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Is 2021 year for cyber charter school reform?

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

A recent report on the impact of COVID-19 from the Pa. Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) points to an often-overlooked cost school districts around the state face this year: \$475 million in additional cyber charter school tuition costs, as more students leave public schools for cyber charters.

Bethlehem Area School District officials, for example, are projecting an increase of more than \$1.7 million (to \$33,938,600) in charter school tuition for the 2021-22 academic year, with a sizable portion of the increase going to cyber

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charter schools. Although the district has made great strides in reclaiming charter school students – reducing the number in brick-and-mortar charter schools from 1,872 in 2018-19 to 1,762 during the current year, the number of students enrolled in cyber charter schools has increased during that same period, from 234 to 396, with the biggest jump occurring this year.

Faced with the uncertainty of Pa. Dept. of Health-mandated shutdowns of public schools, the parents of hundreds of students have simply opted into an alternate

system – a system with far less oversight than public schools, and one that takes advantage of a funding loophole public school administrators have decried for years.

Payments greater than costs to serve

Simply put, cyber charter schools are paid by public school districts at the same rate that brick-and-mortar charter schools are, based on the average cost to educate students on-site in public schools, with separate rates for students in regular education and special education programs.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How will you celebrate Valentine's Day?



"We won't celebrate because every day is Valentine's Day for us."
Darcie Ackerman
 Bushkill



"I won a raffle that contained crab stuffed lobster, filet mignon and a bottle of wine. My husband and I will be the beneficiaries of that meal."
Lisa Kisslinger
 Bethlehem

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Cops in schools

Board also reviews student mental health

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More than two feet of snow falling in Bethlehem on and around Feb. 1 meant that BASD postponed its facilities and curriculum committee meetings, holding them in conjunction with the Feb. 8 combined committee meeting.

The board reviewed the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, heard a report on usage of the "Safe2SaySomething" mental health tip line, and discussed the formation of a task force to address the pending renovation or replacement of three aging elementary schools. Additionally, the board heard a report on the Communities in Schools program from Tim Mulligan, the first reading of a revised charter school application and renewal policy, the second reading of the district's bullying policy (updated in accordance with recent changes to Title IX at the federal level), and an update on dual enrollment from Asst. Supt. Dr. Jack Silva.

SRO review

In the wake of the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor by members of law enforcement in the spring of 2020, some civil rights advocates called for a review of the use of police officers in schools, citing concerns about a "school-to-prison" pipeline. Responding to questions June 8 from new BASD board member Winston Alozie, Supt. Dr. Joseph Roy said that the directive given to building

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PRESS PHOTOS BY LAKISHA BONNELL

Father Giuseppe Esposito and **Father Anthony Mongillo** prep are for making homemade ravioli in the kitchen of St. Anne's of Bethlehem. The two are the stars of a video on the Cooks with Collars website. St. Anne's has raised almost \$7,000 in this friendly competition.

Cooks with Collars

BY LAKISHA BONNELL
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Cooks with Collars is an online competition among clergy in the Diocese of Allentown. On the website, you will find a collection of videos of priests in the community showing off their culinary skills. People can vote for their favorite video and donate as many times as they would like. The deadline to vote was Feb. 15 and the winners were announced Feb. 16.

Father Anthony Mongillo and Father Giuseppe Esposito were the cooks from St. Anne's Parish of Bethlehem. In their video, Father Mongillo demonstrates how to make ravioli from scratch as his assistant Father Esposito comically asks questions that every viewer wants to know. You can visit the Cooks with Collars website at <https://www.cookswithcollars.com/>.



"I can do this," Father Esposito exclaims as he demonstrates his flour dashing skills to Father Mongillo. More photos on A2.

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Autumn Traylor and Michael Mayernik
Lehighton



"Today along the chocolate trail is our Valentine's gift to each other."

Paula and David Dooley
Macungie



"We don't do Hallmark."

Ted Gysen and Terry Gordon
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"We're here in Bethlehem shopping and will have dinner, and doing it with good friends."

Charlie and Nancy Talapa
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Father Esposito and **Father Mongillo** engage in a brief duel with kitchen utensils as they lay out ingredients used to make homemade ravioli.



Got eggs? It's a perfect time to do some spur-of-the-moment juggling. **Father Esposito** juggles some ravioli ingredients as **Father Mongillo** watches in delight.



Here is a bowl for the flour. **Father Esposito** tries to dash the flour the way that **Father Mongillo** does.

Cooks with collars



This is an egg. **Father Mongillo** cracks an egg as **Father Esposito** reminisces about that time they made a mess with a raw egg because it was suppose to be hardboiled.

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administrators is that they should not involve SROs for situations that would not prompt them to call local police if an SRO were not in the building.

Roy and district safety coordinator Todd Repsher committed to performing a review of the SRO program in the district, and asked William Penn ES Principal Joseph Anthes and Liberty HS Assistant Principal Wayne Whitaker to chair an effort to build a National Gold Standard SRO program. Anthes and Whitaker shared an interim report with the board. Whitaker noted that the SRO program was instituted in Bethlehem to respond to national incidents of violence in schools, including the 1999 Columbine HS killings in Colorado, and noted that the recently created working

committee and advisory group will work together to determine what SRO procedures and practices support the goal of creating a safer school environment without unduly raising the risk that students will inappropriately have encounters with law enforcement. Anthes noted that the BASD group is working with a research team from Lehigh University to facilitate stakeholder interviews.

Student mental health

Worldwide, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and various governments' mitigation approaches have taken a toll on human mental health. For example, researchers from the Boston University School of Public Health published a report in JAMA Network Open showing that symptoms of depression in the U.S. in the first month of stay-at-home orders

(March 13 through April 13, 2020) were three times more prevalent than in the same period in 2019, with individuals with lower economic and social resources hit the hardest.

At an earlier board meeting, board member Dr. Karen Beck Pooler had asked whether Bethlehem students are adequately able to access school-based mental health support services. Two challenges are that roughly 15 percent of BASD students are enrolled only in virtual education, and even the students in the hybrid model are only together in school buildings two days per week. Mental health experts such as Dr. Ezra Golberstein, writing in JAMA Pediatrics, have raised the alarm that roughly 13.2 percent of students nationwide receive mental health services through their school districts, and 35 percent of these

children receive only school-based services. "These students may lack the family resources and existing relationships with clinicians to quickly gain access to alternative community-based services," Dr. Golberstein writes.

Concerned that students in crisis may not have their needs recognized by peers or teachers prompted the board to compare data from its anonymous student mental health tip line, "Safe2SaySomething," from the pre-pandemic timeframe of September 2019 through the end of January 2020, with the same period one year later. The data indicate that reports are down, from 61 tips during the 22-week period before the coronavirus to 44 tips during the same 22-week period of the current school year. This decrease is actually greater than that number, because some of the 44 tips came through the "Handle with Care" program that allows members of law enforcement to ask the district to look out for the emotional needs

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VACCINATION SIGN-UPS: Beginning Feb. 12, the Bethlehem Health Bureau began adding COVID-19 vaccine appointments to their clinic schedule. The number of appointments will be based on vaccine allocation for the week. Appointment slots for the following weeks' clinics will be updated every Friday on the City of Bethlehem's website until further notice. The most efficient way to schedule an appointment is through the City of Bethlehem's website. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Communicable-Diseases/COVID-19> and clicking on the COVID-19 vaccine tab. Due to limited vaccine supply, the Bethlehem Health Bureau is prioritizing appointments for City of Bethlehem residents, Northampton and Lehigh County residents as well as individuals living in a county without a health department.

In an effort to assist seniors without computer and internet access, the Bethlehem Health Bureau will reserve a set amount of vaccine appointments for City of Bethlehem and Northampton County residents who are 65 years of age and older. Seniors without computer or internet access can call the Bethlehem Health Bureau at 610-865-7083 to schedule an appointment. The appointments by phone will be limited so individuals with computer and internet access are encouraged to register online.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau is also implementing other various strategies to improve access to vaccinations among the senior population. The health bureau created a mobile COVID-19 vaccine unit to provide on-site COVID-19 vaccinations to individuals who live in senior living facilities in Bethlehem. In addition, the health bureau is partnering with a community-based agency to provide vaccine to seniors who are homebound and/or have mobility issues.

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CORONERS' REPORT: Between Jan. 1 and Feb. 10, the Northampton County Coroner recorded 100 COVID-19 related deaths in Northampton County (84 residents/16 non-residents). As of Jan. 10, the Lehigh County Coroner reported 13 deaths of Northampton County residents. Between the two counties, 97 deaths of Northampton County residents from COVID-19 have been reported this year.

In 2020, the Northampton County Coroner reported 403 COVID-19 related deaths (359 residents and 44 non-residents). The Lehigh County Coroner reported 118 deaths in 2020 for a total of 477 COVID-19-related deaths for Northampton County residents.

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VACCINE TASK FORCE: While conversations with the entire General Assembly on the state's vaccine plan will remain ongoing, Governor Tom Wolf's administration also sought to provide a mechanism for accurate, timely information sharing via a streamlined set of communicators between these two branches of state government. As such, the Wolf administration has announced that it is establishing a joint task force with members from each legislative caucus who can share vaccine information and communicate issues and solutions expediently on behalf of and to the broader General Assembly.

Task force members will represent their caucus's point of view and work to streamline conversations to focus and drive issues of importance. Wolf administration members will serve as task force members with the subject matter expertise to listen, collaborate and provide information, answers and suggestions to solve problems in a timely manner.

Members of the task force include co-chairs Acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam and Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Randy Padfield; for the Senate Democratic Caucus, Sen. Art Haywood; for the House Democratic Caucus, Rep. Bridget Kosierowski; for the Senate Republican Caucus, Sen. Ryan Aument; and for the House Republican Caucus, Rep. Tim O'Neal.

The task force will be meeting as needed and providing updates to the full General Assembly via each of the task force members.

VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TOOL: The Pennsylvania Department of Health has launched a new tool called Your Turn to help Pennsylvanians understand where they fall in the vaccine prioritization effort and to be alerted when it is their turn to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine.

If an individual does not have internet access or is unable to use the Your Turn tool, they can call 877-PA-HEALTH and speak with a representative to determine eligibility. If an individual is eligible, the representative will help the individual locate nearby vaccine providers and provide contact information so the individual can make a vaccine appointment directly with a provider.

LIBRARY NOTES

Information

Visit the Bethlehem Area Public Library at 11 E. Church St. (main) or 400 Webster St. (SouthSide branch) or visit www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ11us_WkWQ featured and www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events for a variety of items. Bethlehem Area Public Library staff will be available by phone at 610-867-3761 (main-11 W. Church St.) or 610-867-7852 (SouthSide branch- 400 Webster St.) For chat service, visit www.bapl.org/, email, and chat service by visiting www.bapl.org.

For general information, visit www.bapl.org (main) or at www.facebook.com/paBAPL or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (SouthSide).

Virtual Story Times and Programs available on BAPL's YouTube and Facebook pages and Spike's Campground

Main Library - 11 W. Church St.

Call 610- 867-3761 or visit www.bapl.org.

Wednesday, February 17 through 27

Positively you care kit available with all that you need to be in the moment and live positively. The kit includes a journal, make your own hot chocolate bomb mold, a list of self-help resources and opportunities for grades six through 12. Available at main library while supplies last.

Wednesday, February 17

Virtual Homework Help, grades K-12, Moravian College America Reads program tutors. 4 to 6 p.m. Click on <https://moravian.zoom.us/j/94245474243> to be placed in a waiting room, then moved to a break out room to work with a trained and cleared as per required tutor for a 30-minute session. No registration is needed. For information, visit www.bapl.org

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society: S.O.S. Save Our Swifts by Saving their Urban Habitat: Telling the Story of the Chimney Swifts and their Connection to Our City. Masonic Temple swifts are featured. 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information and to make a booking: visit www.bapl.org/events/s-o-s-save-our-swifts-by-saving-their-urban-habitat-telling-the-story-of-the-chimney-swifts-and-their-connection-to-our-city/

Thursday, February 18

Toni Morrison Book Club, 6:30 to 8 p.m. For information and for a booking, visit www.bapl.org/events/toni-morrison-book-club/

February 20 through 24

Bring your cell phone to the main library. You might need to download a QR code Reader from an app store. View the featured picture book posted on the Cohen Room porch side windows. Scan the QR code on each panel and hear a librarian read the story as you move along the porch. New story every four weeks.

Sunday, February 21

Draw With Librarians, 10 a.m. Step by step directions given via a librarian's recorded sessions on BAPL's Facebook and Youtube channel. Check each week for a new lesson.

Monday, February 22

School survival guide. All day. Weekly tips and tricks on how to

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However, for cyber charter schools, the rate paid varies widely from the cost to serve these students. As the Bethlehem Press revealed last summer (<https://www.lvpnews.com/20200505/what-is-basd-cyber-academy/>), the BASD Cyber Academy (BASD-CA) has been educating BASD students 100 percent virtually for several years, with roughly 200 students involved in 2019-20, at a fraction of the cost of on-site education, thus far less than cyber charters are paid for the same task.

Mark James, who directs BASDCA, reports that the cost to serve high school students taking a maximum course load of eight credits is \$6,700 per year, with the figure at \$5,000 for middle school and \$5,700 for elementary students. High school students taking the normal course load of six credits only cost \$5,000 per year.

Payments made to charter schools – whether brick-and-mortar or online-only – are approximately \$12,000, more than double BASD's cost to provide BASDCA to children in regular education programs.

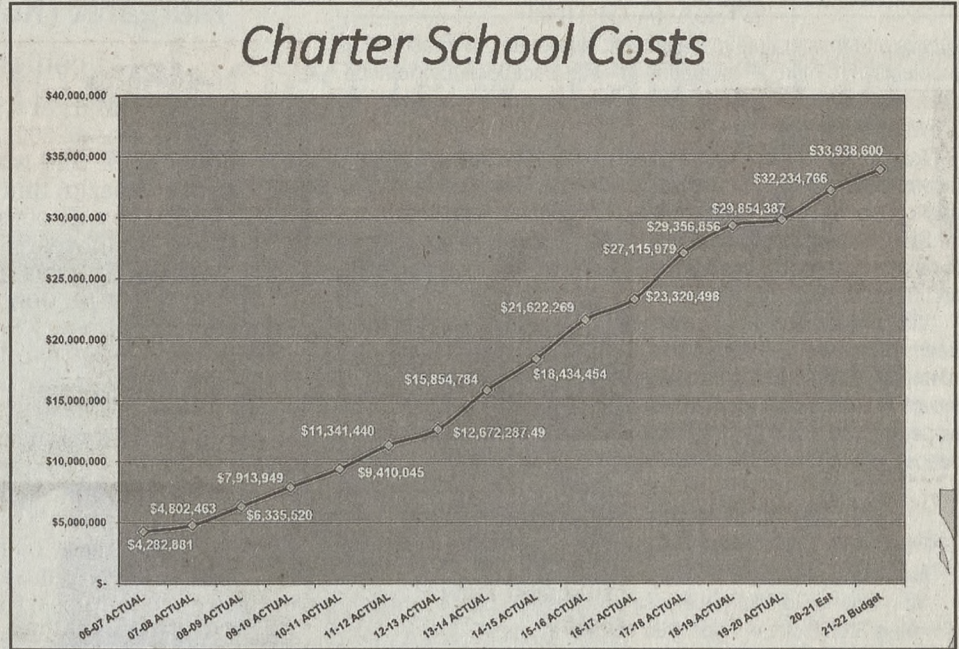
This cost disparity does not sit well with members of the school board. Faced with increasing costs to serve students – particularly with the current coronavirus-related restrictions and mitigation measures in place – the board is struggling to make ends meet, and – as board president Mike Faccinnetto remarked during the Jan. 19 meeting – is almost certain to raise property taxes this year, with the only limit being the state's Act 1 index of 3.7 percent.

School board member Dr. Karen Beck Pooley notes three major issues with cyber charter school funding, as it is currently implemented in our state: "As districts are providing more and more virtual learning options, we're realizing just how excessive our tuition payments to cyber charters are (roughly double – or more – what our own costs are for online programs). [Second], the method for determining charter tuition payments for students with special needs (simply using the average of our own costs) similarly overpays charters, as the special needs students they educate tend to need far less support than a good number of the students our district educates directly. [As a result], this disconnect – between what charters spend on instruction and what they receive in tuition – boosts line items of theirs that have nothing to do with educating children, like marketing." Dr. Beck

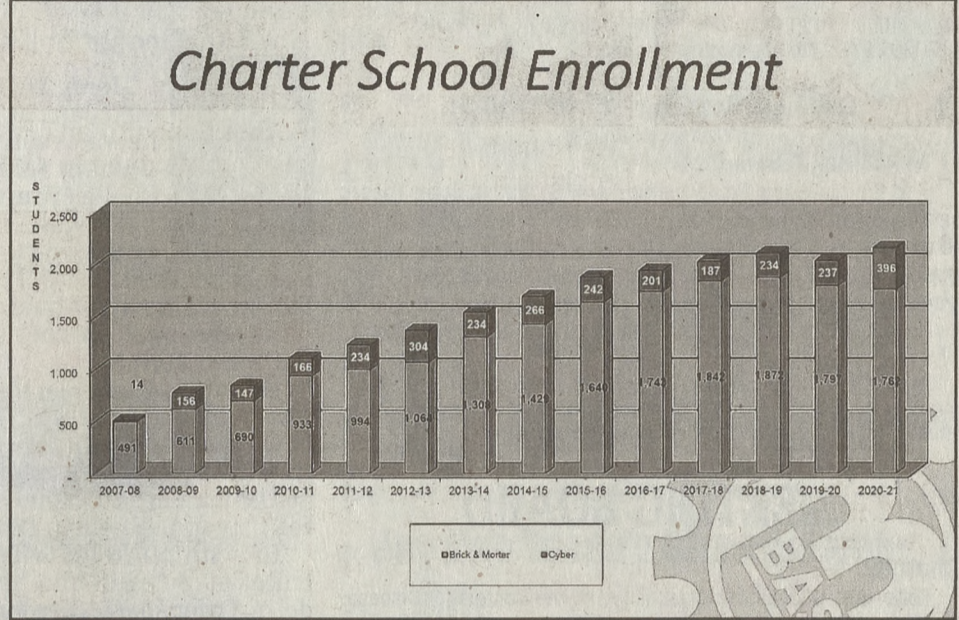
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of students who have recently experienced a challenging family situation. The sharpest plunge is in tips submitted via the mobile application, which totaled 29 before the coronavirus and only 7 in the current period. It is unclear to what extent the difference represents an unmet need. Beck Pooley recommended that the district remind students of the availability of the tip line, and Chief Pupil Services Officer Claire Hogan said principals reminded students at the beginning of the



This slide, prepared by BASD Chief Financial Officer Stacy Gober, shows the increasing charter school costs the district has faced over the past 15 years.



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Although BASD has managed to stem the flight to brick-and-mortar charter schools over the past few years, uncertainties about the delivery of education in light of the novel coronavirus circulating in the community have led to a sharp uptick in cyber charter enrollments.

Pooley draws a direct line between taxpayers' wallets and cyber charter schools' marketing efforts: "Any time you see a billboard advertising a charter school, or get swag for a charter at a baseball game, you're seeing how some of those dollars are spent."

Special education payments problematic

Dr. Beck Pooley's second point is one that critics of the current charter school funding system have been making for years. Students in special education programs take \$25,000 of taxpayers' money with them to charter schools, even if they never set foot in a charter classroom, and regardless of the actual costs involved in providing an appropriate education individualized for their specific disability.

The \$25,000 special education payment figure is pulled upward by the cost to serve children with more significant disabilities, most of whom remain in the public school system. In an examination of charter school funding during the 2017-18 school year, the Pa. Auditor General found that 95 percent of state students receiving the most costly level of special education services remained in public schools.

Charter schools, including cyber charters, use the surplus money they receive from public school districts – money in excess of the cost to serve students – in a variety of ways, as Dr. Beck Pooley points out, including marketing. The result is that many of the students enrolled in charter schools did not leave public schools, but instead never entered them. In BASD, for example, there are 146 first-graders in charter schools this year; only nine of them participated in BASD kindergarten programs last year. The other 94 percent of charter school first-graders have never experienced the system out of which their families opted.

The nine charter first-graders in 2020-2021 who left the public school system after attending kindergarten in BASD are only one percent of last year's 850 BASD kindergartners – and seven of these nine students are in cyber charter schools, a situation most likely due to coronavirus-related uncertainty. BASD taxpayers will bear this added cost.

Legislative reform on the way?

BASD's school board has highlighted these two issues – cyber charter payments and spe-

cial education charter payments – as ripe for remediation by legislative action this year, joining with the task force created by the Pa. School Boards Association (PSBA), PACHarterchange.org. The board, and others across the state, hope to garner the support of a coalition of legislators in Harrisburg, including some who support charter schools and the "school choice" movement, to close the loopholes that created these funding disparities.

State Sen. Lisa Boscola, who represents the area served by BASD, told the Press, "Locally, the pandemic demonstrated the quality cyber product our school districts offer for kids that want a cyber option. It is very different than a brick-and-mortar experience and doesn't deserve equal compensation." Sen. Boscola informed the Press that she has reintroduced her bill from last legislative session, with the aim of leveling the playing field for cyber schools. "Cyber school is a critical choice for families. However, cyber charter schools should not receive the same money that brick-and-mortar charters do. This is a loophole that needs to be fixed."

year, and that they will remind students again now.

Capital improvements

Acknowledging that the issue of repairing, renovating or replacing three elementary schools – Fountain Hill ES, Thomas Jefferson ES, and William Penn ES – will require substantial planning from both logistical and budgetary perspectives, the board discussed the creation of a task force for that purpose. Chief Facilities Officer Mark Stein, Supt. Dr. Joseph Roy, and D'Huy Engineering principal M. Arif Fazil will work together with other task

force members (to be selected by Dr. Roy) to collect relevant building-related information and enrollment data to resolve conflicts and map solutions.

Board member Emily Schenkel asked whether the open-concept design of the three elementary schools would likely be changed by the renovation or replacement projects, as well as whether the pickup and dropoff issues she has observed at Thomas Jefferson ES could be alleviated by whatever approach the district selects. Stein responded that the task force would seek stakeholder feedback on issues

including these. Dr. Roy added that the reason BASD is grouping these three buildings together is to "put everything on the table to make sure we're thinking creatively," including student catchment areas and map locations of the buildings.

At the Feb. 22 meeting, the board will vote on including participation in a Northampton County-wide bulk salt purchasing program and a renewal of the district's social media management contract with vendor Lehigh Valley with Love at a new rate of \$3,000 per month.

major; Alyssa Moore, fine art major; Hannah Ryan, general studies major; Tracy Tyson, early childhood education major; Irena Wimmer, media production major; and Milissa Zeller, social work major.

The NSLS provides a leadership program to help students achieve personal growth and career success. NSLS is the only honor society to offer accredited leadership training and certification.

Pharmacy tech training, exam prep offered

Northampton Community College will hold a pharmacy technician training and exam preparation course from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 23 through April 1, on a virtual platform online. The course is preparatory for entry level position in a retail pharmacy setting, those working in the field who would like to expand employment opportunities or for CPhT certification exam preparation.

Pharmacy technicians perform work delegated by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with state rules and regulations. Those who pass the ExCPT exam are granted the title of Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT). The ExCPT exam is offered through the National Health Career Association (NHA) and is NCCA approved. For fees and to enroll, visit the course catalog on www.northampton.edu/healthcarecerts or call 610-332-6585.

HEALTH NEWS

Lehigh Valley Health Network

New telehealth program offered

Lehigh Valley Health Network now offers the LVHN@Home program. It allows even more patients the ability to recover at home by combining home nurse visits, virtual physician visits and enhanced remote monitoring. It is part of several virtual offerings for LVHN patients including those who have COVID-19.

The hospital adapted its services quickly in March 2020 to provide care during the pandemic. Continuous Ambulatory Remote Engagement Services is a remote patient monitoring program that monitored more than 1,000 patients a day before the pandemic. CARES now monitors more than 1,200 patients daily. Since April 2020, 2,779 people with COVID-19 have received kits for at-home monitoring.

Each person in the program receives a customized kit with tools to record blood oxygen levels and temperature. CARES patients log in to MyLVHN, the LVHN patient portal, to record those data points and answer questions about their symptoms twice a day.

Information is reviewed by a nurse on the LVHN CARES team. If needed, the nurse will reach out to discuss the patient's condition or provide the information to a physician for further review. This service is available to patients throughout the health network.

Care at home available

When a patient comes to the emergency room, physicians determine next steps in care. If hospital services aren't needed, but a patient requires care and enhanced monitoring, that can now be done from the comfort of a patient's own home through LVHN@Home, saving the patient the costs associated with a hospital stay.

LVHN@Home kits include items like a pulse oximeter, blood pressure cuff and thermometer, all with the technology to automatically submit data to LVHN. Patients use these items twice a day. Nurses review each patient's data and can identify issues to prevent hospitalizations.

A nurse either comes to the patient's house or meets with the

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Lader, Evans elected new leadership

BETHLEHEM HCC

BY ED COURRIER

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Gary Lader and Craig Evans were unanimously elected president and vice president respectively at the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission's first meeting of 2021 on Jan. 25. New member Mike Simonson replaced Phil Roeder, who retired in December 2020.

Lader and Evans presided over an agenda that included discussion of proposed demolition of a row of vintage buildings that comprise 319, 321, 323, 325, and 327 S. New St. to make way for a 12-story mixed use apartment building. The team represent-



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John Trapani received reluctant approval to install awnings on the east and north side of his top floor ZEST Bar & Grille, 306 S. New St.

ing the ambitious project included developers Rafael Palomino and Jeffrey Quinn, architect Jordan G. Clark and Anthony Scarcia Jr. from Allied Building Corporation. They sought consent from the board to tear down all four buildings and replace them with a structure with a 6,500-square-foot ground floor. As the new building's height increases, the structure would span the existing alley at E. Graham Place to increase the footprint of each story to approximately 8,000 square feet. The support columns and upper stories would include a strip of land

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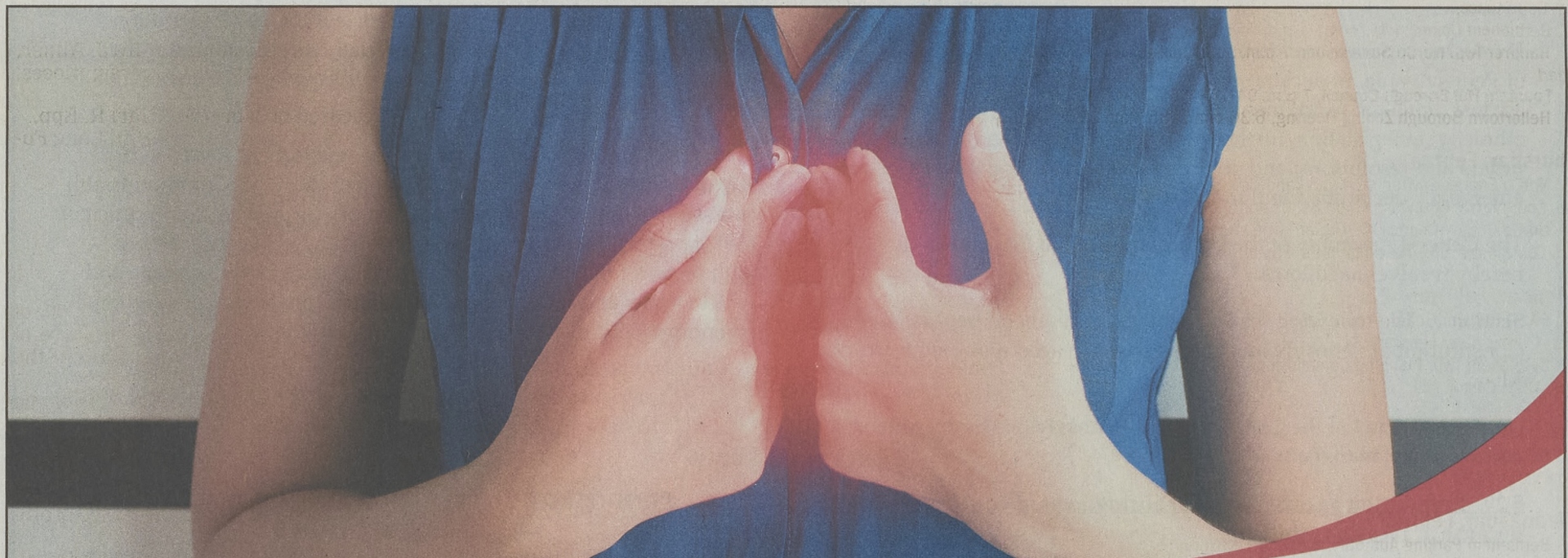
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

This notice contains information about questions that will be on the ballot in the Municipal Primary to be held on May 18, 2021.

The ballot questions propose three separate amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, based on a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

If one or more of the ballot questions is approved by a majority of the people voting on it, each amendment approved will become law.

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania first proposed the amendments during the 2020 session and approved them for a second time during the 2021 session of the legislature, as required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution.

This public notice is part of the process of amending the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to publish:

- A copy of the joint resolution proposing the amendments.
- The text of each question that will be on the ballot.
- A "Plain English Statement" prepared by the Office of Attorney General explaining the purpose, limitations and effects of each ballot question upon the people of this Commonwealth.

Text that appears in **bold print** are the changes to the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly. If the amendment is approved, the words underlined would be added to the Constitution and the words in **[brackets]** would be deleted.

If you need help reading this advertisement or need the text of the proposed amendment in an alternative format, call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Election Services and Notaries, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 1-877-868-3772 (option 3), ra-elections@pa.gov.

Veronica Degraffenreid
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1

Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in declaration of rights, providing for prohibition against denial or abridgment of equality of rights because of race and ethnicity; in legislation, further providing for action on concurrent orders and resolutions; and, in the executive, providing for disaster emergency declaration and management.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania be amended by adding a section to read:

§ 29. Prohibition against denial or abridgment of equality of rights because of race and ethnicity.

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the race or ethnicity of the individual.

(1.1) That section 9 of Article III be amended to read:

§ 9. Action on concurrent orders and resolutions.

Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary, except on the **[question of adjournment]** questions of adjournment or termination or extension of a disaster emergency declaration as declared by an executive order or proclamation, or portion of a disaster emergency declaration as declared by an executive order or proclamation, shall be presented to the Governor and before it shall take effect be approved by him, or being disapproved, shall be repassed by two-thirds of both Houses according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.

(2) That Article IV be amended by adding a section to read:

§ 20. Disaster emergency declaration and management.

(a) A disaster emergency declaration may be declared by executive order or proclamation of the Governor upon finding that a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent that threatens the health, safety or welfare of this Commonwealth.

(b) Each disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor under subsection (a) shall indicate the nature, each area threatened and the conditions of the disaster, including whether the disaster is a natural disaster, military emergency, public health emergency, technological disaster or other general emergency, as defined by statute. The General Assembly shall, by statute, provide for the

manner in which each type of disaster enumerated under this subsection shall be managed.

(c) A disaster emergency declaration under subsection (a) shall be in effect for no more than twenty-one (21) days, unless otherwise extended in whole or part by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.

(d) Upon the expiration of a disaster emergency declaration under subsection (a), the Governor may not issue a new disaster emergency declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts and circumstances without the passage of a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly expressly approving the new disaster emergency declaration.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the secretary of the commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall:

(1) Submit the proposed constitutional amendment under section 1(1) of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a separate ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

(1.1) Submit the proposed constitutional amendment under section 1(1.1) of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a separate ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

(2) Submit the proposed constitutional amendment under section 1(2) of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a separate ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT -
ARTICLE III, SECTION 9**

RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law and increase the power of the General Assembly to unilaterally terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration—and the powers of Commonwealth agencies to address the disaster regardless of its severity pursuant to that declaration—through passing a concurrent resolution by simple majority, thereby removing the existing check and balance of presenting a resolution to the Governor for approval or disapproval?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

Joint Resolution No. 2021-1 proposes to amend Article III, Section 9 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide a new exception to traditional legislative procedure by allowing the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration or a portion of such declaration without needing the Governor's approval.

Currently, Article III, Section 9 establishes a general rule that all orders, resolutions or votes requiring approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto. Resolutions for the adjournment of the General Assembly are exempted from this process. If the order, resolution or vote is approved by the Governor, it becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the resolution, it does not become law unless two-thirds of the House and Senate vote to override the veto. The proposed

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amendment would create an additional exception to this customary legislative procedure for concurrent resolutions to terminate or extend, in whole or in part, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor.

The proposed amendment will also have the effect of reversing a recent ruling of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court which held the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibited the General Assembly from passing a concurrent resolution to terminate the Governor's Covid-19 disaster emergency declaration without presenting it to the Governor for his approval. It will change the law to allow the General Assembly to terminate or extend a disaster emergency declaration through a concurrent resolution approved by only a majority of the members of the House and Senate, without having to present the resolution to the Governor for his approval or veto.

The proposed amendment is limited in that it only changes the traditional legislative process for terminating or extending disaster emergency declarations issued by the Governor. The amendment will not alter the current legislative procedure with respect to which orders, resolutions or votes of the General Assembly must be presented to the Governor for his approval on any other subject matter.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE IV
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to change existing law so that: a disaster emergency declaration will expire automatically after 21 days, regardless of the severity of the emergency, unless the General Assembly takes action to extend the disaster emergency; the Governor may not declare a new disaster emergency to respond to the dangers facing the Commonwealth unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution; the General Assembly enacts new laws for disaster management?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

Joint Resolution No. 2021-1 proposes adding a new section to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment incorporates disaster emergency declaration and management powers directly into the Constitution by:

- Granting the Governor authority to declare a disaster emergency declaration by proclamation or executive order;
- Requiring each declaration to indicate the nature, location and type of disaster;
- Granting the General Assembly authority to pass laws providing for the manner in which each disaster shall be managed;
- Limiting the duration of a Governor's declaration to 21 days, unless otherwise extended, in whole or in part, by a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly;
- Preventing the Governor, upon the expiration of a declaration, from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts, unless the General Assembly passes a concurrent resolution expressly approving a new declaration.

Currently, disaster emergency declaration and management powers are delegated by statute to the Governor. The Governor has the sole authority to issue and manage all disaster emergency declarations, which cannot extend beyond 90 days unless renewed by the Governor. The General Assembly may override a Governor's disaster emergency declaration by concurrent resolution that must be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.

If approved, the amendment would transfer certain of the Governor's existing authority to respond to and manage disaster emergencies to the General Assembly. The Governor would retain the authority to issue an initial disaster emergency declaration but the declaration's permissible length would be reduced from 90 to 21 days. The sole authority to extend a declaration would lie with the General Assembly; presently, this power rests with the Governor. Upon expiration of the initial declaration, the amendment prohibits the Governor from issuing a new declaration based upon the same or substantially similar facts without the approval of the General Assembly. The Governor would no longer have unilateral authority to manage disasters, but would have to do so consistent with the laws passed by the General Assembly.

If approved, the General Assembly would be required to pass new laws establishing the manner in which each type of disaster shall be managed. If added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the proposed amendment cannot be modified or repealed except by a judicial decision finding all or part of the proposed amendment unconstitutional or by the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE I
PROHIBITION AGAINST DENIAL OR ABRIDGEMENT OF
EQUALITY OF RIGHTS BECAUSE OF RACE OR ETHNICITY**

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended by adding a new section providing that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of an individual's race or ethnicity?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

Joint Resolution No. 2021-1, if approved by the electorate, will add a new section to Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution. This amendment creates a constitutional prohibition against restricting or denying an individual's equal rights under Pennsylvania law because of race or ethnicity.

Generally, inclusion of this amendment within the Pennsylvania Constitution signifies that freedom from discrimination based on race or ethnicity is an essential principle of liberty and free government. This amendment applies to all Pennsylvania state, county and local governmental entities, and guarantees equality of rights under the law. The amendment, if enacted, will become a part of the Pennsylvania Constitution. As such, its provisions must be applied consistent with the other provisions of the Constitution.

This equal right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination will exist independent from any such rights under the United States Constitution or corresponding federal law. If the current federal protections proscribing racial or ethnic discrimination are abolished, the prohibition against such discrimination will remain in the Pennsylvania Constitution. The amendment is limited in that it creates a right only under Pennsylvania law.

Once added to the Pennsylvania Constitution, the right to be free from racial or ethnic discrimination under the law cannot be eliminated except by a judicial decision finding the amendment unconstitutional or the approval of a subsequent constitutional amendment. If approved, the General Assembly may pass new laws to implement the amendment, but it may not pass a law inconsistent with it.

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The program began Dec. 23 and enrolls about three to five new patients daily from Lehigh and Northampton counties and select areas in Berks and Carbon counties. LVHN plans to expand LVHN@Home to patients who have other illnesses and conditions, including congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

COVID-19 virtual screening available

During the screening, medical professionals determine if patients should receive testing. Virtual screening options available to people who think they may have COVID-19 include E-Visits (detailed questionnaire visit submitted to a provider) by visiting MyLVHN.org or the MyLVHN app.

St. Luke's University Health Network

Automated system schedules COVID-19 appointments

Persons 75 years old or over and who are registered at St. Luke's University Health Network may expect an automated call to schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine. St. Luke's "Shot-Line" automated scheduling system allows individuals to self-schedule their appointments over the phone.

Existing St. Luke's patients who have yet to be vaccinated and are eligible according to Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines will receive a call on the phone number they listed on their St. Luke's patient records. During the call from 1-866-785-8537, an automated voice recording will ask if they would like to receive the vaccine. If they answer yes, they will undergo a COVID-19 eligibility check, and, if successful, will be given three appointment dates and times at the vaccine site nearest to the location on their record. They select an appointment time, pushing that option number. They will be scheduled within 3 to 4 minutes.

Advanced ultrasound technology arrives

St. Luke's University Health Network has collaborated with GE Healthcare to acquire and deploy advanced ultrasound technologies.

Through an \$11 million investment, 76 ultrasound systems powered by artificial intelligence have been installed at every St. Luke's hospital campus and dozens of St. Luke's outpatient sites, standardizing care and increasing efficiencies in radiology, cardiology and vascular services. The installation was completed at the end of 2020.

For more information, visit <https://vimeo.com/495578639/195a0a69d3>

College students monitor patients remotely

St. Luke's University Health Network has tapped college students home on break to remotely monitor hospitalized COVID patients using revolutionary medical technology.

Starting in December, a cadre of "virtual monitoring technicians" were stationed 24/7 before digital screens in St. Luke's Virtual Response Center (VRC), watching patients' vital signs transmitted via Masimo Patient SafetyNet wireless devices.

In April, St. Luke's became one of the first health systems worldwide to use the Masimo SafetyNet cloud-based platform to help clinicians care for patients remotely. It comprises a wireless finger sensor to detect oxygen saturation, respiration and heart rate - vital signs that provide doctors and nurses with valuable real-time clinical data that informs treatment decisions.

St. Luke's received more than 400 applications from students attending schools like Penn State, Kings College, Duquesne and Wilkes. Fourteen have been hired so far, many of them home for the holidays or homebound and taking online classes.

In January, St. Luke's began monitoring nursing home patients and installed the technology in select patients' homes, expediting the discharge of patients and freeing up the critically needed beds.

Students working in the VRC included Stephen Botek, Kia Santiago and Skylar Santiago, Penn State University; Briana Huff, St. Vincent College; Savannah Labukas, Moravian College; Steven McCreary, Arcadia University; Lexi Rice, Drexel University; Kylie Rosamalie and Emilia Serafin, Kings College; Kendra Siegfried, Widener University; and Lauren Yeaw, Duquesne University.

COVID doesn't stop 'Coats for Kids'

More than 100 area children bought coats, hats and other winter apparel at Target, South Whitehall, thanks to St. Luke's annual "Coats for Kids" campaign.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the annual fundraiser was conducted differently from past years.

But it was even more successful, said Marie Ann Sutera-Wendells, marketing events leader.

In late fall 2020, St. Luke's employees donated more than \$14,000 to the campaign.

In past years, volunteers would buy coats, hats, scarves and gloves and set up a "store" at St. Luke's Education Center, Bethlehem.

They would invite families to come and "shop."

This year, families were given vouchers so they could buy the children's winter apparel themselves at the Target in Crest Plaza.

The families bought more than \$8,000 worth of apparel in November and December 2020.

The money not spent was given to St. Luke's Visiting Nurse Association, which purchased additional coats and cold weather gear and distributed it to children who needed it.

Donegan Elementary School, the Salvation Army, Fountain Hill Elementary School, the VNA and H.O.P.E. recommended the children who participated.

"During this difficult time in our history, it is comforting to see the empathy and concern St. Luke's employees have for such a great cause," Sutera-Wendells said, adding she is grateful to Target for its participation.

PEOPLE

Charette, Krohn 'Forty Under 40' honorees

Center for Humanistic Change Board member Ken Charette and Director of Development Theresa Krohn were selected by Lehigh Valley Business as the recipients of the Greater Lehigh Valley 2020 Forty Under 40 award.

They were chosen for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence and the community. They will be recognized at the Forty Under 40 awards reception and ceremony on April 22 at Bear Creek Resort.

The event is sponsored by DeSales University's ACCESS and Master of Business Administration programs. They will also appear in a special publication of the Forty Under 40 Awards in the April 20 Lehigh Valley Business publication.

Hettrick named center's executive director

The board of directors of the Center for Humanistic Change selected Kristen Hettrick as the agency's next executive director, effective Feb. 26. She will succeed Arlene J. Lund, CHC's executive director since 2016, who will retire at the end of February.

Hettrick was most recently the senior director of Prevention and Student Assistance Programs at the Center. She collaborated with Lehigh and Northampton counties in the completion of the needs assessment as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programming strategic planning efforts. She was, in Antigua, Guatemala, a health clinic manager and associate director of a children's recreational educational camp.

She was an educational leader with adult literacy, family literacy with early childhood education and kindergarten through fourth grades summer learning programs. She has more than 35 years of corporate and nonprofit experience.

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at 317 S. New St. which abuts the South Bethlehem Greenway.

The single story wood frame building at 319 dates from circa 1900. The painted brick Italianate building at 321-323 is three stories, with residential over retail. It dates from 1885 and rear additions were built during the 20th century. Its neighbor is a heavily altered 3-story vacant stuccoed building also built around 1885. A single story retail building at 327 and its rear addition are circa 1900. According to historic officer Jeff Long, defining architectural details for this building and two others have been lost over the years. He recommended retaining the existing building at 321-323, as it contains original architectural details.

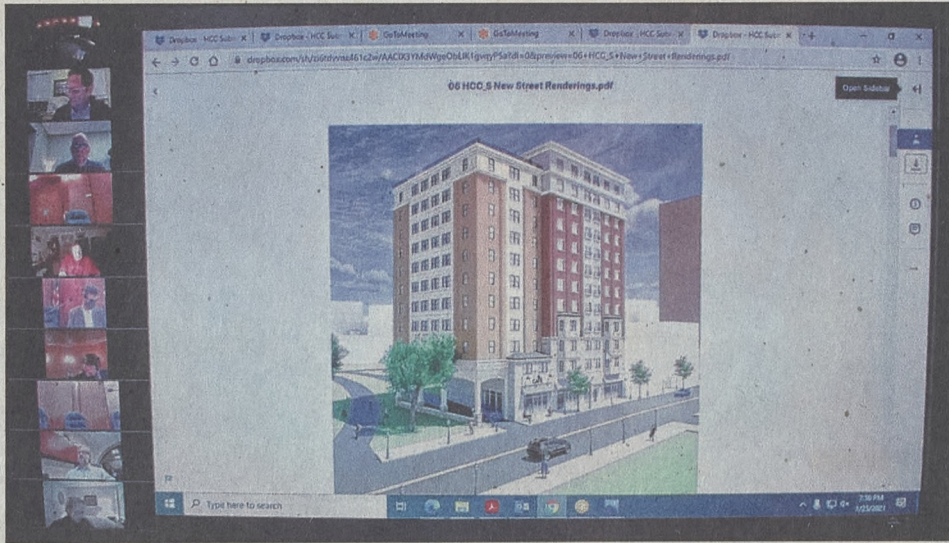
Long argued the proposed 12-story structure "is inappropriate for the immediate streetscape and more generally, for the overall historic conservation district."

The applicants produced an engineering report that pointed out various code violations and structural deficiencies found in the row of buildings, in an effort to support demolition.

When asked, Quinn said they could look at saving the facade of the building at 321-323 S. New St., but emphasized that, "everything inside the building is a public safety hazard and finished its useful life."

According to Quinn, the design and materials for the new construction would reflect the historic nature of the surrounding district.

"The building is at-



Board members and presenters, at left, discuss a proposed 12-story mixed use apartment building for the New Street site.



Representing 740 E. 4th St., Evan Blose from Fast Signs scored a COA for new signage for his client, Empire Workforce Solutions.

The Bethlehem HCC

reviewed a proposal by developers to tear down this row of older buildings that comprise 319, 321, 323, 325, and 327 S. New St. to make way for a new construction project.

tractive," said Craig Evans. But its 12-story height was a problem for him.

"It's way too high," exclaimed Roger Hudak.

Seth Cornish noted the structures on the Southside were predominantly two to four stories high, "with some notable exceptions." He said this rhythm was key to the district's identity and he was not willing to approve anything over five stories.

With his restaurant business background, Palomino described his vision for a food court on the first floor of the project.

The applicants explained that post-COVID technology for occupants would be built into the project to make it safer. There was an affordable housing component, as well.

When Lader called for public comment, Downtown Manager Missy Hartney spoke in favor of adding the "beautiful looking building" to the "heart of the downtown."

The board agreed to table the proposal, with the applicants to return with a revised design. Ken Loush recused himself from this one agenda item.

J.C. Jewelry & Gifts, Car Village Title & Notary, Lara Bly Designs, and Pat's News Stand are commercial tenants in the targeted properties owned by 325 S. New Street Development, LLC.

Representing 740 E. 4th St., Evan Blose from Fast Signs scored a certificate of appropriateness for Empire Workforce Solutions for a flat 108-inch by 22-inch sign for above the storefront windows. The board stipulated the gold and blue wording and blue logo be reduced in size to allow for a pinstripe to frame them.

Lauray Gregory is the owner of the circa 1910 Queen Anne Style brick commercial building.

David Delos Santos of D-signs & Awnings Inc. was awarded a conditional COA to replace two panels in an internally illuminated box sign for Nawab Indian Restaurant at 13 E. 4th St. Each 10-foot by 2-foot panel contains the name in red with a gold crown graphic on an off-white background surrounded by a pinstripe. The appli-

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Celebrating the Great People of The Lehigh Valley



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Michelle Khouri

As registrar for all children entering the Whitehall-Coplay School District's educational system, Michelle Khouri is the first point of contact for parents. Her position, though, has evolved, as Khouri has also become the go-to person for Whitehall Township and Coplay Borough residents who have hit what she calls a "bump in the road" and don't know where to turn. According to one influential community leader, "Michelle Khouri seems to be everywhere there is a need."

Learn more about Michelle Khouri in the Community Partner feature in next week's paper.

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The Saucun Valley School Board meets virtually on the evening of Jan. 26.

PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Schools remain open despite cases

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Jan. 26 Saucun Valley School Board virtual meeting, held via Zoom, was uneventful and extremely brief, lasting under 15 minutes and mostly consisting of uncontroversial, routine personnel and other administrative decisions.

Neither Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler nor any other officials provided any further updates regarding any COVID-19 cases among students and faculty on the district's campus. The high school had experienced a move

to remote instruction for all students lasting several days surrounding the long Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend earlier in the month, with multiple cases also being reported at both the middle and elementary schools.

District parents received an email from Butler earlier in the day indicating that the administration was "closely monitoring" the case count, as there were three new cases at the elementary school and five at the middle school. He in-

dicated that there was no plan to close either school to students, as both case counts fell below the Pennsylvania Department of Education's threshold for temporary closure of six new cases over the last 14 days.

Later, board President Susan Baxter addressed an issue regarding inconsistency of the board's committee meetings. She expressed concern about the timeliness and efficiency of their current schedule. As it stands, the board has three commit-

tees who are supposed to meet once monthly each - Facilities, Finance and Academic/Personnel.

She suggested streamlining the meeting schedules, having one each taking place on the second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month. This would allow for a more efficient process when bringing and discussing items to the agenda for general board meetings, she said. Board member Shawn Welch was vocal in support of her idea, and she was met with no opposition.

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.



Anastasia is ready to find a place to call her own. This vocal little 4-year-old lady is on the search for her own domain after being surrendered in 2017. Anastasia would love to be your new taste tester and you will often find her nearby when she hears a can open.



Jacob, a 4-year-old shepherd/husky mix, is friendly and sweet, but he also has a lot of energy and we've noticed that he does have some anxiety. He would do best in a home with a family that is active and that normally has someone home most of the time.

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BETHLEHEM MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS is looking for medical and non-medical volunteers. Complete the application found here: <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Public-Health-Emergency-Preparedness-and-Infection/Medical-Reserve-Corps>. You may also call the Bethlehem Health Bureau to request an application be emailed, mailed or faxed to you. You will be contacted once your application has been received: 610-865-7087.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS LEHIGH VALLEY is looking for compassionate and energetic volunteers to become 'Bigs' for youth ages seven to 16 in Lehigh and Northampton County. Matches typically meet twice a month and can participate in activities that they are most interested in. Orientation, interview, references and clearances are required, and a commitment to being matched with your Little for at least one year. Contact David DeLaRosa, ddelarsa@bbbslv.org.

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

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

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cant was asked to move additional wording for "Dine-in," "Takeout," "Delivery" and phone number from the proposed sign panel design to a storefront window.

Although the commission encouraged Delos Santos to remove the old box signs, they would allow the unit to remain, but it could no longer be lit internally.

It was stipulated the redesign of the sign panel with window signage be submitted to the chair and historic officer.

The circa 1880s Italianate style three-story structure is owned by Edward and Rosalie Vogrins.

Voting was unanimous for both signage proposals.

Assisted by Curtis Mita from Universal Fabric Structures, John Trapani received reluctant approval to install awnings on the east and north side of his ZEST Bar & Grille. These permanent installations are for his sixth floor restaurant at 306 S. New St. to protect outdoor diners from inclement weather.

Trapani argued that the ongoing pandemic restrictions limiting indoor dining makes it financially necessary to continue providing outdoor dining. Hartney supported for the awning proposals. She said the temporary COVID situation may have permanent consequences for struggling businesses if they are not allowed to adapt to it.

Mita explained the

awning material was a PVC-coated membrane and was strong enough to carry a load of snow. The structure would also direct runoff to a drainage system and not drop it on passersby below. The applicants said that the color and sharp angle of the awnings would allow them to blend in with the rest of the building and not be too visible from the street level.

Already-installed outdoor heaters were permitted to remain for the east terrace.

Voting was 4-2 for a COA, with Cornish and Evans voting "nay." Lader recused himself from participating on this one item. Greenway Inc. owns the building.

Planning & Zoning Director Darlene Heller asked if the commissioners could meet soon with the team involved with the South Side Planning project to provide input.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building's exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts. The next virtual hearing is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and residents in a designated historic district who wish to make alterations to a building's exterior. The commission's recommendations are later reviewed, then voted on by city council before any project is allowed to proceed.

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Kailey Turpening and the Pates picked up their first win of the year against the K-Kids.

FHS gets a win vs. Kids

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's girls' basketball team posted its first win of its late-to-start season last week with a 41-35 victory over Northampton after falling to the K-Kids two days earlier in its home opener.

Kailey Turpening had a game-high 15 points for the Patriots, and Corrin Gill added 13 points.

The Pates dropped their next two games to Easton, 46-26 and 53-30.

The road for Freedom has been the toughest within the East Penn Conference, having little to no practice time, and having begun its season well after the other teams in the EPC because of COVID-19 and weather-related suspensions.

This week, the Pates will take on Bethlehem

Catholic.

Becahi competed in a nonleague game on Saturday when they hosted Imhotep Charter, won by the Golden Hawks, 73-43.

The Hawks also hosted William Allen last Thursday and defeated the Canaries, 77-44.

Liberty was set to take on Easton last Tuesday when weather postponed the contest, but Thursday's game ended in a 51-25 loss for the Hurricanes, who are scheduled to face Nazareth this week. However, there was more wintry weather projected for this week.

There will be no EPC playoffs this year, and instead, teams will jump straight to districts, which will be a single-elimination tournament for all beginning March 2.



After beating the Kids, Jewel Levy and the Pates dropped games to Easton.

Gilhool breaks Liberty 100 backstroke record

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Two weeks ago, Liberty junior Patrick Gilhool was feeling somewhat frustrated that he and the Hurricanes were hitting their best times at this point last year, while it's been more difficult to accomplish those best times at this point this year because of lengthy COVID-19 and weather-related winter sports suspensions.

But it didn't take long for Gilhool to break Liberty's school record in the 100 backstroke just two weeks later when he swam a 53.19 during the Hurricanes' meet against Easton last Thursday at Liberty.

"I was happy. I was extremely tired. My body was full of lactic acid, but I was excited so it kinda carried me through the pain," Gilhool said. "Keep getting it down—that's the plan, and hopefully swim a really fast 100 backstroke at districts."

The previous record was held by Jake Evert who broke it in 2019 with a time of 53.61.

"I know all these records and it's always a goal to break them. The 100 back and the 100 fly, I've wanted to break since I was a freshman," Gilhool said.

Gilhool's most recent time



Patrick Gilhool set a school record in the 100 backstroke.

in the backstroke prior to last Thursday was 54.06.

"My goal was to get sub-54, and I had a good meet lineup, so I thought I could do it because I had a good amount of rest between each event, and it worked out well. Today I had no events before my 100 backstroke, so I had a good, clean swim," he said.

Liberty coach Reik Foust already knows Gilhool can break his own record.

"He's gonna get even faster because once you do that, you kind of turn a corner there. You kind of see you're capable. You can do it," Coach Foust said. "When you're always chasing it, it always feels like you're never going to get it. Once you get it, you realize, you know what? I can do this. I can go faster. So yeah, 53.1's really nice; I think he's gonna be faster."

PPL Center to host district hoop games

The PIAA District XI Committee is proud to announce that portions of our District XI Basketball Tournament will return to PPL Center in Allentown.

District XI Basketball is honored to be able to play basketball games at the PPL Center on Monday, March 8, Tuesday, March 9, and Thursday, March 11.

The games would not be possible to be played at PPL Center without the incredible support of Service Electric and St. Luke's University Health Network. Both organizations continual support makes these events possible. All games at the PPL Center will be televised by Service Electric Network.

There is intention to have tickets available for purchase for each of the participating teams. Details on tickets will be available as we get closer to the games. The District XI All Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Regulations, Mandates, and Guidelines will be in effect for all of these contests in the PPL Center. Spectators, staff, coaches, officials, and athletes are expected to comply properly with the aforementioned guidelines in place at the time of the contests.

"In the past the PPL Center has provided the student-athletes of District XI with an outstanding, in some cases, once in a lifetime experience. To be able to provide the opportunity again to this year's teams is a great thing, considering all of the adjustments that our communities have had to endure," said District XI Basketball Chair Ray Kinder.

"It goes without saying that our partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and Service Electric has so much more than meets the eye. Their perseverance in making this happen with the leadership at PPL Center will be a highlight and memory that our student-athletes will not forget," said District XI Chairman Bob Hartman.

This schedule is subject to change and listed below. All times will be determined after the subsequent rounds are played.

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Telatovich earned time as a freshman

But, former Pate sees her 2021 season canceled due to COVID

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In one way or another, Bethlehem Press's 2018-2019 athletes of the year had the opportunity to complete a sports season during their first year of college: Bethlehem Catholic's Brenna Magliochetti and Justin Paz, Liberty's Greta Stuckey and Trevor Harris, and Freedom's Bradley Turcy enjoyed freshman year athletic success.

Freedom grad Emma Telatovich, however, was almost halfway through lacrosse season at Embry-Riddle Aero-

nautical University in Florida when the threat of the coronavirus forced her season to stop.

"We played Kutztown [on March 10] and had off the next day. We watched two hours worth of film and then had a normal practice [that] Thursday, but we were wondering if the coach was going to say anything," said Telatovich.

While the team began to practice, other teams in their conference began canceling games.

"Our coach didn't really realize," Telatovich said at the time. "Thankfully, our

team didn't have any seniors or anyone graduating, but it's so sad. We trained for nine months and tried so hard, even over winter break."

Telatovich's parents Michele and Bernie flew down for the Kutztown game and two days later, her mother flew back to bring Telatovich home.

In the Eagles' 5-2 season 2020 spring season, Telatovich started every game as a defender, and played 60 minutes in the Kutztown game.

On December 10, 2020, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announced that

its student-athletes will only compete in cross country, golf, tennis and track and field for both men and women during the spring 2021 semester. These sports programs have been deemed a low risk for spreading COVID-19, as defined by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II.

As a result, Embry-Riddle student-athletes will not participate in outside competition in those sports defined by the NCAA as "intermediate" or "high" risk, including baseball, basketball, lacrosse, rowing and softball.

Since the original shutdown, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical head coach Marissa Giannerini keeps in touch with her players online.

"We have meetings every Thursday. Our coach sent us workout packets and wants us to be accountable," said Telatovich at the time the team was originally shut down. "I got good playing time in every game. The program is in its third year, and it's a super close team. It was so fun to go into that as a freshman."

LHS girls beat EAHS, boys are unbeaten

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If it weren't for virtual swim meets this year, Liberty fans would have seen Hurricane anchor Morgan Muller out-touch Easton anchor Victoria Mowad to win the 200 free relay in 1:49.95 last Thursday.

But what fans may have seen via YouTube was assistant Liberty coach Evan Koon urging Liberty's relay teams to swim as hard as they did in practice, if not harder.

"Evan talked to them a couple times. We tried to get them to understand that even though Easton isn't actually here, they're actually

swimming harder in practice than they are in these meets and he told them, you've got to do that now," said Liberty head coach Reik Foust.

"We had lost the 200 free relay on Monday, but we knew we were faster than that. We had a really nice drop in the 400 free relay today too, but we had to get the girls thinking they could do this."

"This" also meant beating Easton after losing to the Red Rovers by six points three days earlier, but on Thursday, the Hurricane girls defeated the Rovers, 101-84.

"Basically he was telling us we had to do it so we had no energy left.

We needed the points," said Liberty sprinter Sarah Park. "I asked to lead off because I wanted to drop time in the 50, which I did."

Also part of the 200 free relay were Talia Lehr and Brooke Sergeant.

The same team of Sergeant, Lehr, Muller, and Park also won the 400 free relay in 4:14.18.

"(Easton coach) Matt Ellis puts together a really good lineup so we were quite sure he was going to look at where we were strong and try and adjust his lineup, so we had to put some girls in different places and try to cover some of the spots where we slipped on Monday," Foust said.

"Again, we don't know what he's doing, and we knew it was going to be close. I thought our girls did really well today. Really well. A lot of step-ups in a lot of spots. Today they were just really going."

Individual event winners for the Hurricanes were Maddi Drager in the 200 free in 2:09.99 and in the 500 free in 5:43.87, Park in the 200 IM in 2:29.16, Sergeant in the 100 fly in 1:03.11, Lehr in the 100 back in 1:07.40, and Muller in the 100 breast in 1:18.08.

Liberty's boys remain undefeated after also winning their meet against Easton last Thursday, 123-60.

Danny Lehr, Malcolm

Collins, Patrick Gilhool, and Addison Collins combined to win the 200 medley relay in 1:40.74.

Ben Service won the 200 free in 1:58.55, Malcolm Collins placed first in the 200 IM in 2:12.22 and in the 100 free in 52.21, Addison Collins won the 50 free in 21.84, Lehr took first in the 100 fly in 1:02.52, and Tim Wetmore came in first in the 500 free in 5:31.17.

A Hurricane foursome of Addison Collins, Service, Corbin Eisenhardt, and Malcolm Collins won the 200 free relay in 1:33.16.

Gilhool broke the school record in the 100 back and won in 53.19, and Addison Collins won the 100 breaststroke

in 1:01.32.

Jacob Scheirer, Corbin Eisenhardt, Kevin Conklin, and Jeffrey Eisenhardt swam to a first place finish in the 400 free relay in 3:58.48.

"I feel like we did really good today, coming from a team of people who never have really been on a relay team together. Effort's a big thing to us here, and even if you're not feeling the best, you have to go as hard as you can," said Corbin Eisenhardt.

"Our coaches keep telling us we have to put forth the effort no matter what."

Freedom girls fall to NHS in opening meet

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's girls' swim team was just happy to be back in the pool for their virtual season opener last Wednesday when they fell to Northampton, 103-62.

"In the 2 medley relay it was a little weird because we weren't racing anyone, so it was definitely a different envi-

ronment, but with all of our teammates cheering, it wasn't as weird as I thought it would be. After that event, it all felt normal and felt good to be in the pool racing," said Patriot captain Abby Burnette.

"Coming from a small team, we were never about the score. It was always about pushing each other to be the best. If anything, I think we

performed better not seeing a number on the board and getting in our heads and getting down if we're losing."

The medley relay team of Nicole Spaziani, Lilly Anderson, Burnette, and Deborah Belen placed second in 2:12.47.

Anderson came in second in the 200 IM in 2:45.41.

Belen won the 50 free

in 28.57.

"As well as I did, considering how much we practiced, I'm satisfied," Belen said.

In diving, Sarah Gill took first place with a score of 202.25.

Burnette won the 100 fly in 1:04.83.

Spaziani came in second in the 500 free in 6:57.87, Anderson was second in the 100 backstroke in 1:11.36, and Burnette took second place in the 100 breast in 1:12.94.



PRESS PHOTO BY KATIE MCDONALD
Freedom's Deborah Belen won the 50 free event and swims here as the anchor in the 400 free relay.

"It would've been different if I saw someone neck and neck with me. I think I would've been a little bit faster, but I look at it as me trying to go my best and making my best times for the team and for myself," said Belen. "I didn't have as many nerves,

you know, when you see the competition, but other than that, it was pretty normal to me. We had a normal season last year, and I didn't think it would push over into this season, but you've got to work with what you've got."

FHS boys drop meet to K-Kids

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's boys' swim team had its first taste of virtual competition last Wednesday in its season opener against Northampton, won by the K-Kids, 96-64.

"They did excellent and I thought it went a lot smoother and a lot better than what I was expecting," said Freedom coach Alisha Rosioli. "We did combine

some of the events so they did have someone there to swim against, and that worked out in their favor."

The Patriot boys 200 medley relay team of Andrew Ehret, Eric Mann, Luke McClure, and AJ Black opened the meet with a first place finish in 1:52.00.

McClure won the 50 free with a time of 24.11 and the 100 fly with a time of 57.68.

"I added two seconds in the 50 free, but it was my first race in who knows how long? My fly was good, but I could definitely go faster," McClure said. "I'm just happy to get in the pool, but I feel bad for my teammates who aren't getting the same training as all the other schools."

Black came in second in the 100 free in 57.39.

Ehret won the 500 free

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HOOPS Hawks win three straight

BY PETER CAR
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For one week, basketball felt normal for many teams in the region as a full week of practice and games went unscathed. Things are even better when you can come out of the week undefeated, which is exactly what happened with Bethlehem Catholic last week en route to an impressive three-game win streak coming into this week.

The Hawks (6-3) took care of business in their three games against Liberty, Allen and Nativity BVM, registering confidence building victories and momentum heading into another packed week of action on the calendar.

For head coach Scott McClary, the return to normalcy was only highlighted by the team's performance.

"Last week was a great week for us," McClary said. "Being able to complete a week without any changes to the practice and game schedule was the best part, I think that is the first time all year that has happened. Obviously, we won all three games, so we felt good about the results."

After beating Liberty early in the week 68-53, the Hawks held off a talented Allen team 62-59 in overtime before prevailing against Nativity over the weekend 53-49.

"Playing Liberty after two weeks off and missing two starters was a challenge," McClary said. "We played an outstanding second half. Then going onto the road to face Allen, one of the most talented teams in the Valley, was an even bigger challenge. To face all the adversity that the game brought and be able to stick together and grind out a win in OT was a real show of growth for our inexperienced team. Then on Saturday, we faced a Nativity team that was

15-3, had the most overall talent of any team on our schedule featuring two excellent big guys at 6-6 and 6-7. We played our toughest game of the year to date."

Becahi looks primed to continue their momentum this week with a pair of games against Freedom on Monday and Wednesday, followed by Northampton and Liberty on Friday and Saturday. With inclement weather peppered across this week, the Hawks may get a dose of cancellations to their schedule, but if last week proved anything, it's that they're capable of beating anyone.

"The biggest area of growth has been how we have developed as a team on the defensive end as well as rebounding," McClary said. "That is how we found a way last week. We have been good on offense with some nice players on our team, but the key is how unselfish we play, and how willing our team is to celebrate different guys on different nights carrying the load on offense. I have no idea about wins and losses, but I am confident this team is ready to use every challenge as an opportunity to grow."

Freedom (0-4) finally got back to playing last week and the young Patriots dropped each of their four contests in splits against Northampton and Easton.

As mentioned, the Pates will take on Becahi in a series this week, as well as back-to-back games against Nazareth on Thursday and Saturday.

Liberty (0-4) has struggled to find its first win of the season as well, as the Hurricanes dropped games against Becahi and Easton last week.

The Canes look to get on track this week in a pair of games with Nazareth, followed by Easton and Becahi to round out the week.

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The Shivam Chand, Black, Aadam Ameerally, and Ryan Rummel foursome placed second in the 200 free relay in 1:48.99, just missing a first place finish.

The Pates closed out the meet with a first place finish in the 400 free relay by McClure, Mann, Rummel, and Ehret with a time of 3:56.03.

"The three people that swam with me

just swam back-to-back events," said McClure, "and that energy push you get from racing another team is lacking but we'll get to the point where we'll be able to do it."

All-in-all, Wednesday's meet was a good showing for the Patriots.

"There were some district cuts already today which I'm super proud of them for, and I wasn't expecting that," Coach Rosioli said. "They're really pulling it together, not only during a tough season but a tough school year too."

READING ROYALS HOCKEY CAMPS

The Reading Royals Youth Hockey Association (RRYHA) presented by Visions Federal Credit Union, announced that it will offer a variety of hockey camps during summer of 2021. Under the leadership of Director of Youth Hockey Development Terry Denike, Camps will be available for children ages 4-16 years old and will run for four weeks between June and August of next year.

On-ice camps will take place at the Body Zone Sports & Wellness Complex in Sinking Spring, the official practice facility for the Reading Royals and RRYHA.

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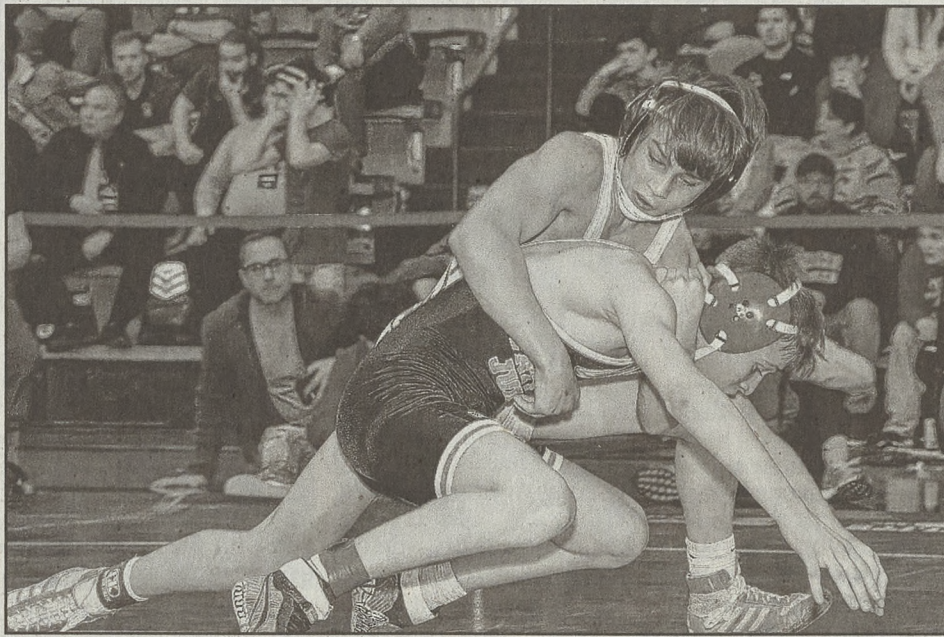
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Tyler Kasak and the Hawks are ready to have a big District 11 wrestling tournament this weekend as action moves to Parkland.

BC ready to take districts by storm

BY KATIE McDONALD
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This is the week that everyone in the wrestling community has been looking forward to, as the District 11 individual postseason gets underway this Saturday and Sunday.

The 3A tournament has moved to Parkland from its long-time home of Liberty's Memorial Gymnasium for this season, but one thing that won't change coming into the week is Bethlehem Catholic's status as title favorite.

The Hawks should be the leader to come away with the team title and the most individual championships, but head coach Jeff Karam is preaching a cautious approach in this year's tourney amid the most uncertainty the tournament has ever seen with the COVID pandemic.

"We're very excited to finally get to this point," said Karam. "We always approach it as winning one 'round' at a time and not looking ahead. This is going to be extremely important given the fact that we will see upsets and how the guys bounce back if they fall on the losing end."

This year's tournament will have a dif-

ferent feel to it without any fans. With wrestlers from all over the district converging at one site, it'll be the biggest event wrestlers from the area will be apart of this season. How that plays out will certainly be on the minds of many, but for Karam, his coaches and wrestlers, it's just another test in a season in a season full of hurdles.

"I think the biggest adjustment will be for the coaches," he said. "The 'split' weight classes is going to make for a long day from the staff as well as making sure everyone follows the itinerary for weigh-ins/skin checks. We can only control what we can control. Really can't think about it at this point and just do what we have been doing to stay safe since the beginning of the season."

With only three wrestlers from each weight class advancing, Becahi aims to be among the leaders in pushing individuals to regionals, as Karam has high expectations for his group coming into the weekend.

"I think we have a really good shot of five winning, but hopefully a couple more," he said. "Hoping to have 10 or 11 medal. The more you

can get through districts will go a long way in getting more guys to states. Regionals and Super Regionals advance four per weight class in eight-man brackets. I like those odds for the guys that can advance past districts."

Bethlehem Catholic will have plenty of wrestlers in contention for gold medals, as Cael McIntyre (113), Dante Frinzi (120), Tyler Kasak (126), Matt Mayer (132), Andrew Harmon (138) and Evan Gleason (152) are part of Becahi's contingent that can come away with gold.

Liberty and Freedom hope they can push some wrestlers through to regionals after a tough regular season.

Freedom is more likely to push more wrestlers through, as 106-pounder CJ Horvath should be in contention for a top-three finish, if not a place in the finals. Connor Bevan (138), Jared Karabinus (145) and Chris Jurado (152) could make a push for Freedom as well.

On Liberty's side, it appears Connor Werner (106), Javien DeLeon (126) and Christian Reid (172) will lead the Hurricanes pursuit of advancing to regionals.

Q & A ... with Liberty track's Gabriel Hontz

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Gabriel Hontz was a senior, Liberty track and field member who lost his spring season and is currently attending West Chester University.

1. What were your personal goals for last season in javelin?

"My personal goal this year was to break the school record. I remember freshman year I told myself that by the time I was a senior I would either have already broken it or put myself in a good enough position to break it. I currently have the third longest throw in school history, until my protégé and current sophomore Jack Donchez (remember the name) beats me, and so I'm incredibly disappointed that I wasn't able to have one last crack at it."

2. What were your personal goals for last season in the 400?

"I just wanted to be

the guy that when called upon, did his job. I've never been the biggest fan of the 400, to say the least, but I believe the 4x400m relay is the most exciting race in a meet and I'm glad I've been able to be a part of that."

3. How were the first 2 weeks of practice going for you before the shutdown?

"The first two weeks were very weird. Since my freshman year I've always been surprised by the energy and passion the coaches and students had for Liberty High School. There's a certain energy and excitement that the team has. You can literally feel it in the air and it's always been extremely motivating for me and my fellow athletes. But this year I think we all knew deep down that even if there was a season, things were definitely not going to be normal and so that energy that I've become accustomed to over my high school career was just lacking compared to

my previous years."

4. How did you deal with the disappointment of the loss of [last year's] spring sports season?

"Grit my teeth and bear it. I think in a year from now we might look back and realize maybe this was a little overestimated and things didn't need to be handled the way they were but it's done now and I'm thankful for my health and the health of those around me."

5. What were your plans entering last fall?

"I will be attending West Chester University for business-finance. I didn't plan on throwing javelin there, but now who knows. I've got an itch to scratch and a chip on my shoulder."

6. Coach Chris D'Emilio's Comments:

"Gabe was a part of a trio of 150+ foot boys javelin throwers last year and was a league meet qualifier. We will miss Gabe's versatility and work ethic."

D-11

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8 - 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. - 6A boys semifinals. The potential for 1 additional game at 2 p.m. exists.
Tuesday, March 9 - 12

p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. - 3A and 5A boys and girls championship games.

Thursday, March 11 - 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. - 4A and 6A boys and girls champi-

onship games.

Friday, March 12 - 1A and 2A Championship Games at Martz Hall.

Saturday, March 13 - 1A and 2A Championship Games at Martz Hall.

D-11 posts updated wrestling schedule

BY PETER CAR
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The District 11 wrestling tournaments will take place this weekend, but won't be at their normal sites in Bethlehem.

District chairman Bob Hartman announced the plan of action for the individual postseason over the weekend with districts, regionals and the newly added super regionals all set.

The 3A tournament will move to Parkland this Saturday and Sunday, while the 2A tournament will take place at the Charles Chrin Community Center in Palmer Township on the same days.

The 3A tournament will feature 16-man brackets with the top-three from each class advancing to regionals. In 2A, the top-two wrestlers will move to regionals.

Regionals is scheduled to take place on Feb. 27 with the 3A Northeast tournament taking place at the Charles Chrin Community Center, while the 2A Southeast regional will move to Central Dauphin.

Super regionals will take place March 6 with the 3A tournament heading to Quakertown and the 2A tourney moving to Pottsville's Martz Hall.

Four wrestlers from each class will advance from regionals to super regionals, as will four wrestlers from super regionals moving onto states.

Below is this weekend's complete schedule of wrestling.

3A SCHEDULE Saturday, Feb. 20

Upper bracket

Preliminary round (4 mats), noon
Quarterfinals (2 mats), 1 p.m.
First consolation round (2 mats) 1 p.m.

Second consolation round (4 mats), 2:45 p.m.

Lower Bracket

Preliminary round (4 mats), 5 p.m.
Quarterfinals (2 mats), 6 p.m.
First consolation round (2 mats) 6 p.m.

Second consolation round (4 mats), 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Semifinals (2 mats), 12:15 p.m.
Consolation Quarterfinals (2 mats) 12:15 p.m.

Consolation Semifinals (4 mats), 2:15 p.m.
Championship Finals (1 mat), 3:15 p.m.

Consolation Finals (1 mat) 3:15 p.m.

2A SCHEDULE Saturday, Feb. 20

Upper bracket

Preliminary round (4 mats), 11 a.m.
Quarterfinals (2 mats), noon
First consolation round (2 mats), noon

Second consolation round (4 mats), 1:45 p.m.

Lower Bracket

Preliminary round (4 mats), 4 p.m.
Quarterfinals (2 mats), 5 p.m.
First consolation round (2 mats) 5 p.m.

Second consolation round (4 mats), 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Semifinals (2 mats), 12:15 p.m.
Consolation Quarterfinals (2 mats) 12:15 p.m.

Consolation Semifinals (4 mats), 2:15 p.m.
Championship Finals (1 mat), 3:15 p.m.
Consolation Finals (1 mat) 3:15 p.m.

True second (if necessary), 5:30 p.m.

3A NE REGIONAL SCHEDULE
Saturday, Feb. 27
Upper Bracket
Quarterfinals (4 mats), 9 a.m.
Semifinals (2 mats), 10:30 a.m.
First consolation Round (2 mats) 10:30a

Lower Bracket
Quarterfinals (4 mats), 1 p.m.
Semifinals (2 mats), 2:30 p.m.
First consolation Round (2 mats), 2:30 p.m.

Final session
Consolation Semifinals (4 mats), 5:30 p.m.
Championship Finals (1 mat), 6:45 p.m.
Consolation Finals (2 mats), 6:45 p.m.

BRIEFLY BETHLEHEM

City utility
bills delayed

Mayor Bob Donchez announced Jan. 19 that the City of Bethlehem is experiencing significant delays affecting delivery of customer utility bills due to problems within the US Postal Service as they deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and backlog from the Christmas holiday season.

Utility bills, including water, sewer, and recycling charges to city residents, are running two to three weeks behind schedule. Due to these problems, which are outside the customer's control, the city has suspended all penalties and late fees on overdue utility bills until March 31, 2021. The city appreciates their customers' patience as they work with the USPS to rectify the situation.

USPS expects to catch up with their backlog and resume normal delivery schedule in the next few weeks.

For information, call 610-865-7000 or visit www.bethlehem-pa.gov.

CITY

Yard waste facility
winter closures

The Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility, 1480 Shoenersville Road, will be closed through the end of March. The facility should re-open in early April, weather permitting. The center is for the use of qualified residents and/or property owners in the City of Bethlehem or Hanover Township and Fountain Hill residents who have purchased compost cards from their municipal buildings.

People using the facility are required to wear a mask for their safety, as well as the safety of city employees.

For more information on the facility, vehicles, composting and loading services, visit www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Recycling/Yard-Waste-Facility.

STATE POLICE

Horse donations
are welcomed

The Pennsylvania State Police is asking the community for donations of horses to support its mounted patrol unit. The training academy stable in Hershey relies on donations to fill a complement of 28 horses. The animals are deployed statewide for searches, crowd control, security and patrol of remote areas. They also participate in parades, demonstrations, and other community events.

Donated horses must be geldings between the ages of five and 15 and stand between 16 hands (5 foot 4 inches at the shoulder) and 18 hands tall. Draft and draft-crosses are preferred. Thoroughbreds and other "hot bloods" are less desirable. Animals must have quiet, sound dispositions and be free of serious stable vices. Horses will be accepted on a 120-day trial basis to determine their suitability. A veterinary examination will also be performed. Upon retirement, state police horses are first offered back to their original owners. The department finds them suitable homes if the original owners are unwilling or unable to accept the animals.

To arrange a donation or for more information, contact Sergeant Carrie A. Neidigh at 717-533-3463 or cneidigh@pa.gov.

Committee disappoints corrections staff

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Disappointment was evident as at least 67 attendees, many of them current correctional officers and at least one former inmate, met with the Lehigh County Commissioners' Committee on Courts and Corrections convened via Zoom Jan. 28.

The meeting was billed as a discussion on Lehigh County's criminal justice system, but nobody with any authority from the criminal justice system appeared for the meeting.

Disappointment started when Courts and Corrections Committee chair Dave Harrington didn't have a quorum present to even have an official meeting. The meeting soon turned from a Q&A meeting to a venting session.

The disappointment bordering on outright anger came because of the absence of officials who could answer questions. These officials are not required to attend these meetings and for their own reasons did not attend.

These elected and appointed leaders did not attend. (Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong was attending a simultaneous Planning Commission meeting.) Other key personnel, such as Director of Corrections Department Janine Donate, a representative of the District Attorney's office, the judges, the public defender, the probation and parole authorities, and pre-trial services did not attend.

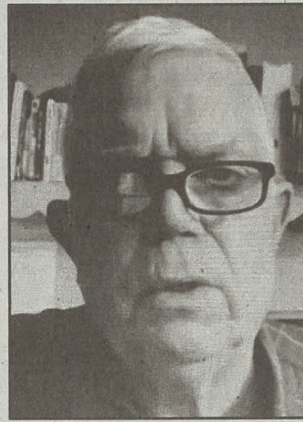
Harrington said the meeting was to get answers to questions.

"We want to see that our correction officers are healthy and that our inmates are healthy," said Harrington.

"There were policies that came out to prevent the spread of COVID that were disseminated to the commissioners. This meeting was to talk about what came out beyond that and to give everyone that's here the chance to speak, and to see if we can come up with some solutions. I think this is one of those things where we need to work together to find solutions. I'm here because I believe in being accountable to the public. It's very important as a county to address this because the loss of any life is a tragedy."

He said his "heart goes out to anyone who has been affected by this or that had relatives in the prison or loved ones that were sick or hospitalized or anything. I understand it might seem like a hollow gesture to have a meeting like this. I'm hoping that we can get some solutions out there to try to prevent

LEHIGH COUNTY



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Left: Courts and Corrections Committee chair Dave Harrington called for members of the administration or the judicial system to respond, but no one did. It wasn't clear that anyone representing the administration or judicial system was present. **Right:** Courts and Corrections Committee member Dan Hartzell highlighted the problem of have a question-and-answer session when the people with answers didn't show up.

any additional tragedies that would occur."

Commissioner Dan Hartzell highlighted the problem of having a question-and-answer session when the people with answers didn't show up.

Referring to the prepared questions and answers (see story below for a list), Hartzell said, "I only have a few questions based on Janine's [Director Janine Donate] answers, but unfortunately she's not here tonight."

"Are meals taken in cells? The answer is that 'they have been eating their meals in their cells.' I'm wondering is that since COVID or is that always [the case?]"

Hartzell again referred to answers to questions submitted and responded to before the meeting. "In response to the question about if the Community Corrections Center is closed, [Donate's] answer is, 'The Community Corrections Center was temporarily closed on Dec. 4 due to staffing needs and the reallocation of those services to the main jail.'"

"Does that mean it is still not open? The point of that question was why don't we use that space to spread out [the jail population] more? We don't know."

Harrington called for members of the administration or the judicial system to respond, but no one did. It wasn't clear that anyone representing the administration or judicial system was present.

Jessica Ortiz of the Ortiz Ark Foundation was irritated that Donate was not present.

"Why isn't she here? Why isn't Janine Donate here? The letter [submitted questions and the responses] is a one-sided conversation."

"One of the concerns we have is the inmates

in jail do not have enough masks and PPE."

"We sent a list of questions, not just one," said Ortiz. "We sent about 10 to 15 questions. Not on our behalf personally, but on the community's [interest]. When will we have an action plan? When will she give the community her face and allow us to ask her? Because the commissioners cannot answer questions about something that is not their job. So, when will she be here and at least dignify us with a response?"

Dan Falco wanted to know if the Lehigh County Jail is taking inmates from other jurisdictions, and if so, why is it doing it during a pandemic?

"We've got two people dead," said Joseph Welsh, who is the executive director at Lehigh Valley Justice Institute.

"One was an inmate and one was a corrections officer. This should be of the utmost concern to anyone with a basic respect for human life."

"We're here tonight in the midst of a double tragedy and on the precipice of a disaster. This is an emergency in the truest sense of the word."

"Both counties, Lehigh and Northampton, have a higher population than when COVID began. So, think of it. The Pa. Supreme Court issued a directive to find ways to reduce the population, population reduction programs are put into place by both counties and today, after the population reduction, we have more inmates. That doesn't make sense."

Welch proposed as a solution to the problem that the courts immediately end cash bail for low-level, nonviolent offenses.

"The reason we have

bail is only for two purposes," said Welsh. "One is if that person is a tremendous risk to the community ... and the second whether or not that person is going to appear for their court appearance."

"Cash bail simply criminalizes poverty," said Welsh.

He also argued for vaccinating inmates and correction officers because officers are going back and forth between the jail and the community.

"That is a no-brainer. It is a health decision to protect our entire community. Lehigh Jail is a COVID boiler."

Maureen Simonetta asked if the commissioners had been inside of the jail. She was also upset that no one from the jail or the courts or the district attorney was present for the meeting.

Commissioner Dave Harrington, chair of the Courts and Corrections Committee and host of the Zoom meeting, explained.

"I have invited them to attend," said Harrington. "The District Attorney has told me he has no interest in coming to these meetings, that I can't force him to do anything, so I don't expect him to attend these meetings."

"We have had historic participation from judges. I think the President Judges have recently switched. I assume the new President Judge will be attending these meetings in the future."

Susan Jordhamo wanted to know, "What does it take to get the administration to hire more people?"

A self-described former inmate who said he has spent most of his life in prison wanted to know, "Who is responsible for oversight of the prison? How do we get an independent agency to go up in there and check it? They won't show up at meetings unless they're coming to ask for money or the community is seeking to defund them."

"People need to understand," said the former inmate. "People are dying. That's the worst way to die. Cold and by yourself."

A person who implied she is a correction officer agreed with the former inmate. "I agree. Someone needs to come in and see what is going on in that jail. You have an administration that claim they're trying to hire people, but people are leaving when they see the conditions we have to work under and way that we are treated."

Another woman who seemed to be a correction officer said, "It is clear that they do not feel they have to listen to us or answer to us."

BRIEFLY GOODWILL

Donations halted
temporarily

Goodwill Keystone Area has announced that effective immediately, it is temporarily halting donations throughout its 22-county service territory until the end of February. The stoppage is in order to get current inventory sorted and out to the organization's retail locations.

Goodwill's 44 retail stores remain open. "We are grateful for the incredible generosity of our donors over the past several months," Rick Hill, Goodwill Keystone Area's president and CEO, said. "Because of this overwhelming support, we need to temporarily stop collection of donations and are asking the community to hold their donated goods until we reopen. When we do, we will gladly accept all that you have saved for us."

To help move inventory and open up storage capacity at its donation centers, Goodwill has a number of job openings in its processing department. The new job listings include full- and part-time sorting and processing positions for various shifts, and include flexible schedules that so many families are in need of these days. Visit yourgoodwill.org/employment for a list of jobs and other information.

UNITY BANK

Donation given
K of C Sacred Heart

Unity Bank recently donated \$22,500 to non-profit organizations throughout its service area, a special one time gift on behalf of the bank's customers. The Bethlehem area non-profit Knights of Columbus - Sacred Heart received a \$2,500 gift.

Unity Bank President and CEO James A. Hughes stated, "As a community bank, we try to help these vital community organizations to the best of our ability. The bank is proud to support local nonprofits through volunteerism, donations, sponsorships, and the bank's UCare Charitable Giving program."

COUNTY

EMS grants
now available

The Department of Community and Economic Development of the County of Northampton is accepting applications for 2021 Emergency Medical Services grants now through Feb. 26. The grants, available to Northampton County volunteer fire departments and nonprofit emergency medical service organizations, may be used for capital improvements, vehicle purchase, equipment purchase and training. Eligible organizations may apply for \$10,000 per application or project.

Approvals are scheduled to be announced in March 2021. For details and applications, visit www.northamptoncounty.org/CMTY-ECDEV/Pages/Apply-for-Funding.aspx

The funding for EMS grants comes from Northampton County's share of the revenue from table games under the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, 4 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 1102, et seq. Grants are awarded via a competitive process through a committee consisting of the DCED staff.

DoC director answers questions

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The prepared question and answer paper addressed some concerns. The responses, according to Commissioner and Chair of the Courts and Corrections Committee David Harrington, were provided by Director of Corrections Department Janine Donate. The questions were submitted to Donate by local resident Maureen Simonetta.

Q: "How many of the Lehigh County Jail inmates were confined pending a trial?"

A: "Currently, we have 294 pretrial inmates in LCJ [Lehigh County Jail]. That number fluctuates on a daily basis and the num-

ber that is eligible for release may be far less than the actual number. Pretrial inmates include any inmate not serving a sentence and includes bench warrants, court commitments, open criminal charges, probation violations and PFA [Protection From Abuse order] contempt. These inmates may be incarcerated for violent felonies and may also have other detainers."

Q: "How many inmates sleep in each cell?"

A: "There are no more than two inmates per cell in most housing units. There is a dormitory style housing unit that has no actual cells and only rows of bunks. There is also a housing unit that has open-con-

cept dormitory cells with no doors and up to four persons in a cell."

Q: "Do inmates sleep with masks on during the night?"

A: "Sleeping in a mask is not a requirement, only when the inmate leaves his/her cell are they required to wear a mask. Cellmates are cohorts and similar to persons who reside in the same household."

Q: "[What is the] time required to get medical attention from [the] time of request?"

A: "Inmates requesting medical services for non-emergency concerns should communicate that by completing a Sick Call Request available in the housing unit. The request is

then placed in a locked medical drop box on the housing unit and picked up at least daily by medical staff. The requests are then triaged by medical. Almost all medical services throughout the pandemic have taken place right on the housing units, as does medication distribution three times daily."

Q: "Are meals communal or taken to cells?"

A: "Inmates have been eating their meals in their cells."

Q: "Who pays for testing?"

A: "The tests were received through the Dept. of Health at no cost. Our medical provider conducts the process as

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BRIEFLY VALLEY

Safety committee gets status boost

The Lehigh Valley Safety Committee was elevated to "ambassador" status by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. LVSC was recognized for the consortium's success in building and maintaining a productive cooperative relationship with the agency.

As an Alliance Program Ambassador, the LVSC will continue to share relevant health and safety information with its membership and facilitate understanding of workers' rights and employers' responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. For more information about LVSC, visit bit.ly/lvscatncc.

The OSHA Alliance Program fosters collaborative relationships with groups committed to worker safety and health. Alliance partners help OSHA reach targeted audiences, such as employers and workers in high-hazard industries, giving them better access to workplace safety and health tools and information. OSHA's Allentown office and the LVSC signed an alliance agreement to promote workplace safety and health in 2005.

TRADITIONS

Facility seniors award winner

Traditions of Hanover, Bethlehem, has been named a winner of SeniorAdvisor.com's annual Best of 2021 Awards. The retirement community is a seven-time winner of this award for outstanding senior living.

To qualify, senior living communities and home-care providers maintained a 4.5-star rating or above and received six new reviews between Oct. 19 and 31, 2020. The winner is determined by online reviews written by seniors and their families.

SeniorAdvisor.com is considered the leading consumer ratings and reviews site for senior care and services in the U.S. and Canada.

For additional details and a list of winners, visit www.SeniorAdvisor.com. For information about Traditions of Hanover, call 484-893-6034.

VETERANS

App available for assistance

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs reminds veterans and their dependents that they should never pay for assistance to apply for veterans' benefits. Accredited veteran service officers are allowed by federal and state laws to help to identify, determine eligibility and apply for a wide range of benefits on the local, state and federal levels.

The benefits may include burial allowance payment; grave markers requests/placement; real estate tax exemption program; emergency assistance; disability and other pensions; education gratuity; Federal health care benefits; and survivor benefits.

To locate a county director of veterans affairs and for information on veterans service organizations and benefits, visit www.dmva.pa.gov and click on Veterans Affairs; www.facebook.com/padmva; or www.twitter.com/padmva.

Take the Lead honorees announced

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) has announced its annual Take the Lead program, premier fundraiser for the council, and a unique leadership program that fosters mentorships with distinguished women leaders from the community whose work and achievements make the world a better place.

Through the Take the Lead program, high school-aged Girl Scouts have the opportunity to shadow inspiring women leaders from the Greater Philadelphia, Berks County, and Lehigh Valley area for a day to gain valuable insight into their careers and help them jumpstart their professional networks. "Our 2021 Take the

Lead honorees have changed the world for the better, and serve as incredible role models for our girls. The Take the Lead event raises critical funds for Girl Scouting in eastern Pennsylvania and is more important this year than ever before. Event co-chairs and committees work tirelessly to help raise money to sustain Girl Scouting in every community, and to ensure that every girl has access to our leadership program no matter her circumstance," said Kim E. Fraites-Dow, Chief Executive Officer of GSEP. "Our Girl Scouts, as they always are, will be the stars of the show, serving as hosts and presenters of awards to our fantastic honorees,

with whom they form relationships through significant mentoring and training events. Each Take the Lead Honoree inspires the girls and other attendees to serve our community with courage, confidence and character, and to take action individually and collectively to make the world a better place."

Thirteen Girl Scouts across nine counties were selected by the council to be paired with the 13 Take the Lead Honorees.

2021 Take the Lead Lehigh Valley - April 28 Presenting Sponsor: Olympus Corporation of the Americas

Chair: Stephanie Sherry, vice president, Corporate Communications,

Olympus Corporation of the Americas

Honorees:

- Lisa Boscola, state senator, 18th District
- Victoria Brifo, senior vice president and chief human resources officer, Air Products
- Fusun Bubernack, president, ET&T
- Lin Erickson, executive director and CEO, Da Vinci Science Center
- Deborah Sundlof, DO, cardiologist, Lehigh Valley Heart Institute

For more information about the Take the Lead program and sponsorship opportunities and benefits, events tickets, and other opportunities to support, please visit www.gsep.org/takethelead or email takethelead@gsep.org.

BRIEFLY BETHLEHEM

New city app has COVID information

Mayor Bob Donchez has announced the launch of a new My Bethlehem PA app. The app provides access to information regarding COVID-19, Lehigh County and Northampton County Crisis Intervention, parking and the Bethlehem service center.

Use the app to register or report a problem and for accessing information. To download the app for Apple or Android phones, visit the app store, type in My Bethlehem PA and download it. There is no downloading fee.

NORCO

Emergency fuel fund now open

The Northampton County Area Agency on Aging began, Nov. 2, the Emergency Fuel Assistance Program for a once-a-season fuel assistance of \$380.

In order to be eligible, an individual needs to be 60 years of age or older, reside in Northampton County, and must have applied for and received or been denied Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits. Their fuel tank needs to be at one-eighth full or less. For assistance with gas or electric heat, a shut-off notice is required.

To apply, call the Northampton County Information and Referral Emergency Services at 610-559-3270. When a referral is received, a Northampton County Area Agency on Aging care manager will contact the individual by phone to determine eligibility.

FAMILY

Online 'roots' event Feb. 25-27

Join the world's largest family celebration for free to unlock your family's history and learn how to preserve the stories of your life through RootsTech Connect 2021, a free online conference experience.

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual. This year, the event will run Feb. 25-27.

Anyone can register and join for free.

Celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past and your heritage and homelands — all from the comfort of your own home.

FamilySearch International usually hosts this annual global event in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The event celebrates family and the concept that everyone is connected and belongs. This entertaining three-day event draws an audience young and old.

RootsTech's vibrant, energetic atmosphere and design delivers celebrity speakers and entertainers, helpful classes and fun experiences.

Among the keynote speakers for RootsTech 2021 will be Erick Avari, an Indian American actor, writer, director and producer; Sunetra Sarkar, an award-winning actress born in England to Hindu parents; and Diego Lugano, a Uruguayan former professional soccer player.

Despite a global pandemic, RootsTech Connect 2021 is expected to be a large event.

To register and join RootsTech Connect 2021 for free, visit rootstech.org.

Q&A

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part of their contracted healthcare services."

Q: "Can inmates decline to receive the vaccine?"

A: "Yes, there is no mandate for the vaccine."

Q: Ettore Angelo: "Why is the PA Supreme Court Order to reduce jail populations not being followed? Why is the Community Corrections Center not being used to help with distancing?"

A: "The offices of the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation/Parole, Pre-Trial Services, meet on a regular and on-going basis, to review cases and evaluate whether or not there are inmates who may be subject to release. Department of Corrections staff

also participate (sic) in the review by supplying information necessary for these reviews. The Community Corrections Center was temporarily closed on December 4th due to staffing needs and the reallocation of those services to the main jail."

Q: Patrick Peterson: "[What is] the recidivism rate of inmates released early due to COVID?"

A: "We currently do not have the recidivism statistics for those inmates."

Q: Susan Jordhamo: "What is the plan to get staff and inmates vaccinated?"

A: "Staff have (sic) been provided the information necessary to make an appointment to receive their vaccination. We currently do not have a clear indication

on when we will receive vaccinations for the inmate population."

Q: Maximus Weikel: "What will the Board do in the next 60 days to decreased [decrease] the jail population, retain staff and increased [increase] the number of correction officers?"


A: "I cannot answer for the board, but we have not stopped our efforts to recruit and hire staff. This has not occurred without challenges, even before the pandemic, but certainly more so during the pandemic. Six new officers just completed the academy class Jan. 20, and we are in the process currently of hiring again for a March academy class. As for the jail population, the Department of Corrections does not have control over the

new admissions coming into the jail. We have worked with the other county Criminal Justice stakeholders to provide the information necessary for their review, evaluation and possible alternatives to incarceration for those inmates incarcerated on Lehigh County charges."

Q: Jessica Ortiz: "How to get masks from the Ortiz Ark Foundation to the inmates?"

A: "Ms. Ortiz has reached out to me with regards to donating disposable masks. I am waiting for her to make arrangements with us for that donation. We have our own supply of masks for staff and inmates as well. We closely monitor our PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) inventory and continue to procure

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• NOTIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA •

ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE PENNSILVANIA

Esta notificación contiene información sobre preguntas que aparecerán en la papeleta en las Elecciones Primarias Municipales que se realizarán el 18 de mayo de 2021.

Las preguntas de la papeleta proponen tres enmiendas diferentes a la Constitución de Pensilvania, según una resolución conjunta de la Asamblea General de Pensilvania.

Si una o más preguntas de la papeleta se aprueban con la mayoría de votos, cada enmienda aprobada se convertirá en ley.

La Asamblea General de Pensilvania propuso primero las enmiendas durante la sesión de 2020 y las aprobó por segunda vez durante la sesión de 2021 de la legislatura, según lo requiere el Artículo XI, Sección 1 de la Constitución.

Esta notificación pública es parte del proceso de enmienda de la Constitución de Pensilvania. El Secretario del Estado deberá publicar:

- Una copia de la resolución conjunta que propone las enmiendas.
- El texto de cada pregunta que aparecerá en la papeleta.
- Una "Declaración Simple en Inglés" preparada por la Oficina del Procurador General que explique el objetivo, las limitaciones y efectos para el pueblo de este Estado (o "Commonwealth" en inglés) de cada pregunta en la papeleta.

El texto que aparece en **negrita** son los cambios en las palabras de la Constitución que propone la Asamblea General. Si la enmienda se aprueba, las palabras **subrayadas** se agregarían a la Constitución y las palabras **[entre corchetes]** se eliminarían.

Si necesita ayuda para leer esta publicidad o necesita el texto de la enmienda propuesta en un formato alternativo, llame o escriba al Departamento de Estado de Pensilvania, Oficina de Servicios de Elecciones y Notarías, Sala 210, North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 1-877-868-3772 (opción 3), ra-elections@pa.gov.

Veronica Degraffenreid
Secretaria de Estado en funciones

RESOLUCIÓN CONJUNTA N.º 2021 - 1

Que propone enmiendas separadas y marcadas a la Constitución de Pensilvania, en la declaración de derechos, que disponga una prohibición de denegar o restringir la igualdad de derechos a causa de la raza y etnia; en la legislación, que brinde además disposiciones de acción en órdenes y resoluciones concurrentes; y, en lo ejecutivo, que brinde disposiciones para la declaración y el manejo de emergencias por desastre.

La Asamblea General del Commonwealth de Pensilvania por el presente resuelve lo siguiente:

Sección 1. Las siguientes enmiendas diferentes y marcadas a la Constitución de Pensilvania se proponen de conformidad con el Artículo XI:

(1) Que se enmiende el Artículo I de la Constitución de Pensilvania se enmiende mediante el agregado de una sección que diga:

Sección 29. Prohibición en contra denegar o restringir la igualdad de derechos a causa de la raza y etnia.

No se denegará ni restringirá la igualdad de derechos conforme a la ley en el Estado de Pensilvania por motivo de la raza o etnia de la persona.

(1.1) Que la sección 9 del Artículo III se enmiende para que diga lo siguiente

Sección 9. Acción sobre órdenes y resoluciones concurrentes.

Toda orden, resolución o voto para el cual pudiera ser necesaria la concurrencia de ambas Cámaras, excepto en el caso de [pregunta de suspensión] **preguntas de suspensión, extinción o extensión de una declaración de emergencia por desastre realizada mediante orden o proclamación ejecutiva, o parte de una declaración de emergencia por desastre declarada mediante orden o proclamación ejecutiva,** deberá presentarse al Gobernador y, antes de que entre en vigencia, deberá ser aprobado por él, o en el caso de desaprobarse, deberá ser aprobado nuevamente por dos tercios de ambas Cámaras, según las normas y limitaciones estipuladas en caso de un proyecto de ley.

(2) Que se enmiende el Artículo IV agregando una sección que diga:

Sección 20. Declaración y manejo de emergencias por desastre.

(a) Una declaración de emergencia por desastre podrá realizarse mediante orden o proclamación ejecutiva del Gobernador al tomar conocimiento de que ha ocurrido un desastre, o de que un desastre o una amenaza de desastre es inminente y pone en riesgo la salud, la seguridad o el bienestar de este Estado.

(b) Cada declaración de emergencia por desastre emitida por el

Gobernador de conformidad con el inciso (a) deberá indicar la naturaleza del desastre, cada área en la que existe la amenaza y las condiciones del desastre, lo que incluye si se trata de un desastre natural, una emergencia militar, una emergencia de salud pública, un desastre tecnológico u otra emergencia general, según lo definido por ley. La Asamblea General deberá, por ley, disponer el modo en que se deberá manejar cada tipo de desastre enumerado en este inciso.

(c) Una declaración de emergencia por desastre realizada conforme al inciso (a) estará vigente durante no más de veintidós (22) días, a menos que se extienda en su totalidad o en parte mediante resolución concurrente de la Asamblea General.

(d) Al finalizar la declaración de emergencia por desastre conforme al inciso (a), el Gobernador no podrá emitir una nueva declaración de emergencia por desastre basada en los mismos hechos y circunstancias, o en hechos y circunstancias sustancialmente similares, sin la aprobación de una resolución concurrente de la Asamblea General que apruebe expresamente la nueva declaración de emergencia por desastre.

Sección 2. (a) Ante la primera aprobación por parte de la Asamblea General de estas enmiendas constitucionales propuestas, el Secretario del Estado procederá inmediatamente a cumplir con los requisitos publicitarios dispuestos en la sección 1 del Artículo XI de la Constitución de Pensilvania, y transmitirá las publicidades requeridas a dos diarios en todos los condados en donde se publican dichos diarios, dentro de un tiempo suficiente luego de la aprobación de las enmiendas constitucionales propuestas.

(b) Ante la segunda aprobación por parte de la Asamblea General de estas enmiendas constitucionales propuestas, el secretario del Estado procederá inmediatamente a cumplir con los requisitos publicitarios dispuestos en la sección 1 del Artículo XI de la Constitución de Pensilvania, y transmitirá las publicidades requeridas a dos diarios en todos los condados en donde se publiquen, dentro de un tiempo suficiente luego de la aprobación de las enmiendas constitucionales propuestas. El Secretario del Estado deberá:

(1) Presentar la enmienda constitucional propuesta de conformidad con la sección 1(1) de esta resolución a los electores de este Estado que cumplen con los requisitos como una pregunta separada en la papeleta en las primeras elecciones primarias, generales o municipales que cumplan con los requisitos de la sección 1 del Artículo XI de la Constitución de Pensilvania, y estén de acuerdo con él, y que ocurran al menos tres meses después de que la Asamblea General apruebe la enmienda constitucional propuesta.

(1.1) Presentar la enmienda constitucional propuesta de conformidad con la sección 1(1.1) de esta resolución a los electores de este Estado que con cumplen los requisitos como una pregunta separada en la papeleta en las primeras elecciones primarias, generales o municipales que cumplan con los requisitos de la sección 1 del Artículo XI de la Constitución de Pensilvania, y estén en conformidad con dicha sección, y que ocurran al menos tres meses después de que la Asamblea General apruebe la enmienda constitucional propuesta.

(2) Presentar la enmienda constitucional propuesta de conformidad con la sección 1(2) de esta resolución a los electores de este Estado que cumplen con los requisitos como una pregunta separada en la papeleta en las primeras elecciones primarias, generales o municipales que cumplan con los requisitos de la sección 1 del Artículo XI de la Constitución de Pensilvania, y estén en conformidad con dicha sección, y que ocurran al menos tres meses después de que la Asamblea General promulgue la enmienda constitucional propuesta.

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL PROPUESTA - ARTÍCULO IV DECLARACIÓN Y MANEJO DE EMERGENCIAS POR DESASTRE

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

¿Se debería enmendar la Constitución de Pensilvania de manera que se modifique la ley existente y se aumenten las capacidades de la Asamblea General para finalizar o extender de manera unilateral una declaración de emergencia por desastre, y las capacidades de las agencias del Estado para tratar los desastres sin importar su gravedad conforme a dicha declaración, a través de la aprobación de una resolución simultánea por una mayoría simple, eliminando de esta manera el actual peso y contrapeso de presentar una resolución al Gobernador para su aprobación o rechazo?

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

La Resolución Conjunta N.º 2021-1 propone incorporar una nueva sección al Artículo IV de la Constitución de Pensilvania. Esta enmienda incorpora capacidades para la declaración y manejo de emergencias por desastre directamente a la Constitución al:

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- Conceder al Gobernador la autoridad para promulgar una declaración de emergencia por desastre mediante proclamación o decreto;
- Requerir que cada declaración indique la naturaleza, ubicación y tipo de desastre;
- Conceder a la Asamblea General la autoridad para aprobar leyes que establezcan la forma en que se deberá manejar cada desastre;
- Limitar la duración de la declaración del Gobernador a 21 días, a menos que se extienda de alguna otra forma, en todo o en parte, mediante una resolución simultánea de la Asamblea General;
- Evitar que el Gobernador, al vencimiento de la declaración, emita una nueva declaración basada en los mismos hechos o hechos sustancialmente similares, a menos que la Asamblea General apruebe una resolución simultánea que expresamente apruebe la nueva declaración.

Actualmente, la capacidad de declaración y manejo de emergencias por desastre está delegada por ley en el Gobernador. El Gobernador cuenta con la autoridad única de emitir y manejar todas las declaraciones de emergencia por desastre, que no pueden extenderse por más de 90 días a menos que el Gobernador las renueve. La Asamblea General puede anular una declaración de emergencia por desastre del Gobernador mediante resolución simultánea que debe presentarse al Gobernador para su aprobación o veto.

Si se aprueba, la enmienda transferiría ciertas autoridades existentes del Gobernador para responder y manejar emergencias por desastre a la Asamblea General. El Gobernador conservaría la autoridad de emitir la declaración de emergencia por desastre inicial pero la duración permitida de la declaración se reduciría de 90 a 21 días. La autoridad única de extender la declaración recaería en la Asamblea General; actualmente, esta capacidad la tiene el Gobernador. Al vencimiento de la declaración inicial, la enmienda prohíbe al Gobernador emitir una nueva declaración basada en los mismos hechos o hechos similares sin la aprobación de la Asamblea General. El Gobernador dejaría de tener autoridad unilateral para manejar los desastres, pero tendría que hacerlo de manera consistente con las leyes aprobadas por la Asamblea General.

Si se aprueba, se requeriría que la Asamblea General apruebe leyes nuevas que establezcan la forma en que se deberá manejar cada desastre. Si se incorpora a la Constitución de Pensilvania, la enmienda propuesta no podrá modificarse ni derogarse salvo mediante una decisión judicial que establezca que una parte o toda la enmienda propuesta es inconstitucional o mediante la aprobación de una enmienda constitucional posterior.

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL PROPUESTA - ARTÍCULO, III, SECCIÓN 9

EN RELACIÓN CON LA FINALIZACIÓN O EXTENSIÓN DE LAS
DECLARACIONES DE EMERGENCIA POR DESASTRE

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

¿Se debería enmendar la Constitución de Pensilvania de manera que se modifique la ley existente a fin de que: una declaración de emergencia por desastre venza automáticamente después de 21 días, sin importar la gravedad de la emergencia, a menos que la Asamblea General tome medidas para extender la emergencia por desastre; el Gobernador no pueda declarar una nueva emergencia por desastre para responder a los peligros que el Commonwealth enfrente a menos que la Asamblea General apruebe una resolución simultánea; la Asamblea General promulgue nuevas leyes para el manejo de desastres?

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

La Resolución Conjunta N.º 2021-1 propone enmendar el Artículo III, Sección 9 de la Constitución de Pensilvania para suministrar una nueva excepción al tradicional procedimiento legislativo al permitir a la Asamblea General finalizar o extender una declaración de emergencia por desastre o una parte de dicha declaración sin necesidad de la aprobación del Gobernador.

Actualmente, el Artículo III, Sección 9 establece como regla general que todas las órdenes, resoluciones o votos que requieren la aprobación de la Cámara de Diputados y el Senado deben presentarse ante el Gobernador para su aprobación o veto. Las resoluciones de suspensión de la Asamblea General están exceptuadas de este proceso. Si el Gobernador aprueba la orden, resolución o voto, se convierten en ley. Si el Gobernador los veta, no se convierten en ley hasta que dos tercios de la Cámara de Diputados y Senadores voten para anular el veto. La enmienda propuesta crearía una excepción adicional a este procedimiento legislativo

habitual para que las resoluciones conjuntas finalicen o extiendan, en todo o en parte, una declaración de emergencia por desastre emitida por el Gobernador.

La enmienda propuesta también tendrá efecto en revertir un reciente fallo del Tribunal Superior de Pensilvania que sostuvo que la Constitución de Pensilvania prohibía a la Asamblea General aprobar una resolución simultánea para finalizar la declaración de emergencia por desastre Covid-19 del Gobernador sin presentársela primero al Gobernador para su aprobación. Modificaría la ley para permitir a la Asamblea General finalizar o extender una declaración de emergencia por desastre a través de una resolución simultánea aprobada solo por una mayoría de miembros de la Cámara de Diputados y Senadores, sin tener que presentar la resolución al Gobernador para su aprobación o veto.

La enmienda propuesta está limitada en que solo modifica el proceso legislativo tradicional para finalizar o extender las declaraciones de emergencia por desastre emitidas por el Gobernador. La enmienda no alterará el procedimiento legislativo actual con respecto a qué órdenes, resoluciones o votos de la Asamblea General sobre cualquier otro asunto se presentan ante el Gobernador para su aprobación.

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL PROPUESTA - ARTÍCULO I PROHIBICIÓN EN CONTRA DE LA NEGACIÓN O PRIVACIÓN DE LA IGUALDAD DE DERECHOS DEBIDO A LA RAZA O ETNIA

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

¿Se debería enmendar la Constitución de Pensilvania mediante la incorporación de una nueva sección que disponga que la igualdad de derechos ante la ley no debería negarse ni privarse debido a la raza o etnia de una persona?

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

La Resolución Conjunta N.º 2021-1, si se aprueba por el electorado, incorporaría una nueva sección al Artículo I de la Constitución de Pensilvania. Esta enmienda crea una prohibición constitucional en contra de la restricción o el rechazo de la igualdad de derechos de una persona ante la ley de Pensilvania debido a la raza o etnia.

En general, la inclusión de esta enmienda dentro de la Constitución de Pensilvania significa que no recurrir a la discriminación basada en la raza o etnia es un principio esencial de la libertad y del libre gobierno. Esta enmienda se aplica a todas las entidades de gobierno estatales, del condado y locales de Pensilvania, y garantiza la igualdad de derechos ante la ley. La enmienda, si se aprueba, será parte de la Constitución de Pensilvania. Como tal, sus disposiciones deben ser aplicadas de manera consistente con las demás disposiciones de la Constitución.

Este derecho de igualdad de ser libres de discriminación racial o étnica existirá independientemente de cualquiera de estos derechos conforme a la Constitución de Estados Unidos o la correspondiente legislación federal. Si las protecciones federales actuales que prohíben la discriminación racial o étnica fueran abolidas, la prohibición contra dicha discriminación permanecerá en la Constitución de Pensilvania. La enmienda está limitada de manera que crea un derecho solo conforme a la ley de Pensilvania.

Una vez que se incorpore a la Constitución de Pensilvania, el derecho a ser libre de discriminación racial y étnica ante la ley no podrá ser eliminado excepto por una decisión judicial que determine que la enmienda es inconstitucional o la aprobación de una enmienda constitucional posterior. Si se aprueba, la Asamblea General podrá aprobar nuevas leyes para implementar la enmienda, pero no aprobará leyes inconsistentes con esta.

MAMA'S MUSINGS

Multi-tasking mania

Mamas multi-task. It's pretty much in our nature. Once you've accomplished anything while holding a baby, you get a feeling of success.

Often we have scheduling conflicts or happy coincidences that result in the need to multitask.

Like the Monday that James had school on Zoom, and I had work on Zoom, and Erick, who would normally help with James, was down with a tooth infection and sound asleep. That was pretty much a three-car crash.

James couldn't get the password right as he switched from one Zoom class to another. I was actively working on my own Zoom. I am pretty sure he said some bad words during his ensuing meltdown. By the second issue, when he couldn't find a page in his workbook, and I couldn't immediately help him, it was armageddon. Finally, we gave up on school for that day. I was in touch with his teacher and support staff, and we did solve one issue: no switching between Zoom meetings. It also highlighted his need for 1:1 support, which he does receive when in the school building.

A happier coincidence of events was when I was able to take photos of snow being cleared by public works as we walked to the library. It was a good time. I took almost 30 photos, then we picked up books and projects from our friends at the library.

(If you haven't been visiting the library, check it out. New projects from preschool to teen levels are available weekly. You can browse a curated collection of children's books, or order online for pickup.)

On our walk home, we saw a friend who used to work at James' school, and her dog. And James had fun spotting dog prints in the snow.

Earlier that day, we waited in the parking lot of the dentist's office while Erick saw the dentist. I used the time to transcribe meeting notes for an article.

No, it wasn't all idyllic. James did not enjoy standing in the wind while I took photos. While I transcribed notes, he used his feet and the back of the passenger seat to make drumming noises. But all in all, it was a good morning.

When multi-tasking, you take the bad along with the good, and make the best of it. And then you take a few deep breaths, and do it all over again.



By Lani Goins

AROUND TOWN

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

Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 E. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/. Buildings are open. General information: visit www.bapl.org (main) or at www.facebook.com/paBAPL or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side).

National Museum of Industrial History is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For timed ticket purchases, information about mask requirements, social distancing protocols and more, visit www.nmih.org.

Digital and virtual events

Banana Factory online digital exhibitions and more: www.bananafactory.org.

Bethlehem Area Public Library: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkVQ/featured for a variety of items. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 E. Church St. Visit www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/. Buildings are open. General information: visit www.bapl.org (main) or at www.facebook.com/paBAPL or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side). YouTube channel: visit www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkVQ/featured.

Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites digital programming: visit <https://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450.

National Museum of Industrial History virtual museum. 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmih.org/virtualmuseum>; call 610-694-6644 for schedules.

Fire hydrants information

City of Bethlehem Fire Chief Warren Achey and the department are asking residents and property owners who have a fire hydrant near their home or business to clear it of snow following and in case of future storms this winter. The department recommends shoveling three feet of clearance all the way around the fire hydrant, with clear access to the street. This gives enough room for firefighters to hook up hose to the hydrant and open the hydrant safely. For information, visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Fire/About-Us>

Hanover Township: Residential and commercial properties with fire hydrants are reminded to shovel them out so that they are accessible in an emergency. The township will declare a snow emergency when the anticipated effects of the weather dictate. The snow emergency is broadcast on WAEB - 790 AM, WFMZ - Channel 69, via the Hanover Township Email Alert System and other broadcast, print and social media. In a snow emergency, parking on all township streets is prohibited and vehicles may be tagged (\$75 fine) per §172-29 of the Codified Ordinance: Whenever a snow emergency has been declared it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be abandoned or parked, on any public highway. Tickets may be issued once the parking ban goes into effect and, in some instances, prior to the snow actually starting to fall.

For information, visit <https://hanovertwp-nc.org/public-works/snow-emergency-information/>

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3. A general caption answering the who, what, when, where, why and/or results of your event.
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BETHLEHEM SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Polar 'Pop' replaces plunge

BY LANI GOINS

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Special Olympics annual Polar Plunge has had a makeover this year due to COVID-19. Instead of participants accepting donations from their family and friends to watch them take a dip in the frigid waters of the Delaware River, participants will individually pop water balloons over their heads. And instead of it all happening on one day in one place, the event will happen throughout the month of February. So there is still time to join in, as a popper or a donor.

Laura Neary is a volunteer with Bethlehem Special Olympics. Her daughter Sarah is a junior at Liberty HS and participates in athletic events with both the Bethlehem Special Olympics and the Northampton County Special Olympics.

Laura started volunteering a decade ago, when Sarah began participating in the athletic competitions. It was an organic process. She would stay to watch Sarah practice soccer, and coaches would ask her to help with one thing or another, then she was invited to volunteer regularly. Now she is a mentor for the Bethlehem Special Olympics team and represents the athletes with the management team of the Bethlehem Special Olympics. She also runs their Facebook page.

For the Polar Pop, she had student leaders join her on a Zoom call with the management team.

"It's a way to empower the students," she said.

Sarah competes on the county team with school and with the Bethlehem team, which is more for adults, because their practices, on evenings and weekends, suit the family's schedule. Sarah has competed in Special Olympics soccer at the state level. Her favorite Special Olympic sports are swimming and snowboarding. The snowboarding team started in Winter 2020, but did not compete this year because of COVID.

Laura and Sarah have both done the Polar Plunge in the past few years. This year, they did the Pop. They chose a snowy Saturday.

"Doing it in the snow was great," Sarah said. Even the family dog joined in, until the first



PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS
Laura Neary holds the full water balloon over Sarah's head. The full video of their Pop can be seen on the Bethlehem Special Olympics Facebook page.



Laura Neary, with her daughter Sarah. Laura is a mentor for the Bethlehem Special Olympics team and represents the athletes with the management team of the Bethlehem Special Olympics.



Sarah Neary at the June 2019 Special Olympics State Games. Sara had just won a gold medal, and a member of the Penn State Swim Team presented Sarah with one of their school swim caps.



Sarah Neary without a cap or helmet on her head.

balloon popped on Laura's head. Then it was Sarah's turn.

"I liked it, but I was drenched," she said. "I felt happy I could help my friends."

The family posted video of their pops on Facebook, and the response was huge.

"Sarah got so many donations," Laura said. "We raised much more this time." She credited the visual effect of doing the pop in the snow, and more people being at home to watch it, and more people being aware of the need for funds for Special Olympics.

"People are so nice," Sarah said.

To join in the Polar Pop, or to donate, visit classy.org/event/2021-pa-polar-pop/e318.

ArtsQuest is seeking input
from fans on Musikfest 2021

As ArtsQuest plans Musikfest 2021, the nonprofit is looking for input from self-described Musikfest Super Fans to help create the best possible festival for the community.

Musikfest Super Fans can identify themselves by visiting www.musikfest.org/superfan by Feb. 19 for a chance to participate in exclusive surveys, conversations and focus groups. These Super Fans will be asked to share their contact information and some details on why they love Musikfest.

From its very beginnings over 37 years ago, Musikfest has always been for the people of our great community. Usually drawing in over 1 million people with over 500 performances — the vast majority free to attend — it is true that, at its core,



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY ARTSQUEST
A scene from a previous Musikfest. ArtsQuest is looking for input on Musikfest 2021.

Musikfest is a festival for everyone.

Although Musikfest 2020 was still successful, with over 2.2 million viewers of 100 streamed, live TV and limited-capacity socially distanced performances, ArtsQuest wants to ensure that all Musik-

fest-lovers of the greater Lehigh Valley region feel heard and satisfied with this ever-evolving, beloved celebration of the arts.

"Musikfest has always been run and supported by our community, and we plan to engage our supportive

fans by asking them for feedback to help develop this year's festival in a way that provides much-needed hope and a brief sense of normalcy during this pandemic," said ArtsQuest President and CEO Kassie Hilgert. "This festival supports so many artists and small businesses and creates forever memories for our attendees and we want to hear from them as we shape the 2021 edition."

With safety at top priority, following all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, state and local health and safety guidelines, they want to continue to evolve, alongside Musikfest, which will take place Aug. 6-15.

ArtsQuest will be debuting this year's iconic festival poster to the public soon.

Final stride starts

The second semester has finally begun. Classes are switching, seasons are changing, but Liberty is ready to conquer the last half of the school year. It has been quite the year so far for Liberty students and faculty. While battling the difficulties of giving and receiving an education during a pandemic, the variety of successes throughout the first semester is great motivation to end the year strong.

After a heartbreaking postponement due to quarantine guidelines, sports are back on at Liberty. Wrestling is off to a great start with athletes who are eager to make up for their previous season, that was tampered with due to the pandemic. Liberty's 160-pound weight class wrestler, junior Christian Reid, shares his excitement to get back onto the mat. "It felt so great seeing everyone from the team again," he said. "I just want to have good matches and get some good wins against kids."



Senick

Each year, two Liberty seniors who represent educational empowerment are awarded with a "Teen of the Year" scholarship presented by the Bethlehem YWCA. This year's scholarship winners are Mia Senick and Carol Fernandez.

Liberty has a new head coach in town. Shawn Daignault is Liberty football's newest head coach, replacing John Truby, who had stepped down after eight years of leading the team. Daignault, a former linebacker, high school and collegiate coach, is ready to work with the Canes and have a great upcoming season.

Liberty's art department makes a point to recognize student artists each year in its winter art show. Unlike other years, the art show was held virtually this past January. The show displayed ceramic art, paintings and drawings created by Liberty students within the past year. Despite remote and hybrid schedules, the artists were able to display unique, beautiful art. The link to the virtual art show is available on Liberty's website.

BASD Mini-Thon is holding two dine-and-donate events in February. On Feb. 15, Freedom hosted an event at On the Border. On Feb. 18, Liberty will be hosting an event at MOD Pizza on Airport Road. The organization hopes to hold an in-person or virtual main event later in the spring to finish off its year of raising funds toward pediatric cancer. Be sure to follow @BASD_MiniThon to see how you can contribute or be a part of their cause.

For more updates and information on upcoming events, visit Liberty's website, <https://basdweb.beth.k12.pa.us/liberty/>



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THON Activities Director Brian Seitz behind the letters FTK- "For the kids" in front of Old Main on the University Park Campus. All THON activities benefit pediatric cancer patients and their families through the Four Diamonds Fund.

Penn State THON

Bethlehem native helps event face, overcome COVID challenges

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Every year, the Penn State THON raises funds for the Four Diamonds Fund and fosters awareness about families affected by pediatric cancer. With the COVID-19 pandemic, many of THON's usual events have had to be altered, but THON and the associated Mini-THON at Bethlehem Area School District are still going on.

"It (COVID) has given us a chance to do things a little bit differently this year," says Megan Daló, THON's media relations captain. "For THON, we are doing a totally virtual event. It's going to be livestreamed and that link can be found on the THON.org website (<https://www.thon.org/virtual-thon-weekend>) Feb. 19 to 21."

In lieu of a 48-hour dance marathon on the Penn State University Park Campus, dancers will be dancing from their homes.

"We're really giving them all the information on how to do this safely, and following CDC guidelines," Daló says.

Some of the THON will be online, and some will not.

"There will be some hybrid events, videos playing on the livestream, also three or four live popular acts," Daló says. Additionally, more events, including the Pep Rally and Family Hour, traditionally done on campus, will be happening virtually.

"It's exciting, we're looking forward to it" Daló adds.

Brian Seitz, special events director for THON, is a Bethlehem native. His work with THON began with his family's involvement in the BASD Mini-THON.

"My older sister Eileen actually started the Bethlehem Area School District Mini-THON in 2013," he explains. "I was in eighth grade at the time, and I saw her fulfill this role and be super successful in it, and it inspired me to want to take on a similar leadership role when I got into high school. I looked up to her as a role model and wanted to follow in her shoes, and make an impact like she did."

Brian shares his first experience at a Penn State THON.

"The first time I was ever exposed to the



Seitz family members at the 2011 THON: (back) Pam Seitz, Eileen Seitz, Jack Seitz, (front) Brian Seitz, Colleen McPeak and Maureen Seitz. Brian's work with THON began with his family's involvement in the BASD Mini-THON. His older sister, Eileen, started the Bethlehem Area School District Mini-THON in 2013.



THON Activities Director Brian Seitz and 10 of his captains at the THON 5K. Back row: Grace Casey, Alyssa Placha, Alyssa Bielski, Katherine Proto, Sydney Hakel and Kelsey Wolf. Front row: Koby Duke, Alyssa Carlier, Sarah Stitzel, Brian Seitz and Shelby Speaker

large scale THON event at Penn State, was in 2011. I was 12, and my sister was one of the dancers, completing the 48-hour dancing, no sleeping event. I remember walking to the floor and knowing that one day, if I go to Penn State, I want to have a huge role in making this happen. One of my sisters served on the executive committee in 2017, so being exposed to that when I was in high school blew me away, and again made me want to follow in her footsteps."

When he started high school at Freedom, Brian says he got "super involved" in the Mini-THON. He had two captain roles where he oversaw two committees and the main event, the 12-hour dance. When he saw himself going to Penn State, he decided to become involved with the

larger organization and has been involved with THON throughout his undergraduate years. This is Brian's final year and his first year on THON's Executive Committee.

Brian is majoring in rehabilitation and human services, and minoring in psychology and deafness and hearing studies. Over winter break, he submitted applications to five occupational therapy master's degree programs.

Brain explained how THON's events have changed during COVID. "Obviously because of the pandemic, things look very different, especially for my committee, because we focus on in-person engagement, revolving around getting people excited and into State College for our events," he says. "We're focusing on expanding our reach

and engagement to people around the world, and really focusing on creating virtual events and other initiatives that are engaging for people not only in State College but also around the country, because THON has supporters all around the entire country."

Brian is also focused on the Virtual 5K initiative.

"While this was not the first year we had a virtual 5K, this was the first year it was built out to the extent that it was. We provided a training plan, a step tracking app, and the initiative itself raised over \$100,000."

"We also challenged the community to do an around the world challenge. That's one example of how we are rewriting what we do this year, kind of with a clean slate."

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SCHOOL NEWS

State Farm supports BASD STEM

State Farm has awarded \$7,500 in funding to The Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District to support the Project Lead the Way Engineering program at Liberty HS. The program exposes students to areas of study that they currently do not have an opportunity to pursue, and provides them with a foundation and proven pathway to college and career success.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics courses follow a proven, hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. Students learn and apply the design process, acquire teamwork and communication proficiency and develop organizational critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The STEM curriculum engages a network of community leaders, university affiliate and industry partners in STEM partnerships. Project Lead the Way allows them to explore engineering prior to determining their career and college pathways. For more information, visit <https://basdweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/>

DEAN'S LISTS

Alvernia University

Regan Downey, of Bethlehem, has been named to Alvernia University's fall 2020 semester dean's list. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and take a minimum of 12 credits.

The College of Saint Rose

Skyler Stabin, of Bethlehem, has been named to The College of Saint Rose's fall 2020 dean's list. She completed a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and earned a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete grade to be included on list.

Bloomsburg University

Bianca Crespo, from Bethlehem, was named to the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's fall 2020 dean's list. She was included on the list as a full-time student whose semester GPA is 3.5 or higher in 12 or more semester hours of course work for which a grade or grades are received.

College of the Holy Cross

Bethlehem area residents Lucia Ardizzone and Jacob Pelczynski-Kunda were named to the College of the Holy Cross' dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. To qualify, the students passed four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

East Stroudsburg University

Several Bethlehem and Freemansburg area residents were named to the dean's list at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for the fall 2020 semester of the 2002-21 academic years. The students earned a 3.50 quality point average or better and are enrolled full-time.

They are Galina Reilly, Sarah LiCarri, Kaliyah Scott, Andrew Theesfeld, Matthew Falteich, Madison Henry, Thomas Manos, Danielle Morrison, Aneri Patel, Kaitlyn Swint, Tatiana Guzman-Carides, Joel Maldonado, Connor Steudler, David Walker, Tatyanna Davis-Headley, Tori Egner, Kelsey Yearde, Allison Pittenger, Natalie Biery, Angelina Murphy, Catarina Silva, Tara Souillard, Parker Henning, Katelynn Moyer, Claudia Brandstetter, David Brown, Julia Stahl, Morgan Danilovicz, Charles Falteich, Rachel Cain, Makenna Case, Michael Almack, Shane Storm, Thomas Achey, Jayleen Rodriguez, Adrian Albino, Lauren Brown, Samantha Engelhardt, Rheannon Parker, Alycia Polanco, Nicholas Voorhees, Kylie Figueroa, Markella Fokas and Airika Ortiz.

Hamilton College

Maya Taliaferro, of Bethlehem, has been named to the Hamilton College dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. To be named to the list, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Ithaca College

Madeline Thomas, of Bethlehem, was named to the Ithaca College dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

Iowa State University

Jacqueline Kanaskie, of Bethlehem, was named to Iowa State University's fall semester 2020 dean's list. To qualify, she earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Lock Haven University

Sarah King and Luke Kreider, both Bethlehem area residents, were named to the Lock Haven University fall 2020 dean's list. To qualify, the students obtained a scholastic average of 3.50 or higher in at least 12 semester hours of academic course work.

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YWCA's empowerment series concludes

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The YWCA's YES! Women's empowerment series' final sessions held recently were led by Danielle Adams, PCC, of Queen Suite Coaching. The topics were Navigating Change and Transition, and Emotional Intelligence.

Navigating Change and Transition began with urging participants to examine their motivation for making a change. Part of this is "discerning what we want to do, versus what we need to do. We also have to consider the risks and rewards before making a change." Danielle also looked at the perspective needed when making a change that affects members of a team. Part of this is "understanding other's fears, and creating dialogue to address these concerns."

Some of the scenarios presented included passing on opportunities because of fear, and how change is needed when you realize your current situation is not supportive of your personal or economic growth.

Another question



Danielle Adams's, PCC, of Queen Suite Coach, led the series.



YCWA Program Director Jen Wanisko listens intently to the session.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS



All participants received a copy of "Dare to Lead" by Brene Brown.

5. Accept the change
In the Emotional Intelligence session, Danielle spoke about empathy. Empathy is the understanding of the feeling of others. While some people are naturally more empathic than others, Danielle asserted that we can learn to be more empathetic. She said "sometimes, we will see being empathetic as subduing our own feelings." Danielle emphasized accepting others' feelings while still appreciating our own. She said, "Emotional Intelligence decreases stress."

For more from Danielle, visit www.QueenSuiteCoach.com

All participants in the workshop received a copy of Brene Brown's book, Dare to Lead.

For more information on YWCA programs, visit www.ywcaBethlehem.org.

THON

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"Although it's been a challenge," Brian continues, "THON has really taken the initiative to see this more as an opportunity, to work on initiatives that have been long overdue, and some that have never been thought of before. Even when we start to go back to normal, we are excited to see these initiatives continue, when this role is taken over by my successor." He said the new executive committee is selected in early April, then he'll go through a transition process with his successor to make sure that person has all the materials needed to be successful in this role.

Brian says he maintains contact with the local mini-THON project through social media.

"I can see they are also dealing with challenges. So being able to see that from the sidelines, and how they are able to still do virtual events and engage students through a smaller version of Mini-THON, it's really cool to see. It's kind of a tradition at Freedom and Liberty to do this. I'm very proud of them for making it happen despite the very different circumstances this year."

BASD's Mini-THON

BASD Mini-THON is a project of Freedom and Liberty high school students who come together every year to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. Students sponsor several fundraisers throughout the school year, including dine and donates, a social distanced golf outing, video Christmas cards from Santa, bingo's, sunshine bags to bags for current pediatric cancer patients, and card campaigns. Since money has been tight for people around the community, students are explaining the scope of mini-THON through multiple community service events, include an upcoming Park and Trail clean-up. This allows everyone to get out and enjoy some time with their friends and family in a safe way.

At the end of the school year, usually in April, a large scale event called "the main event" is held with about 1,000 Freedom and Liberty students participating. Everyone who attends stands for 12 hours straight to raise money for pediatric cancer. At the end of the event, the total amount of money raised that year is revealed.

This year has looked a little different. It has been challenging to come up with COVID-friendly fundraisers but students are still doing everything they can to raise money. A main event this year is planned within the next few months, whether it is in-person or virtual. You can follow the mini-THON's progress on Instagram @basd_minithon and Twitter @basdminithon for more information and updates regarding upcoming fundraisers, including a mini-thon mask sale.

Area residents are invited to join a Feb. 18 fundraiser at MOD pizza at 1878 Airport Road.



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Danielle asked participants was, "Would your rather cope with, manage, or lead change?" She also outlined five ways of managing change and conflict:

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Listening to women Community Music School launches free online series

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS
 Special to The Press

Community Music School Lehigh Valley & Berks (CMS) will premiere the first of three parts of its "Women in Music" lecture-recital series at noon Feb. 17.

The program was originally to be an in-person "brown-bag" program in 2020 but was canceled because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown.

The free lunchtime program will be held the third Wednesday in February, March and April on the Community Music School YouTube channel.

Recordings of the programs will be archived on the YouTube channel.

CMS faculty members Julia Katherine Walsh, soprano, and Dr. Tzu-Hwa Ho, piano, will present and perform selections for "Women in Music," which explores the roles of women as muses, performers and composers.

"It has been a long time coming," says Lisa M. Hopstock Kulp, CMS Assistant Director.

"The original series was scheduled to start March 18, 2020, which was the first week of the [Pennsylvania] governor-mandated clo-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
 Dr. Tzu-Hwa Ho, piano



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 Julia Katherine Walsh, soprano

sures." CMS was able to pivot to provide its private lessons online.

Attempts to reschedule the "Women in Music" program in fall 2020 fell through.

"When we realized that we

would not be able to offer this as an in-person event anytime soon, Julia and Tzu-Hwa began researching software and methods to safely produce and record the program virtually," says Hopstock.

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Arthaus chalks up another exhibit



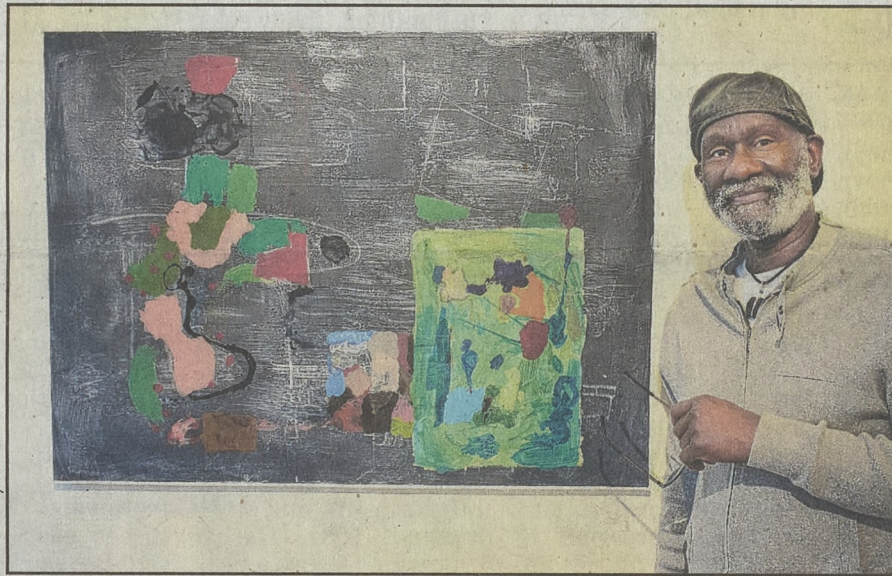
BY ED COURRIER
 Special to The Press

To celebrate Black History Month, Arthaus is presenting "Blackboard Veve Painting," a series of abstract works created by Allentown-based artist Femi J. Johnson.

The 26 pieces were completed by Johnson in the Hamilton Street studio he shares with two other artists during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020.

The exhibition, along with several works by Cuban artist Cuty Razzzone, continues through March 21 in the community art space at 645 West Hamilton St., Allentown.

Johnson says he reflected inwardly for inspiration for "Blackboard Veve #8: Exotic Conjure or



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Femi J. Johnson with "Blackboard Veve #8: Exotic Conjure or Magie du bosquet (Magic of the grove)" (2020; acrylic on canvas, 30 in. x 40 in.).

Magie du bosquet (Magic of the grove)" (2020; acrylic on canvas, 30 in. x 40 in.) and other works in the series.

Johnson explains that he goes to "that secret sweet place inside of

us, that secret garden that we go to for our own comfort." He says that he seeks his happiness from within to provide the energy for his paintings.

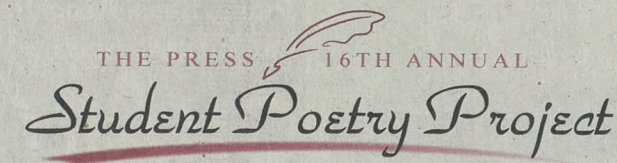
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Student Poetry Project entries deadline March 15

Submissions are now being accepted for the 16th annual award-winning Lehigh Valley Press Student Poetry Project.

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, poems will be selected in each of the Elementary School, Middle School and High School categories and published in the April 28 and April 29 Focus section in the eight Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and websites.

The student in each of the three categories whose poem is selected for publication on the front page of the Focus section may have his or her photo published with the permission of the stu-



dent's parent or guardian.

Three writers of the first-place poems will be invited to read their poems and be interviewed on an April edition of "Lehigh Valley Arts Salon" on WDIY, Lehigh Valley Public Radio, 88.1 FM and wdiy.org.

The entry guidelines:

1. The Student Poetry Project is open to Lehigh Valley elementary school, middle school and high school public, parochial, private, charter,

cyber and home-school students in the circulation areas of the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers: Salisbury Press, East Penn Press, Parkland Press, Northwestern Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press, Catasauqua Press, Northampton Press and Bethlehem Press.

2. Poems are to be submitted in PDF form and should not exceed one page in length using a font no smaller than 10 point. No illustrations

will be accepted.

3. On the same page as the poem, and not on the back of the page, include the poem author's student name, age, grade, school, district, telephone number and email of parent or guardian for contact information only. The phone number and email will not be published or shared with the public. This information may be in a smaller font size to accommodate the length of the poem. It may also be all on the same line to conserve space.

4. Each student may submit up to three poems, which must be his or her original composition. Each poem should be a

separate entry. Individual poems should be at least 10 lines in length. However, students may submit up to three shorter poems on a single theme with a title, on a single page. Single poems shorter than 10 lines will not be accepted.

5. E-mail poems and-or questions to George Vandoren, Student Poetry Project coordinator, georgevan@me.com

6. Hand-written or printed versions of poems may be mailed to or dropped off to: Student Poetry Project, care of Lehigh Valley Press, 1633 N. 26th St., Allentown, Pa. 18104. Teachers may submit multiple class poems

in a single envelope as long as they are on separate pages and each poem contains the required student information.

7. Entries must be received (by U.S. Mail, email or drop-off) by 5 p.m. March 15.

8. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for a student's photo to be taken and published in the Focus section in the Lehigh Valley Press newspapers and websites.

9. Copies of poems will not be returned.

10. For ideas on teaching poetry: facebook.com/PoetryProjectContest/

Curtain Rises

Lehigh, Zoellner
join online parade

As with other arts venues, Lehigh University and its Zoellner Arts Center are turning to the internet to deliver theater and other performances for the upcoming semester because of the continuing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Lehigh's Mustard & Cheese Drama Society is presenting "In the Heights," 7 p.m. Feb. 26 - March 5 on its YouTube channel.

"In the Heights" is a musical written by Lin-Manuel Miranda ("Hamilton") about the residents of a Dominican-American neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City.

The musical's book, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Quiara Alegria Hudes, follows the residents over three days in the close-knit community. They try to figure out if they should stay where they are, return to their homeland or move on.

"In the Heights" opened on Broadway in 2008 and received a Tony Award for best musical. Miranda also won for best score and choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler and musical director Alex Lacamoire won for their Latin- and hip-hop-inflected choreography and orchestrations.

At the center of the show is Usnavi, a bodega owner who looks after the neighborhood matriarch, Abuela Claudia, and is smitten with Vanessa, who works at a beauty salon.

Neighbors Camila and Kevin Rosario get a visit from their daughter Nina, who is struggling after her first year at college. They become upset when they discover her

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Kathy Lauer-Williams



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Lehigh University Mustard & Cheese Drama Society, "In the Heights," 7 p.m. Feb. 26 - March 5, YouTube.

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Not such 'Little Things'

The big thing about "The Little Things" is its trifecta of Oscar winners casting:

Denzel Washington (Two Oscars: actor, "Training Day," 2001; supporting actor, "Glory," 1989; eight-time Oscar nominee, including best picture, "Fences," 2016; actor, "Malcolm X," 1992); Rami Malek, Oscar, actor, "Bohemian Rhapsody," 2018, and Jared Leto, Oscar, supporting actor, "Dallas Buyers Club," 2013.

Washington, Malek and Leto appear together in one key scene in the procedural crime drama, which I defy you to explain to me.

In "The Little Things," Albert Sparma (Leto), an appliance shop repairman and suspect in the serial killings of young women in Los Angeles, is being interrogated by Jimmy Baxter (Malek), a Los Angeles Police Department detective, and Joe "Deke" Deacon (Washington), a Bakersfield, Calif., deputy sheriff.

Deacon has taken time off from his sheriff department duties to help in the Los Angeles murders investigation because he sees similarities to a case he had worked on.

Washington and Leto share the majority of the scenes in "The Little Things." Malek has a crucial scene with Leto.

"The Little Things" is an enigma wrapped in an enigma. Did Washington and Malek get their man? I will let that up to the movie-goer concerning a film that will have many discussing and debating the outcome for



AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein
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days, weeks, if not years to come.

"The Little Things" is written and directed by John Lee Hancock ("Saving Mr. Banks," 2013; "The Blind Side," 2009) at a leisurely pace, capturing the gritty underside of sunny California circa 1990 when the story takes place, and with an attention to character and the portrayals of those characters by the three main actors. Hancock's choice to have the musings of Deacon to materialize in his scenes doesn't work.

Washington has some paunch and gray hair for the role. His acting is very interior-oriented. He seems preoccupied by grief.

Malek is rail-thin and so intense in his portrayal as to make the character he plays unlikeable.

Washington and Malek seem to be competing in the overbite competition. Each sets their teeth in such a way that bespeaks a deep thinker.

Leto displays a beer belly and walks in a crab-like gait, performing with an aggressiveness that is Charles Manson frightening.

William Safire, in his "On Language" column, delved into the derivation of "God, or the devil, is in the details." That goes for most everything on God's green Earth, but especially for a legal proceeding, sports contest and writing, notably, screenplays.

"The Little Things" explores the details, advising in the cautionary tale: Yes, it's the little things that matter, but don't get too hung up on the details. It's the little snares that can trip us up.

As it's stated in Song of Solomon 2:15: "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes."

One interpretation of the Biblical verse might be that it's stating that a minor problem could ruin a good relationship, job, or vintage.

The aphorism could be the basis for a great movie, which, alas, "The Little Things" is not.

"The Little Things," MPAA rated R (Restricted Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for violent-disturbing images, language and full nudity (that of the depiction of a corpse); Genre: Crime, Drama, Thriller; Run time: 2 hr., 7 min. Distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Jared Leto received a Golden Globe, supporting actor nomination, and a Screen Actors Guild nominee, supporting actor, for "The Little Things."

At The Movies: "The Little Things" was seen in the Dolby Theatre, AMC Center Valley 16, The Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley, Upper Saucon Township. It was my second time seeing a



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Denzel Washington (Joe "Deke" Deacon), Rami Malek (Jimmy Baxter), "The Little Things."

movie in the Dolby Theatre, which opened in November 2020. If you have the opportunity to see a movie in the Dolby Theatre, it's well worth it. At AMC, COVID-19 protocol is in effect, including online ticketing, face mask wearing, social distancing in theater seating, and available hand sanitizers.

Movie Box Office, Feb. 12-14: "The Croods: A New Age" moved up one place to No. 1, with \$2.04 million, on 1,890 screens, \$48.3 million, 12 weeks, edging out "Judas And The Black Messiah," based on the story of Black Panther leader Fred Hampton, opening at No. 2 with \$2 million on 1,888 screens, and ending the two-week No. 1 run of "The Little Things," dropping two places to No. 3 with \$1.8 million, on 2,090 screens; \$9.6 million, three weeks.

4. "Wonder Woman 1984" stayed in place, \$1.3 million, on 1,681 screens, \$41.8 million, eight weeks. 5. "The Marksman" dropped two places, \$1.1 million, on 1,825 screens, \$10.4 million, five weeks.

6. "Land," 940,000, on 1,231 screens, opening. 7. "Monster Hunter" dropped two places, \$650,000, on 1,366 screens; \$12.6 million, nine weeks. 8. "News Of The World" dropped two places, \$385,000, on 1,243 screens; \$11.3 million, eight weeks. 9. "Promising Young Woman" dropped two places, \$182,000, on 733 screens; \$4.9 million, eight weeks. 10. "The War With Grandpa," starring Allentown's Oakes Fegley, stayed in place, \$180,287, on 525 screens; \$20 million, 19 weeks. 13. "Come Play," starring Allentown's Winslow Fegley, stayed in place, \$86,000, on 148 screens, \$10.2 million, 16 weeks.

Box office figures are from Box Office Mojo as of Feb. 14 and are subject to change.

Unreel, Feb. 19
"Nomadland," R: Chloé Zhao directs Frances McDormand and David Strathairn in the Drama. A woman sets out on her own in a van in the United States during the 2008 Great Recession.

"The Mauritanian," R: Kevin Macdonald di-

rects Shailene Woodley, Jodie Foster, Benedict Cumberbatch and Tahar Rahim in the Drama Thriller. An imprisoned man fights for his freedom.

"Blithe Spirit," PG-13: Edward Hall directs Dan Stevens, Isla Fisher, Aimee-Ffion Edwards and Michele Dotrice in the Comedy Fantasy Romance based on the play by Noël Coward. A writer is bedeviled by the spirit of his deceased wife much to the chagrin of his wife.

"Silk Road," R: Tiller Russell directs Nick Robinson, Jennifer Yun, Jimmi Simpson and Jason Clarke in the Crime Drama Thriller. A DEA agent tries to bring down a dark net website.

"Body Brokers," R: John Swab directs Frank Grillo, Michael Kenneth Williams, Jessica Rothe and Melissa Leo in the Crime Thriller. A drug addict goes to rehab.

Movie opening dates are from Internet Movie Database.



ARTHAUS

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The artist creates the illusion that the canvas is an old slate blackboard. Painted chalk-like lines and erasure marks

enhance the semblance.

Colorful abstract shapes are layered over this. Johnson says some of the markings are drawn from his smaller sketches, which he refers to as "Marks of Existence."

The various shades of green he paints on the

surface are reminiscent of green porcelain-based enamel chalkboards from the 1960s.

The "blackboard" art begins dark, reflecting the darkness of the COVID-19 pandemic and the sense of turning inward.

With later works in the series, the backgrounds and colors layered over them transition to brighter, cheerier hues. The paintings suggest an expression of inner joy radiating outward.

"It's exciting to see the strokes slow down, the colors become more somber, and yet there's moments of electricity that happen in these paintings," says curator

Deborah Rabinsky. For her, the lighter works create a sense of "moving on."

Johnson, originally from New York City and raised in Easton, studied studio art at Hudson Valley College. He has also worked as a master draftsman and designer.

Cuban artist Cuty Ragazzone brings playful bathroom humor to the gallery. Framed and unframed ink and wash drawings from The W Collection feature a peek at half-dressed women occupying the most private room of any house.

Rabinsky explains that Ragazzone's risqué, yet not obscene, drawings were chosen to salute Valentine's Day. The

works depict everyday intimacy experienced by couples living under the same roof.

These are not so much a tribute to traditional romance. "It's a celebration of life and silliness and things we hide," says Rabinsky with a chuckle. "That's where all the potties come in to play."

"Walking into three different restaurants in Havana over the last three years, I found Cuty's works hanging in the restrooms," states Bruce Waldman from The W Collection. "Old traditional restaurants and cool, new, trendy restaurants all are proud to display his creations on their walls," he con-

tinues. Born in 1960 as Gustavo Cesar Echevarria, Cuty Ragazzone lives and works in Havana, Cuba.

Arthaus is a partnership between RE:find and the Allentown Arts Commission.

Arthaus, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. allentownarts.com; 610-841-4866

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LCCC, Amazon launch apprenticeship program

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) and Amazon have established a training partnership to prepare apprentices in advanced manufacturing, one of four such Amazon programs nationwide.

It's part of Amazon's Mechatronics and Robotics Apprenticeship program, said to provide a pathway to careers in industrial automation for Amazon's next generation of distribution and fulfillment centers.

The program is a U.S. Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship.

"We are honored to provide this training in partnership with Amazon, which is a major employer in the area," said LCCC president Dr. Ann D. Bieber.



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Student at Lehigh Carbon Community College

"This type of program is truly the way of the future to be able to meet the needs of a changing and demanding workplace," Bieber said. "Students will com-

plete a comprehensive curriculum and are now ready to take their skills into the Amazon facilities.

"We look forward to welcoming future class-

mates to our campus and further developing programs that impact employment readiness," said Bieber.

Apprentices utilize Amazon's e-learning, lecture and equipment in the new 2,000-square-foot lab in the Technology Center on LCCC's Schneectown, North Whitehall Township, campus.

The second group of 76 apprentices was begun in early December 2020 at LCCC. The original class of 25 completed the program in September 2020, bringing to 101 the total trained to date. An additional class began Jan. 4, with additional classes planned throughout 2021.

Apprentices represent states from coast to coast in the United

States. They complete the 12-week program with a variety of courses that will prepare them for a career in industrial automation.

After they have successfully passed four national exams, graduates return to their facilities for the on-the-job learning portion of the program.

Apprentices attend classes five days per week, combining online and instructor facilitated classroom work with hands-on skill assessment. The program articulates to credit programming at LCCC in the related fields, so if students want to continue their education, it is a seamless path to an associate degree.

According to an email from a spokesman for

Amazon, LCCC is one of the early participants in the program.

Upon completion of the free 12-week course, employees receive one year of on-the-job training, after which they'll be eligible for full-time positions in mechatronics and robotics. Employees who go through the program can expect to see their wages increase nearly 40 percent, according to Amazon.

The program is part of Amazon's larger Upskilling 2025 initiative, a \$700-million commitment to provide free skills training to 100,000 Amazon employees in the United States by 2025 to help them transition into in-demand, higher-paying jobs.

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relationship with Benny, who works for their taxi service but isn't Latino.

The all-student run production is directed by Ivery Linett Marquez.

The cast is: Juan Aleman (Usnavi), Brendan Rego (Benny), Justin Velez (Sonny), Jess Flores (Nina Rosario), Frances Colon (Camilla Rosario), Mercy Mirembe (Vanessa), Michael Stevanovich (Kevin Rosario), Arianna Pineiro (Abuelo), Dabney Brice (Daniella), Brianna Dominguez (Carla), Giovanni Vargas (Piragua Guy), Elhadj Diallo (Grafitti Pete), and Annie Norris and Gabe Masso (ensemble).

After the opening night performance, there will be a talk-back with the cast on YouTube.

To view the show, you must provide your email to receive the link.

Tickets: www.instagram.com/intheheights_lu/

Zoellner Arts Center's "On Stage At Home" guest artist series features six performances recorded exclusively for Zoellner Arts Center for online release for the spring 2021 semester. The programs are free, but donations are ac-



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Dance troupe Sankofa Danzafro, Feb. 17 - March 5, Zoellner Arts Center, "On Stage At Home."

cepted. The season kicks off Feb. 17 with a performance available for viewing through March 5 by contemporary dance troupe Sankofa Danzafro.

Sankofa Danzafro is an Afro-Colombian dance company, which performs their work, "The City of Others."

Artistic director and choreographer Rafael Palacios created the work by drawing from the troupe's performers' experiences with racism and oppression.

A performance by Ulysses Quartet, a string ensemble whose rep-

ertoire include Bach, Haydn, Schubert and Ravel, is available Feb. 26 - March 26.

Third Coast Percussion, a Grammy Award-winning Chicago-based percussion quartet's performance, is available March 19 - April 10.

A performance by Grammy Award winner Dom Flemons, a songwriter, music scholar and multi-instrumentalist, is available April 9 - May 9.

Returning to Zoellner is jazz bassist and vocalist Casey Abrams who previously performed with Postmodern Juke-

box, in a solo performance, April 30 - May 30.

The final performance by multi-platinum recording artist Joan Osborne, who performs "Songs of Bob Dylan," is available May 21 - June 21.

Tickets: <https://zoellner.cas.lehigh.edu/>

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The first part of the series, "Women as Musicians," features Richard Strauss's "Mädchenblumen Lieder," Opus 22, and Andre Previn's "Three Dickinson Songs."

"A majority of the repertoire that I sing has been composed by men and set to words written by men, who have been juxtaposed in history as motivated by rivalries or friendships with other virtuosic men," says Julia Katherine Walsh.

"But recently, musicology is acknowledging a truer origin of many men's compositions by giving credit to the women who were involved in them, and helped inspire, premiere, fund and sustain these creative geniuses and their pieces. We can appreciate them today even more by knowing their full story," Walsh says.

Next on March 17 is "Women as Performers," which will feature songs that were calling cards for singers such as Joan Sutherland, Kathleen Battle and Beverly Sills.

The final part on April 21 is "Women as Composers" and will highlight the works of female composers such as Clara Schumann, Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel,

Gloria Coates and Amy H.H. Beach.

Tzu-Hwa Ho says the series is more than just a recital.

"The carefully-chosen repertoire will take the audience on a wonderful journey through the storied lives of these composers and poets," says Ho.

The program is free to the public. Reservations should be made to receive the link and additional materials.

Viewers also will be able to chat and ask questions of the performers during the program.

Walsh has sung opera in the United States and Germany. She has sung the roles of Dido in Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" and Queen of the Night in Mozart's "The Magic Flute." She has been teaching voice at CMS since 2018.

Ho is an experienced collaborative pianist, who has worked extensively with vocalists in art songs and operatic repertoire. At age 14, she made her concerto debut in the City Hall of Salerno, Italy. At 16, she gave her first solo recital in Taipei, Taiwan. She teaches piano at CMS and is a staff accompanist.

Tickets: cmslv.org/women-in-music-lecture-recital-to-go-virtual/

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Apologies are a two-way street

Dear Jacquelyn, My dear friend and I had a fall-out. She would like to meet up and apologize in person. I want to reestablish a good friendship with her, but I know I will feel uncomfortable during this discussion. How do I gracefully respond to her apology?

RESPECTFULLY YOURS By Jacquelyn Youst



Dear Reader, It takes humility to own up to a mistake, but it also takes humility to accept an apology after you've been hurt. Obviously, this friendship is very important to you and you want to salvage it. Even though it's difficult,

accepting her apology gives you both the opportunity to start with a clean slate.

Forgiveness is a powerful thing, but it is not always easy. When a close friend causes us pain, it hurts even more. In order to heal the friendship and get back on track, it's important to be sincerely, ready and open to her apology.

The good news is there are ways to handle such a sticky situation with grace.

When it's time to meet up with your friend, your first gracious act is to just listen. Give her the opportunity to speak without interruption.

When it's your turn to contribute to the conversation just be sure you choose your words wisely to avoid sounding disingenuous.

For example: "I appreciate your apology. I was upset and I'm glad you understand that. Let's move on."

Or: "We all make mistakes. I accept your apology."

If you took part in the conflict even if it seems minimal, take responsibility for your behavior. Tell your friend: "Thanks for apologiz-

ing. I wish you hadn't said those things to me, but I also wish I hadn't responded the way I did."

Apologies are a two-way street. It requires both people to be humble and put pride aside.

Respectfully Yours, Jacquelyn

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Lessons from home base

Long after I've retired from full-time work as a newspaper journalist, I continue to be grateful to the teacher whose encouragement started me on that career path.

I've told readers in the past how much I credit my sophomore English teacher with launching my journalism career.

My sophomore year was a tough one when I was told I had to switch from college prep to the commercial course because there was no money to send me to college.

If a student has that situation today there are still multiple ways to pay for college, including student loans.

Back then, high school and college guidance counselors summed it this way: No money, no college.

It was a hard pill for me to swallow and I struggled emotionally, losing my incentive to excel — until I was lucky enough to land in Miss Byerley's English class. She was an inspiring teacher and I loved the writing assignments.

While she often wrote words of praise on my papers, one day she wrote across the top of the paper: You should work for a newspaper.

With those words, she did more than give me a compliment. She rekindled my motivation and launched my drive to work for a newspaper.

A few months later, I was hired as a teen columnist for our daily newspaper.

Since then, I never stopped. I've had a fulfilling, exciting career I never would have strived for without the encouragement of Miss Byerley.

In much the same way my husband says he had a lucrative career as an engineer only because his high school chemistry teacher encouraged him to go in that direction.

Many of us owe a debt of gratitude to encouraging teachers.

But it isn't only professional teachers that can teach us life-enhancing lessons.

For most of us our parents were our first teachers and how they taught their "lessons" had a profound effect on our lives.

Probably most of you never thought of your parents as teachers.

Yet parents are our most influential teachers, and many of the lessons they taught us stayed with us throughout life.

While I never thought of my parents as teachers when I was young, the older I get the more I recognize they were invaluable in their lifetime role as my teachers.

I used to think my dad was the teaching parent because he was the one who taught me to swim, to crab and fish, to parallel park, and most of all, to delight in nature.

When I commented on the colorful leaves while we were on a long car trip he stopped the car so we could walk through the woods together. And he didn't tell me I was foolish when I started collecting colorful leaves.

What he was doing was teaching — teaching

WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik



me to stop a daily routine in order to appreciate nature. It was a lifelong lesson I learned well.

But the real teacher in the family was my mother. She taught so many values by her example, not just by her words. By always being there for us and by centering her life on family, we learned nothing worldly can be more important than family.

My brother said of all the things my mother did for him throughout her life the two things he most values is that she taught him to cook and to manage a budget.

"She taught me the important thing isn't how much money you make, it's how much you save," he said.

She taught us to save to buy what we wanted, not to use credit cards to buy it faster. I could write an entire column on the little ways she taught me to save.

But her biggest lesson was that if someone in the family needs you, be there for them, don't wait until you find it "convenient."

When I got married and had children of my own I tried to teach them what I view as important things. I will probably keep doing that as long as I have breath.

The other night I woke from a sound sleep with the thought that I have to tell Maria one sentence that can change saving habits: Pay yourself first.

Don't wait until you have enough money to save. That never happens. Instead, when you get paid, first put a set amount in savings. Small amounts add up over time.

What is both ironic and delightful is that while I've spent decades trying to teach my daughters things I want them to know, now they are the teachers.

Andrea is quite clever at solving problems and figuring out how to get things done — even in a foreign country.

During our mother-daughters trips to Italy, she found incredible Airbnb places and made good use of her Italian to get us get on the right trains traveling from one region to another. No easy task.

Maria is the one who patiently teaches me how to incorporate technology into my life. She also keeps amazing me with the depth of her knowledge when I call her looking for information.

It's rewarding to have these two well-rounded teachers making life easier for me.

Think about those that helped or influenced your life.

When you think of those that made the biggest impact, you might realize not all of your teachers were in a classroom.

Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

Money dearest for four-year-old's savings

Q. My son is four-years-old, and over the years he has received money as presents. We have put the money in a savings account for him. Now he is starting to want toys and he knows that he has received money from relatives and friends. Do we let him use some of the money to buy toys or insist that he save it all? How do we teach him good money skills?

THE FAMILY PROJECT

By Carole Gorney



The response to this question from the panelists was that the parents should definitely let the four-year-old spend some of the money for something he wants, with conditions.

For one thing, the people who gave money to the boy probably expected him to spend it, panelist Chad Stefanyak said: "They likely gave money because they didn't know what toys the boy had, or what he wanted."

"Insisting that he save all the money isn't

going to work well," panelist Joanne Raftas said, adding, "Insisting that he needs to do what his parents want is not a good lesson, and putting all of the money away isn't teaching the boy anything."

Raftas suggested making a plan with the boy for what he wants to buy, and how much it will cost.

Several of the panelists talked about having a conversation on the boy's level to establish a percentage of what can be spent and or saved.

"The discussion should be ongoing," panelist Mike Daniels said adding, "When the child goes shopping with mom, they can discuss the difference between buying groceries and fun things. The parents also need to talk about their values about money, and how

they spend it." Panelist Denise Continenza suggested that there are opportunities to teach a child about donating to charities.

"It is important that children learn about helping others," panelist Pam Wallace Wallace said, suggesting that the parent show the four-year-old how his account is doing.

The panel agreed that there are a lot of good resources for children to learn about saving money.

"For older kids," Stefanyak said, "there are opportunities to invest small amounts of money to learn about the stock market. There also are opportunities to invest in different small companies."

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychother-

apist, and Erin Stalitz, Lehigh Children & Youth.

Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildlv.org

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

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Getting caught napping a good idea

Q. Is napping in the afternoon a good idea?

No doubts about this one. Napping is a very good idea.

In a study published in The Archives of Internal Medicine, researchers found that people who napped regularly had a 37 percent lower coronary death rate than those who never napped. The study was done with more than 23,000 Greek men and women ages 20 to 86.

The curiosity of the study's authors was piqued by low rates of heart disease in European and Latin American countries where siestas are an integral part of their lifestyles.

Another study published in Annals of Emergency Medicine provided evidence that nurses and doctors on night shifts perform better when they take a nap at work.

A NASA sleep study to help astronauts function better demonstrated that 24-minute naps significantly improved alertness and perfor-

HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti



Q. Isn't having gay parents harmful to a child?

There have been many studies demonstrating that gay parents (male and female) are as likely as heterosexual parents to raise well-adjusted children. In addition, children of gay parents have shown no greater incidence of homosexuality.

Children with homosexual parents often face social pressures. Most of these children are able to overcome the problems associated with being in an unconventional family.

Gay parents are becoming more common. There are between 8 and 10 million children in the United States being raised by a gay parent.

Q. What exactly is plaque that collects on your teeth?

Bacteria, mucus, and food particles in our mouths produce a colorless film on the surfaces of teeth. This film is called "plaque." Plaque contributes to tooth decay and gum disease. Plaque that is not removed can harden and form "tartar."

Brushing your teeth will remove plaque but not tartar. Once tartar builds up, you need a professional cleaning, one of those fun things we all look forward to. Well, it's definitely better than gum disease.

Gum disease is common among seniors because it develops painlessly over a long period of time. Gum disease can be aggravated by ill-fitting dentures and poor diet, which are senior citizen problems. Symptoms include: bleeding, swollen or receding gums, loose teeth, a change in your bite, and persistent bad breath or taste.

Gum disease, or periodontal disease, affects about 80 percent of American adults. Periodontal disease ranges from gum inflammation

("gingivitis") to a serious stage that causes tissue damage and tooth loss. In fact, periodontal disease is the leading cause of adult tooth loss.

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Pastor Join us for Live Stream Worship Sundays Facebook.com/LCHSEmmaus 9:00 a.m. Family Service 10:00 a.m. Spirit Worship</p> <hr/> <p>NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 4004 Tilghman St. 610-395-5062 Barry Mitchell, Transitional Pastor 9 a.m. Online Worship every Sunday Facebook and YouTube www.nativityallentown.org</p> <hr/> <p>ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 18 S. Third St., Coplay 610-262-6171 Worship, 10:30 a.m. in sanctuary Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Masks & social distancing enforced for Sunday School & Worship Worship Service on Facebook Live www.stjohnscoplay.com</p> <hr/> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 5th & Chestnut Sts. Emmaus 610-965-9885 Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens www.stjohnsemmaus.org Weekly Worship service online</p> <hr/> <p>SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH 4331 Main St., Whitehall 610-262-1600 Rev. James W. Schlegel Wheelchair accessible 8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship (with Communion) Education Hour 9 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville 610-767-6884 Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday in parking lot Visit ulciv.org for worship video</p> <hr/> <p>WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH 7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066 610-298-2437 Worship, 9 a.m. With Pastor Jerel Gade On Facebook Live www.weisenbergchurch.org Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>ZIEGELS LUTHERAN 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 www.ziegelschurch.org 9 a.m. Indoor Union Worship Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday School Handicapped Accessible Rev. Andrew Meckstroth, Pastor</p>	<p>MORAVIAN</p> <p>CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH "Living God's Love" 948 N. 21st St. Allentown Calvary Moravian Church invites you to virtual worship Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on YouTube or contact us for the Zoom address at 610-435-6881 or churchcalvarymoravian@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>EMMAUS MORAVIAN CHURCH 146 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049 610-965-6067 Rev. Brian Dixon, Pastor Online worship available at www.emmausmoravian.org</p> <hr/> <p>NON-DENOMINATIONAL</p> <p>EGYPT COMMUNITY CHURCH 4129 S. Church St. Whitehall 610-262-4961 Pastor Brad Roth 9 a.m. Sunday School all ages 10:30 a.m. Sunday Praise Service Handicapped Accessible Child Care, Air Conditioned Blended Worship of hymns, songs and Contemporary praise! Visit us at www.egyptccc.org</p> <hr/> <p>JACOB'S CHURCH Route 143, Jacksonville, PA Rev. Scott L. 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Donald Brown Designated Transitional Minister 9:45 a.m. Drive-in Worship (weather permitting) Also online via FACEBOOK and YouTube</p> <hr/> <p>UNITED CH. OF CHRIST</p> <p>BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 601 W. Market St., Bethlehem 610-868-4441 www.uccbethany.org Pastor Linda Wisser 10:45 a.m. Worship "Come Worship With Us"</p> <p>CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL UCC 4695 Lowhill Church Rd., New Tripoli, PA 18066 10 a.m. Weekly Worship Via Facebook Live or Lowhill Church YouTube christchurchatlowhill.org 251th Anniversary Year!</p>	<p>CHRIST UCC SCHOENERSVILLE 5050 Airport Rd. (corner at Orchard Lane) Allentown, PA 18109 610-264-9325 Pastor Ashley Werkheiser Worship 10:15 a.m. COVID-19 Safety Plan In Place Handicap Accessible www.facebook.com/ucc5050 Come Join Our Family!</p> <hr/> <p>CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C. 135 Quarry Rd., Alburis 610-966-2991 Pastor, Rev. Matthew Gorkos 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Also Live On Facebook</p> <hr/> <p>EBENEZER U.C.C. Route 143, New Tripoli 610-298-8000 Pastor Wally Frisch We are open (following CDC guidelines) Worship, 10:15 a.m. or on Facebook live All Are Welcome!</p> <hr/> <p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 902 Lincoln Ave. Northampton, PA 18067 The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz 610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Handicapped Accessible</p> <hr/> <p>JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org 610-395-2218 Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Pastor 10:30 a.m. Online Worship via Facebook Live, Vimeo and You Tube 9:15 a.m. Church School Zoom</p> <hr/> <p>OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville (at the Y of Fountain Rd & King's Hwy) The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601 10:15 a.m. Worship resumes in sanctuary www.oldzionsucc.org</p> <hr/> <p>ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON 575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052 Bonnie Moore, Interim Sr. Pastor Rev. David Quinn, Int. 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PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC 5129 Schochory Road New Tripoli, PA 610-298-8064 Worship 9:30 a.m. Handicapped Accessible All Welcome!</p> <hr/> <p>ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 Rev. Kent Rhodehamel, Interim Pastor www.ziegelschurch.org 9 a.m. Indoor Union Worship Online worship on Facebook and YouTube 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday School Handicapped Accessible</p> <hr/> <p>WESLEYAN</p> <p>FAITH WESLEYAN CHURCH 3356 Route 309 Orefield PA 18069 610-398-0172 Rev. Brenda Smith Worship, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Adult, Youth & Children's Ministries Handicap Accessible www.faithweschurch.org facebook.com/Faith- Wesleyan-Church-Orefield-PA</p>
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DevonHouse Senior Living celebrates Valentine's Day



Cheerful cutout heart decorations, hanging mini lights and festive place mats set the mood for the special meal while resident Mary Christman holds the rose she received as part of the Valentine's Day festivities.



DevonHouse residents dine on their choice of two entrees - Shrimp Fettuccine or Smothered Chicken. Sidedishes included Rice Pilaf, Tossed Salad, and California Vegetable Blend or Mixed Vegetables. For dessert, the seniors were treated to red velvet cake along with a foil-wrapped chocolate rose. Other dessert options were ice cream or fresh fruit.

PRESS PHOTOS BY CARLA JONES
DevonHouse Senior Living, in Allentown, held its annual Valentine's Day Dinner Feb. 12. ABOVE: Dr. Richard Grabowski is ready to enjoy his dinner.



PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Hearing Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on February 24th, 2021 at 6:30 PM...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lower Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Relining and Manhole Rehabilitation project...

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of LARUE M. ROTH, late of Orefield, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE INCORPORATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation were filed with and approved by the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the 25th day of November, 2020...

Feb. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners will consider for possible adoption an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE LOWER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CODE ENFORCEMENT, BY ADDING A NEW PART 4, VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRY OF VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, ESTABLISHING MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT AND BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS..."

Feb. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet in the Upper Milford Township Building March 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following appeals: ALL APPELLANTS MUST APPEAR AT THE HEARING

Feb. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Township of Whitehall is accepting bids for the following project: BID #2021-01: "STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE"

Sealed bids will be received at the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052, by Lenore Brazier, Purchasing Agent, or her designee, until 10:00 A.M., Local Time, on Monday, March 8, 2021...

Feb. 17, 24

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of DOROTHY E. MILLER-HANSFORD aka DOROTHY E. HANSFORD, deceased, late of Allentown, PA. All persons having claims or demands against the said estate are requested to make known the same...

Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION

An application for registration of the fictitious name Scent With Love, 1709 South Albert Street Apt 13, Allentown, PA 18103 has been filed in the Department of State at Harrisburg, PA...

Feb. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE AUDITOR'S REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Statement of Northwestern Lehigh School District from the auditors for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020, was filed on January 11, 2021...

Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE MEETING TIME CHANGE

THE February 23, 2021 North Whitehall Township's Planning Commission meeting time has been changed. The Meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 PM instead of 7:30 PM.

Feb. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE PASSED ORDINANCES

The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners, at a regular Public Meeting on Monday February 8, 2021 held in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, approved the following legislation:

Feb. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE Whitehall-Coplay School District

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Whitehall-Coplay School District (the "District") shall convene Committee Meetings beginning at 4:00pm on February 22, 2021...

Feb. 17

PUBLIC NOTICE

In order to satisfy its statutory lien pursuant to 73 P.S. §1901 et seq., the following facilities will sell at PUBLIC SALE all the personal property stored in its facilities located at Nazareth Self Storage 240 S Main St, Nazareth Pa 18064 AT 10:00 AM, on February 25th 2021, Auction will be hosted on storageauctions.com...

Feb. 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters, testamentary or of administration to the persons named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same...

Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Leslie M. Ream, Deceased, late of Whitehall, 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...

Feb. 3, 10, 17

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Larry S. Kratzer aka Larry Stephen Kratzer, Deceased, late of Emmaus, 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...

Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

HARD-TO-SEE FEE ACROSS

- 1 Suddenly blazing star
5 Put stress on
11 Volcano in Sicily
15 Meadow songbird
19 Supreme Norse deity
20 Net-tending player
21 Donahue of TV
22 Genesis garden
23 Very ornate designs of the 1700s
25 Be mindful of
26 Bill with Lincoln
27 Sports site
28 Apr. and Dec.
29 Longtime metal alloy manufacturer
31 M.Sgt., e.g.
33 Friz Freleng's real first name
36 Mean-spirited sort
37 Fill-up sites with star logos
42 Crows
43 Oscar winner Brody
44 Like a straight line, in brief
45 Work to get
46 Mimicking an angry dog
48 1993 event at Mount Carmel Center
55 Comic actor Danny
56 Spill the info, with "up"
58 Region
59 Raines of old Hollywood
60 Active person
62 Spring forth
65 Thingamajig
67 "Please help!"
70 Venue of the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl
73 Log chopper
74 Brief summary
76 Sprung forth
77 Trail
79 Prefix with dynamic
80 Henna applicator
81 Read hastily
83 Gibbons, e.g.
87 Something Plus White toothpaste claims to remove
92 Water, humorously
94 Sports side
95 Potting stuff
97 TV journalist Chung
98 Mimicked Daffy Duck
101 A cut from the short loin
105 Playwright Fugard
106 Vocalists
107 Simile middle
108 University in northern California
110 McKellen of "X-Men"
112 Mosul native
117 Aquarium

18x18 crossword grid with some cells shaded black.

- 118 One of 18 on a golf course
119 They're in eight answers in this puzzle
122 Slushy drink
123 Superior to
124 Works the rudder
125 Dimple site
126 Play roster
127 Joins in matrimony
128 Cherished "Mother"
129 Held on to
DOWN
1 With 11-Down, "Sleepless in Seattle" director
2 Aroma
3 Destructive habit
4 After a while
5 In days past
6 Carl Sagan book
7 Roman censor
8 Blissful
9 Nothing at all
10 One of 18 on a golf course
11 See 1-Down
12 One's wife
13 Nephew's sister
14 Gucci of fashion
15 Unlike righties
16 Farewells
17 Go back to the way it was
18 Belfry sounds
24 Call off
29 Foofaraw
30 Jeer at
32 Christmas trees, usually
34 Single-pot meal
35 Verdi heroine
37 Job to do
38 Pulitzer winner Ferber
39 Diagnostic pic
40 Ran on TV
41 Clothes, colloquially
42 Ewe's call
45 LGA guess
47 Emperor before Galba
49 A la — (menu words)
50 Hammond instruments
51 Potential plant
52 "Three Sisters" sister
53 Tighten up a muscle
54 Destiny
57 Under wraps
61 Kyoto sash
63 Actress Kelly or Shearer
64 Suffix with prophet
65 Andean llamas
66 Quantity: Abbr.
67 Little quarrel
68 Classic cookie
69 Kosovo native
71 "No" votes
72 Apple device
75 Opening in a parka, say
78 Lacks
80 DeLuise of "Hot Stuff"
82 Large city in Colombia
84 Window unit
85 Kazan of film
86 Search for
88 Green with Grammys
89 Ill-bred man
90 "Oh, woe —!"
91 Jordanian queen dowager
93 Tile artwork
96 Like some trading
98 Milk-related
99 Cornell University city
100 Gives off light
101 Used a rotary telephone
102 Puts in
103 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
104 Some chair craftspeople
106 Hot pot spot
109 Movie or play
111 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
113 Pebble, e.g.
114 Tennis' Arthur
115 Ear swab
116 "— that special!"
119 1940s pres.
120 Suffix with Israel
121 Hush-hush govt. gp.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

			2					
			8	7				
	7						6	
		6	3	5	8	7		
			6			1		
			4				5	
		7						2
9								8
		8	5	1	7	9	4	3

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	7	9	3	2	4	5	6
6	3	2	5	4	1	7	9	8
4	9	5	8	7	6	1	3	2
9	6	4	2	5	7	3	8	1
3	5	8	1	6	9	2	4	7
7	2	1	4	8	3	9	6	5
2	7	6	3	9	5	8	1	4
5	4	3	7	1	8	6	2	9
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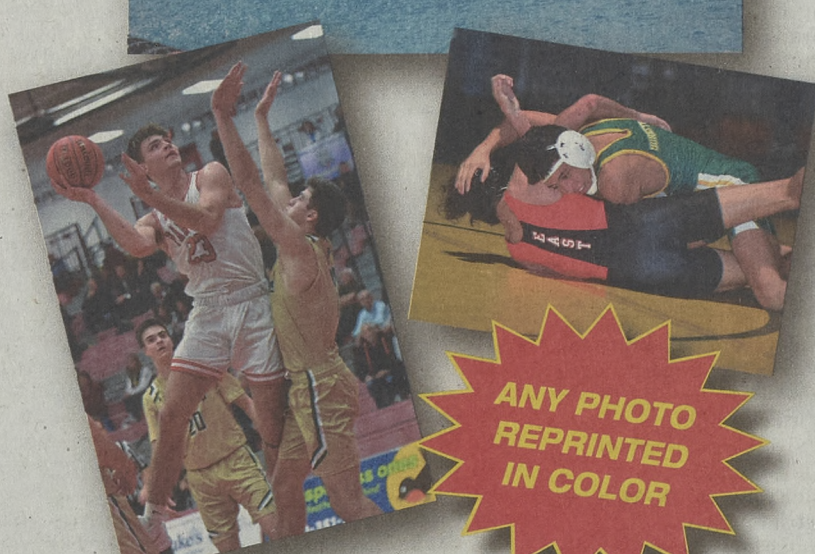
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