.

Meanwhile Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim said there were 183 drug-related deaths under his jurisdiction in 2018, a number which may rise as pending toxicology tests are completed.

And yet, these deaths may be only a fraction of what we'd expect to see if not for agencies across Pennsylvania — including Bethlehem police, fire and EMS — all including training and use of the life-saving drugs Narcan (or Naloxone).

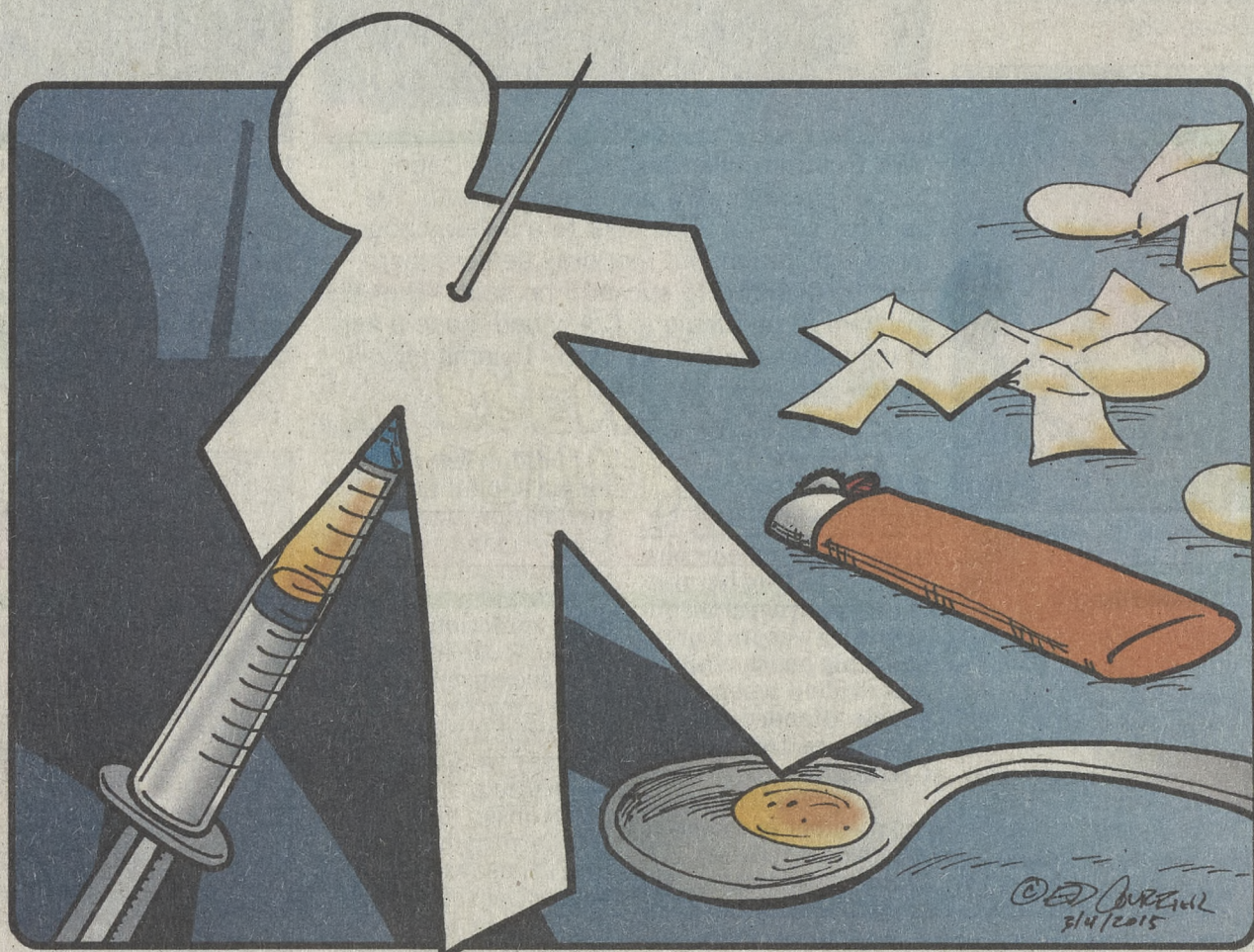
A report recently released by Police Chief Mark DiLuzio indicates his officers administered Narcan in 72 overdose incidents in 2018, and only one person died later at a medical facility. He said the fire department administered it 15 times, and city paramedics administered it 115 times.

Lansford Borough Police Chief Jack Soberick said his department has frequently used Narcan to counter the effects of opioid overdoses. "We were not the first department to use it in Carbon County, but certainly used it probably more than all the departments combined," he said. "It's a tool in our arsenal."

Soberick added, "Con-

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## Parents Left Behind Addiction is a disease

### BATTLING ADDICTION

A BETHLEHEM PRESS SERIES

BY HANNA O'REILLY  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Silence filled the room and tears flowed as three parents spoke at Northampton Community College's panel, "Parents Left Behind," Feb. 26. Tina Ralls, Chuck Deprill and Donna Jacobson told their stories about living with addicted children. For Ralls and Deprill, their children lost their long-fought battles with opioid abuse. For Jacobson, her daughter is still here and in recovery after a long and difficult journey with addiction.

Ralls, an attorney from Emmaus, lost her son James from smoking heroin. She described James as a very bright kid who, unfortunately, had a serious addiction problem. "This is a disease," Ralls said while describing the journey her family experienced on for years. "The only way to confront it is the way we confront medical diseases."

Aside from his disease, James loved writing music. Ralls



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Tina Ralls of Emmaus with a picture of her son, James Ralls. She said his relapse was triggered when was treated for burns and given morphine at a hospital. She later learned that a different medicine would have been more appropriate for an addicted patient. Ralls has found inspiration to write a book about her son's experience. She said that her son's legacy is in the form of lyrics that he wrote documenting his struggle. "He was trying." Some of the lyrics were prayers and others were dedicated to his parents.

read bits of songs and rap verses that James had written while recovering, many of which described his thought process while struggling and working toward beating his

demons. James wanted to get better and worked tirelessly to get there.

Ralls went on to explain that it is important to get addicts help right away.

"You don't need to

wait for someone to bottom out," she said. Ralls explained that it often times takes more than 30 days for addicts to get sober, especially those who are the more serious addicts, like James. Ralls continues to speak to individuals all over about James, to make sure his story gets told and addicts continue getting the attention and the help they need.

Deprill, a volunteer EMT for almost 50 years, shared the story of his son Corey, who lost his struggle with an opioid addiction. Corey loved cars and hanging with "motor heads" on days when he wasn't being a volunteer firefighter. Unfortunately, Corey suffered an injury which led him to pain medication, which ultimately resulted in drug abuse.

Deprill shared the ups and downs of his son's addiction and said he felt that being in the EMT world should have helped him read the signs of Corey's abuse.

"When it's your child, you miss all this," Deprill explained. "We trust our children."

Deprill recalled blaming himself and how lost he felt during and after Corey's struggle. Six months before Corey was found dead, he had saved a girl's life with Narcan, and explained

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### PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What is the number one thing on your bucket list?



"Solo skydiving."  
 John Genzo  
 Robbinsville, N.J.



"Win a jackpot in a casino."  
 Lisa Dunback  
 Dixon City

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**Mary Beth Parfitt**  
Hazelton



**"Go on an African safari."**  
**Sarah Davis**  
Dixon City



**"Vacation in Fiji."**  
**Carmela Cuccio**  
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**"To travel to every continent."**  
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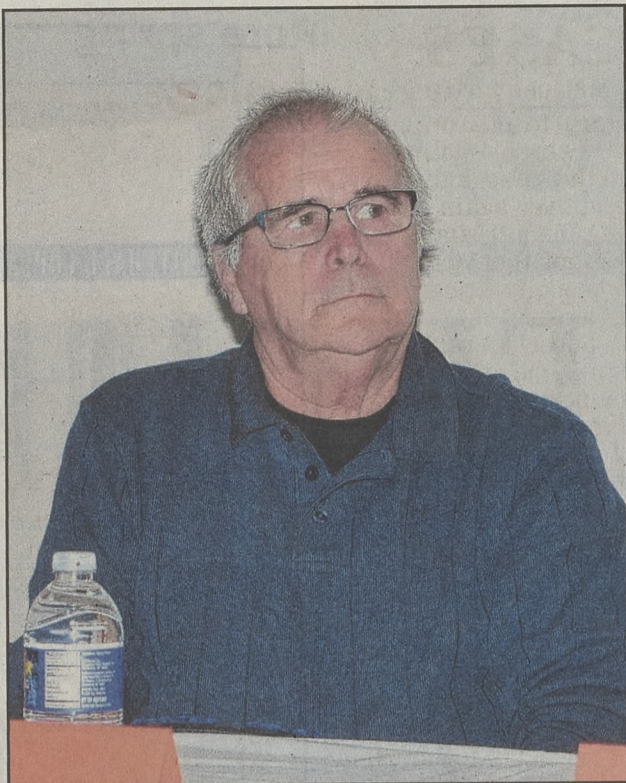
Colonial Regional Police are seeking a 56-year-old man following an attack on officers and subsequent chase around 2:30 a.m. Feb. 16.

Police say an officer checking the Hampton Inn parking lot found a man sleeping in a pickup truck. The suspect was David C. Lowy, no known address, who was already wanted on several active warrants, and who refused to exit his vehicle.

Police said he instead drove toward the officer and intentionally crashed into the patrol SUV. He then drove off, evading further pursuit.

Lowy was last seen driving a red-ish Dodge Ram, Pa. plate no. ZGA6664. He is a white male, heavyset, 5 feet, 6-inches tall with gray hair and a short beard.

Police asks anyone with knowledge of Lowy to report it at 610-861-4820.



**"We trust our children,"** said Chuck Deprill as part of his testimony on his son's death. He said his son Cory was sent to a halfway house for rehabilitation, but met drug dealers there. "The halfway house sucked," he said. "They had the best [drug] dealers. Corey had made a list of contacts to get drugs from. I blame myself; I'm an EMT, but I missed it."

**LEFT**

Continued from page A1 to her family the importance of getting her out of the negative environment she was in. Corey had a big heart, which was evident when 1,200 people attended his viewing and 800 were at his funeral.

Corey was a functioning member of society, which goes to show that drug addiction can happen to anyone.

A motorcycle run in memory of Corey is being held April 20 at the Alburtis Fire Company from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I offer to those of you that are here, the other side; hope," started Donna Jacobson, mother of Lindsay, who has struggled with drug addiction and has been in recovery for years.

Lindsay's addiction took a toll on family members who did everything they could to help her.

"It was a very long and hard journey for us," Jacobson said. Lindsay was always an overachiever in school. She suffered from anxiety and was prescribed Xanax by a family doctor.

"I didn't know enough about that medication and how highly addictive it was," Jacobson said. As time progressed, so did Lindsay's addiction. She began to abuse the Xanax but recognized her own issue early on.

"It was my decision," Lindsay would say to her parents.

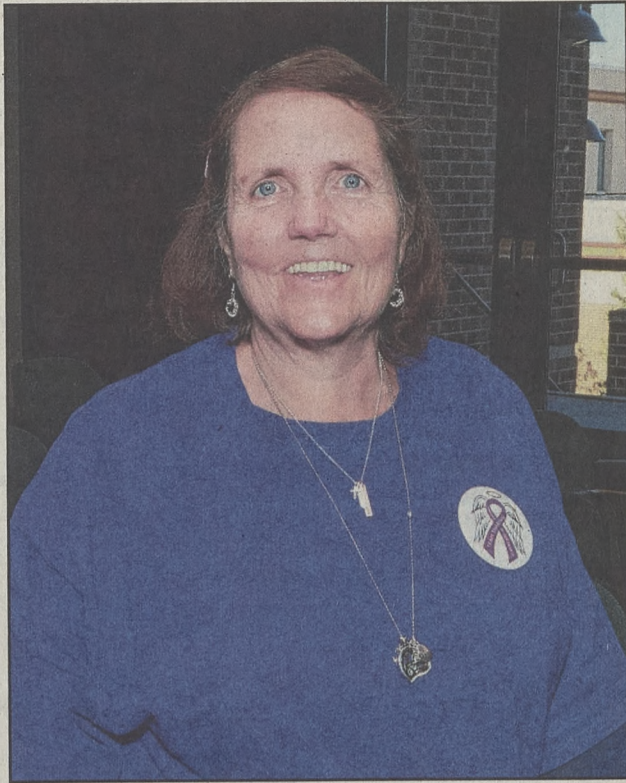
Jacobson mentioned how fortunate she is that Lindsay reached out for help after only a short time of abusing drugs and alcohol.

"Because we are their parents and love them, we believe them," Jacobson said as she recalled the times Lindsay would lie about her using. Luckily, Lindsay overcame her addiction and remains in recovery today.

"She is no longer the child that left her family behind," Jacobson said.

Jacobson urged everyone to attend "Rally in the Valley" at Steelstacks May 19. This event is working toward bringing together recovery communities, mental health communities, music and more.

Ralls, Deprill and Jacobson all said they will continue to share the



**Darlene Lewis of Borough** of Northampton said she has lost two children to drug abuse. Her daughter at age 24 died of an overdose and her son, age 30, committed suicide by jumping off the Coplay-Northampton Bridge. "I'm raising my daughter's two children." They are 6 and 9. "Faith got me through," said Lewis.



**"I offer hope,"** said Donna Jacobson whose daughter survived her addiction. "I'm blessed to have a daughter who is here." As to her daughter's addiction, "I believed her [lies]. We want so hard to believe the lies." She asked the audience to remember what they wanted to be when they were children and got some expected responses — fireman, engineer, nurse. "Nobody wanted to be a drug addict."

stories of their children with the hope of helping as many individuals as they can.

"If one person walks

out of here with just a little more education than they walked in with, then we've done our job," Jacobson said.

**Wolf works to stop heroin, fentanyl**

**BATTLING ADDICTION**

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As part of Stop Overdoses in PA: Get Help Now Week, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick, acting commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), and Maj. Gen. Tony Carrelli, Pennsylvania's adjutant general and head of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, recently reinforced the Wolf administration's collaborative approach toward disrupting the flow of illegal drugs into the commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania State Police continues to work closely with its local and federal law enforcement partners, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, and others to aggressively investigate and dismantle drug trafficking organizations operating in the commonwealth.

From Jan. 1 through Nov. 30, 2018, troopers seized nearly 52 kilograms of heroin and 37 kilograms of fentanyl. In

its purest form, even a small amount of fentanyl can cause a severe or potentially deadly reaction, putting not only users but also anyone who encounters the drug at risk.

"Members of the Pennsylvania State Police remain steadfast in their efforts to bring to justice the dangerous smugglers and dealers who target the commonwealth's most vulnerable populations," said Acting Commissioner Evanchick. "Together with our law enforcement partners, we are using all resources available to keep illegal drugs out of our communities."

Major drug seizures have come after simple traffic stops, as well as complex, long-term investigations, according to Evanchick. Last month, a patrol trooper recovered 16 kilograms of fentanyl and 79 grams of cocaine after a traffic stop in Northampton County. In August, an undercover operation in Philadelphia yielded

four kilograms of heroin and three kilograms of fentanyl.

"The Pennsylvania Counterdrug Joint Task Force leverages unique National Guard capabilities that support local and state law enforcement partners such as the Pennsylvania State Police, creates valuable community partnerships and provides free training through our Northeast Counterdrug Training Center in Lebanon County," said Carrelli. "Their mission directly supports Governor

educational programs to address the current drug crisis, providing 26 iterations of Opioid Awareness training for 1,100 students and seven iterations of a Current Opioid Threat training to 226 students. A total of 6,480 Pennsylvania students received free training from NCTC.

The CJTF also partnered with PSP and other law enforcement agencies to provide investigative support with an overall contribution to 85 opioid cases, resulting in 786 lbs. of heroin seizures with a street value of \$68,138. The CJTF is a federally funded program and all their programs and services are provided at no cost to the commonwealth.

"Pennsylvania's Counterdrug Joint Task Force continues to expand and adapt operations to meet today's evolving threats, but the strong working relationships between our state and federal partners have been the true keys to our successes," Carrelli added.

For more information on the Pennsylvania State Police, visit [www.psp.pa.gov](http://www.psp.pa.gov). For more information on the Counterdrug Joint Task Force visit [www.counterdrug.org](http://www.counterdrug.org).

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**Wednesday, March 6**

**Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture:** "Decoding U.S. - China Trade" by James West, Ph.D., Moravian College, cost, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Kirkland Village Auditorium, 1 Kirkland Circle, use Health Center entrance and parking. Call 610-867-4669, ext. 101. Will be rescheduled if Bethlehem Schools close for snow.

**Salvation Army, Bible study, all ages, 11 a.m. to noon; program: 1 p.m.** 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for senior activities and schedules. Also on March 13.

**Thursday, March 7**

**Salvation Army, fellowship for seniors 50 and up; Tai Chi, 9:45 a.m.;** program: 10:45 a.m., followed by lunch (donation). 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681.

**Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, open to the public. "CSIM - Critical Stress Debriefing" by Joel, WB3IWC.** Hams and others interested welcome. 7:30 p.m. 2900 Farmersville Road. Bethlehem Township Community Center. Information: www.dlarc.org; KE3AW@ARRL.NET or call 610-432-8286.

**Saturday, March 9**

**Northampton Community College's Alumni Association Spring Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,** Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center, Bethlehem Campus, 3835 Green Pond Road. More than 150 crafters. There is a cost. Bring a non-perishable food item for the N.C.C. H.O.P.E. pantry. Information, email nhutt@northampton.edu.

**Sunday, March 10**

**Registration deadline for The Write Stuff conference:** March 21 through 23, Greater L. V. Writers Group featuring Ben Wolf, presenter and keynote speaker. Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Drive. Conference Rate rooms: call 610-866-5800. Information and registration (by March 10): <https://greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org/event-2974114>.

**Lenten Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.** Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 321 Wyandotte St. Call 610-865-0727 or visit [www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/](http://www.nativitycathedral.org/worship/music/).

**Monday, March 11**

**'Hi Neighbors', free, open to public; 9:15 a.m.,** coffee; 10 a.m.: 'Youngest United Airlines Captain'; Korry Franke; 11:15 a.m. 'More Than a Hike: Ten Days on the Camino de Santiago/Way of St. James', R. and E. Helmuth. First Presbyterian, 2344 Center St. [fpo-bethlehem.org/2019/02/21/hi-neighbors-spring-programs/](http://fpo-bethlehem.org/2019/02/21/hi-neighbors-spring-programs/).

**Tuesday, March 12**

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

**Bach at Noon concert, free. A Cantata Series; The Bach Choir of Bethlehem, 12:10 to 1 p.m.** Central Moravian Church, 73 W. Church St. Information: call 610-866-5661 or visit [www.centralmoravianchurch.org](http://www.centralmoravianchurch.org) or [www.bach.org](http://www.bach.org).

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Toddler story time (ages two to three and a half), 10:30 a.m.;** snack box storytime, 11 a.m. Free; no registration required. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 W. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) or call 610-867-3761, ext. 399.

**Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture: "Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics" by Joseph Walsh, M.A.,** DeSales University, cost, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kirkland Village Auditorium, 1 Kirkland Circle, use Health Center entrance and parking. Call 610-867-4669, ext. 101. Will be rescheduled if Bethlehem schools close for snow.

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**MEETING BOARD**

**Wednesday, March 6**

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

**Thursday, March 7**

**Rep. Bob Freeman, council chambers, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** 685 Main St., Hellertown.

**Bethlehem Zoning Board, 6 p.m.** city hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Northampton County Economic Development, 5 p.m.,** Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

**Northampton County Council, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,** Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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

**Monday, March 11**

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trary to misconception, we weren't going back to the same addicts over and over again and saving them. Usually when we got that call, it was somebody known to us as a user."

Soberick said he believes the solution has to be a "multipronged" approach.

"We make arrests, we enforce the law, we try to assist people in any way possible to help get people into rehabs," he said. "Our job is to help break that cycle."

Schuylkill County coroner David Moylan said the opioid crisis is real.

"Our problem has not lessened," Moylan said. "We're deluged with opioid intoxication cases."

**So many cases**

"If the president wants to declare a national emergency, I'd declare it on the opioid crisis," Moylan said. "It's an emergency crisis."

"There's so many of these cases that we can't autopsy them all," he said. "We're going to present this to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Moylan added, "We have a tool to try to stem this epidemic. We need to take this tool that the lawmakers have given us and use that to control the delivery."

"It's an epidemic," he said. "Essentially you've got to find where the source is, where the pathogen is, and eradicate it."

Moylan explained that in his role as a coroner, he must determine the cause of death, and then figure out the manner.

"These aren't natural deaths," he said. "Could it be an accident? Yeah I can see an accident, but most of them aren't accidental."

Carbon County Coroner Robert Miller said he isn't sure what the answer is.

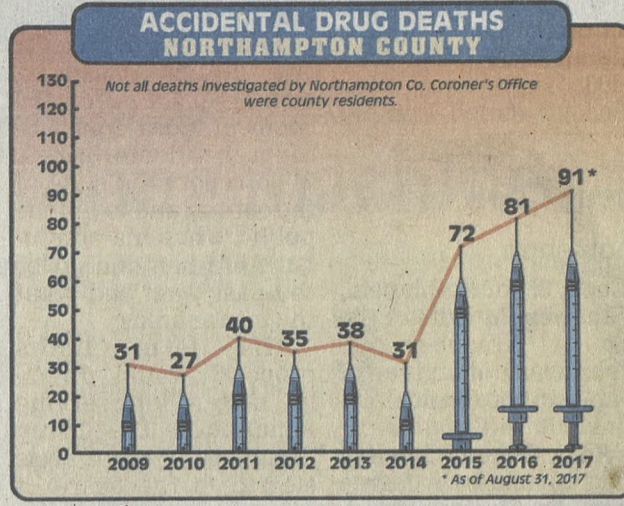
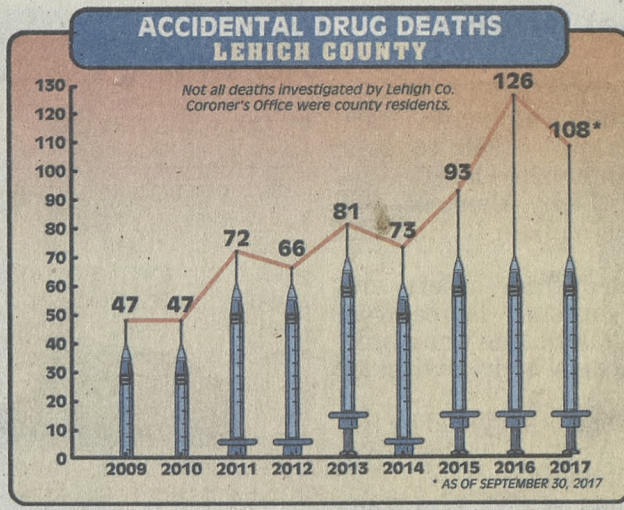
"I really don't know what the answer is. They're trying to rehab and stuff like this," Miller said. "I don't think these people listen. They know what drugs can do to their system. I don't think that they care."

Miller said that in 2015, the county had 18 overdoses for illicit drugs, 18 in 2016, 28 in 2017, and 29 last year, along with two cases pending.

"We're not that bad in Carbon," he said. "Some of these numbers in other counties are astronomical."

Miller said he attributes that to Carbon County having such a high elderly population.

"Fifties and 60s and up, we don't see many over-



doses there; it's mostly 30s and 40s," he said. "I don't know what the answer is; it's a mixture."

**Getting treatment**

Last year, state Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon, sponsored a bill that would create a detoxification registry to facilitate treatment for drug addiction.

Under the bill - which passed the House unanimously - the Department of Human Services would

develop and administer an Internet-based detoxification bed registry to collect, aggregate and display information about available beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric facilities and licensed detoxification and rehabilitation facilities for the treatment of people in need of inpatient hospitalization or detoxification.

This registry would contain information about facilities and licensed providers; information regarding the number of beds available at a facility; and provide a search function to identify available beds that are appropriated for the treatment of a substance abuse emergency.

Heffley also introduced a bill, Warm Hand-off legislation, an act providing for transferring overdose

survivors to addiction treatment, for a comprehensive warm handoff initiative; establishing the Warm Hand-Off Initiative Grant Program; providing for consents and for immunity; establishing the Overdose Recovery Task Force; and providing for overdose stabilization and warm handoff centers, for rules and regulations and for an annual report.

He said hearings are scheduled next month in Harrisburg for the Warm Hand-off legislation, a bill that has been modeled after the Blue Guardian program that's been successful in Lehigh County.

"There's been a lot of talk lately about Narcan that's been administered hundreds of times throughout the county and state, saving thousands of lives," Heffley said. "(The question becomes), how do we get people into treatment?"

Heffley said Pennsylvania lost about 2,300 people to overdoses last year, noting that it's the No. 1 leading cause of accidental deaths in the state.

"It really is an epidemic," he said. "There's nothing more heartbreaking than sitting with a family who lost a 19- or 20-year-old daughter or son to opioids addiction."

Heffley said the opioids epidemic is something that affects every level.

"It really is something that we need to address," he said. "We need to do more to keep our community safe."

Heffley praised the federal, state and local government for stepping up.

"We all have to work together in this," he said. "I commend administration, and the funding they have provided is a good thing."

While the breadth of the epidemic is daunting, the state administration's continuing developing communication and coordination between agencies is helping officials get a better grasp of what they are facing and how to help victims. Deputy Secretary for Health Preparedness and Community Protection Ray Barishansky said via a recent phone interview a 17-state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, new treatment options and accessibility and growing use of Narcan are early and successful steps in the fight. But he warns, "This is a crisis that's developed over several decades. We're not going to be able to reverse it in a year or two."

He said while authorities are using the PDMP to reduce and more clearly monitor opioid prescriptions, reducing them by as much as 20 percent, they are seeing an increase in cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl use. "This is not an easy fight. I don't think there's a silver bullet on this one," he said, but explained many initiatives are active from the federal to local level, and all are working together to mature and evolve best practices. "No one initiative is going to make the difference. It's all of them coming together."

Heffley said he plans to continue to work with the state Department of Health to "encourage them to make sure these solutions don't get bogged down in bureaucracy."

"We're losing more people to this opioid epidemic than we ever did to AIDS," he said. "Addiction left untreated is always fatal. We want to try to help get these people treatment."

Barishansky says the life-saving medication is at least a key to that while officials nationwide seek other options. "You have to be alive to get into treatment. Naloxone can be the bridge - helping them stay alive and getting them into treatment. [Survivors] are the best advocates."

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**Irene (Altemose) Hartman**

registered nurse



Irene "Reenie" (Altemose) Hartman, 76, of York, died Feb. 26, 2019. She was a daughter of the late Charles and Margaret (Elek) Altemose. She was the wife of William R. Hartman for 43 years.

She graduated from Liberty HS and earned a nursing degree from Northampton Community College. She was a phlebotomist, floor nurse and medical audit analyst for Lehigh Valley hospitals.

In addition her husband, she is survived by two sons, Robert M. and James A.; and a brother, William C. and his wife Jean Altemose.

Contributions may be made to York Symphony Orchestra, 50 N. George St.; and/or York County Community Foundation, 14 W. Market St., both at York, PA 17401; and/or York County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 3159 Susquehanna Trail North, York, PA 17406.

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

**Eleanor LeSueur Cook**

worked at book shop

Eleanor LeSueur "Elle" Cook, 85, of Bethlehem, died at home Feb. 25, 2019. She was the wife of the late John "Jack" Miller Cook.

Born in Baltimore, Md., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin Wilmar and Juliet (Smith) LeSueur.

She graduated from the Roland Park Country School, Baltimore, and earned a bachelor's degree from Hollins College, Roanoke, Va. She studied piano at the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, as a child.

She made her debut at the Baltimore Bachelors' Cotillion.

She worked at the Moravian Bookshop for many years until she retired in 2006.

She was a member of Grace Church, Bethlehem. She was a member of Saucon Valley Country Club.

She is survived by three daughters, Juliet Cook Glennon (Bernard Bailey) of New York City, Emily Vadasz (Thomas) of Bethlehem and Rebecca Goodrich (Brett) of Baltimore; and four grandsons, Benjamin, Harry, William and John. She was predeceased by a son, John Trexler Cook; and a sister, Juliet LeSueur Weber.

Contributions may be sent to St. Luke's Hospice, c/o Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, 18015.

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**Armstrong delivers state of county ...**

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The county executive, a Democrat, proposed measures that may shake up the Republican-dominated Board of Commissioners; limit commissioners' terms to three, or 12 years; secondly, create an independent ethics oversight committee; and third, get them out of the negotiating collective bargaining agreements business.

Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong addressed a crowded room at Coca-Cola Stadium in Allentown Feb. 21 to report the state of the county and to tell the public what his administration has done over the past year and what the future holds.

His term limits proposal would directly target long-serving Republican Dr. Percy Dougherty who was elected to the board of commissioners and took office in January 1993.

Armstrong's goal in setting up an Ethics Committee is to ensure that citizens know that they have a government they can trust and that will "guarantee honesty and integrity in Lehigh County."

Such a committee would have had an oversight role in such recent issues as when a Lehigh County contractor made an illegal campaign contribution to a member of the board of commissioners. When the county legal office objected, the illegal contribution was returned and there were no legal consequences to the matter.

Returning to Home Rule language desired by Armstrong would get the Commissioners out of the business of negotiating collective bargaining agreements, which he said is clearly "ineffective and has proven costly." He said one arbitration award this year will cost county taxpayers \$2 million.

Armstrong registered unhappiness with the county commissioners who last year overrode his veto of the millage rate he had sought for the 2019 budget (3.79 mills). The commissioners reduced the rate to 3.64 mills, which, Armstrong argued, amounted to kicking the "can down the alley."

Voting down the proposed millage rate by the board of commissioners was seen by one government officer as the product of a desire to allow an official who was running for higher office to claim they "had cut taxes."

"Well, the can has hit the brick wall at the end of the alley," said Armstrong.



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, said, "The City of Allentown 911 employees have been fully welcomed as county staff. This new consolidated 911 center will improve our communications capabilities."

He said this decision by the commissioners will result in a loss of \$8.3 million.

Armstrong turned his attention to voting machines; he announced that the election board "chose to institute a paper ballot/scanner system in Lehigh County."

This is because the state, in an apparent reaction to nationally reported election meddling, has ordered election systems to be able to leave a paper trail. Currently, said Armstrong, there is a Federal House bill proposing a paper ballot system. He said the cost would be about \$3.5 million.

Armstrong also highlighted infrastructure, reminding his audience that the Coplay-Northampton Bridge is in its second year of construction; it is projected to be a three-year project to replace the old bridge.

"The bridge is on schedule and on budget." It is the first in the state to use post tension technology and the first in the county to use electronic isolated tendon technology.

He briefly discussed his plan to seek a \$5 per car registration fee that would bring in money for county-owned bridges. According to Lehigh County Director of Administration Ed Hozza Jr., municipalities could apply for funding from this program for paying for their deficient bridges and other vi-

transportation-related repairs.

Armstrong reiterated his commitment to the Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center by announcing the next director and administrator as Jason Cumello. "Taking management in-house will be more cost effective." Cumello will move up from his current position as assistant administrator for Cedarbrook.

Armstrong said, "In the next few months the board of commissioners will approve the construction plan and bond financing for the \$78 million expansion and renovation of Cedarbrook in Whitehall Township.

"In 2018, we completely renovated the auditorium in the D Wing; in a few short weeks we will dedicate the space and celebrate the 175th anniversary of Cedarbrook."

Armstrong lauded Kimberly Makoul of the Public Defender's office for installing a new case management system "which has completely reorganized the handling of individual clients." He said the new system will improve efficiency and productivity.

County Executive Armstrong turned to the issues of drugs, alcohol and the corrections system. He said that 66 percent of the county's budget goes to public safety and law and order.

"Our corrections and law enforcement partners such as the Pennsylvania State Police, creates valuable community partnerships and provides free training through our Northeast Counterdrug Training Center in Lebanon County," said Carrelli.

"Their mission directly supports Governor Wolf's fight against opioid abuse and heroin use, and they are truly dedicated to getting these deadly drugs out of circulation."

From Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 1, 2018, the Pennsylvania Counterdrug Joint Task Force (CJTF) supported the transportation and destruction of 147 pounds of heroin with a street value of \$7,046,400 and the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center (NCTC) offered

those who interact with our judicial system may go back to being productive members of society," said Armstrong.

He credited District Attorney James Martin with starting use of the Blue Guardian Programs that provides follow-up services to people who have been administered Naloxone (also known as Narcan). Naloxone is an anti-opioid used to reverse opioid overdoses.

"I'm proud to say that we are following through on giving people who pay their dues their second chances," said Armstrong.

"We've sent 732 inmates to our Community Corrections Center for employment, treatment and to find a home plan. Three hundred eighty-four inmates have completed programs such as relapse prevention, Stepping Up, and Parenting Program."

Moving to the area of human services, Armstrong said his experience as County Executive "has also shown me that county government is truly a safety net for those most in need and most vulnerable in our society."

He said the state has approved a \$2.3 million forensic justice plan to prevent those suffering from serious mental illness from being incarcerated and to return those who have been jailed to their communities with support.

Armstrong spoke of the need to "protect and improve Lehigh County's open spaces and its natural beauty. Last year we were recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for preserving our 300th farm. We rank fourth in total number of farms preserved and fifth in total acres preserved."

Armstrong said the county has received over \$1 million toward work on the D & L Trail Gap.

In speaking of the 911 center's consolidation with Allentown, he said it is "nearing completion." Armstrong said the \$15 million project has been done with no county tax money.

"The City of Allentown 911 employees have been fully welcomed as county staff. This new consolidated 911 center will improve our communications capabilities."

According to Armstrong, the county will distribute an annual newsletter to the 150,000 county residents. He said the newsletter will be paid for by advertising, but it would cost about \$10,000. Retired students received free training from NCTC.

The CJTF also partnered with PSP and other law enforcement agencies to provide investigative support with an overall contribution to 85 opioid cases, resulting in 786 lbs. of heroin seizures with a street value of \$68,138. The CJTF is a federally funded program and all their programs and services are provided at no cost to the commonwealth.

"Pennsylvania's Counterdrug Joint Task Force continues to expand and adapt operations to meet today's evolving threats, but the strong working relationships between our state and federal partners have been the true keys to our successes," Carrelli added.

For more information on the Pennsylvania State Police, visit [www.psp.pa.gov](http://www.psp.pa.gov). For more information on the Counterdrug Joint Task Force visit [www.counterdrug.org](http://www.counterdrug.org).

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p.m. East Hills auditorium, 2005 Chester Road.

City of Bethlehem Housing Authority, 4:30 p.m. city hall, 10 E. Church St.

Bethlehem Twp. Recreation Commission, 6 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

**Tuesday, March 12**

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Supervisors, 7 p.m. 3630 Jacksonville Road.

Hellertown Borough Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 685 Main St., Hellertown.

Saucon Valley School Board, 7 p.m. Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown.

South Bethlehem Historical Society, 7 p.m. Victory Fire House, 205 Webster St.

**Wednesday, March 13**

Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

Northampton County Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m., Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

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**... then apologize**

As a way of explaining why he made no promises during his campaign for office, Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong told what two commissioners considered a socially unacceptable "story" during his state of county address about a supposed friend, a light blue Cadillac convertible and a "blonde."

The Press contacted Armstrong, a Democrat, for comment on his "story," and the reaction of the two Republican Lehigh County commissioners when they heard what he had said.

Armstrong replied to the Press' question via email Feb. 21.

"I'm deeply sorry to hear you took offense to the story which was told during my state of county address," Armstrong wrote. "I recognize the complex, long-term investigations, accomplishments and actions having to do with the month, a patrol trooper acknowledged how they can't make others feel diminished or marginalized."

"The purpose of my state of county address was intended to demonstrate that many often make

enforcement partners, we are using all resources available to keep illegal drugs out of our communities."

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick, Pa. State Police

Wolf's fight against opioid abuse and heroin use, and they are truly dedicated to getting these deadly drugs out of circulation."

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**BRIEFLY BETHLEHEM**

City app tracks snow removal

An online map is now available to track the progress of the City of Bethlehem snow removal. The color-coded map is viewable by visiting <http://avl.bethlehem-pa.gov/bethlehempa/>.

**BAPL/MAIN**

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Starting March 4, the Bethlehem Area Public Library's Main Library, 11 W. Church St., has new hours.

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**LEHIGH CO.**

Unsung Heroes deadline March 8

The Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Unsung Heroes Program. The awards are given to Lehigh County residents age 60 and over who volunteered outstanding contributions or services that promoted, enhanced and enriched the quality of life for others.

The winners must be available to attend the local Unsung Hero celebration May 15. Nomination forms are available by visiting [www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Human-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services](http://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Human-Services/Aging-and-Adult-Services).

Nominations must be postmarked by March 8.



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Lydia Rodriguez, a ninth-grade production design major at the Lehigh Valley Charter HS for the Arts, created a newspaper dress for the school's Wearable Art Showcase, which took place Feb. 10. Rodriguez used the FOCUS section of the LV Press to make her dress, which took more than 10 hours to create. Other materials included tissue paper, computer paper and paint.

**BRIEFLY**

**RED CROSS**

#ForTheThrone March 7 blood drive

The American Red Cross is facing a severe shortage of type O blood and urgently needs donors. They have partnered with HBO and the Red Cross in recognition of the final season of Game of Thrones with a bleed #ForTheThrone blood drive in March.

The largest blood donation promotional effort by an entertainment company in Red Cross history includes six days of coordinated giving March 7-12, during which donors will receive exclusive Game of Thrones swag, including a T-shirt, stickers to unlock a unique Snapchat filter and other items, while supplies last.

All Red Cross blood or platelet donors March 7 through March 17 will be entered for a chance to win one of five trips to the GoT final season premiere.

Terms and conditions apply; visit [RedCrossBlood.org/HBOGameofThrones](http://RedCrossBlood.org/HBOGameofThrones).

Donors may make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Governor: Update voting machines**

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County's Elections Commission met Feb. 14 to discuss, among other things, the new voting systems that the state wants in place before the 2020 presidential election. These must contain a paper trail. Governor Tom Wolf has directed all 67 counties to purchase new voting machines, but the state has only provided \$14.1 million statewide to make purchases projected to cost \$147 million. Northampton County's share is \$342,000.

On Jan. 10, about 30 county elections judges visited Lehigh County for a demonstration of several voting systems. According to Deputy Voting Registrar Amy Hess, a survey of these judges revealed they like the ExpressVote XL, as well as Clear Ballot. The ExpressVote XL system is favored by County Administrator Charles Dertinger.

Elections Commission-

er Deb Hunter would like to invite some experts from Lehigh University, along with elections judges to discuss these systems at a meeting March 6. "Personally, I think it's a waste of time," said Chairman George Treisner. But he was outvoted by the other commissioners.

Hunter expressed frustration at receiving the agenda on the day of the meeting, although it was pretty much identical to an "informational" meeting in December. She also complained about the meeting being set by the administration. "These are our meetings," she complained, asserting the Commission's independence.

Bushkill Township resident Crystal Mulada spoke about moving elections from the Butz Elementary School to a nearby fire hall. "The voters of this township are telling you they want [the polling

place] changed," she argued.

Commission member Maudeania Hornik commented on an elderly voter who was struck and killed by a driver in the Forks Township Community Center parking lot during last November's election. "The Forks incident bothers me," she said. "I think it's horrible that someone went out to vote and lost their life." She noted that the parking lot there is always congested, and suggested that Forks officials be requested to cancel other events on election day. "I'm not telling them what to do," she stressed,

but said that would make things safer.

Administrator Charles Dertinger said he would discuss the matter with the community center.

Complaints about the Upper Nazareth Municipal Building as a polling place are being reviewed, advised Solicitor Richard Santee. He said he had received a letter from Upper Nazareth Solicitor Gary Asteak.

Finally, commissioners approved a referendum question in Lower Nazareth Township asking the voters if they would support an additional earned income tax of 0.25 percent for the acquisition of open space.

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**GIRL SCOUTS**

'Take the Lead' sponsors needed

The annual Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania will honor four distinguished women leaders at the annual Take the Lead on April 30.

This year's recipients are Susan Drabic, president & CEO, Morningstar Senior Living, Olga Negron, a city of Bethlehem councilwoman and community liaison, HSGK Law Firm; Ashley Russo, president and executive producer, ASR Media Productions; and Cecelia Connelly-Weida Ph.D., dean of School of Business, Education, Legal, and Social Services, Lehigh Carbon Community College.

The fundraising event, planned and executed by girls, is seeking sponsors and supporters for this year's event, as well as providing Girl Scout leadership experience to more than 1,000 girls in underserved areas of the Lehigh Valley, all free of charge.

For more information, call 215-948-5123 or visit [takethelead@gsep.org](mailto:takethelead@gsep.org).

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**Number of school closings questioned**

BY MARK KIRLIN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Anthony Lama, a parent of a first grader at Saucon ES voiced concerns Feb. 26 to the school board over what he called "unnecessary and frivolous" school closings due to inclement weather. Lama said, "I say we should not be snowflakes that melt, ironically enough, in the presence of a few snowflakes."

According to Lama, "we've had a very mild winter, very uneventful and yet we lost 41 hours of instructional time with 10 weather related closings and delays." Due to the number of closing thus far this year, many districts are shortening the Easter holiday and adding days at the end of the school year.

Lama said when Saucon closed on a recent Wednesday, he took his son to a movie and Red Robin at the Promenade Shops, citing conditions that were not worthy of a closing. He noted another day, Jan. 22, when it was 11 degrees and the district had a delayed opening because "school buses couldn't be warmed up." According to Lama, "that's a disgrace, how was someone not fired?"

Lama himself is a teacher and drives to New York 82 miles each way. He said he views the closings as a disruption that harms stu-

**SAUCON VALLEY**



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK KIRLIN

Board member Bryan Eichfeld says Saucon buses travel some rather mountainous, curvy roads in parts of the district.

ents' educations. He mentioned there is research that shows when students take math assessments, their grades fall by a third to one half a percentage point for every day school is closed due to snow. Lama said, "My son's teacher and all the teachers can't do the great work they do if they're locked out of the building."

In addition, Lama said he believes unnecessary school closings set a bad example for kids and fail to prepare them for the real world. According to Lama, "the implicit message is that school doesn't matter, it's something expendable, doesn't really make a difference." Saucon and other school

districts claim that they are trying to prepare students for college and a career afterward, he said, and, "what college or career allows you to miss work over a couple of inches of snow?"

Lama offered a solution to the board. His idea included more "stringent and standardized criteria" for closings and delays. He acknowledged closings are a subjective process but suggested the district close schools when the forecast calls for a winter storm warning of six or more inches of snow and keep schools open for minor events such as advisories where snow is expected, but not anything more than a nuisance. According

to Lama, if the district took this approach there would only have been two closings this school year, instead of 10 closings and delays.

Board member Shamim Pakzad acknowledged there are many factors that go into deciding to close school, but agreed with Lama's assessment and said, "If kids are not in the classroom, teachers can't do anything for them."

Superintendent Craig Butler noted one those factors by saying it's very difficult not to act in accordance with other districts, like Bethlehem, because Saucon partners with Bethlehem in sharing vocational technical students. Butler also noted that he worked in Wyoming for nine years and school was closed only one day due to 74 below zero temperatures. He said he wouldn't have a problem staying open, but if all the other school districts are closed and Saucon remains open, "I would have trouble answering to this board if something were to happen on one of our buses."

Board member Bryan Eichfeld noted Saucon buses students from throughout Wassergass and Lower Saucon Township, which contain more mountainous areas with curvy roads that often contain more snow and ice than the rest of the district.

**BRIEFLY PENN STATE/LV**

Student artwork now featured

The Community Gallery at Penn State Lehigh Valley presents the exhibit, "Beyond Batiks," featuring works by William Allen Arts Academy students til March 23.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Community Gallery at Penn State Lehigh Valley highlights artists in the region specifically as an outreach effort to artist groups and students.

The gallery is adjacent to the Ronald K. De Long Gallery on the Penn State Lehigh Valley campus, 2809 Saucon Valley Road, Center Valley.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The gallery is closed Sundays and campus holidays.

For more information, contact Ann Lalik at [annlalik@psu.edu](mailto:annlalik@psu.edu) or 610-285-5261.

**MUSIC CLUB**

Pianist scholarship tryouts March 23

Applications for the Allentown Music Club's 2019 Dr. Albert Hofmann Scholarship for Young Pianists are now available. Serious current students of piano who attend a school in Lehigh or Northampton County and are enrolled in grades nine through 12 are eligible for the \$1,000 prize.

Auditions will be held in 15-minute increments from 5 to 7 p.m. March 23 at Asbury Methodist Church, 1533 Springhouse Road, Allentown.

The winner is required to perform his/her selections at the April 6 meeting of the club in the Zentz Community Building at Fellowship Manor, 3010 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall.

For more information and an application, call Dan Rambo at 610-442-1565 or email [sdrsong@verizon.net](mailto:sdrsong@verizon.net).

**Zrinski wants farmers to grow hemp**

BY BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Northampton County Council has a Parks and Open Space Committee designed to review county park improvements, as well as farmland preservation and open space grants. These were endorsed, in principle, by voters in a 2002 referendum. Council member Tara Zrinski, the current chair of that

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committee, has persuaded council to rename it. As of Feb. 21, it is now known as the energy, environment and land use committee.

Zrinski advised council members that she would like to be more involved in land use issues, even though that is the domain of townships, boroughs and cit-

ies. She also began a discussion of the Green New Deal, which she called a "progressive vision for environmental sustainability." She said she recognizes that county government is unable to implement all of the goals, such as free college. She added, however, that the county could promote more green policies, such as solar panels.

Zrinski is herself a solar panel salesperson.

In addition to the Green New Deal, Zrinski discussed changes in the new Farm Bill that will incentivize the use of industrial hemp.

Jennifer Masero, a Penn State Extension specialist, advised council that legalized production of hemp will encourage more agricultural diversity at a time when area farmers are struggling. She said most of them have sec-

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# City prepares for March 16 Parade of Shamrocks

The streets of Bethlehem will turn green on March 16 as thousands of emerald-clad revelers will sweep into Historic Bethlehem for the Eighth annual Celtic Classic Parade of Shamrocks, organized by the Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA).

The parade begins at 1 p.m. at 10th Avenue and West Broad Street and proceeds east on Broad Street, turns right on to Main Street and heads south on Main Street. The parade concludes under the Hill-to-Hill Bridge. This free event has plenty of viewing along the sidewalks of the procession route.

James F. Stocklas will serve as the Grand Mar-

shal of this year's parade. Stocklas is a retired District Judge in Northampton County who has been very supportive of local charities, schools and other community organizations.

The weekend will kick off on Friday, March 15, at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem where you will find musicians playing traditional Irish tunes to sing along with in the hotel lobby. Happening all weekend will be Failte' Festival, presented by Donegal Square & McCarthy's Red Stag Pub & Whiskey Bar, in the Ice House. There will be three days of Irish music and dancing with top names such as Gerry Timlin, Seamus Ken-

nedy, O'Grady-Quinlan Academy of Irish Dance and more. Tickets can be found at donegalsquare.com/events or call 610-866-3244.

Prior to the parade, festivities begin at 11 a.m. with the Celtic Dog Parade at Donegal Square. Proceeds benefit the Center for Animal Health & Welfare. (To register as a contestant, call 610-866-3244.)

After the parade, many stores and businesses have special activities planned throughout the day along Main and Broad streets. Pubs and restaurants will have Irish themed menus and drink specials.

"Over 30 percent of the

Lehigh Valley's residents have Celtic roots," says Jayne Ann Recker, executive director of the Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA). "But everyone is Irish for the Parade of Shamrocks. Anyone can participate in the parade. It's a great way for your organization to gain visibility, as every group is recognized on RCN's broadcast." The parade will be shown on RCN on March 23 at 10 a.m. followed by "Half Way to the Celtic Classic" at 12:30 p.m. with highlights from the 2018 event. More highlights will be shown by RCN on March 24 beginning at 9 a.m.

The parade unofficially marks the halfway point to the 32nd annual

Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival, the largest free Celtic festival in North America, organized by the CCA.

The Celtic Classic will be held Sept. 27 - 29. Annually, over 280,000 visitors come to Historic Bethlehem to join in this celebration of all things Celtic. Festivities include the U.S. National Highland Games Championship, pipe band competition, authentic Celtic merchants and world renowned Celtic performers.

For more information on the Parade of Shamrocks visit the organization's website at [www.celticfest.org](http://www.celticfest.org).

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ond jobs. She added that the suicide rate among farmers is very high, although the Centers For Disease Control retracted a report about these suicides.

Zrinski noted hemp is indigenous to this region and was grown by many Moravian farmers in the colonial era. She said it has great potential in the slate belt and could produce a lot of jobs. "We don't want to lose our farms to development," she said.

She will propose several resolutions in April to promote the production of hemp.

"I'm all for hemp," quipped Council President Ron Heckman.



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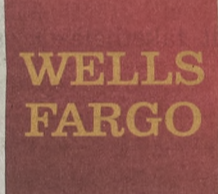
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## Polar Plunge benefits Special Olympics



Some of the 550 participants who took a chilly dip in the Delaware River at Scott Park in Easton Feb. 16 to raise funds for Special Olympics Pennsylvania, the state's largest year-round organization devoted to sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

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Chad Rinker and his daughter Karley, from team Chillie Willies, rush into the frigid Delaware. The Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge is an opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support local Special Olympics athletes by jumping or running into icy cold waters. The event has raised close to \$90,000, but the donations are still coming in. Donations are being accepted through March 11 at PlungePA.org.



## CENTER FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE

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



Rosie Girl is a 2-year-old terrier/pit bull mix. She loves to be with her person, go for long walks or just run around and act goofy.



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## VOLUNTEERS

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BETHLEHEM SPECIAL OLYMPICS needs a volunteer coordinator to be responsible for the recruitment, retention and recognition of local program volunteers. Contact Dana Lindsey, 610-264-3616, [volunteers@bethlehemsopa.org](mailto:volunteers@bethlehemsopa.org).

INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK LEHIGH VALLEY, Bethlehem, needs volunteer drivers to enable LV seniors to get to medical appointments, grocery stores, or visits to loved ones in nursing homes. Contact Karen Schiavone, 610-419-1645, [karen.schiavone@itnlehighvalley.org](mailto:karen.schiavone@itnlehighvalley.org).

CENTER FOR VISION LOSS, Allentown, is seeking volunteers to work with staff to administer vision-screening tests for preschool and kindergarten age children in Lehigh or Northampton County. Contact Rita Lang, 610-433-6018, [rita.lang@centerforvisionloss.org](mailto:rita.lang@centerforvisionloss.org).

DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, Easton, needs volunteers to help year-round at three buildings: Emrick Technology Center (Canal Museum/D&L office), Welcome Center, and Museum Support Center. Contact Kelly Prentice, 484-895-5883, [communications@delawareandlehigh.org](mailto:communications@delawareandlehigh.org).

GREATER VALLEY YMCA, Nazareth, is looking for volunteers (age 15+) to help clean residences and storage areas on the third floor at Nazareth March 23. Contact Ryan Knepp, 610-759-3440, ext. 904, [ryanknepp@gyymca.org](mailto:ryanknepp@gyymca.org).

LEHIGH VALLEY SCORE, LCC, Schnecksville, needs experienced businesspeople to provide confidential business mentoring services in person and online. Contact Tracy Damiani, 610-266-3000, [tracy.damiani@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:tracy.damiani@scorevolunteer.org).

LILY'S HOPE FOUNDATION, Allentown, is looking for volunteers for their St. Patrick's Day Gala planning committee. Contact Jennifer Driscoll, 267-776-4673, [jen@lilyshopefoundation.org](mailto:jen@lilyshopefoundation.org).

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: [vc@volunteerlv.org](mailto:vc@volunteerlv.org). Visit the website [www.volunteerlv.org](http://www.volunteerlv.org) for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

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