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BASD Schools closed for rest of year

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On April 9, Governor Tom Wolf closed all Pa. schools through the end of the academic year. BASD will continue to deliver online learning, as the district has been doing since March 30.

In an email to school administrators statewide, Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera outlined relief measures related to the closure:

- Teachers will not be held to the statutory professional evaluations of an ordinary school year. Although local districts are obliged under Act 82 to complete professional evaluations for the 2019-20 school year, the requirement to include performance data under section 1123 has been waived.

- Student teachers will not be required to make up the lost time of in-classroom experience, but will be able to complete a "competency-based alternative to the 12-week student teaching experience."

- Other statutory requirements for number of hours of instruction are paused. (Full details are available on the secretary's Act 13 page.)

BASD school board President Mike Facinnetto answered some questions regarding what the school closures will mean for local families.

The BASD school board reaction to governor's order to close schools statewide through the end of the year: "We fully support the governor's decision and we appreciate the leadership coming from Harrisburg, and the fact this decision is not being put on individual superintendents and individual districts."

What this means for graduations: "We're taking this one step at a time. Even though school is closed, we are hoping there is a way to figure out big events: prom, graduation, etc. Graduation is at Stabler, so a lot of what we do will depend on what Lehigh does. It is our intention to have

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Jane Florenz adds some food items to the miniature free pantry she built and installed in her front yard at 1040 Cumberland St. "We have to take care of each other," says Florenz.

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Working together

Donations sought for those affected by closings

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

When Bethlehem resident Jane Florenz started constructing a project in her home workshop last December, she envisioned it being a little free library that would offer books for anyone who wanted one. When she finished it two weeks ago, however, she realized that she needed to shift gears with the

coronavirus pandemic advancing and the fallout from it affecting many Bethlehem residents' employment, so she put it to better use. It's now a miniature food pantry, and she has installed it in the front yard of her home at 1040 Cumberland St.

"There are two kinds of people," Florenz says, "those of us who are okay and those who have had the rug pulled out from underneath themselves."

Florenz hopes people will bring donations to her home at 1040 Cumberland St., which she will place in the pantry. "They should check the expiration dates," she says, "and can place them on the red Adirondack chair on my front porch." Florenz says she'll take it from there.

"It's very important that we all work on this together," she added.

Feeding workers; helping others

LOCAL BUSINESSES

BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Billy Cyr is the CEO of Freshpet. The company's corporate office is located at 176 N. Commerce Way in Bethlehem. Freshpet produces all natural, preservative- and additive-free foods for dogs and cats, as well as dog treats.

How they are doing during the shutdown/isolation period: "Freshpet is an essential business; we are still operating at full capacity. With more people staying home, we have seen a surge in demand," Cyr said.

Freshpet has not needed to lay off any of its 411 employees, and, in fact, they are currently hiring. Cyr says the company is "doing everything possible to ensure our employees are in a safe environment." The company has a second kitchen under



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Stephanie Behrends, Freshpet human resources assistant, holds a gift certificate with Freshpet employee Richard Picone.

construction in LVIP #4. Once that kitchen is operating, Freshpet will have 500 employees.

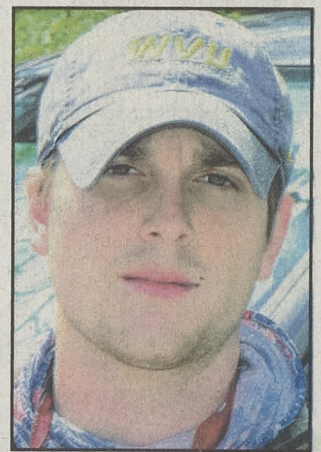
Freshpet is also using an innovative approach to supporting its employees by keeping them fed, which also benefits several area restaurants at the same time. The initiative is called the Freshpet Meals & More program. Every two weeks, the company purchases 411 \$50 gift cards from area family-owned restaurants, and distributes the cards to its employees. Currently the cards are purchased from Adobo Latin Kitchen in Palmer Township; 7th Street Rotisserie Chicken in Allentown; Ecco Domani in Coopersburg; Dolce Mamma Italian Bar and Grille in Hanover Township, Northampton County; and Cactus Blue in Bethlehem.

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

What do you think of Governor Wolf's decision to cancel the rest of the current school year?



"It was for the best at this moment. We have no idea how long it's going to be until this slows down. It reduces the risk to the students, teachers and staff."

Austin Hamler
Stewartsville, N.J.



"I saw it coming for sure."

Tom Oravec
Bethlehem

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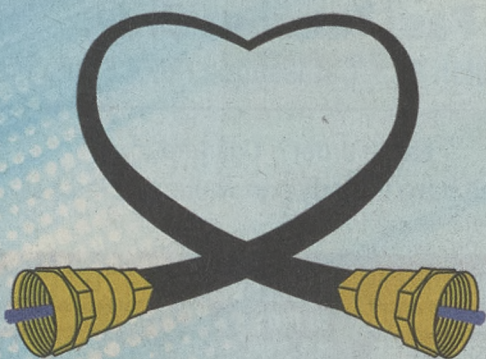
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What do you think of the Gov. Wolf's decision to cancel the rest of the current school year?



"I think it's safe, it's smart, and the health of the children is important. So I fully agree with it."
Josh Benson
Chalfont



"I think it's the right thing to do. Health is the #1 priority right now. We have the technology for the kids to finish the school year at home."
Graham Varn
Easton



"It caught us by surprise because we thought the kids would have their last month to be able to say goodbye and have graduation."
Yesenia Serrano
Bethlehem



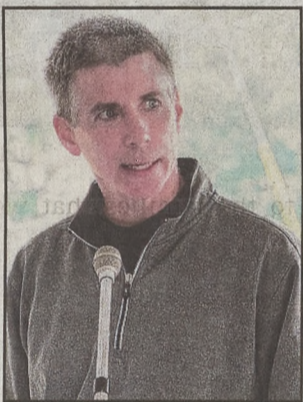
"I agree with it. I think he's just trying to keep everyone safe. I feel sorry for the seniors who will miss having something special at the end of the year. I hope they'll do something special for their graduation."
Lori Mergel
Bethlehem

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Cyr said the program started because "we wanted to thank and recognize our employees." Freshpet also wanted to find a way to help others during the shutdown/isolation period. The company chose family-owned restaurants, and is hoping to inspire other business to follow its lead. Freshpet selected locally-owned restaurants, in the neighborhoods of its employees, using employee address lists, and asking employees to name their favorite restaurants. With the shutdown now extended indefinitely, the company is open to new suggestions from employees.

"The current crisis has disrupted many of our team members families, not to mention the communities where we live and work," Cyr said. "We hope that this



Billy Cyr, Freshpet CEO, says the gift card program got started because "we wanted to thank and recognize our employees."

effort will make whatever challenges we're all facing a bit easier."

Cyr says Freshpet is committed to continue the program as long as restaurant dining rooms are closed.

Freshpet's products are available in many retail stores, and are also available for shipping. Visit their website, www.freshpet.com for more information.

Lehigh Valley Learns

Going the distance

PBS39 launches K-5 learning program

BY SARIT LASCHINSKY
Special to The Press

To provide homebound students with regular, continuing instruction in these uncertain times, PBS39 recently launched Lehigh Valley Learns - a week-day, over-the-air, distance learning program.

Speaking with The Press by phone, Victoria Scialfa, public relations and marketing manager for Lehigh Valley Public Media, PBS39's parent organization, said Lehigh Valley Learns was created in response to Gov. Tom Wolf's recent order to close schools statewide until at least April 6 to stem the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Lehigh Valley Learns was developed in a week's time as a partnership between PBS39 and local districts, including the Allentown and Bethlehem Area school districts.

"We have an education department in-house at PBS39 of folks that are qualified in the education realm to be delivering curriculum and they worked hand in hand with the school districts," Scialfa said.

"They pieced together a custom-made program.

"This isn't just repurposed content; it's very specific to the week-by-week lesson plans that teachers already had established."

The weekday broadcasts are designed specifically for kindergarten through fifth grade students and consist of a variety of PBS programs - including "Curious George," "History Detectives," "Nova" and "Arthur," among others.

This curriculum will educate students in mathematics, social studies, English Language Arts, and science, as well as "important foundational early-learning skills like literacy and social-emotional development."

Scialfa said Lehigh Valley Learns is unique because of the work done by the station and districts to ensure the programming mirrors the content being taught in schools.

"Our content is custom-made through our education team and our local educators, and we took very specific care to make sure the curriculum aligned with what students were going to be learning in the classroom had this never happened," she said. "It is a really detailed curriculum."

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Victoria Scialfa
PBS39

teachers saying 'just go home and get on the Internet' ... not everyone can really do that.

"We are delivering a curriculum to students in the greater Lehigh Valley that does not require internet access."

Scialfa said Lehigh Valley Learns' educational goals also complement an ongoing initiative supported by PBS39 called Lehigh Valley Reads, which aims to increase the literacy rate of all students in the region by 2025.

"Lehigh Valley Learns is very important because the coronavirus outbreak could stunt the literacy rate," she said.

"We don't want that to happen, and that's why we're making sure that kids have the correct and strong curriculum to continue with them throughout this remote learning process so that the literacy rate does not drop in elementary age children."

Scialfa said the station is prepared to offer the Lehigh Valley Learns distance learning program for as long as schools remain closed, adding that further development on the program will continue after its March 30 launch to ensure that students will receive proficient educational programming.

"That's really important," she said. "This is really where the power of public broadcast comes to the rescue."

Lehigh Valley Learns kindergarten through second grade programming will be shown on PBS39, No. 39.1 by antenna (Also available on Blue Ridge No. 12, Service Electric No. 512/12, RCN No. 1008/8, FiOS No. 539, Dish No. 8168/39, and DirecTV No. 39).

- 7:30-10 a.m. kindergarten;
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. first grade;
- 12:30-3 p.m. second grade.

Third through fifth grade programs will be broadcast on PBS39 Extra, No. 35.1 by antenna (Also available on Blue Ridge No. 124, Service Electric No. 53, RCN No. 38, Comcast No. 1035, FiOS No. 35 and DirecTV No. 35)

- 9:30 a.m.-noon third grade;
- Noon to 2:30 p.m. fourth grade;
- 2:30-5 p.m. fifth grade.

All programs can also be streamed live online from the Lehigh Valley Learns webpage.

Additional information about Lehigh Valley Learns' broadcast schedules and other remote educational programs can be found on PBS39's Distance Learning website at wlv.org/education/distance-learning.

Learns' broadcasts are appropriate for students' continued education, Scialfa said the scheduled programming is a "marriage" between PBS content and the Pennsylvania educational standards and national Common Core standards, which traditionally guide and dictate school districts' curricula.

"They're still going to continue their schooling as if they were in that classroom; that curriculum is not changing," she said. "We kind of cherry-pick some of our shows which relate to the curriculum and then we design the assignments around it."

Additionally, Scialfa said via email, the PBS team was in conversations with district and statewide educators for students to earn classroom credit for distance learning done through Lehigh Valley Learns, and that more information would follow as the program continues to be developed.

"There's a statistic that 40 percent of households in Allentown do not have access to the Internet," she said, "and that's a really big barrier when we talk about

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graduation. It may be delayed."

- Concerns regarding schools in corrective action, like Broughal MS: "My assumption would be that this spring semester will

be treated almost as a do-over - that [schools in corrective action] would not be held to the three-year [Comprehensive School Improvement] timeline that was initially put out. Hopefully, the financial support will be extended [so that Broughal

can follow through on its planned course of action], because it's going to be really challenging to come back in the fall and pick up where they left off. I would hope that we would not be penalized, but if we were, we would work with the Pa. School Boards

Association (PSBA) to get relief. The state organizations would fight for the students and the teachers on that, just as they've worked to get other relief measures passed over the past month."

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Bethlehem Area Public Library: Visit www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/. Buildings currently closed. Visit www.bapl.org (main) or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side) for online books, activities, etc. Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites digital programming: visit https://historicbethlehem.org.

National Museum of Industrial History virtual museum on line: http://nmih.org. "Art of Precision: The Engineered Sculpture of Christopher Bathgate".

YMCA: Announces the launch of Virtual Preschool Programming, a library of learning and activity videos for kids 3-to-5 years old, with an expanding collection. They've also compiled an extended list of Preschool content from other Y's throughout the country on the Home Activities Resource Page.

Additionally, your Y is still doing its best to meet increased community needs despite dwindling resources. Over the past few weeks, we have:

- Added two new free youth supper meal sites
- Continued operating the Here for You Program, providing child care options for emergency responders and medical personnel. Program slots are still available - please find more information and registration paperwork on the website.
- Continued operation of the Bethlehem Affordable Housing Program.

- Continued supporting the homeless neighbors by offering shower facilities and grab-and-go meals twice weekly, as well as providing a hygiene station behind the Allentown Branch. They've also shared resources with other local partners, and continue conversations on ways to support more local efforts. Finally, they will re-open our Allentown Warming Station any evening between now and April 30 when the weather is forecast below 32 degrees.

Keep checking social media and website for up-to-date information. During these difficult times, they're proud to be part of the community which is always stronger together.

LEHIGH COUNTY

BOGUS PHONE CALLS: It has come to the county's attention that the main phone line (610) 782-3001 for the Lehigh County Executive Office has been spoofed by an outside source make fictitious calls to residents. Be advised the phone line itself has not been hacked, but an outside source is impersonating their phone calls under that number. This is known as spoofing. Those who have received a call or message from 610-782-3001, should ignore the call and not give out any personal information. Rest assured; it is still safe to call into the main office number. However, please do not accept any phone calls from the line at this time. They are working diligently to resolve this issue.

CEDARBROOK: Last month Cedarbrook suspended regular group activities, discontinued visitation, worked feverishly to build up supplies inventories as much as possible during these unprecedented times, built a COVID-19 isolation ward, and initiated staff screening protocols.

Similar to many other healthcare facilities around the Valley and around the state, COVID-19 has touched the staff and resident populations at Cedarbrook. Cedarbrook continues to follow PA Department of Health (DOH) - Epidemiology's guidance in any situations that affect staff and residents. DOH remarked that we are all working together for the long haul and expect to see additional cases in healthcare facilities. While there is no apparent indication at this point on the 4/7/2020 morning clinical report of widespread outbreak at Cedarbrook, last week they decided to take the extreme step of fully isolating each of the 15 units of Cedarbrook.

OFFICE ON AGING: Lehigh County, PA- As of Monday, April 6, Lehigh County's Office of Aging and Adult Services is offering a new option for elderly individuals struggling with isolation and loneliness during COVID-19 crisis. On a weekly basis, those looking to have a caseworker contact them for check-ins and guidance can sign up to do so. It should be noted this is not a hotline service, but instead a weekly phone call made from a case-worker. This friendly phone call program will provide social support consultations, but also provide resources as well. The caseworker calling in will be consistent throughout the weeks, maintaining a steady relationship with the individual, along with understanding their current situation. If you or a loved one is looking to be added to the list of contacts, please contact Lehigh County's Department of Aging office at 610-782-3034.

WARMLINE: The Lehigh County Warmline is a resource available to those who are experiencing loneliness, isolation, stress and anxiety. The Warmline accepts calls between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. seven days a week. Call 610-820-8451 to reach Warmline.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin announced in light of federal, state and local restrictions due to COVID-19, the office remains equipped to handle any requests from law enforcement for assistance, as well as respond to any emergencies.

All sworn officers, i.e., county detectives, are working as usual. The district attorney's office will also continue operations, but as of March 19 with a reduced staff that includes one-third of assistant district attorneys on-site daily as well as two-thirds of assistant district attorneys working remotely. This ratio also applies to the office's administrative staff.

The district attorney's office will cover any emergency matters before the court.

PPL CENTER: Lehigh Valley Phantoms owners Jim and Rob Brooks are offering the PPL Center in downtown Allentown for use by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) as a possible surge facility to care for patients, if necessary, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Brooks said the arena is available, as it currently is not hosting events because of the directive last month from Governor Tom Wolf that nonessential businesses should close and that communities across the state should social distance and stay at home due to the coronavirus outbreak.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

COUNTY COUNCIL: Starting April 16 at 6:30 p.m., Northampton County Council will conduct its meetings by Skype. The meetings will continue to be livestreamed at Northampton County's Youtube channel. The public may participate in these meetings by phoning 610-829-6605, and then entering Conference ID No. 2055694. The public is able to participate in these meetings by sending questions or comments to the Council Clerk, Linda Zembo, at LZembo@northamptoncounty.org. You will be able to review the agenda for each meeting on council's webpage. Skype will show Council members when they are speaking. Northampton County Council last met March 19.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: You can reach him online at the Northampton County web page under County Executive. His office has issued numerous statements, sometimes several in one day, as the County deals with the pandemic.

COUNTY COURTS: Currently operating under a judicial emergency in which all courts, including Magisterial District Judges, are closed to the public except for "essential" judicial functions like the protection of victims of domestic violence. Courthouse personnel are still working, though some are doing so remotely for social distancing reasons. Those with judicial emergencies can call ahead to Court Administration at 610-829-6700.

COUNTY TAXES: You can pay online, and the two per cent discount period has been extended from March 31 until May 31. The base rate applies from June 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. After that, there's a 10 percent penalty. Dog licenses and fishing licenses may be still be obtained online. (Statewide Opening Day of trout season was scheduled to open April 18, but the Fish and Boat Commission

State stockpiles for expected surge

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI
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With the nation's entire healthcare system reorganizing to meet the coronavirus and expected surge in high-need patients, state officials are trying to stay a step ahead of demand. This means stockpiling and ordering personal protective equipment, tests and ventilators, but also passing forward-thinking legislation.

Governor Tom Wolf has created a Hospital Emergency Loan Program to support healthcare centers suffering financial loss. The \$450 million program allows for low-interest loans for facilities and networks that are eliminating elective surgeries, preventive medicine and

other non-urgent care while shifting resources to combat the virus.

"This means that many hospitals have had a significant decline in income. We cannot allow any of our hospitals to become bankrupt," Wolf said in his daily video briefing Friday. "When the pandemic ends we're going to need our hospitals to care for our regular needs, like heart attacks and broken bones. The Hospital Emergency Loan Program will allow us to fully mobilize our health system right now so we can provide better care for every single Pennsylvanian who becomes sick with the 2019 novel coronavirus. It will allow us to continue to care for all hospital patients and we can keep

our front-line medical staff safer and healthier."

Meanwhile, state Health Secretary Rachel Levine said the search continues for additional resources from the federal government and other sources across the country. "We continue to supply our hospitals, long-term care living facilities, emergency management services and county emergency and health agencies with personal protective equipment. As of [Friday] we have supplied 1.8 million masks, 136,000 hospital gowns, 912,000 procedure or hospital masks, 730,000 pairs of gloves, 990 goggles and 147,000 face shields.

"We know that more will be needed from

our healthcare system, which has done so much already, and we thank them."

The recent high increase in deaths, Levine said, is due to people succumbing after days or weeks of fighting the virus.

As of Monday, the statewide totals are: 24,199 total confirmed infected; and 524 deaths.

Lehigh County has 1,747 infected and 19 deaths, and Northampton County has 1,130 infected and 23 deaths. The city of Bethlehem has 222 infected, 29 hospitalized and one death.

As always, Wolf and Levine remind the public to stay safe and stay home, and if it's necessary to go out, wear a mask.

Pandemic impacts how the living mourn the dead

BY ED COURRIER
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The current COVID-19 pandemic has made saying farewell to lost loved ones and friends even more heart-wrenching. Although "Death Care Services" are considered "essential" and are permitted by Gov. Tom Wolf's order to "continue physical operations," large gatherings of any kind are forbidden.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has mandated funeral directors to, "delay these events or limit these events to 10 people or less." These directives align with what's recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), and Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association (PFDA).

The commonwealth's health department also advises directors to "encourage families to restrict burial services to only immediate family members and to refrain from physical interactions at these events." The directive also states, "Encourage families to hold memorial services to celebrate their loved one after social distancing restrictions are lifted."

A cautionary tale of what could happen without such guidelines can be found in Albany, Ga. CNN recently reported a late February funeral and another held in early March turned the community into a coronavirus hot spot.

Lehigh Valley-based funeral homes are adapting to this new reality while still working

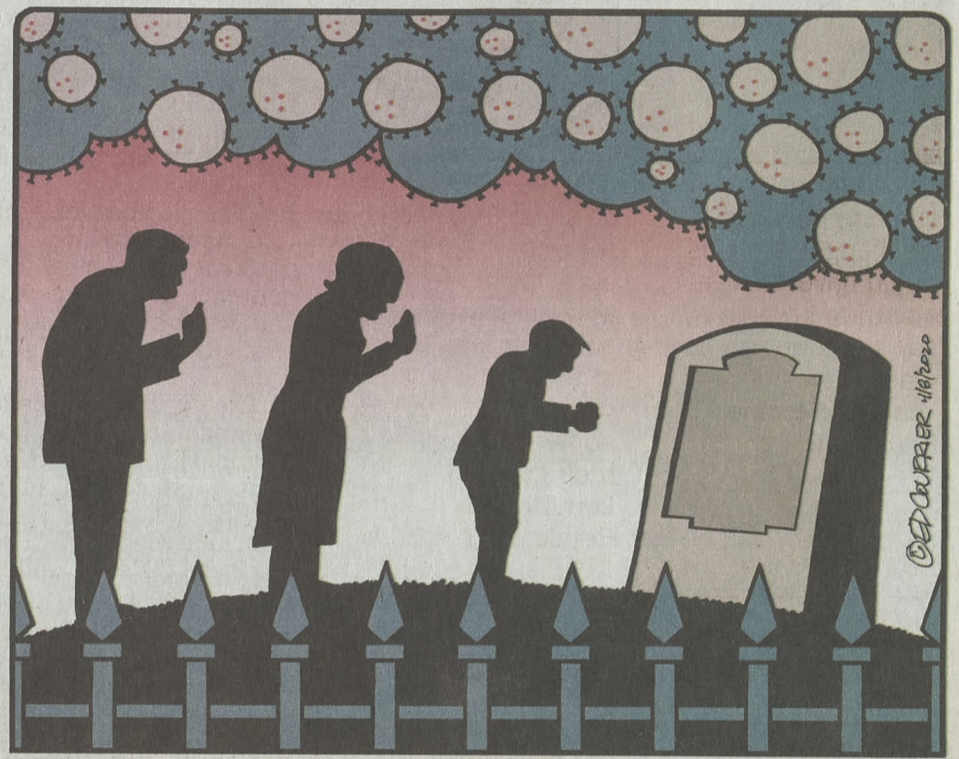


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to maintain a balance between comforting and protecting their clients, as well as shielding staff from the COVID-19 threat.

"Funeral services are being limited to no more than 10 people in attendance. This includes clergy and funeral home staff," said Vice President Michael Kulik of Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Homes, which has two facilities, one in Emmaus and a second in Allentown.

"We have spread out our chairs in our viewing parlors in order to accommodate six feet of social distancing, as we really don't want to take any chances. We are also following similar precautions with our staff so that we can remain healthy and not spread the virus to our families at home, in addition

to the families that we serve," Kulik added.

As of March 30, the Pennsylvania Department of State has temporarily waived the rule for funeral service practitioners to bury recently departed individuals within 10 days. Directors are still encouraged to do so, but will be granted an extension of up to 30 days, where appropriate.

"Most families have opted for the private graveside service and we have had no requests so far, for an extension," said Kulik.

Funeral Director Aaron Schisler said that memorial services following the PFDA guidelines are available at the Schisler Funeral Home in Northampton, as well as their three other locations, including the Bartholomew-Schisler

Funeral Home in Nazareth, Campton Funeral Home in Palmerton, and Miller Funeral Home in Lehighton.

"If the families choose a traditional burial now, with the traditional format, they realize they are keeping that to a maximum of 10 people," Schisler said. "There is still the potential for a more involved celebration of life event down the road, once these restrictions are released."

"That will be difficult for these families to have to revisit these emotions again," Schisler reflected.

The Cantelmi Long Funeral Home in Bethlehem is still offering small private graveside and indoor memorials while practicing social distancing. According to funeral director Brit

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opened it April 7, with no advance notice to the public.)
LOAN RELIEF: Northampton County has established a \$250,000 emergency relief loan program for small businesses, with a maximum \$15,000 loan payable over 12 months with no interest. Contact Community and Economic Development for details at (610) 829-6306.
COUNTY COURTHOUSE: Remains closed to the public until at least April 30.
HUMAN SERVICES: Accepting donations of tents, sleeping bags and non-perishable food to assist the homeless. Donations may be dropped off at the Human Services Building, located at 2801 Emrick Blvd, Bethlehem, Pa. 18020.
RECORDER OF DEEDS: Though the courthouse is closed to the public, documents can still be e-recorded.
CIVIL DIVISION: Because the courthouse is closed to the public, the civil division is unable to process passport applications. Moreover, the office has no e-filing capability.
ELECTIONS: Though the Elections Office is closed to the public, you can still register to vote, change your registration or request a mail-in ballot at www.votespa.com. The Presidential Primary has been delayed from April 28 until June 2.
OTHER COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS: No meetings scheduled.

JAIL: Covid-19 has infected three inmates. They've been quarantined since they first showing symptoms, and are being treated by PrimeCare Medical. Four staffers have also been infected. These include corrections officers and a PrimeCare employee. Employees, volunteers, visitors and tours were banned at the jail March 10. Inmates may still contact their loved ones via phone, tablets or mail. Thirty-three nonviolent offenders have been released from the jail since March 31. As of April 8, there were 583 inmates at the jail.

GRACE DALE: Three residents have tested positive for Covid-19. Two are in an isolation unit at the nursing home. The third is hospitalized. Out of the 700 employees working at Gracedale, 10 have tested positive for the coronavirus. All are at home in self-quarantine. The facility has been closed to visitors and volunteers since March 11. Employees have temperature checked before being admitted and when they leave. Resident vital signs, including oxygen saturation, are measured at least once a day. Tablets are provided for residents who desire to speak with family. Exceptions to "no visitor" policy are made for compassionate reasons. Gracedale is accepting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) like surgical masks and gowns. Please contact the Gracedale Volunteer Coordinator first at 610-829-3686 to see if your donation can be accepted. No resident has tested positive for COVID-19.

SENIOR CENTERS: Closed pursuant to Governor Tom Wolf's directive. Referrals for Meals on Wheels will be made for seniors who require that service.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: A shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from PEMA and other organizations has been received to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. The shipment including face shields, N-95 and surgical masks and gloves. These items have been distributed to the twelve EMS organizations in the county as well as to municipal police and those fire departments which respond to EMS calls.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Workforce Lehigh Valley reports 21,453 unemployment compensation claims between March 29 and April 4.

COUNTY PARKS: Closed as of April 7 until further notice.

RECYCLING EVENTS: All events scheduled through April have been canceled.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FESTIVAL: Rescheduled for Oct. 10, Louise Moore Park.

MUNICIPAL COOPERATION: County officials are working closely with local, state and federal officials.

CORONER: As of April 11, Covid-19 has claimed 23 lives within Northampton County. The municipalities in which they lived is as follows: Forks Twp. (1); Lower Nazareth Twp. (2); Bangor Boro (1); Palmer Twp. (6); Upper Nazareth Twp. (2); Williams Twp. (1); Nazareth Boro (1); Bethlehem Twp (5); City of Bethlehem (1); Washington Twp (1); Phillipsburg, NJ (1); and Bronx, NY (1). Their average age was 78.

Gender of the Deceased: 57 percent Female/43 percent Male
 Race of the Deceased: 74 percent White, 17 percent African American, 4 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, 4 percent Hispanic

LEHIGH VALLEY

FLAG: Front Line Appreciation Group of the Lehigh Valley is a nonprofit group formed to support front line healthcare professionals and first responders by providing them meals during this global crisis. In addition, FLAG is economically supporting local restaurants impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The program is simple. FLAG collects donations to fund the purchase of meals from local restaurants who deliver them to health care workers and first responders in the Lehigh Valley. This provides an opportunity for Lehigh Valley families to show gratitude to those on the front lines of COVID-19, while providing economic support to local restaurants in the Lehigh Valley.

FLAG's first meal delivery occurred on Friday, April 3. Union and Finch in Allentown prepared 75 meals for Lehigh Valley Hospital's Cedar Crest location. The Bayou in Bethlehem prepared 75 meals for the LVH Muhlenberg location and Mission BBQ in Whitehall prepared the 35 meals requested by the LVH 17th Street location.

To become a member of FLAG of the Lehigh Valley and support front line workers, as well as help local restaurants who have had to close their doors, please visit FLAG's Facebook page FLAG (Front Line Appreciation Group) of the Lehigh Valley or send an email to flag.lehighvalley@gmail.com.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS: The GIANT Company announced today a \$250,000 emergency grant program, in partnership with Team Pennsylvania, to support small businesses in Pennsylvania's food supply chain impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are now being accepted online through April 24 from any small business involved in growing, making or processing food within the Commonwealth. The GIANT Company and Team Pennsylvania worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Chamber, and Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association to develop the program. For additional information on criteria and to apply for an emergency grant from The GIANT Company online, visit: <https://teampa.com/giant-ag-grants/>. Recipients will be notified in early May.

PENNSYLVANIA

SCHOOL CLOSING: Continuing his efforts to protect the health and safety of students and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf announced Thursday, April 9 that all schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-20 academic year. For more information, visit www.governor.pa.gov.

DISCRIMINATION: Governor Tom Wolf's advisory commissions are calling for the public to remain vigilant against hate after the Pennsylvania State Police reported an increasing number of incidents targeting members of the Asian American community due to misinformation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

HERO FUND: U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) is joining U.S. senators Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Patty Murray (D-WA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Tom Udall (D-NM) and Gary Peters (D-MI) in unveiling the COVID-19 "Heroes Fund." Senate Democrats' proposal for the provision of pandemic premium pay to reward, retain and recruit essential workers. Senate Democrats' proposed "Heroes Fund" consists of two major components: a \$25,000 premium pay increase for essential workers, equivalent to a raise of \$13 per hour from the start of the public health emergency until December 31, 2020, and a \$15,000 essential worker recruitment incentive to attract and secure the workforce needed to fight the public health crisis.

CHECK SCAMS: Pennsylvanians should take steps to protect themselves from phishing scams that are targeting people who are
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SCREEN CAPTURE BY THERESA O'BRIEN

Video courtesy of Rabbi Michael Singer. "Live from New York and Bethlehem, PA, it's Friday afternoon!" Cantor Sam Kunstler (left) and Rabbi Michael Singer (right) from B'nai Abraham offer a Shabbat message prior to the Friday night service.

Faith bridges the distance

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Challenged by social distancing recommendations – keeping six feet between people, and not gathering in groups of more than 10 – local faith communities are doing their best to stay connected. Two local religious officials, Rabbi Michael Singer of B'nai Abraham Synagogue and Rev. Patrick Lamb of Queenship of Mary Church, spoke with us about their special efforts during this unprecedented time of physical separation. Information about other Lehigh Valley houses of worship follows the in-depth discussions with Rabbi Singer and Father Lamb.

B'nai Abraham Synagogue

Rabbi Michael Singer of B'nai Abraham Synagogue (Bethlehem) shared uplifting news of the many ways his congregation is handling the current pandemic, as well as news about the Bethlehem Interfaith Group (BIG).

"I've used Zoom for a number of years in my work for the rabbinical assembly, in which I'm the food justice chair. We have meetings of about 1,800 rabbis from around the world, and Zoom is how we connect with everybody, so it was an easy transition [to use it for local synagogue connectivity]."

B'nai Abraham offers daily services (Monday and Thursday mornings) and Shabbat services (Friday evening at 6 p.m.) via its YouTube channel for congregation subscribers, as well as holding board meetings and providing religious instruction to teens via Zoom. Adult religious education is provided online in partnership with the Jewish Theological Seminary (Wednesday evenings).

"We do miss everyone coming on Shabbat to the synagogue," Rabbi Singer says, "and our wonderful kiddush luncheons. We've had to make some obvious changes, but it's still exciting; we still have lots of people that are connecting."

The teen education classes are in preparation for confirmation of teenagers who have already become a bar or bat mitzvah. "We've been doing food," Rabbi Singer says with a rueful laugh, "so we've had to stop our normal course—we make all kinds of things, and teach about the rules of kashrut. We were going to do a big Irish thing honoring the potato, and doing bangers and mash, but kosher. We had to switch gears, and we're now doing Jewish humor."

Regarding bar and bat mitzvah classes, Rabbi Singer explains that "we're training our students every week. We've got a bunch of students coming up. We'll probably end up – depending on how long this [social distancing] goes, we'll just do it in our smaller chapel, and only students and immediate family will be there."

Not everything can be done virtually, and some life events are more fraught with challenges than others. "We've had to make some changes in the way we prepared people who've passed away – taharah is the ritual washing we usually do – we've made some extra precautions, and we have to limit the size for funerals and sitting shiva, and taking on those challenges. It's not easy – people are used to having the community

comfort them."

B'nai Abraham has also taken a proactive stance to staying in touch with the more physically vulnerable members of the congregation. "We've broken the congregation up [into groups for which individual leaders are responsible]; we have captains within our board of trustees who are looking after people and checking in, and we are keeping up the social contact." Rabbi Singer has taken an active role in being as present as possible in his congregation's home-based weekly services. "Every Friday, I've been releasing a little video before our Shabbat service to brighten people's Shabbat. Cantor Sam Kunstler and I – he's in New York, so we've had to figure out how to connect – we've been posting the videos to our special YouTube page for our congregation."

Not only is Rabbi Singer's congregation staying in touch virtually, but he is also part of a larger group of religious leaders in the Lehigh Valley who have come together to face challenges of all sorts in the past. "The Bethlehem Interfaith Group includes 14 different houses of worship. We're doing a number of things together, including we're going to be starting up an internal clergy book club, and reading a really great book, called "The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, and Muslims." That's going to be an exciting book club. We were supposed to have a huge interfaith Passover seder; we had to postpone that, but we are all in connection with one another, and we're coordinating as a whole faith community in Bethlehem – who's open, and what's going on, so people can have access to their spiritual needs within all of our member organizations and houses of worship."

Rabbi Singer is a voice of hope when he reports, "We're doing the work both locally and nationally. Thank G-d the state of the synagogue is strong."

Queenship of Mary Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Patrick Lamb of Queenship of Mary Parish in Northampton is posting both pre-recorded Masses and short personal video messages on the church's website (<https://queenshipofmary.weconnect.com/>), Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/queenship2017/>), and YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8bpSNk9YYgqChvy9hT-NjA>).

Fr. Lamb explains, "There's an intro where I greet my people, giving them confidence that we're gonna make it through this, and then there's the whole Mass, with music." He's not completely alone – music ministry director Jeannie Jordan plays the music for the Mass, her daughter Allie is the videographer, and Deacon Mike Doncsecz reads from the lectionary – but the congregation is absent, which is a challenging situation for someone whose ministry typically involves so much human contact. "The weirdest thing," says Fr. Lamb, "was preaching to an empty church – there's the organist and the videographer and the deacon, but otherwise it was empty."

Feedback has been overwhelm-

ingly positive. Fr. Lamb says he owes a great deal to the gifts of the Jordans and Deacon Doncsecz, and notes that it's important to his parishioners to keep the connection with the ministers of their home parish. "People went to EWTN," he says, "but there's something comforting about their own church and their own pastor. [In addition to the online Mass], I do a little video – a midweek check-in. All people are hearing is this negative stuff ... We need to be informed, but we don't need to be listening to all these news stations 24/7."

Like many other Catholic churches, Queenship of Mary is open for private prayer for a few hours every day; the schedule is posted online, and parishioners who do not have access to the internet are being informed of the via "snail mail." There is hand sanitizer at the doors of the church, and the previously scheduled Friday night Stations of the Cross have been changed to Eucharistic adoration, in which parishioners can spend time with the exposed Blessed Sacrament, sitting or kneeling spread out across the church.

As Rabbi Singer told us about Jewish rituals, Catholic sacraments and rituals are being slightly altered to protect public health. Bishop Alfred Schlert has directed that the sacrament of reconciliation not be celebrated at the rectory, for example; at Queenship of Mary, Fr. Lamb uses a large chapel in which the penitent is seated at least 10 feet away from him, and just uses hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the chapel. Funeral attendance is very limited, and there is the option (as always) of having the body cremated now and celebrating the memorial Mass later.

Regarding the anointing of the sick, Fr. Lamb noted that people who die in hospitals are generally anointed by hospital chaplains, but that he would go to a nursing home or a private home if called. He hasn't been called yet, but a parishioner who is a construction worker gave him a mask, and he has gloves. For a nursing home visit, he would abide by the protocols used by the nursing home workers for personal protective equipment and sanitizer use or showering.

The experience has been challenging. Fr. Lamb confides, "You realize that as a priest, you're a pastor of people, and it's strange when they're not in church. I'm telling them in my letter that I miss them." It has also been a time of spiritual growth. "I pray all the time," he says, "but I've found this to be a time of spending more time with our Lord. I'm not cutting corners like I sometimes do in my prayers. Maybe God's trying to teach this to all of us; that we have to spend more time with him." He's also finding new ways to care for his flock. "I'm seeing the good of technology – there's a lot of good, and we can use it to be in touch with each other. Now I'm doing a lot of telephone ministry, calling people."

And his parishioners are finding silver linings, too. "You have to get some quiet," he says. "Sometimes we're afraid of the quiet, but we have to take this opportunity."

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tany Kidwell, business hours haven't changed, but the staff is working modified schedules. They also centralized all administrative operations at their Bethlehem facility while maintaining the Cantelmi Funeral Home in Fountain Hill for requested usage.

Video-conferencing with more clients in lieu of face-to-face meetings and live-streaming services have been ex-

plored in an attempt to protect everyone.

"We are going to see a lot of emotional distress," said Kidwell, regarding how the restrictions on crowd size and social distancing can affect a large family which is already hurting.

Kidwell observed that cremation with delayed services are being arranged more frequently.

"It's really sailing uncharted waters," Kidwell said about dealing with the "unknowns" surrounding COVID-19. While adhering to exist-

ing safety protocols for preparing the deceased for either type of service, she asked, "How clean is too clean?"

Although the shelves are well stocked with personal protective equipment (PPE) for the present, Kidwell expressed anxiety about the possibility of running out of supplies if the infection and death rate from coronavirus spikes in the Lehigh Valley.

PFDA President David Peake is equally concerned.

"We are in the same position as a lot of first responders and hospitals," Peake said. "We are scrambling to get as many PPEs that we can get our hands on." He continued, "A lot of PPEs aren't around or don't exist at this point."

While awaiting restocking help from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), Peake has advised funeral homes to band together and share supplies during the crisis.



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- Walking in the park



AVOID

- Visiting elderly people
- Visiting the hospital
- Retail stores and malls
- Public transportation
- Group gatherings
- Playground equipment
- Playdates

Whether you are sick or healthy, during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic it's important to practice social distancing. That means you should not only avoid crowds but put physical distance between yourself and other people when possible, including friends and family.

Slowing the spread of this virus will help local health networks preserve vital resources - like blood and ventilators - for those who need them. Simply put, practicing social distancing will save lives.

Stay up to date and get the facts; visit [LVHN.org/COVID19](https://www.lvhn.org/COVID19)



Lehigh Valley Health Network

Your health deserves a partner.

We are currently closed for adoptions, but encourage anyone who is still interested to fill out an adoption application via our website healthyanimalcenter.org and to become part of our foster program to help our furry friends during this quarantine period. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit www.healthyanimalcenter.org.



Riggs is a very active, sweet young male but found his time up at another shelter. After being transferred to The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, it was clear that Riggs is one smart cookie eager to learn. Due to his border collie breed, Riggs will require training, discipline and a family that can keep up with his energy level! He would do best in home with no cats or small dogs.



Cyrus, an 8-year-old neutered male, has spent the last two-and-a-half years patiently waiting for his forever home. Cyrus is on a special diet of EN for tummy sensitivities and food allergies. This little man is cat selective and prefers the company of mellow female felines. His dream home would be a nice quiet home where he can relax, nap in comfy spots, and be spoiled like he knows he deserves.

VOLUNTEERS

LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK is calling all artists, young and old, to help cheer up hospitalized patients who are not permitted visitors by creating (nondenominational) inspirational get-well cards and letters. You can also make encouragement or thank-you cards for the hard-working staff and clinical workers. Please mail your cards and letters to: LVHN, Volunteer Services, PO Box 689, Allentown, PA 18105

ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK is looking for volunteers to sew face masks for hospital patients and staff. For instructions go to <https://bit.ly/SLUHNDonations>. Click on the Donate Personal Protective Equipment link.

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY has created a COVID-19 webpage to house information on volunteering in all forms for local nonprofits. Updates are made to www.volunteerlv.org/covid-19 as they are sent. Visit the center often to see how you can help.

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a directory listing agency 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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Some of the families are now preparing and eating meals together, and it's a really good thing."

Baptist churches

In response to President Trump's recommendation to avoid groups of more than 10 people, the Elder Board of Bethel Memorial Baptist Church (Easton) suspended all meetings of more than 10 people at the church until March 30. Pastor Brent Robinson has posted his sermons (audio) and Power-Point presentations online (<http://bethelmemorialbaptist.org/recorded-sermons-power-points/>).

First Baptist Church of Easton has Pastor Arthur S. Gilmore's audio sermons, video sermons, a Wednesday evening faith series, and a spiritual blog on its website (<http://firstbaptisteaston.com/>).

Calvary Baptist Church (Easton) has a wealth of activities on its website (<https://calvarybaptistpa.org/>), including worship services, Wednesday night Bible study, small group ministry participation via Zoom, and a "family survival kit" of resources for those feeling the stress of social distancing. The church, led by Pastor Paul Wilson, has a downloadable app to make digital participation easier, as well as links for streaming through a web browser.

Fellowship Baptist Church, which shares a physical space with St. John's United Church of Christ on William Penn Highway, is posting Pastor Barry Webb's sermons online (<https://www.fellowship-baptist-pa.org/life-goes-on/>).

First Baptist Church (Bethlehem), led by Rev. Dr. David Hardin, offers livestreamed worship services, videos of past worship services, and recorded sermons (<http://fbc-bethlehem.org/covid-19/>).

Episcopal churches

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols, Episcopal bishop of Bethlehem, suspended all public worship services through Easter. Information on diocese-wide offerings is available here (<https://diobeth.org/>).

Trinity Episcopal Church (Easton) provides recorded video of Sunday worship services and

Stations of the Cross on its website (<https://www.trinityeaston.org>). The church also invites members to participate in online religious education through ChurchNext (http://www.trinityeaston.org/?page_id=3232).

Similarly, the Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church (Bethlehem), posts recorded sermons online (<https://www.trinitybeth.org/sunday>).

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Tamaqua), led by Pastor Cindy White, has been livestreaming its services for quite some time. Online worship information is on the church's website (<https://www.ziontamaqua.com/live-streaming/>). Parishioners who would like their special intention to be read at prayer services are invited to contact the pastor at zionlutheranrev@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Palmer) has the Gospel, Pastor Tom Neel's weekly sermon, and prayers online (http://standrewspalmer.org/standrews_002.htm). "During this time of COVID-19 I would encourage you come back often to view the Devotion page," the pastor's message says, "and listen to an audio version of a message along with a Gospel reading. These items will be updated on a regular basis. When COVID-19 is part of our past I hope to see you face to face."

Muslim community

The Muslim Association of the Lehigh Valley (based in Allentown) suspended all daily and congregational prayers beginning March 17. The group is working on scheduling livestreams of nightly and weekly halaqas, and Imam Bashaer Bilaal and the community's executive committee are available for religious advice and consultations via telephone (610-799-6224). More information is available online (<https://malv.org/covid-update/>).

Jewish communities

Congregation Keneseth Israel (a Reform community in Allentown) is hosting its weekly Shabbat services via Zoom. Information and

inspiration thoughts from Rabbi Seth are here (https://www.kilv.org/corona_virus).

Congregation Sons of Israel (an Orthodox community in Allentown), led by Rabbi Nisan Andrews, has canceled religious services until further notice, but PDFs for Shabbos is available online (<http://www.sonsofisrael.net/>).

Rabbi Moshe Re'em of Temple Beth El (a Conservative community in Allentown) says, "We may not be in the building, but there's plenty to participate in at Temple Beth El!" Minyanim, Shabbat, and other services are accessible via Zoom and Facebook (<http://www.bethelallentown.org/Worship.cfm>).

Chabad Lubavitch of the Lehigh Valley (a community in Allentown inspired by the Lubavitcher Rebbe) offers a host of resources online (https://www.chabadlehighvalley.com/library/article_cdo/aid/4676981/jewish/Coronavirus-Resources-Inspiration.htm), including a quarantine kaddish service. Rabbi Yaakov Halperin offers his congregation this hope: "We pray to G-d that you and yours stay safe and healthy, and that the entire world be granted complete and speedy healing."

Messianic Jewish communities

Beit Simcha Messianic Fellowship (a Messianic Jewish community in Allentown), is offering its Shabbat services online-only via its YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX-D4wkUBqjQ&feature=youtu.be>) at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Rabbi Glenn David Blank offers more information about the congregation here (<https://beitsimcha.com/rabbi-glenn-videos/>).

Beth El Gabor (a Messianic Jewish community in Bethlehem) has also moved its services online (<https://www.bethelgabor.org/>). Additional downloads from Rabbis Mark Shulman and Eduardo Arroyo are available on the congregation's website.

Moravian churches

Music minister Becky Lepore See **FAITH** on Page A10

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Bob Hartman

▼ **BRIEFLY**

VIA EVENTS POSTPONED

Via of the Lehigh Valley is monitoring the latest updates on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on an ongoing basis and have been in contact with local health officials as this situation is developing rapidly.

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

Clinics

Clinics for Athletes with Special Needs - Sponsored by BB&T

Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame & St. Luke's Combine Clinic

May date and location TBD (formerly March 15)

Via All-Star Banquet

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

Via Super Saturday

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

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The Freedom tennis courts have sat empty since March and will remain that way for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.

High school sports canceled

PIAA hands down news after Gov. Wolf announces closing of schools

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The inevitable news that the spring sports season would eventually never happen due to the coronavirus pandemic became official Thursday, April 9.

Following Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement that schools would be closed for the rest of the year, the PIAA followed suit by ending hope of resuming the interrupted winter championships and ceasing any spring sports.

"[Last week's] decision by the PIAA Board of Directors was difficult for everyone. Their thoughts remain on the thousands of student-athletes, coaches, officials and family members affected by this decision," said PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert A. Lombardi through a press release. "However, the board's position reflects a steadfast priority of keeping our student-athletes, officials and member schools' staffs and their communities safe, while following the guidelines provided by the governor, the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

"We had maintained hope for a continuation of our winter championships and an abbreviated spring season to help bring a sense of normalcy to our communities. As we navigate through this difficult time we need to remember the lessons that interscholastic athletics has taught us: cooperation, patience, sacrifice, responsibility, respect and perseverance."

District 11 Chairman Bob Hartman acknowledged that the news was always the most realistic option, but one that he hoped would have been able to change over time.

Unfortunately, the circumstances never materialized for that.

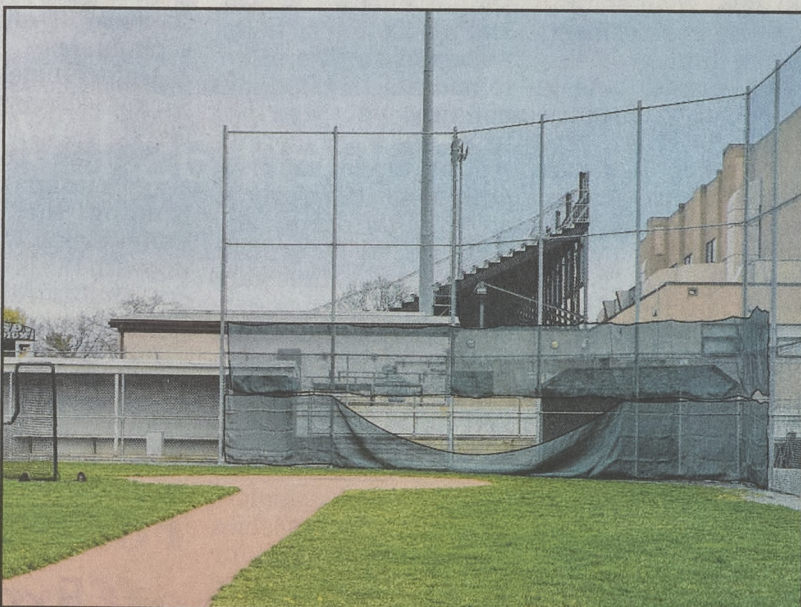
"It certainly wasn't a good day when we got the news and it hasn't really felt any better since," said Hartman. "We want to provide an opportunity for kids to compete and enjoy themselves, but ultimately this decision was inevitable. That doesn't make it easier for anyone, but the priority is the safety for our students and community."

Canceling the remainder of the PIAA winter championships, which included the boys and girls basketball tournaments, as well as the swimming championships, leaves a hole in the record books, but not having



PRESS PHOTO BY LINDA ROTHROCK

The Becahi girls softball team won't get to take to the field this year.



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The Liberty boys were hoping to chase a district title this season.

a spring season leaves an empty feeling for everyone involved.

For Bethlehem Catholic baseball coach Mike Grasso, this spring would have marked his final season in the dugout after 46 years of coaching. This lost spring season might be a somber way to end his coaching career, but while Grasso is upset at how things have transpired, he's also grateful for everything he's been able to do.

"I feel so bad for the seniors in all sports," said Grasso, "but I think if we can save lives, it's worth it for everyone involved. I've been truly blessed to live my life this way for so many years, but I am going to miss coaching. You wish things could have ended differently, but this is

part of life. You go through ups and downs."

That roller coaster ride now puts administrators in brainstorm mode on how to handle the rest of the academic calendar with prom and graduation ceremonies certainly going to be affected by this news.

For Hartman, he had a Zoom meeting with all of his spring coaches last Friday to discuss ideas on how to honor their spring athletes.

"We'll come together and think of ideas on how to honor our student-athletes," said Hartman. "We know it's tough for seniors right now. We're all trying to work through this at the moment."

PIAA issues official release

In accordance with Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement last Thursday, April 9, that Pennsylvania schools will be closed to in-person learning for the remainder of the school year, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) has canceled all remaining winter and spring sports and championships.

"[Last week's] decision by the PIAA Board of Directors was difficult for everyone. Their thoughts remain on the thousands of student-athletes, coaches, officials and family members affected by this decision," said PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert A. Lombardi. "However, the Board's position reflects a steadfast priority of keeping our student-athletes, officials and member schools' staffs and their communities safe, while following the guidelines provided by the governor, the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

"We had maintained hope for a continuation of our winter championships and an abbreviated spring season to help bring a sense of normalcy to our communities," continued Lombardi. "As we navigate through this difficult time we need to remember the lessons that interscholastic athletics has taught us: cooperation, patience, sacrifice, responsibility, respect and perseverance."

At of [last week], 17 other state high school associations have ended their sports seasons in similar fashion. The PIAA Board of Directors will meet in the coming months to address any concerns that arise from the membership from the COVID-19 pandemic. While PIAA remains hopeful that summer activities will be able to commence July 1, it is still too early to reach any decisions or offer guidance at this time. In providing any further guidance to the membership, PIAA will continue to monitor any additional information provided by the Governor's Office, Department of Health or Department of Education as it relates to interscholastic athletics. More information will be communicated via <http://www.piaa.org> as it becomes available.

NW BOYS COACH

The Northwestern Lehigh Athletic Department would like to take this time to thank coach Billy Hallman for his years of service to both our girls basketball program where he served as an assistant coach and most recently our boys basketball program where he served as our head coach.

As a result, Northwestern is currently accepting applications for the position of head boys basketball coach. Interested applicants should have prior high school or college coaching experience and must complete the application process online at <https://www.nwlehighsd.org/Page/418>.

The deadline to apply is April 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This lucky angler scored on a chunky brook trout on the accelerated trout opener last week.

Outdoors: Clearing up abbreviated trout stocking rumors

BY NICK HRONIAK
Special to the Press

There may have been some skepticism regarding the abbreviated trout stocking that I heard about and mentioned in my previous column.

In case you missed it, I was informed that certain streams in Lehigh County will only get one, in-season stocking that took place within the last two weeks. Some anglers couldn't believe it, so I was able to contact Mike Parker, PF&BC Communications Director, who issued the following statement:

"We continue to stock trout every day across the state, seven days a week. Due to the accelerated stocking schedule we are operating under, many waters will only receive preseason stockings this year.

"That means that all of the fish that were allocated for a water, both preseason and in-season, will be combined into a single stocking or two. The same amount of fish will be stocked, just not spread out over the season. I cannot provide any information about specific waters, but overall, this is our approach.

"Since March 17, we have been operating under the accelerated schedule, without volunteer assistance, in an effort to get our fish stocked before any of our employees became sick or further restrictions were placed on fishing. At this time, we have stocked about 2.25 million trout across the state. That is compared to 1.7-1.8 we stocked by the statewide opening day of trout season last year. There are plenty of fish to catch."

So that official announcement should put the so-called rumor to rest.

STRIPED BASS CHANGES

For anglers who pursue the hard fighting stripers in the Delaware River, Delaware Estuary and West Branch Delaware River, be aware there has been some significant changes.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced changes to Striped Bass fishing regulations within the aforementioned waters. And the reason for the new rules is because harvest and delayed mortality of caught and released striped bass have reduced the coastal population below levels needed to sustain recreational angling experiences. Due to the negative impact on the fishery, harvest and terminal tackle restrictions are needed to help rebuild the coastal stock.

In accordance with a fisheries management plan adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC), the Striped Bass Management Board intended to reduce fishing mortality by 18 percent. As such, PFBC will change minimum size requirements and slot limits for harvesting striped bass in the Delaware Estuary, Delaware River, and West Branch Delaware River, and have enacted a mandatory circle hook requirement for anglers using bait while fishing for all species within the Delaware Estuary. These changes are effective beginning April 1, 2020.

These regulation changes, tackle and registration requirements do not apply to inland populations of Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass.

Under the new minimum size limits, anglers will be permitted to harvest one coastal striped

bass per day that measures at least 28 inches but less than 35 inches in the Delaware Estuary (from the Pennsylvania line upstream to Calhoun Street Bridge) during the periods Jan. 1 through March 31 and June 1 through Dec. 31. During the period from April 1 through May 31, anglers may harvest two striped bass daily that measure at least 21 inches but less than 24 inches. In the Delaware River (from the Calhoun Street Bridge upstream) anglers will be permitted to harvest one striped bass per day that measures at least 28 inches but less than 35 inches year-round.

To further meet the requirements, the PFBC will require anglers who use bait to fish in the tidal Delaware Estuary, including tributaries from the mouths of the tributaries upstream to the limit of tidal influence, to use non-offset (in-line) circle hooks. The use of non-offset (in-line) circle hooks is required over offset circle hooks because of their proven ability to hook fish in the mouth, simplify hook removal, and reduce injury to the released fish. Therefore, to address targeted and non-targeted striped bass release mortality, the circle hook requirement will apply to anglers targeting any fish species with bait in the tidal Delaware Estuary. This measure offers added protection to adult Striped Bass on the spawning grounds during spring and year-round protections to resident juvenile Striped Bass caught by anglers targeting other species in the tidal reach. For the non-tidal Delaware River, non-offset (in-line) circle hooks are strongly recommended when anglers target any species with bait.

Bowling... Whatever happened?

BY CHIP WALAKOVITS
Special to the Press

It was estimated that nearly 20-percent of the population bowled each and every year at least once during a calendar year.

The Bethlehem Area Bowling Association, at one time, had nearly 100 lanes available at a variety of sites to compete. Of course, Town & Country Lanes on Stefko Boulevard was the largest and still has a number of leagues competing on a weekly basis.

Compared to years gone by, well, it's just no comparison.

Yes, many of the alleys were located in private clubs, but finding an open lane was a difficult task.

Weekends was date night and many romances started with a few strikes and spares. Open spots were far and few between with T&C taking reservations well after midnight to accommodate. Leagues, of course, dominated the action in the Christmas City with numerous gatherings formed at the city's largest employer, Bethlehem Steel.

There was the Blast Furnace, Plant Patrol, Coke Works and Main Office leagues all rolling three games for a 30-week season.

Bowling was a major focal point in our area for many years with all ages and gender equality. Junior bowling was started in the 50s as the Police Athletic League (PAL). Police Officer Jim Lichtenwalner was the organizing force and is looking down from above and wondering what happened to the game.

As the sport grew, American Junior Bowling highlighted the area with a half dozen sites competing weekly on Saturday mornings.

Over the next few weeks we will reminisce what and where about the game of bowling, and how it played a role in the Christmas City. Stay tuned, you just may remember a few.

Next time, can you name all the establishments in Bethlehem and how many were located in Hellertown...

Chip Walakovits is a former Globe Times bowling writer

FHS track had leaders emerge over winter

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's track and field head coach Charlie Heidecker is in his second year leading the Patriots, a year when things weren't so brand new anymore and steady improvement was able to take over.

"We enjoyed a full winter season that had excellent participation from about 30 athletes. The mild winter allowed us to get some work done both outside and inside. The kids that were in winter track were pumped up to get outside in the spring and see what they could do," said Heidecker, before schools were eventually shut down.

"It's the start of our second year with the whole coaching staff returning, so everything felt like just a transition from winter to spring. Several of the kids that joined us showed real potential in a number of events. The coaches were especially excited to get a chance to work with a group that had so many freshmen and sophomores."

Unfortunately, the spring season won't take place.

Assistant coach Jeremy Eftthimaides was training the jumpers, Tony Flatts was working with the boys sprinters and hurdlers, Ben Reph was training the throwers, Adam Syty was in charge of the girls sprinters and hurdlers, Patriot cross country coach Bob Thear was



Charboneau

working with the distance runners, and Mike Thorne was training the pole vaulters.

"A number of our upperclassmen, especially those that were in winter track, have emerged as leaders," Heidecker said. "That's a good sign."

The Patriot roster would have had 73 girls and 56 boys.

Key returners for the boys would have included sprinters Gabe Catton, AJ Fletcher, Matty Russin, Chase Bonstein, Alex Reji, who is also a jumper, and Vince Reph, who is also a thrower; hurdler Eli Lovell; pole vaulter Chris Dew; distance runners Matt Parkin and Alex Heideckmann; and thrower Justin Guidetti.

Key returners for the girls were supposed to be sprinters Alysha Gargone, Kiahnilee Ramos, Sophia Szvetez, and Bella Estojak; and sprinters Jada Phipps,

Sydney Brown, and Sophie Twigg, who are also hurdlers.

Scheduled to return to key roles for the girls are distance/middle distance runners Lauren Charboneau, Eliza Fihlman, and Diala Hassan; pole vaulter Madison Fey; jumpers Camille Gutekunst and Sarah Gill; throwers Kilia Ramos and Isabel Rodriguez; hurdler/jumper Lola Willey; and jumper/thrower Ariana Braun.

"We learned about the suspension of sports at practice very shortly after the governor made the announcement," said Heidecker prior to the shutdown for the year and season. "I don't believe our team was surprised by the decision because we had warned them that a decision like that may be coming. The kids did have a lot of questions about the remaining practices in the preseason, when we would return, the season itself and what they should do in the interim."

"We held an intrasquad scrimmage meet on that last practice day and the kids really enjoyed competing in the different relays our coaches set up. The coaches were ready with workouts that the kids could do on their own at home. We encouraged the kids to stay in contact with the coaches via email and follow all of the guidelines set down by the public health authorities."

Former 'Cane Ruppert got off to a hot start this spring

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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No sooner had Lock Haven University's softball season started than Liberty grad Mikayla Ruppert was named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Feb. 17.

The sophomore outfielder hit .444 with three doubles, a triple, and four RBIs through the Bald Eagles' first six games of the season. They were against West

Virginia State, Saint Anselm, Southern Connecticut State, Seton Hill, Kutztown, and Goldy-Beacom. Ruppert



Ruppert

went eight for 13 in her latter four games.

Lock Haven played its most recent victory on March 11 over American International. It was

a come-from-behind 5-3 win in which Ruppert was 2 for 4 with two runs scored.

Overall, Ruppert has 20 hits and seven RBIs in 16 games started with one home run and six stolen bases.

Lock Haven's last game was played on March 13 against Bemidji State in which Ruppert had a base hit, walked, and scored the Bald Eagles' fifth run in the 10-5 loss.

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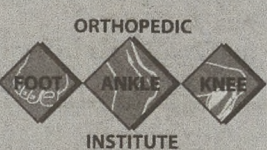
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NASCAR THIS WEEK



Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s impact on the sport should make him a first-ballot Hall of Famer. [N-J/NIGEL COOK]

Predicting the 2021 NASCAR Hall of Fame class

By Zach Dean
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Until drivers get the command to finally restart their engines on the 2020 season, fans of NASCAR will be stuck in the past.

That doesn't come without controversy, though.

Last week, NASCAR unveiled the 15 nominees for the 2021 Hall of Fame class, headlined by Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was one of five first-timers on the ballot. New this year, three drivers will be inducted instead of the usual five — two from the Modern Era ballot and one from the Pioneer ballot.

The Modern Era ballot includes: Neil Bonnett, Jeff Burton, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Carl Edwards, Harry Gant, Harry Hyde, Larry Phillips, Ricky Rudd, Kirk Shelmerdine and Mike Stefanik.

The Pioneer Ballot includes: Jake Elder, Red Farmer, Banjo Matthews, Hershel McGriff and Ralph Moody.

While voting is still at least a month away — it usually takes place around the Coca-Cola 600 — let's drop the virtual green flag a little early and make some predictions:

Modern era inductees

Dale Earnhardt Jr.: There was arguably nobody more important to the sport over a two-decade span than Junior. He was a 15-time Most



Ricky Rudd (left) was NASCAR's iron-man for a decade. [AP PHOTO/TERRY RENNA]

Popular Driver, a two-time Daytona 500 winner, a two-time Xfinity Series champion, and won 26 career Cup races. Earnhardt has also proven to be an elite car owner, fielding cars that have won three Xfinity titles, including the past two.

Beyond the stats, Junior was the face of NASCAR for nearly 20 years, carrying the sport on his back following the tragic death of his father in 2001.

The numbers aren't as gaudy as some Hall of Famers, and he never won that elusive Cup championship, but what Junior meant, and still means, to the sport makes him a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Ricky Rudd: You could throw a blanket over Rudd, Harry Gant and Neil

Bonnett in terms of career numbers and overall resume, but we'll give the edge to Rudd. NASCAR's iron-man for over a decade, Rudd held the Cup Series record for consecutive starts (788) before Jeff Gordon broke it in 2015. His 906 overall starts rank second in NASCAR history to Richard Petty's 1,185.

The Virginia native finished with 23 career wins, including the 1997 Brickyard 400, 374 top-10s (seventh all-time) and 29 poles. He was named the Rookie of the Year in 1977, earned a best points finish of second in 1991 and won at least one race in 16 consecutive seasons from 1983-98.

In 1998, Rudd was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers.

Pioneer inductee

Banjo Matthews: Matthews was an artist in the garage, building cars that won more than 250 Cup races and three championships over his career. Just how much of a master was he? From 1974-85, cars built in the Banjo Matthews Shop won a staggering 72% of Cup races (262 of 362), including all 30 races in 1978.

The car builder from Ohio also had success behind the wheel, working on modifieds and driving to Victory Lane 50 times in 1954.

If you won a race in the '70s or '80s, Matthews most likely had a hand in it. That's worthy of a spot in the Hall.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Is Junior Earnhardt a first-ballot lock for the Hall of Fame?

Absolutely, especially comparing his overall numbers to some already enshrined. His 26 Cup Series wins (including two Daytona 500s) and two Busch Series championships might fall short of what many Earnhardt fans had hoped or expected from him, but the numbers themselves are enough, and when you consider all those "Most Popular Driver" awards, there's no way he doesn't make it in his first year of eligibility.

Any surprises on that ballot?

Just one of omission: Geoff Bodine, who has yet to make a list of nominees. Buddy Baker made the Hall of Fame with 19 career Cup wins and one Daytona 500. Bodine has 18 wins and a Daytona 500, but also piled up amazing numbers in Late Model racing before coming to NASCAR. You can't dismiss that, considering Jerry Cook and Richie Evans are in the NASCAR Hall based on their Late Model careers. Not sure why Bodine remains overlooked.

Who joins Junior?

I like Red Farmer from the Pioneer Ballot, and unless someone can explain why Kirk Shelmerdine doesn't match up with the other crew chiefs already inducted, I'm not sure how you ignore a four-time champion.

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HALL OF FAME LIST

Recently released list of nominees for the NASCAR Hall of Fame's 2021 class:

Modern Era Ballot

- Neil Bonnett
- Jeff Burton
- Dale Earnhardt Jr.
- Carl Edwards
- Harry Gant
- Harry Hyde
- Larry Phillips
- Ricky Rudd
- Kirk Shelmerdine
- Mike Stefanik

Pioneer Ballot

- Jake Elder
- Red Farmer
- Banjo Matthews
- Hershel McGriff
- Ralph Moody

Landmark Award

- Janet Guthrie
- Alvin Hawkins
- Mike Helton
- Dr. Joseph Mattioli
- Ralph Seagraves

2020 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

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

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

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

- Sept. 6: Darlington
- Sept. 12: Richmond
- Sept. 19: Bristol
- Sept. 27: Las Vegas
- Oct. 4: Talladega
- Oct. 11: Charlotte
- Oct. 18: Kansas
- Oct. 25: Texas
- Nov. 1: Martinsville
- Nov. 8: Phoenix

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expecting a stimulus payment from the federal government following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department of Revenue and Department of Banking and Securities. According to the IRS, some of the electronic messages associated with these phishing scams say, "In order to receive your stimulus check via direct deposit, you will need to confirm your banking information." These messages are targeting not only individual citizens, but also tax professionals.

The U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS announced the stimulus payments will be distributed automatically, with no action required for most people. Read the IRS press release, Economic Impact Payments: What You Need to Know, for further information. The IRS also said it would post additional information on IRS.gov/coronavirus as it becomes available.

PUC: In response to the ongoing threat to public health posed by the COVID-19 virus, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) today announced that its next public meeting - tomorrow - will be conducted telephonically. The PUC public meeting will begin at 10 a.m. April 16, and members of the public, the media and others can begin accessing the telephone conference call starting at 9:45 a.m. that day. Interested parties can listen to the meeting by calling 1-888-917-8050, and then entering passcode 9570961#.

PRISONS AND INMATES: Under the authority granted to him by the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Emergency Management Services Code, Governor Tom Wolf today ordered Department of Corrections officials to establish a Temporary Program to Repeive Sentences of Incarceration to help aid the department in the transfer of qualifying individuals to community corrections facilities or home confinement amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Temporary Program to Repeive Sentences of Incarceration Program only applies to state prison inmates who have been identified as being non-violent and who otherwise would be eligible for release within the next 9 months or who are considered at high risk for complications of coronavirus and are within 12 months of their release. Under the temporary reprieve program, approximately 1,500 to 1,800 inmates would be eligible, although given the reentry challenges of ensuring connection to the health care and behavioral health system, housing and food security, the number will likely be less than the eligible pool.

PENN STATE EXTENSION

GOVERNMENT WEBINAR: Penn State Extension will be hosting the "Pennsylvania Legislation Update: How Local Governments Can Now Conduct Business" webinar to discuss recent legislation by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania that addresses the issue of local governments conducting business in a virtual atmosphere. This webinar will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow and feature Scott Coburn, counsel and education director for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. There is no cost to participate in the webinar. To learn more or register, visit: <https://extension.psu.edu>.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

ELECTIVE DENTAL VISITS: The American Dental Association has recommended dentists across the country postpone all elective procedures and appointments for at least a few more weeks.

Given that timelines with this virus seem to change on an almost-daily basis, it is unclear if that recommendation will be extended. Most dental firms have updated their websites to reflect this change but do not specify when regular appointments are expected to resume.

While scheduled appointments for routine cleanings and certain procedures are being delayed, the ADA recommends dentists shift their focus to emergency dental needs. Gehani explains in his statement, "Concentrating on emergency dental care will allow us to care for our emergency patients and alleviate the burden that dental emergencies would place on hospital emergency departments."

AMERICAN RED CROSS

COVID-19 TESTING SCAM: Scammers are already lined up to make money off the coronavirus. Please let your elderly loved ones know no one is coming door-to-door to home test for this virus.

Law enforcement and the Red Cross advise there are people in some areas going door-to-door saying they are authorized to do "home testing" for the coronavirus. This is not true. When permitted, the scammers perform a pretend test and charge for it or rob the victim. If someone like this comes to your door, do not allow them into your home and call the police. Advise your family to be on the alert.

GIANT MARKETS

CUSTOMER LIMITS: The company is now limiting the number of customers who may be in a store at one time. The number of customers permitted at one time varies by location and has been determined based on several factors including occupancy and selling square feet. The company also requests that customers limit the size of their shopping party to one member per household as much as possible, as doing so reduces the overall number of people inside stores and helps support social distancing. To manage customer occupancy limits, a GIANT team member will be stationed at the front entrance tracking shopper flow. When the store has reached capacity, customers will be asked to form a line outside, while observing social distancing. As customers exit, customers in line will be allowed in the store.

DEADLINE CHANGES

VOTER REGISTRATION: As a result of legislation recently passed and signed into law, the Pennsylvania primary election has been postponed until June 2. Pennsylvania residents now have until May 18 to register to vote and until May 26 to register to vote by mail-in ballot. Another new law recently passed now allows anyone to vote by mail in an election. For more information, go to votespa.com.

TAX DEADLINES: To help those working to get their taxes completed and filed, the state and federal income tax filing deadlines have both been changed from April 15 to July 15.

Also, the deadline for seniors and people with disabilities to apply for the 2019 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended from June 30 to Dec. 31.

DRIVERS LICENSE: The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is helping motorists by further extending the expiration dates for many of its motor vehicle and operator requirements.

For driver licenses, photo ID cards and learner's permits scheduled to expire March 16 through April 30, the expiration date is now extended through May 31.

For vehicle registrations, safety inspections and emissions inspections scheduled to expire March 16 through April 30, the expiration date is now extended through May 31.

For persons with disabilities parking placards scheduled to expire March 16 through April 30, the expiration date is now extended through May 31.

REAL ID: The federal enforcement deadline for REAL ID has been extended by one year. The new deadline for compliance is Oct. 1, 2021. At that time, everyone will need a REAL ID or other acceptable form of identification, such as a passport, to fly domestically or to enter certain federal buildings. More information is available at PennDOT.gov/REALID.

Showing their appreciation



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

In a show of support for medical, public safety and other public employees, Hanover Township residents were encouraged to maintain social distancing and venture out to their front yards and driveways April 4 at 4:30 p.m. and bang on pots and pans, beep their car horns and make any kind of noise they wanted. Some even set off fireworks. The event was coordinated by the township government to thank those who are "waging an all-out war on COVID-19." Above: The Blaufarb family, Ronnie, Sharon and Allie, bang away from their driveway in their township neighborhood to show their support for the tireless efforts of many.

FAITH

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of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem is posting daily "musical moments" of inspiration on the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/centralmoravianchurch>). "Becky is creating and recording piano arrangements of requested hymns from her living room and is posting the hymns, along with their hymn texts, and a corresponding scripture," senior administrator Cindy Gibson informs us.

A list of all Moravian Church congregations nationwide offering online worship opportunities, including the inter-provincial worship service held every Sunday at 11 a.m., is available at the faith's national website (<https://www.moravian.org/2020/03/online-worship-opportunities/>).

One of the worship services posted on the Moravian website is conducted by Pastor Derek French of East Hills Moravian Church in Bethlehem. Pastor French's services are available on the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/easthillsmoravianchurch/>) and its YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/M1LBOFIUFY>). Information about online giving, as well as spiritual information, are available on the church's website (www.EastHillsMC.org).

Presbyterian churches
First Presbyterian

Church (Bethlehem), led by Rev. J.C. Austin, is livestreaming both its 9 a.m. contemporary and 11 a.m. traditional services on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/firstpresbethlehem>) and on its website (<https://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/>). Information is also available on how to participate in other ministries, such as the Wednesday Lenten conversations, via Zoom.

Roman Catholic churches

Catholic parish St. John XXIII in Tamaqua was already livestreaming Masses prior to the novel coronavirus epidemic. Rev. John Frink, the pastor, also posts his sermons on his YouTube channel. Father Frink, who acknowledged the challenge of delivering a sermon to an empty church at a recent Mass, added his hope that Catholics would take this opportunity to deepen their faith. He asked those participating virtually to consider why they come to Mass, and suggested that Catholics embrace the humility of the tax collector in the Gospel of Luke. The livestream link is on the parish website (www.SJ23Tamaqua.org).

Rev. Keith Laskowski of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Easton is also livestreaming the 8 a.m. daily Mass and Saturday night (vigil) 4:30 p.m. Mass in English, as well as the noon Sunday Mass in Spanish, on the parish's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/>).

United Church of

Christ congregations

The general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, Rev. John Dorhauer, has participated online in worship services across the country beginning March 17. Links to UCC churches across the US offering online services are here (https://www.ucc.org/news_moving_worship_online_during_pandemic_ucc_churches_offer_pastoral_touches_prophetic_voices_03172020).

United Methodist churches

Green Pond United Methodist maintains several weeks' worth of Rev. Scott Freidgen-Veitch's sermons on its website as an audio stream (<https://www.greenpondumc.com/>). Weekly messages of spiritual uplift and announcements are updated Wednesdays (<https://www.greenpondumc.com/weekly-newsletter>). The church is looking into livestreaming worship services.

Pastor Nina Patton-Semerod of Epworth United Methodist Church of Bethlehem told her faith community, "We are not the church because we gather every Sunday morning for worship; we are the church because we carry the light of Christ with us wherever we go." Pastor Nina posts a video of the weekly worship service on the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EpworthUMCBethlehemPA/>) by 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. Members of the church are invited to post specific prayer requests during the week

for Pastor Nina to lift up during the worship service. The youth group and other ministries are using tools such as Zoom to continue to meet online.

Wesley United Methodist Church (Bethlehem) is posting its recorded worship services online (<https://wesleychurch.com/>). Rev. Candy La-Bar's sermon videos and transcripts are online as well.

Other Christian denominations

Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church (Bethlehem) is livestreaming its weekend and mid-week worship services, and offers devotional videos by Youth Pastor Mike Notary (<https://aplaceforyou.org/>). Senior Pastor Tim Gibson encourages his flock to use technology to connect, and says, "Don't practice social distancing with Jesus."

GRACE Church Bethlehem has a portal of online services (<https://www.gracecb.org/grace-live/>), including live worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., games and religious education for middle and high school students on Sundays at 7 p.m., and mid-week Bible study with Dr. Mark Crumpler. Sunday worship services led by Senior Pastor Dr. Marnie Crumpler are also available via Facebook watch (<https://www.facebook.com/gcb-grace/>).

Life in Christ Church (Bethlehem), led by Pastor Norman Carlisle, is livestreaming its

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**Lehigh Valley Health Network
First ventilator patient released**

Chris McMillan is back home in Bethlehem. He says he feels less than 50 percent of his usual self, but he's glad to be home.

McMillan was discharged Monday, April 6 from Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-Muhlenberg in Bethlehem after a difficult 15-day struggle battling COVID-19. He spent eight days in an induced coma on a ventilator, which was removed on April 2. McMillan was the first coronavirus patient at LVH-Muhlenberg to come off a ventilator.

McMillan had been sick at home for more than a week, quarantined in his basement away from his companion, Jen Sanita and their three children. His well-above-normal temperature refused to drop despite taking medication. Tests for the flu were negative and he was awaiting the results of a COVID test when on April 22 he decided to drive himself to the hospital after he began wheezing and his breathing sounded like a crackling in his chest.

Testing criteria updated

Effective immediately, Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) criteria for testing individuals suspected of having coronavirus (COVID-19) have been updated and implemented at all Assess and Test Centers throughout the LVHN network.

Under the new criteria, only symptomatic people ages 65 and over, symptomatic people at a higher risk of complications and other defined symptomatic at-risk people will be tested for COVID-19.

Symptomatic people at a higher risk of complications include those with chronic lung disease and asthma, significant heart disease, immunosuppression, diabetes, morbid obesity, chronic kidney disease and chronic liver disease. In addition, higher risk people include pregnant women, those that reside in long-term care facilities, healthcare workers, and first responders.

Testing of individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 infection and living with someone with a confirmed or presumptive diagnosis of COVID-19 is no longer recommended. These patients can be presumed to have COVID-19 and should be encouraged to follow the same recommendations for infected individuals.

Otherwise healthy individuals who have classic symptoms of COVID-19 infection and who are not considered high-risk based on the testing criteria will no longer be tested. They are encouraged to self-isolate (separate oneself from others) at home, get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids and take fever-reducing medication.

Health care providers advise seeking emergency care immediately if symptoms are getting progressively worse, you're experiencing significant shortness of breath, have chest pain, and can't seem to function in daily activities as you have been. In case of emergency dial 911. Indicate to the dispatcher that you have COVID-19, and, if possible, wear a mask when emergency personnel enter your house to avoid the spread of infection.

If your condition is deemed non-life-threatening, there is no need to go to the emergency room (ER) or call 911. Continue to follow the self-care instructions provided by your health care provider.

Asymptomatic patients will not be tested at any LVHN Assess and Test centers. Current tests are only capable of making the diagnosis of active COVID-19. The test does not confirm or rule out a significant exposure.

For more information on COVID-19, visit LVHN.org/covid19.

First responders show their appreciation

Western Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department, joined by first responders from around the Lehigh Valley, participated in a parade April 10 around the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-Cedar Crest campus. The first responders wanted to show their appreciation for the committed physicians, nurses and staff who have dedicated themselves to caring for COVID-19 and other patients during the coronavirus outbreak. The emergency responders honked horns and sounded sirens to call attention to the efforts of these health care 'heroes' putting their own safety at risk and serving on the front line of the pandemic.

St. Luke's Health Network**Patient management system begins operation**

Masimo (NASDAQ: MASI) has announced that St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) is one of the first institutions worldwide to use Masimo SafetyNet™ to monitor in-hospital patients, as the network seeks innovative solutions to care for the surge of patients infected by COVID-19. Masimo SafetyNet is an innovative, economically scalable cloud-based patient management platform designed to help clinicians care for patients remotely in hospital settings and in non-traditional settings and circumstances.

'Feeding the Frontline'

Employees across St. Luke's University Health Network have been working tirelessly to keep our communities safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. To show gratitude and support their efforts, the network has launched two important initiatives to keep frontline caregivers well fed during and after their shifts on campus: free cafeteria meals and the "Feeding the Frontlines" fundraising campaign to provide them with local restaurant gift cards. Beginning in late March, employees were provided free breakfast, lunch and dinner at all St. Luke's cafeterias. The meals consist of a variety of items from a predetermined menu and include vegetarian options as well. To make an online gift designated to the "Feeding the Frontlines" initiative, please visit sluhn.org/COVID-19Support and select "Feeding the Frontlines" from the drop-down menu. To give by check, please make payable to St. Luke's University Health Network, indicate that you would like your gift designated to "Feeding the Frontlines," and mail to: St. Luke's University Health Network, Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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 or canceled.

Digital and virtual events:

Banana Factory digital exhibition: www.bananafactory.org/event/9797/peter-keady-smokeeaters/-dChaplain for Palmer Municipal Fire Department and photographer Peter Keady's exhibit "SmokeEaters" through April 26. Banko Family Room Gallery, Banana Factory.

Bethlehem Area Public Library: Visit www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/. Buildings currently closed. Visit www.bapl.org (main) or www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm (south side) for online books, activities, etc.

Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites digital programming: visit <https://historicbethlehem.org>.

National Museum of Industrial History virtual museum on line: <http://nmih.org>. "Art of Precision: The Engineered Sculpture of Christopher Bathgate".

Wednesday, April 15, Thursday, April 16

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

Saturday, April 18

CANCELED: Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania; Gettysburg Conservation Day, Gettysburg National Military Park. For information and sign up, visit www.cwrteasternpa.org/

Call for cancellations: Cops 'n' Kids 14th annual celebration of reading (and arts, sciences). Free. Books, activities, reading stations, entertainment. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 511 E. Third St. Visit

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AREA DEATHS**Frank L. Majczan**

Forge #3 superintendent



Frank L. Majczan Sr. died March 30, 2020, at Sacred Heart Senior Living Center, Center Valley. He was the husband of the late Helen (Obal) Majczan for 69 years.

Born in Bethlehem, he was a 1940 graduate of Liberty HS, where he earned awards in football and basketball. He attended Moravian College for two years, where he was a three-sport athlete with All State honors in basketball. He transferred to Lehigh for his junior and senior years and, as a three-sport athlete, was named to Lehigh's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a 1944 Lehigh graduate and earned bachelor's degrees in business and industrial engineering.

He worked full-time for Bethlehem Steel Corp. beginning in his college years, and held management positions for most of a 42 year career, from which he retired in 1982 as Forge #3 superintendent.

He was a former member of Saucon Valley Country Club and the Bethlehem Steel Club, where he was a club president.

He was a member of St Anne's Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

He is survived by three sons, Frank L. Jr. and his wife Sheila, Robert S. and his wife Kimberley and Raymond C. and his wife Paula; eight grandchildren, Nicole Gallela (Anthony), Allison Mafodda (Michael), Heather Corkery (Ryan), Chad Douglas Majczan (Diana DelValle), Caitlin Anne, Abbey Gohl (Frank), Corrine Elyse Wills (Patrick) and Brianne Marie Majczan; and nine great-grandchildren, Madeline Beth Mafodda, Alexandra Lynn Mafodda, Jackson Edgar Majczan, Tessa Riley Corkery, Mae Helena Majczan, Tate Ryan Corkery, Oliver Francis Gohl, Calvin Robert Gohl and Isaac Matthew Gohl.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Charles, Stephen and John Majczan; and three sisters, Anna Gilbert, Mary Kovacs and Irene Kozlowski.

Contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Senior Living, 4851 Saucon Creek Road, Center Valley, PA 18034.

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

Giovanna (Giammarco) Fantozzi

Assumption B.V.M. Church member

Giovanna "Jennie" (Giammarco) Fantozzi, 89, of Bethlehem and formerly of Wilmington, Delaware, died March 29, 2020, in her home. Born an American citizen in Abruzzo, Italy, she was a daughter of the late Vincenzo and Flaminia Giammarco. She was the wife of the late Bernard "Dino" Fantozzi for 61 years.

She attended Wilmington High School.

She was a member of Assumption B.V.M. Church, Bethlehem.

She is survived by a daughter, Carla Fantozzi Palermo and her husband Tony of Los Angeles, California; two sons, Vincent Fantozzi and his wife Julie of Allentown and Dino Fantozzi and his wife Nora of Bethlehem; and eight grandchildren, Rosa, Nicolo, Katarina, Quinn, Enzo, Talia, Liam and Julian.

Services will be private. A Memorial Mass will be announced at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation by visiting www.parkinson.org/ or by calling (800)-473-4636.

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

Louise E. (D'Emilio) Haldaman

BASD cafeteria worker

Louise E. (D'Emilio) Haldaman, 97, of Bethlehem, died March 29, 2020, while in the care of Sacred Heart Living, Northampton. Born in Fountain Hill, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Anna (Castellucci) D'Emilio. She was the wife of the late William J. Haldaman.

She worked in the cafeteria for the Bethlehem Area School District for many years before retiring in 1981.

She was a former member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem.

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

She is survived by three sons, William J. Jr. and his wife Linda, Dennis G. and his wife Judith and Jeffrey and his wife Marianne; two sisters, Josephine Stern and Lucy Lechman; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by a brother, Vincent D'Emilio; a sister, Mary Evans; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

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FAITH

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Sunday worship services. Visit www.LifeInChristChurch.com, click "Useful Links," and select "Service Livestream (Members)." The password is "liclive."

New Covenant Christian Community Church (Bethlehem and Macungie) asks its congregation not to come to either campus, but to watch the livestream from one of the two links provided (<https://nc4.churchonline.org/> and <https://livestream.com/accounts/20632837>). A video recording of the weekly message from one of the elders will be available for download here (<https://livestream.com/accounts/20632837>) 30 minutes after each service ends.

**ELECTION
POLICY**

Governor Tom Wolf signed SB 422 March 27, postponing the primary election to June 2 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

As we approach the June 2 primary election, the Bethlehem Press, in the interest of fairness, will halt publication of columns by local government officials and letters to the editor submitted by those running for office or regarding those running for office.

The last week for publication of columns by local government officials running for office is the April 30 edition. We will, of course, continue to cover the local races, in news stories generated by our own reporters.

Letters to the Editor, written by members of the community or the candidate, need to be received by The Press no later than 5 p.m. May 15.

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	46 / 37 6-6 mph WNW	50 / 38 7-14 mph W	51 / 40 5-11 mph SW	49 / 42 9-11 mph W	59 / 47 6-13 mph SSW	57 / 46 8-13 mph WSW	53 / 42 6-9 mph WNW

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high of 46°, humidity of 53%. West northwest wind 6 mph. The record high for today is 86° set in 1994. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. West southwest wind 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 32°. The record low for tonight is 25° set in 1996. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high of 50°, humidity of 42%. West wind 7 to 14 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 38°. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high of 51°, humidity of 48%. Southwest wind 5 to 11 mph.

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St. Luke's uses command center for response TOWN

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St. Luke's University Health Network has set up command centers in each hospital to address the COVID-19 pandemic. In Bethlehem, a team meets in the Blue Room in the Coxe Pavilion to discuss strategy and staffing.



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St. Luke's University Health Network is managing the network's preparations and response to COVID-19 through its incident command center in Bethlehem.

The incident command center has been organized according to the structure and principles established by U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The incident command center is running 24/7, staffed by teams of experts, including those who have undergone special emergency preparedness training at FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness in Alabama.

Such training is part of St. Luke's regular, continuous emergency preparation, which also includes extensive planning and regular drilling.

Each of St. Luke's hospital campuses has its own incident command center that, when appropriate, seeks guidance and support from the Network's Incident Command Center.

Additionally, the Network's Incident Command Center is working in coordination with local, state and federal government agencies as called for under FEMA's Incident Command System.

www.copsnkidslv.org for information.

Call for cancellations: SouthSide Community Festival and Chili Cook-Off, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Third and Fourth streets and the Greenway. The Tastings: noon to 4 p.m. Voting ends 4 p.m. Passports, information: visit <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/>

Sunday, April 19-Saturday, April 25

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

Monocacy Way clean-up (easy/2A5) hike. Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Post hike refreshments, talks etc. at noon. 100 Illick's Mill Road. Register via email: Jeff Fritzing at Leadership@AMCDV.org. For updates, information: <https://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/117486>.

Monday, April 20 - Healing the Earth - Our Common Home: A Call to Action. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. (same program at both sessions). Session topics: Why Laudato Si' and Why Should We Care?; Nonprofit Energy Saving Agreements; Program Related Investments, Sustainable Energy Fund; Sustainable Energy Fund Watershed Management 101; Educator Track: Learning Tree Curriculum for Schools. Registration required. Freewill offering. Visit for information / registration: www.stfrancisctr.org/special-events/

Wednesday, April 22 - Earth Day events: Earth Week and Earth Day Fair. Wildlife showcase, food, games, raffle. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Packer Avenue (rain: STEPS Concourse), Lehigh University. For updates, visit <https://sustainability.lehigh.edu/earth-week-and-earth-day-fair>.

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MEETING BOARD

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.

Wednesday, April 15

Canceled: Northampton County: Courts and Corrections and Personnel and Finance Committee meetings, Courthouse, Easton.

Thursday, April 16

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

Canceled: Northampton County Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee meeting, Courthouse, Easton.

Monday, April 20

BASD combined committees, 6 p.m. Edgeboro room, Education center, 1516 Sycamore St.

Tuesday, April 21

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m.; hosted through remote meeting software accessible by phone, computer or mobile device. The public will be able to participate in public comment sessions through a call-in phone number. Instructions will also be posted on the city website and distributed through some social media channels.

Wednesday, April 22

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

SVSD Finance Board Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. Saucon Valley School District, Audion building, 2097 Polk Valley Road.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

ARTICLES BY ED COURRIER

The High School Musicals series began Feb. 19 and concludes April 15 in the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section. Students, teachers and school districts put time, effort and money into their theater productions. It was important to maintain the Focus section series. With schools closed, consult district websites for information.

The 18th annual Freddy Awards ceremony, 7-10 p.m. May 21, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, was to have been telecast live on WFMZ and wfmz.com.

For a list of the Freddy Awards 29 participating high schools and musicals: www.freddyawards.org

NOTRE DAME 'Annie'

Notre Dame presents "Annie," America's favorite Great Depression-era orphan, at 7 p.m. April 24, 25 and 2 p.m. April 26, auditorium, Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Road, Bethlehem Township.

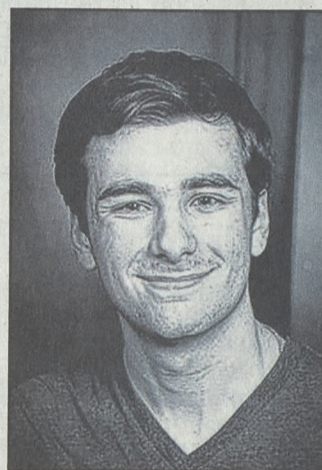
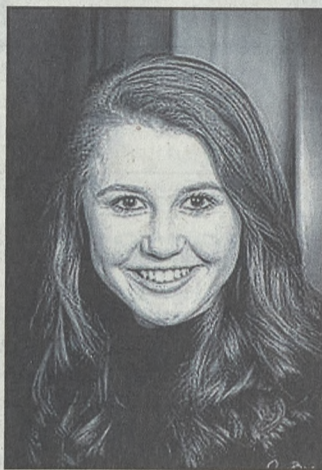
The musical, based on the comic strip, "Little Orphan Annie," created by Harold Gray, has music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin and book by Thomas Meehan.

Notre Dame director Sharon Lencheski is assisted by choreographer Erin

Griffith, student dance captain Sierra Irving, costumer Katelyn Schweitzer and prop master Isaiah Corkery.

The original 1977 Broadway production received 10 Tony Award nominations, winning seven Tonys. The 1997 and 2012 Broadway revivals each received one Tony nomination.

Featured numbers include "Tomorrow," "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" and "Maybe."



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The Notre Dame High School "Annie" cast includes from left, Evie Carlin (Annie) and Sam Durigon (Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks).

Ticket information: event-details/37555; at www.showtix4u.com/ the door

DIERUFF 'Cabaret'

Life in Weimar Germany is in the spotlight with "Cabaret," at 7 p.m. April 23, 24, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 25, auditorium, Dieruff High School, 815 N. Irving St., Allentown.

"Cabaret," based on John Van Druten's 1951 play "I Am a Camera," which was adapted from Christopher Isherwood's 1939 novel, "Goodbye to Berlin," has music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb and book by Joe Masteroff.

Dieruff director-producer Sarah Pastelyak is assisted by assistant director Nicholas Conti,

choreographer Joanellyn Schubert, vocal director Jennifer Dodd, set designer and stage manager Deborah Hamburger and assistant producer and set foreman Donald Hinkle.

The original 1966 Broadway musical received 11 Tony Award nominations, winning eight Tonys. The 1987 Broadway revival received four Tony nominations. The 1998 Broadway revival received 10 Tony Awards, winning four Tonys. The 2014 Broadway revival received two Tony nominations.

Feature numbers include "Willkommen,"



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Dieruff High School's "Cabaret" leads include, from left, Sierra Cruz (Sally Bowles) and Jaime Torres (Cliff Bradshaw).

"Married," "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" and "Cabaret."
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Coronavirus impact

Freddy Awards off; producers working on WFMZ telecast

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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While the 18th annual Freddy Awards per se will not be presented, an April 9 press release statement from Shelley Brown, President and CEO, State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, seems to raise the curtain on some possibilities.

"With Governor Wolf's school-closure announcement today [April 9], it has become impossible for us to present our annual live television special in its usual form," Brown, Executive Producer, Freddy Awards, stated in the press release, adding, "We are working with our production partner, WFMZ, right now to determine what is possible this year."

That would seem to indicate the possibility of some kind of telecast.

The 2020 Freddy Awards ceremony was to be held 7-10 p.m. May 21 in the State Theatre and telecast live on WFMZ and wfmz.com

When contacted, Jamie Balliet, Senior Vice President, Marketing, State Theatre Center for the Arts and Producer, Freddy Awards, stated in an April 10 email to The Press, "The Producers are working on a telecast for May 21."

Brown in her press release statement seemed to forecast that: "We are doing everything we can in this difficult environment to capture the Freddy spirit in a creative way."

"The Freddy program is more than the television special, and the good news is that the program's scholarship and grant program is still in place."

"We thank the colleges and scholarship grantors for their dedication to the students."

"We encourage students to go to our Freddy website for application information," Brown stated.

The link is: <http://freddyawards.org/scholarships-award>

Said Brown in her statement, "The Freddy program is a celebration of all of the participating high schools, and we know how disappointed the musical-theater community is. Our hearts break especially for the seniors that have been waiting for this year's show."

The 2020 Freddy Awards had 29 participating schools. The adjudication of the musicals was to have begun in late February.

It was Friday the 13th in March when Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf ordered public schools and charter schools closed March 16-27, which he extended "indefinitely" in a March 30 order and then April 9 announced an order closing schools through the 2019-20 school year, which typically extends into the first week and part of the second week in June. Also, on March 25, Wolf issued a "stay-at-home" order for Lehigh and Northampton counties residents.

In the circulation area of Lehigh Valley Press, it's believed that only Moravian Academy and Northwestern Lehigh High School were able to present their shows.

Moravian Academy was to present "State Fair," Feb. 28, 29 and March 1. Northwestern was to present "All Shook Up," Feb. 27, 29 and 29 and March 1.

After the governor's order, Salisbury High School was one of the first schools
 See **FREDDY** on Page B3



Warm winter effect on insects in spring

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Spotted lanternflies, brown marmorated stink bugs, boxelder bugs, mosquitoes, flies.

When will they be hatching or coming out of dormancy?

Will the 2019-2020 winter of warm temperatures in the Lehigh Valley increase insect populations in the spring?

Winters of extremely cold temperatures also influence insect populations for a following spring and summer.

The answer to both questions may surprise you.

Winter weather has little influence on insect populations for the following spring. This does not mean that winter temperatures do not play a role.



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First instar of the spotted lanternfly is very hard to find as it is only about 1/8th-inch.

Many assume a warmer winter would increase insect populations. If anything, warmer winters and extremely cold winters will both produce lower insect populations at the beginning of spring.

The reason winter weather has little influence on insect populations is because insects have developed excellent defenses to survive.

Many insect species survive over the winter in

different life stages.

Spotted lanternfly adults lay eggs in the fall and the young hatch in the spring.

The pupae (cocoon) may stay during the winter months with an adult emerging in the spring.

With other insect species, adults may stay dormant during the winter and become active with warmer weather.

All insects have processes to survive the win-

ter. An egg, a larva, a pupae or adult of any given insect will generally wait in a protected location until warmer weather arrives. These locations could be tree bark, rocks, logs or houses.

Fluctuating temperatures during winter can have major effects on insect populations.

If there is unusually warm weather during February and March, it may confuse the overwintering insects. The warmer weather may mistakenly trigger them to emerge from their protected location. If there's a period of freezing temperatures, the exposed insects may die.

If there's an early spring and warm weather stays constant, insects will begin to emerge. An early spring may give the insect a longer period of reproduction creating higher populations by late summer.

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Don't be socially-distant in postponing wedding

Dear Jacquelyn,
I am heartbroken, but we've made the decision to postpone our wedding ceremony because of the coronavirus pandemic. What is the best way to let guests know we are postponing our wedding and what do we do about gifts we already received?

Dear Reader,
It's a difficult act of love to postpone your ceremony in light of the requirement for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. Postponing your wedding celebration can feel overwhelming, but you will get through it. In a time of crisis, "polite" means doing the right

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



thing for everyone concerned. Instead of panicking, it's time to plan.

It's important to let guests know as soon as possible that you are postponing the ceremony and that the date is to be announced.

If you have created a wedding website, it is the best way to keep guests informed. They will appreciate the information so they are able to inquire about airline and hotel refunds.

If you do not have a wedding website, send emails or make phone

calls to ensure everyone is aware of the changes.

Once you select a new date for the wedding, you might consider sending out a new invitation (digital or paper).

If you have printed invitations but haven't sent them, you can add an insert with the new details to put on top of the invitation in the envelope, so that you aren't wasting the invitations you already have.

If you have already received gifts, a thank-you note would not be out of line. In the note, mention that you are looking forward to seeing the wedding guests as soon as the pandemic is over and you can choose a new wedding date.

This is not a normal

situation, so standard protocol does not apply. If you were calling off your wedding unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic, you would send the gifts back.

Your decision to postpone was in the best interest of all concerned. It is truly a selfless act.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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Are you spending time outdoors?

While I was searching internet sites for coronavirus information, I found three different medical experts who touted a way to feed your mental health.

All three suggested better mental health during these devastating times starts with one simple act.

Open your front door and go outside.

Spend at least an hour a day outside, they advise. It doesn't have to be strenuous exercise in order for you to gain the mind and body benefits of being outside.

"Even if you just enjoy the outdoors by sitting outside your house there will be definite benefits," they claim.

People are starting to take that message to heart. I think they may be motivated more by cabin fever and boredom than with a genuine desire to exercise.

After all, how much sitting around the house can we take? It's been three weeks since many of us enjoyed our usual social activities.

When we hear the virus is especially deadly to those 65 or older, we oldsters are more likely to adhere to the advice to "shelter in place."

Here in Florida, Land of Perpetual Sunshine, one would think outdoor activities would be an important part of life for most people.

Not so. Not everyone stays indoors, of course. But if you look around at those who are engaged in outdoor activities you'll see it's the happy old folks like me who are out there enjoying a second childhood.

I just read an interesting article that points out kids in Florida spend even less time outdoors than kids in other states.

Statistics claim kids everywhere spend an average of four to seven minutes a day.

Frankly, I'm surprised kids are outdoors even that long. Maybe walking home from school or getting out of the car on the way to an indoor activity.

I live in a fairly big development with a lot of younger families. Yet, I rarely see any kids outside except the four year olds near me.

I don't even see kids walking home from school.

What I do see are parents who drive a block to the bus stop and wait for their kids. Then they drive the kids home. For a block!

I keep wondering why grade school and middle school kids aren't allowed to walk one block.

Parents say it's "not safe." We don't live in a dangerous big city. We live in a laid-back neighborhood where I have yet to read the dangers of letting kids walk on the block.

"Times have changed," one mother told me. "It's no longer a safe, benign world."

Sad, but true.

When I first moved to Florida I saw a bunch of middle school and high school students playing volleyball at the beach. I thought how lucky those kids were to grow up in a beautiful state with its own wonderful beach.

I later learned the kids were visitors. But plenty of local kids do

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take advantage of our beaches and waterways.

The article claims one reason why kids don't spend time outdoors is because kids are overscheduled with organized activities.

Before the virus hit, we had recreational programs but not outdoors. (Too hot, some say) Instead, their parents drive kids to air-conditioned gyms.

Contrast that with kids of yesteryear that made their own fun. They never had to have play dates.

If kids wanted to play with others they simply walked outside and joined their friends.

My father says he didn't give me much in life but he was ever so wrong. He gave me a rich legacy — a keen appreciation of being in the great outdoors.

I developed a love of nature and the great outdoors at an early age by palling around with him as we walked through the woods or went fishing in the bay.

If you're around my age, chances are strong your parents never drove you to the playground. You walked.

You walked everywhere you wanted to go, and each day brought another adventure of outdoor fun.

Our best childhood memories still center on that outdoor time.

To this day, I not only love being outdoors; I crave it.

This week has been perfect for walking — balmy days with strong puffs of wind. But then, I think almost every day is perfect for walking.

Here's the big news. They were right when they said the coronavirus would change the fabric of our lives.

One of the things that's changing are the number of people opting for outdoor activities.

It used to be when I went for a walk or biked I hardly saw a soul.

We've suddenly had a complete turnaround, probably because so many people are no longer working.

Exercise and sunshine can help combat stress many are feeling.

Here's an amusing outdoor activity that's attracting a lot of people. They place lawn chairs in front of their garage doors, talking to passers-by from a safe distance. With social isolation getting the better of us, it's their way of being outside and still not exposing themselves to the virus.

They greet people walking by but everyone is careful to maintain distance between themselves and others.

This virus is changing our way of life. Perhaps now, many more will enjoy spending time in nature.

Even though I've always appreciated the pleasure of outdoor activities, so much time sheltering in place has enhanced that pleasure.

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Pandemic can't overrule custody agreement

Q. My ex-husband and I have a court-ordered visitation schedule, and he wants to continue with that visitation order during the coronavirus pandemic. The children are with me. I have not been sending them to their father's home. Their father is not in agreement with me. What are some ways to handle this situation?

Panelist Mike Daniels took the lead in dealing with this question, including checking with the courts.

"There are two separate issues here," Daniels said. "The first is mom deciding to keep her children at her home despite the court order, and second, the safety of the child and family given the current pandemic."

Referring to both issues, he said that custody orders are to be followed using best judgments to reduce spread and risk, and all decisions should be made by

THE FAMILY PROJECT

By Carole Gorney



both parents together.

"Parents in custody disputes need to know that while the court recognizes the risks in co-parenting during this pandemic, it will not tolerate using this situation to make unilateral parenting decisions," Daniels continued.

Panelist Joanne Raftas was also critical of the mother: "My first point, is about the fact that she made a decision on her own and then expected dad to follow her lead without a problem. That is not co-parenting."

"Do we know if the father is staying at home and is not working?" panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo asked.

"If that is the case, then I believe it is safe to share custody time with the kids as long as everyone involved takes all the needed precau-

tions," Mercado-Arroyo said, adding, "The kids would feel safe and happier if they can see and spend time with both parents."

"If the children ordinarily spend a portion of their week with their father, it is critical that this continue," panelist Denise Continenza said, adding, "I recommend that the parents talk and come to agreement on what is allowable activity for the children, that both commit to following the recommended guidelines from the CDC [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]."

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh Children & Youth; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Chad Stefanyak, school counselor, Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, educator and former school administra-

tor; Joanne Raftas, Psychotherapist, and Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

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From bifocals to trifocals to contacts

Editor's Note: The ending paragraphs of this column published in the April 8 Focus edition were deleted because of a computer error. The full column is being published in the April 15 Focus edition.

First part

Q. I'm getting fed up with my bifocals and I want to make a change to something else. What are my options?

This is a big subject that is important to seniors, so I'm going to do a series of columns on the topic.

I want to start out with my personal history because it is a perfect example of the universal problem of correcting faulty vision as we age.

When I reached my early 40s, I noticed that my right arm was getting too short to hold books at the proper reading distance.

I was getting presbyopia, a natural condition that makes it more difficult to focus on near objects. This is the time

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when people who've never worn glasses before start getting cheap readers at the drug store.

However, I already had a problem that I was correcting with prescription lenses. My ophthalmologist told me I needed bifocals, glasses with lenses that have a correction on the top section for my existing conditions and one below to help me with my presbyopia.

I hated my bifocals. The lenses had semi-circular inserts for focusing up close. I could see the lines that separated the lenses. It made me squint.

My doctor assured me that, in time, I wouldn't notice the lines and I would love my bifocals. After a month of agony, my brain made the lines disappear. It was amazing to me. But, I have never loved my bifocals.

Whenever I would go downstairs, my eyes

would drop below the lenses and my brain would receive conflicting messages. I stumbled more than a few times.

If I needed close-focusing to see anything above my head, I had to crane my neck back into an uncomfortable position. Try installing venetian blinds with bifocals.

When it was time to get a stronger prescription, I asked my doctor if I had any other options. He recommended progressive lenses that have a smooth transition between distance and near focal areas instead visible dividing lines.

Progressives made me disoriented and nauseous. Once again, the doctor assured me I would get used to them. This time I told him where he could -- I had another set of bifocals made.

Then came computers. Should I look straight at them with my upper lenses or look at the screen with my inserts? Neither worked well.

My doctor suggested trifocals. Trifocals are lenses with corrections for distance, intermediate vision, and up close.

No way. I could picture myself turning into a bobblehead toy.

I retrieved my old bifocals and discovered that the old up-close correction on them now worked perfectly for the middle distance. So I kept them on my desk whenever I worked on the computer.

But I wasn't happy

with two pairs of glasses, one of them with two corrections. I decided to try contact lenses. I tested several brands.

Hard contacts were not an option; they hurt. Soft contact lenses gave me the best vision I've had since I was a child. Comfortable. Everything was sharp. No lines. No eyeglass frames to get in the way. I was so happy. But ...

I came to learn that I don't make a lot of tears. You need tears to keep your soft contacts from drying. After a few hours, my contacts felt like potato chips. I tried fake tear drops. No luck. I gave up. I went back to my bifocals.

My doctor tells me that the newer soft contacts are better than the ones I tried years ago. He could be right, but I don't relish going back to cleaning solutions and sticking my finger in my eyes again. I had enough.

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'Onward' not upward

Editor's Note: "Onward," one of the last major theatrical motion pictures released just prior to the coronavirus pandemic that closed movie theaters, is available in various formats for home-viewing.

MOVIE REVIEW

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I'm not sure what they're smoking in Emeryville.

Or maybe the film-makers at Pixar Animation Studios' California headquarters were in Beast Mode.

"Onward," the latest Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) film from Disney-Pixar, has a cast of beasts with nary a beauty among them.

Perhaps taking a page from Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are" (the 1963 award-winning children's book), adding a dash of youthful wizardry from "Harry Potter" books (1997-2007) and movies (2001-2011), mixing in elements from "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" videogames (2001-2007) and "Indiana Jones" movies (1981, 1984, 1989, 2008), and topped off by a Mystery Machine-type mid-1960s' Chevrolet Sportvan right out of "Scooby-Doo!" (TV show, 1969-1970), "Onward" is a mash-up, a "grab-gag" nodgepoint of recycled plot points and characters. It's nothing if not derivative.

The storyline of "Onward," quite frankly, creeped me out, and still creeps me out as I think about it and write this review. And I wonder what effect some of the film's effects may have on youngsters, especial-

ly elementary school-age and pre-school age children.

In "Onward," elf brothers, Ian and Barley, are given a magical wooden scepter on Ian's 16th birthday by their mother Laurel. The scepter has magical powers, demonstrated throughout the movie, not the least of which is to bring back to life the elf brothers' dead father, Wilden.

Unfortunately, only the bottom half of dear old dad appears. You see his shoes and pants, but at his midsection is a glowing blue sparkly sphere. Above that is nothing.

The elf brothers drape the torso in a hoodie, insulted vest, red-framed sunglasses and baseball cap. They pull the legs of dad with his belt-mounted tape measure. Dad bobbles and weaves, not unlike the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz" movie (1939).

For some reason, every time the father figure, so to speak, appears or is in a scene, I was taken right out of the film. Maybe I need to discuss this with a therapist (not that I go to a therapist). After seeing "Onward," I am considering making an appointment. Just kiddin'.

"Onward" has its moments of genuine entertainment, not unlike "Sonic the Hedgehog," with hyperactive chase scenes and the like, in-

cluding along a California-style multi-lane interstate, and on winding desert mountain roads, plus a ride on a river in a cave, and a truly chills-inducing scene over a ravine, dubbed "the bottomless pit."

The animation in "Onward" is on par with the best of Pixar, with wonderful character depictions, character body animation and facial expressions, and incredibly detailed backgrounds of an American town, western United States landscapes and vistas and daytime and night-time skies.

The character voices are good, but not particularly distinctive. Chris Pratt voices Barley, the older elf brother. Tom Holland voices Ian, the younger elf brother. Julia Louis-Dreyfus voices Laurel, their mother. Octavia Spencer voices Corey, a restaurant owner based on a mantico, a mythical Persian creature. Mel Rodriguez voices Colt, based on a centaur, a mythical Greek creature.

"Onward" is directed by Dan Scanlon ("Monsters University," 2013) from a screenplay and original story by Scanlon, Keith Bunin (screenwriter, "Horns," 2013) and Jason Headley (screenwriter, "A Bad Idea Gone Wrong," 2017).

"Onward" makes an attempt at boiler-plate sentimentality toward the end of the movie, and achieves a modicum of emotional impact, such as what the movie-goer has come to expect from Pixar Animation Studios.



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Elf brothers, Barley (voiced by Chris Pratt), left, and Ian (voiced by Tom Holland), right, with their dad, Wilden (voiced by Kyle Bornheimer), center, in the animation feature movie, "Onward."

Pixar is noted for exceptional Oscar-winning and blockbuster box-office animation feature films, starting with "Toy Story," 1995, and highlighted by "Finding Nemo," 2003; "The Incredibles," 2004; "Cars," 2006; "Wall-E," 2008, and "Up," 2008.

"Onward" is not necessarily upward for Disney-Pixar.

"Onward," MPAA rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested) Some material may not be suitable for children. Parents urged to give "parental guidance." May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.) for action-peril and some mild thematic elements; Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy; Run time: 1 hr., 42 min.; Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

Credit Readers Anonymous: Brandi Carlile sings "Carried Me With You" during

the "Onward" closing credits.

Editor's Note: The most recent weekend box office figures prior to closing of movie theaters because of mandated stay-at-home orders because of the coronavirus pandemic were available for the Friday the 13th weekend, March 13-15.

Box Office, March 13 - 15: "Onward" continued at No. 1 for two weeks in a row, \$10 million, \$60.4 million, two weeks, keeping "Bloodshot" opening at No. 2 with \$9.2 million, one week, and "I Still Believe" opening at No. 3 with \$9.1 million, one week.

4. "The Invisible Man," \$5.9 million, \$64.3 million, three weeks. 5. "The Hunt," \$5.3 million, opening. 6. "Sonic the Hedgehog" dropped two places, \$2.5 million, \$145.8 million, five weeks. 7. "The

Way Back" dropped four places, \$2.4 million, \$13.4 million, two weeks. 8. "The Call of the Wild" dropped three places, \$2.2 million, \$62.1 million, four weeks. 9. "Emma" dropped three places, \$1.3 million, \$9.9 million, four weeks. 10. "Bad Boys For Life" dropped three places, \$1.1 million, \$204.3 million, nine weeks.

Weekend box office results are based on reporting as of March 16 by the Internet Movie Database and Box Office Mojo website.

Unreel
Scheduled to open March 20, but postponed until Sept. 4:

"A Quiet Place Part II," PG-13: John Krasinski directs Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Cillian Murphy and Noah Jupe in the Horror Thriller. The Abbott family faces additional terrors outside their home.



FREDDY

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in the Freddy Awards contest to postpone its production, that of "Into the Woods," March 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The hope was, among student actors and directors, that the shows could still be presented at a later date before the end of the school year. Those hopes are now dashed.

The Lehigh Valley Press Focus section published its annual High School Musicals series, Feb. 19 through April 19, on the road to the 18th annual Freddy's with profiles and photos about 19 productions of schools in the Lehigh

Valley Press circulation area.

Not only judges were on the road to the Freddy's. Students and parents were, too.

Parents and students don't only see the musical at the high school in their home district. Increasingly, folks spread out across the Lehigh Valley region to attend as many as four and sometimes more high school musicals.

The Freddy's recognizes and rewards accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater in high schools in Lehigh and Northampton counties, and Warren County, N.J. The Freddy's are named after J. Fred Osterstock,

whose birthdate is May 21.

Tickets to the State Theatre awards ceremony are first made available to participating schools. If tickets remain, they were to go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. May 18.

This year, there again was to be an opportunity to see a portion of the Freddy's before the annual ceremony.

The "2020 Freddy Preview Night" was to have been held 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m. May 20 at the State Theatre. The dress rehearsal was to

include performances of opening and closing numbers, lead actor and actress medleys, and overall musical nominees.

A preview party, 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. May 20, in the Easton Hospital Gallery and Annex at the State Theatre, was to offer a buffet and beverages and a silent auction. Preview party tickets included open seating on the mezzanine level for the dress rehearsal. Tickets were to have gone on sale in March.

The Freddy Awards telecast received region-

al Emmy Awards in 2005 and 2011; five Emmy nominations; six Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Awards, including the 2008 Award for Outstanding Television Program Designed for Children, and six Associated Press Awards for Public Affairs.

The 2008 Freddy program was the subject of a feature-length film documentary, "Most Valuable Players," by Canyon Back Films, Los Angeles. The film, released in 2010, is part of Oprah Winfrey Net-

work's (OWN) documentary film club and is available on DVD and streaming on Netflix.

Since 2003, more than \$1.5 million in college scholarships, paid internships and community awards has been awarded to Freddy Awards participating students.

For a list of the Freddy Awards 29 participating high schools and musicals, and information: www.freddy-awards.org

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Communion every Sunday 8 a.m.
Every 1st, 3rd & 4th Sun. 10:15 a.m.
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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
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Breinigsville, PA 18031
Phone: 610-285-6157
www.ziegelschurch.org
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8:30 a.m. Worship -
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Rev. Andrew Meckstroth,
Interim Pastor</p> <p>MORAVIAN</p> <p>CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH
"Living God's Love"
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610-965-6067
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10:30 a.m. Worship
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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Worship 10 a.m.
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Northampton 610-261-2910
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10:15 a.m. Worship
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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Catasauqua church holds drive-thru Palm Sunday service

BY PAUL CMIL
Special to The Press

The coronavirus pandemic has taken its toll on the pomp and pageantry these past weeks have always had on the Christian calendar.

Pope Francis opened Holy Week to a sparse crowd at St. Peter's, where thousands normally gather. Churches around the Lehigh Valley are having subdued livestreamed celebrations.

Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church held a prayer service April 5 in the portico outside the church, 604 Fourth St., Catasauqua. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has asked that all churches close to large gatherings.

During the Palm Sunday celebration, parishioners approached the portico in their cars and picked up a palm while they waited in line. Pastor Brian Riedy gave each family a blessing and offered communion to those who attended.

The church had planned a nondenominational Easter celebration April 12 in the parking lot of Sheckler Elementary School. Although it was planned that attendees would worship from their cars, the service has since been canceled.



Right: Pastor Brian Riedy bestows a blessing on the Williams family.
PRESS PHOTOS BY PAUL CMIL



Left: Carol Cunningham is offered communion during a Palm Sunday service April 5 in the portico of Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 604 Fourth St., Catasauqua.

PPL Center is an option should COVID-19 surge

Lehigh Valley Phantoms owners Jim and Rob Brooks are offering the PPL Center in center city Allentown for use by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) as a possible surge facility to care for patients, if necessary, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Brooks said the arena is available because events are not being held there following the order in March from Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf that nonessential businesses must close and that individuals should observe social distancing and stay at home because of the coronavirus outbreak.

The American Hockey League, as with most professional sports leagues, suspended play in March and remains idle for safety reasons. PPL Center is home arena for the Phantoms hockey team, the top minor league affiliate of the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers.

Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer, praised the Brooks brothers for their offer and indicated he's hopeful LVHN and the community do not face a situation where the contingency plan is activated.

"We are grateful the Brooks family came to us with their generous offer. People have asked if there is a plan to surge capacity and there is. This gives us a great asset to include in our plans in the very unlikely event it is needed," said Nester.

"At this point, I want to assure our community that we believe we have the hospital space, equipment and staff to handle



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PPL Center, Seventh and Hamilton streets, Allentown

their needs during the COVID crisis," Nester said.

Nester said it is good to know the PPL Center option exists if such a move became necessary. He said while that is highly unlikely, it's prudent to plan ahead as the health network has done for weeks. He said LVHN planners have looked at the arena as part of that planning and only in a worst-case scenario would consider caring for low-level acuity, non-COVID patients there.

"While we are far from moving beyond the devastating impact of COVID-19, I believe as of today with the pre-planning we did at LVHN and the round-the-clock hard work and incredible care that continues to go on at all of our hospital campuses, we will be able to weather this storm without taking the dramatic step of turning the arena into a hospital," said Nester.

"We have been extremely impressed with the leadership at LVHN and how they have quick-

ly prepared and acted in this time of need," Rob Brooks said. "We are also enormously grateful to all of the employees at LVHN, first-responders and all the front-line heroes who have put our community first. They truly inspire us with their courage."

"This incredible gesture by Jim and Rob Brooks is just another example of the amazing support the community has demonstrated for LVHN and our physicians, nurses and staff during this difficult time period," Nester said. "It shows how our community comes together in times of need."

"At LVHN we have a world-class infectious diseases team that with the support of our other caregivers has steered our community through other threats like SARS, Ebola and even seasonal influenza, for which we operate one of the most highly-organized and successful drive-through vaccination campaigns you'll find anywhere," said Nester.

St. Luke's Health Network uses remote monitoring for patients

St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) is one of the first institutions worldwide to use Masimo SafetyNet™ to monitor in-hospital patients as the network seeks innovative solutions to care for the surge of patients infected by COVID-19.

Patients at St. Luke's University Health Network Bethlehem diagnosed with COVID-19 were outfitted March 30 with Masimo SafetyNet. Non-COVID-19 patients are also being monitored with the system in general medical-surgical units.

St. Luke's plans to use the Masimo SafetyNet tetherless sensor and cloud-based surveillance system to monitor upwards of 2,000 hospitalized patients and lower acuity cases in the home. These may also include staff and patients who are quarantined at home with the virus.

Masimo SafetyNet is an innovative, economically-scalable, cloud-based patient management platform designed to help clinicians care for patients remotely in hospital settings and in non-traditional settings and circumstances.

The telehealth solution uses a tetherless, wearable single-patient-use sensor to monitor patients with clinically proven Masimo SET® pulse oximetry, and is designed to help manage the surge in COVID-19 patients while maintaining the safety of other patients and providers, allowing hospitals to expand patient remote-monitoring into alternative care spaces, including overflow locations, emergency recovery facilities, and home-care settings.

"This technology" is game-changing in light of the crush of demand on our hospitals during this COVID-19 pandemic," said Aldo Carmona, MD, St. Luke's Senior Vice President of Clinical Innovation and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care.

"With this wearable device, we can create temporary, pop-up respiratory monitoring



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St. Luke's University Health Network is using Masimo SafetyNet™ to monitor patients.

units as needed to meet the changing patient volumes and track employees' health in their homes if they have been exposed to COVID-19, the flu, or any other serious illness."

Designed to track the blood oxygen saturation and respiration rate of patients who are hospitalized or quarantined at home, Masimo SafetyNet combines tetherless SET® pulse oximetry with a proprietary remote data capture and surveillance platform accessible from a patient's Android or iOS smartphone or smart device. Monitoring key physiological data can help provide clinicians with an accurate snapshot of a patient's systemic health and facilitates awareness of the need for rapid execution of treatment decisions that can be life-saving.

Patients are provided with a multi-day supply of single-patient-use sensors and access to the Masimo SafetyNet mobile app. With clinical feedback from St. Luke's led by Dr. Carmona and from University Hospitals led by Dr. Peter Pronovost, Masimo SafetyNet has been designed for easy, intuitive use to provide customized, interactive CarePrograms that align with expert guidance on COVID-19.

Monitoring data collected by the sensor is shared with the patient's smartphone using a secure Bluetooth® connection. Twice daily, or as directed, the CareProgram can be configured to actively notify patients to answer questions such as "Are you

having trouble breathing?" and "What is your temperature?" and pushes these responses along with the monitoring data to clinicians for evaluation.

CarePrograms are fully customizable to accommodate each institution's protocols, each patient's needs, and any changes in COVID-19 guidance and can be updated through the cloud by providers even after being deployed, for maximum flexibility as situations evolve.

In addition to COVID-19 CarePrograms, Masimo SafetyNet can be configured for more than 150 other CarePrograms for use with COPD, heart failure, oncology, and other patients.

"Our patients at St. Luke's have the most sophisticated and reliable respiratory monitoring available anywhere," Dr. Carmona says. "We know that continuous physiologic monitoring with Masimo's Patient SafetyNet improves outcomes and saves lives. The ability to extend that capability to patients in non-traditional settings and at home during this crisis with Masimo SafetyNet is transformative. Only through our relationship with Masimo could this have been possible."

Joe Kiani, Founder and CEO of Masimo, said, "Masimo is proud to be able to work with St. Luke's to help protect the health and safety of medical professionals and the patients they serve during this global pandemic."

GREEN

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Conventional wisdom might conclude that extreme cold winters might reduce certain insect populations.

Cold weather can also kill predators and pathogens that keep certain insect populations in check. A warmer winter may allow these factors to keep a particular insect species at bay.

Wait and see what will happen this spring.

Spotted lanternfly: After the warm winter weather, when will the spotted lanternfly emerge from its egg masses? Nymphs are small (1/8 to 1/2 in.) and can be hard to find.

The first three instars are black with white spots. Typically, the first instar will emerge May to June.

With warm winter, it might be best to be on the lookout for them in late April.

Go to <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> or call 1-888-4BADFLY for up-to-date and comprehensive information about the spotted lanternfly and how to manage them.

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SERVING AT THE ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION



A volunteer with the Allentown Rescue Mission and local Boy Scouts help carry boxes of food donations into the Mission.



Local Boy Scouts from Troops 71 Macungie, 519 Macungie, and Allentown join Allentown Rescue Mission volunteers for a group photo.

Boy Scouts have food drive for Allentown Rescue Mission

BY ROSARIA STOOPS
Special to The Press

The Boy Scouts of America helped the Allentown Rescue Mission this past giving season by holding a food drive for the men, and donating bags full of supplies.

The Scouts from Troops 71 Macungie, 519 Macungie, and Allentown spent a Saturday collecting bags of food donations to help feed the men at the Mission.

The troops collected a grand total of 2,751 items.

The Boy Scouts have been helping the Mission for several years with this annual drive and the Mission would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to helping those who are in need.

Allentown Rescue Mission would also like to thank all of those who donated food for the drive.

For other ways to help or donate to the Allentown Rescue Mission, visit Ways to Help. Since 1900, the Allen-

town Rescue Mission has fed multitudes of hungry and hurting men.

"Today we embrace all those experiencing homelessness with the compassion of Jesus Christ," Rosaria Stoops said. "We believe he has given us all a second chance in life—we've been saved, rescued, and now get to provide that same hope and renewal to others here in the Lehigh Valley and the surrounding communities."



Local Boy Scouts unload a truck of food donations they collected for the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Former accountant volunteers his time to help men at mission



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Larry Becker, a former accountant, has been volunteering his time over the last year to help out at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

BY ROSARIA STOOPS
Special to The Press

Larry Becker has been volunteering his time at the Allentown Rescue Mission since his retirement, over a year ago.

"Even with the small things I do, I feel like I am contributing to a big cause," Becker said.

Becker's first retirement was from Prudential Insurance Company where he worked as an accountant for 17 years.

His second retirement recently was from Wyckoff Assembly of God Church, where he worked as a business administrator for the last three years.

Becker started volunteering in September of 2018 and was helping multiple days a week updating and consolidating the volunteer da-

tabase.

He now inputs volunteer information and hours into excel spreadsheets for calculation purposes for the Food Service manager and for the Thank You letter process.

Becker enjoys doing this because it falls into one of his passions, accounting.

Accounting has been a passion of his and for his career for many years.

For five years prior to his volunteering, Becker had been giving monetary donations to the Mission because he fully believed in what the Mission was doing.

He then decided to volunteer his time when he received a letter.

"I saw a volunteer list on one of the mailings that was sent to me and I saw that something can

be done with my skills in excel spreadsheets and I responded online," Becker said. "I like volunteering at the Mission because it is a proven Christ-centered ministry that rehabilitates homeless men."

One thing he has noticed since volunteering at the Mission, is how eager people are to help.

"I am amazed at how all of the volunteers show so much enthusiasm in just being here to help out and also having the opportunities to be a part of such exciting events that help the homeless," Becker stated.

"The Mission would like to thank Becker for all of his support, he has truly been a huge help and we appreciate him and all he does," Rosaria Stoops said.

New Rebirth Church volunteers change lives at Rescue Mission

BY ROSARIA STOOPS
Special to The Press

New Rebirth Church has been volunteering and providing meals to men at the Allentown Rescue Mission.

The group is led by Juan Sanchez who says that he likes to volunteer because he sees that the men are happy and he knows that he is making a difference.

New Rebirth Church began serving meals and preaching the gospel to the men at the Allentown Rescue Mission three years ago.

When this group decided to part ways, the Pastor of New Rebirth decided to put Sanchez in charge of a new volunteer

group as he was willing to continue to volunteer.

Sanchez and his group serve meals to the men every other week and say that the best feeling they have is the blessing of getting to serve.

"You can tell that these men are cared for," Sanchez said. "By serving meals we are able to change lives and are able to show these men that someone cares."

The New Rebirth volunteer group says that the heart that is put into the programs that the Allentown Rescue Mission provides is truly changing lives.

"The Allentown Rescue Mission makes it a point to keep in touch with their men," Sanchez

said. "The caring does not stop when the men leave the program."

New Rebirth Church wants to continue to volunteer and they have a word of advice for others who wish to help: "You have to have a spirit for helping. When you come into the Allentown Rescue Mission you must be prepared to deal with different types of people and hear their stories and how they got into their situations, but it is worth it."

The Allentown Rescue Mission thanks Sanchez and New Rebirth Church for their continuous help and support.

We appreciate them, and all they do to give back.



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The New Rebirth Church volunteer group changing lives at the Allentown Rescue Mission in Allentown.

Allentown Rescue Mission remains open during pandemic

The Allentown Rescue Mission recently provided a COVID-19 mission update to The Press from Stuart "Skip" Smith, chief executive officer with the mission.

With the growing pandemic of the Coronavirus in the Lehigh Valley, the Allentown Rescue Mission is taking steps to make sure that our men are remaining safe and healthy.

The Allentown Rescue Mission plans to stay open and continue accepting men during the pandemic.

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and restore men who are homeless and the Allentown Rescue Mission is their last and only option.

"We are taking every precaution possible, including facility isolation areas, to minimize the spreading of

COVID-19 among both clients and staff," Smith said. "Men with symptoms will go to the hospital for testing and potential admittance."

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Emmaus Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Thursday, April 23, 2020 via Zoom to hear the following appeals:

Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/938240219

Meeting ID: 938 240 219

APPEAL 10560- PHOEBE DEVITT HOMES 1925 TURNER ST. ALLEN TOWN, PA 18104 FOR 400 S 10th St., EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to convert an existing non-residential building into dwelling units.

APPEAL 10561- ROGER SCHWENK 201 S. 5TH ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to construct an accessory structure on his property.

APPEAL 10562- GPS HOSPITALITY PARTNERS LLC 2100 RIVEREDGE PKWY. STE. 850 ATLANTA, GA 30328 FOR PROPERTY AT 1116 CHESTNUT ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to operate a fast food restaurant with drive through service.

APPEAL 10563 KYLANNA 730 LLC 730 HARRISON ST. EMMAUS, PA 18049. Applicant is proposing to construct an addition on the property.

James L Farnsworth- Zoning Officer

Apr. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice

The 6-township meetings for the year 2020 which include the townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Washington and Weisenberg will be held at 8:00am as follows:

Monday, 6/8 at Lynn Township, 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli Monday, 9/14 at North Whitehall Township, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay Monday, 12/14 at Washington Township, 7951 Center Street, Emerald

Apr. 15

PUBLIC NOTICE Meeting Notice

Due to COVID-19 and Governor Wolf's stay-at-home order, the Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:30 pm meeting will be a remote meeting. The meeting will be held through the website zoom.com.

Apr. 15

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Thursday, April 16: Chicken parmesan, garlic broccoli, whole wheat penne pasta, grapes.

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Monday, April 20: Omelette, turkey sausage, sauteed peppers and onions, diced potatoes, whole grain English muffin, fresh orange.

Tuesday, April 21: Roast beef, green beans, au gratin potatoes, biscuit, crackers, pineapple with whipped topping.

Wednesday, April 22: Turkey Marsala, peas and pearl onions, mashed potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, apple bread pudding.

Thursday, April 23: Honey glazed pork chop, fajita vegetable blend, baked sweet potato wedges, whole wheat dinner roll, pineapple.

Friday, April 24: Hamburger, cabbage and sausage soup, side salad, whole wheat sandwich roll, fruit cocktail.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Difficulty Level ★★★

4/15

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

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9, representing the solution to the previous puzzle.

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See solution on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals C

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:

Decedent: JAMES ALLEN STAUFFER Date of Death: January 24, 2020 Late of: Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania

Executor: William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

Attorney: William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

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Decedent: GRACE M. LINDENMUTH Date of Death: May 20, 2019 Late of: Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Executor: PHILIP J. LINDENMUTH c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

Attorney: William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

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Decedent: DOROTHY W. MUSSELMAN Date of Death: February 15, 2020 Late of: Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Executor: Andrew F. Sutherland c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

Attorney: William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517

Apr. 8, 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Guadalupe M. Ocampo, Deceased.

Late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demand against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Jose A. Ocampo, Coexecutor or Graciela M. Ocampo, Coexecutor

1625 Linden Street Bethlehem, PA 18017

Apr. 1, 8, 15

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 to them or their attorneys and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or administrators named below.

ESTATE OF MARGARET M. BARTHOLOMEW, late of Salisbury Township JONATHAN STEINER, Executor c/o 1620 Pond Road, Ste. 200 Allentown, PA 18104-2255

or EDWARD H. BUTZ, ESQ. 1620 POND ROAD, SUITE 200 ALLENTOWN, PA 18104-2255

Apr. 1, 8, 15

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

TRIP UP ACROSS

- 1 Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark
10 Hebrew holy text
15 Chicago hub
20 Rembrandt painted with them
21 You RSVP to it online
22 Tempos
23 Eton and Hogwarts
25 RAM units
26 Nastase of tennis fame
27 The sun, e.g.
28 Hooded viper
30 Get higher
31 Long-necked beast
35 Companies with cabbies
39 Give the details of
42 Kite's home
43 Suffix with human
44 Skilled thief, slangily
48 Adds on
52 Positive vote in Congress
53 "What's the ---?" ("Care to explain that?," slangily)
54 Vow
56 Dried up
57 Weightlifting units
59 Cuddle (up)
62 "Stay" singer Lisa
64 Teensy
65 Bug B Gon's brand
67 Abbr. on an airport uniform
68 Jacob Bronowski book about human history, with "The"

15x15 crossword grid with some numbers filled in.

- 71 Platoon unit
73 German wine region
75 Equipper of horse hooves
76 Carnival vessels
79 Backpacked beast, maybe
82 "Chicago" showgirl Hart
84 --- polloi
85 "Toodles!"
86 Club get-togethers
89 Bleacher feature
90 PC brand
92 Part of DJ
94 Plant-based salve for treating bruises
96 Longtime CBS series
97 10th month, in German
99 Many golf hits onto the green
103 Comic actor Aykroyd
104 Sweetheart
105 Sitting Bull's tribe
106 Hoped-for result of a throw to a receiver
111 Frosty and the like
115 Face defacer
116 Tofu base
117 Negative votes in Congress
120 Green Hornet's aide
121 Gut

- 123 Trip associated with the starts of seven answers in this puzzle
129 With 6-Down, boxing legend's boxing daughter
130 Devilish grin
131 Native of the Raiders' home
132 Fidgeting
133 Literature Nobel William Butler ---
134 Event for unloading household items in an urban area

DOWN

- 1 Edna Ferber novel
2 Garlic mayonnaise
3 "de Lune"
4 Lot statistic
5 Jupiter, e.g.
6 See 129-Across
7 Took the gold
8 Units of work
9 Aide: Abbr.
10 Native of Iran's capital
11 ---lacto diet
12 '16 Olympics city
13 Finally
14 Literature Nobel Hermann
15 The sun, e.g.
16 Hoedown excursions
17 Stuffy story

- 18 Singer Della
19 Snaky curves
24 Tabby
29 Divine seers
32 Grub
33 Small flutes
34 --- terrible (hellion)
36 Crosses (out)
37 Analogy part
38 Pooh-bah
40 Anklebone
41 Folding craft
44 Poi plant
45 Australian landmark
46 Stayed silent
47 Dress finely, with "out"
48 Oodles
49 Taos locale
50 Most bleak
51 Not hidden
55 Stein quaff
58 Feng ---
60 Steer catcher
61 Japan finish?
63 Niels with a Nobel
66 Brewer's kiln
69 Revlon rival
70 Yard third
72 Cul-de-sacs
74 Mil. missions
76 Elaine in Trump's Cabinet
77 Commotion
78 Owns

- 80 Capital of Yemen
81 Makes glossy, as one's hair
83 Discord deity
87 Street vehicle
88 "Danke ---"
91 Retina parts associated with monochrome vision
93 D-Day city in France
95 About
98 "Humbug!"
100 Golf norm
101 Shrub shapers
102 Sadie --- Day
104 Miami Heat great Wade
106 Small hand drum of India
107 Shark's place
108 Not ignited
109 "---daisy!"
110 Prefix with payment or partisan
112 Sister of Eva and Zsa Zsa
113 "I Love Lucy" neighbor
114 --- Dame
118 I problems?
119 Bleacher feature
122 "Whoopee!"
124 Shark's place
125 Weightlifting unit
126 MGM rival
127 Waitress at Mel's Diner
128 Racing circuit

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See solution on page B8

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Macungie Township will receive sealed bids electronically via the PennBid Program for the Rabenold Pump Station Improvements, Sewage Pump Replacement project.

Copies of the Specifications/Bid Forms are available at no cost on PennBid (https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com).

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable to Upper Macungie Township in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.1 of the General Conditions.

Upper Macungie Township Robert Ibach, Jr. - Township Manager Apr. 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#04 20 007 The Zoning Application of ART Mortgage Borrower Propco 2010 - 4 LLC, 3520 Piedmont Rd. NE STE 410 Atlanta, GA 30305; for a Special Exception to permit construction of a 275,000 square foot, 115 feet tall building expansion of an existing 491,212 square feet cold storage warehouse.

Applicants must appear at the hearing. All interested parties may appear and be heard. Duane Dellecker, Alt. Zoning Officer Apr. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners announces that their previously advertised meetings on the first and third Thursday's of each month at 7 p.m. will be held as virtual meetings indefinitely to comply with the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

Apr. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees Finance & Facilities Committee on April 20, 2020, at 5:30pm, will include an option for remote participation due to the COVID19 pandemic.

The regular meeting of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees Personnel, Curriculum & Government Relations Committee on April 20, 2020, at 6:30pm, will include an option for remote participation due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Apr. 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Robert P. Schumann, Deceased. Late of Upper Saucon Twp., Lehigh County, PA. D.O.D. 3/18/18. Letters of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Rosalie Schumann, Administratrix, c/o Amy H. Besser, Esq., 1701 Walnut St., 6th Fl., Phila., PA 19103.

Apr. 1, 8 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

Letters have been granted on the estate of the following decedent to the personal representative named, who requests all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent to make known the same in writing to his attorney, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay. Gabriel, Evangeline, deceased of Whitehall, PA. No. 2020-0364. Robert Vidoni, Administrator, 1736 Central Park, Orefield, PA 18069 or to Nicholas J. Holland, Esq., Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe LLC, 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 800, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Apr. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of WANDA T. SUAREZ, Late of Nazareth, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executor named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Thomas John Suarez, Executor c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A. 515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502 Allentown, PA 18101

Apr. 8, 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of RONALD V. GILBERT, JR., late of Upper Macungie Township, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executors named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Kristen L. Gilbert, Co-Executor Timothy S. Wolfe, Co-Executor c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A. 515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502 Allentown, PA 18101

Apr. 8, 15, 22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Theresia Albus, Deceased. Late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Joshua L. Sherer, Administrator. 121 Aspen Pl, North Wales, PA 19454

Apr. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE of THOMAS E. O'ORMAN, deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Erika L. Chomka, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Apr. 15, 22, 29

PUBLIC NOTICE

Estate of Bonnie G. Chomka, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Erika L. Chomka, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

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LIABILITIES \$ 4,156,858 FUND EQUITY 8,682,507 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$ 12,839,365

REVENUES

Taxes \$ 4,079,549 Licenses & permits 231,215 Fines & forfeits 4,660 Interest & rents 888,767 Intergovernmental 1,063,124 Charges for services 378,034 Other 1,262,537 Total Revenues 7,907,886

EXPENDITURES

General government 870,135 Public safety 621,295 Health and human services 7,320 Public works - sanitation 281,781 Highways, roads, streets 2,320,647 Culture & recreation 139,842 Debt service 526,036 Other 2,098,084 Total Expenditures 6,865,140

Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses \$ 1,042,746

PUBLIC NOTICE BIDS WANTED

Sealed proposals will be received until 8:45 AM, April 29, 2020 at North Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3256 Levans Road, Coplay, PA, then publicly opened and read at approximately 9:00 AM the same day, for the following items:

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The materials specified herein shall meet PA DOT specifications. Bid proposals and complete specifications may be obtained at the Township Office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

In Place bidders are required to provide, as bid guarantee, a certified check or bid bond, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total proposal, made payable to North Whitehall Township. In Place bidders must submit a PA DOT pre-qualification statement. The successful bidder shall be required to supply Performance and Payment Bonds as required by law.

The North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept any bid which, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the Township.

Apr. 8, 15

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brenda Norder, Secretary NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

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ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT NEWSPAPER REPORT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Table with financial data: ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY, REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, Revenues and Other Financing Sources.

Above is a concise financial statement of the Township of North Whitehall for the year ended December 31, 2019. The audit of the accounts is performed by Certified Public Accountants. The full report, including various schedules and notes, will be available at the Township's offices upon completion of the audit. April 15

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Roger N. Nanovic was sworn into office as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County on August 1, 2001. Endorsed by both the Carbon County Republican and Democratic parties, he was elected on November 6, 2001, to a ten-year term and won another

ten-year term in the 2011 election on a retention vote.

Judge Nanovic is a lifelong resident of Carbon County. He is a 1972 graduate of the Palmerton Area High School, a 1976 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a 1979 graduate of the Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

Prior to being a member of the judiciary, Judge Nanovic was engaged in the general practice of law for 22 years. During this period, Judge Nanovic was

actively involved in a broad range of legal issues. Judge Nanovic has extensive experience in municipal law and civil litigation in both the state and federal courts. He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 1992 to 1996.

Judge Nanovic resides in the Jim Thorpe area with his wife, Cindy. Judge Nanovic and his wife are the parents of three children.

Judge Joseph J. Matika



Matika

Judicial Secretary: Carla Hill
Law Clerk: McCall Young,
Esquire
Phone: (570) 325-9419
Fax: (570) 325-9449

On January 3, 2012, Joseph J. Matika was sworn in as the nineteenth Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Carbon County.

Judge Matika is a graduate of Panther Valley High School and King's College. He obtained his juris doctor degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Judge Matika served as assistant district attorney from 1994-2011. Additionally, prior to taking the bench, he was a sole practitioner from 1988 until 2000. Shortly thereafter he partnered with Attorney Joseph Velitsky to form Velitsky and

Matika in Summit Hill where for 12 years they maintained a general practice of law. He has also held many solicitorships throughout Carbon and Schuylkill counties over the years.

Judge Matika resides in Lehighton with his wife Jeanine and four children.

Judge Steven R. Serfass



Serfass

Judicial Secretary:
Rayonna Fedor
Law Clerk: Daniel Jones,
Esquire
Phone: (570) 325-3791
Fax: (570) 325-3288

Judge Steven R. Serfass is currently serving his tenth year on the Court of Common Pleas, having been elected by the voters of Carbon County in 2009. He became Carbon County's eighteenth

Judge when he was sworn into office on January 4, 2010.

During his tenure on the bench, Judge Serfass has attained extensive experience in handling all types of civil and criminal proceedings.

A lifelong resident of Carbon County, Judge Serfass graduated from Lehighton Area High School and continued his education at Dickinson College where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history, cum laude. He went on to earn his juris doctor degree

at Temple University School of Law.

Judge Serfass maintained a general law practice in Palmerton for fourteen years concentrating on municipal law, business law and civil litigation.

He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 2000 to 2004.

Judge Serfass and his wife, Jenny, reside in Palmerton with their children, Benjamin and Hannah.

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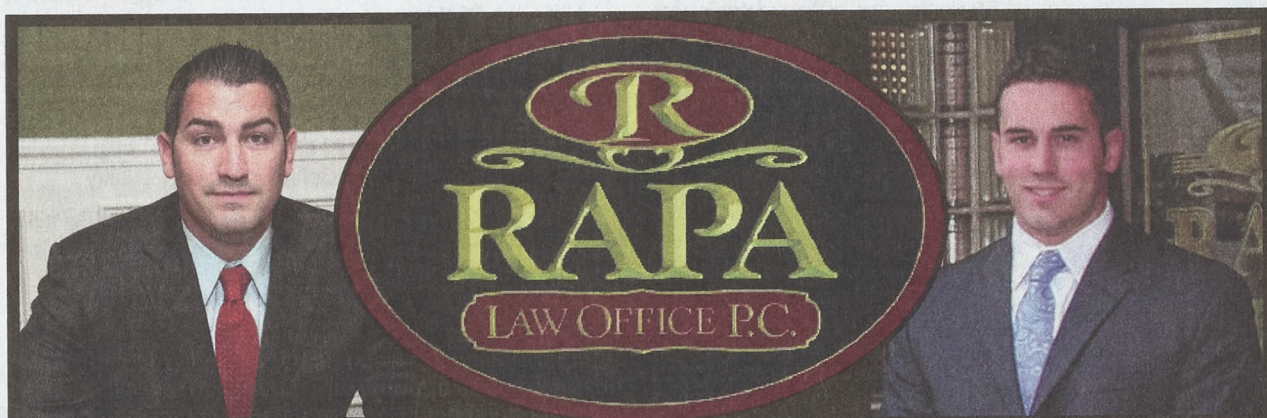
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Attorney Jenny Cheng has lived in Carbon County since 1995 after graduating from Temple University Law School. She received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, near Chicago. She began her legal career in 1995 as a law clerk for Judge John P. Lavelle, President Judge of Carbon County. After her clerkship ended in 1997, she worked for a medical malpractice insurance defense firm in Allentown. In 1999, she returned to Carbon County when she was hired by Martin H. Philip, as an associate attorney for his firm and has been practicing in Palmerton ever since. After Attorney Philip's passing in 2001, Attorney Cheng and her husband, Attorney Steven R. Serfass, and a third associate, Glenn T. Roth, Jr., took over the firm and continued operating the firm under the name of "Martin H. Philip Law Offices, P.C." Shortly thereafter the firm became a husband and wife team under the name of "Serfass & Cheng Law Offices, P.C." In 2009, Attorney Serfass was elected to serve as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County and the name of the firm was changed once again, becoming "Cheng Law Offices, P.C." Attorney Cheng currently serves as the solicitor to the Carbon County Register of Wills/Clerk of Orphan's Court, the Carbon County Planning Commission, and most recently, the Carbon County Controller's Office. She also represents the Lehigh Water Authority and several municipal zoning hearing boards and planning commissions along with numerous individual clients. Attorney Cheng was also appointed by President Judge Nanovic to serve as one of two mental health hearing officers in Carbon County. She has served as a court appointed hearing officer for nearly fifteen years.

Although the name of the firm has changed over the last several decades, the firm's philosophy has remained constant, and that is to provide the best quality of legal services in a personalized manner. Cheng is an active member of the community and has raised a family in Palmerton. She has over 20 years of legal experience in a variety of areas of practice. Her clients are treated with the utmost respect and personal care that they deserve. She often will make house calls to her clients' homes, nursing homes, or hospital rooms if need be. The majority of her practice focuses on wills, estates, powers of attorney, probate, guardianships and other estate planning related matters. Practicing law is not just a business to her, but also about taking care of the legal needs of her friends, neighbors, and community.



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VRC SERVICES INCLUDE:

- * A 24 hour hotline
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- * Accompaniment to hospitals, police stations, and Courts
- * Assistance in filing for Crime Victims Compensation
- * Counseling to handle the fear, anger and depression
- * Emotional support
- * Referral to community resources and social service agencies for additional help

All services are free and confidential. Services are available to men, women, teens and children.

The chances of being a victim of sexual assault in your lifetime are 1 in 4 for females and 1 in 10 for males.

VRC presents programs to the public and professionals in our community.

The purpose of these programs is to prevent violence and crime in our homes, workplace and community. Further, our goal is to reduce the impact of sexual violence upon victims and their families and to increase the quality of care to victims.

You can contact VRC in person at: 1001 Mahoning Street, Lehigh, PA 18235, or by calling toll-free at 1-866-206-9050 or call the local hotline at 610-379-0151.

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Jurisdiction of District Justices

District Justices are authorized to hear the following types of cases:

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1. Claims for money up to \$12,000 (not including interest and court costs).

Note that a district justice does not have jurisdiction to hear any claim in which legal ownership of real estate is at issue.

2. Claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Criminal Cases:

1. Summary offenses, including motor vehicle violations.

2. DUI cases if : (a) it is a first offense, (b) there are no personal injuries, and (c) the defendant pleads guilty.

3. Third degree misdemeanors if the defendant pleads guilty. District judge also preside over arraignments, fix bail, and issue arrest and search warrants.

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18229-0356

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The mission of this Office is to provide delinquent youths with programs of supervision, care, and rehabilitation utilizing a balanced approach of protection of the community, accountability for offenses committed, and development of competencies in order to become responsible and productive members of the community. All misdemeanor and felony charges filed against minors, age 10 to 17, are processed by this department. This Department of the Court of Common Pleas has developed and now provides the following services to the public and the youths of Carbon County:

Intensive Probation: Intensive probation provides intensive supervision to clients who either have or are at risk of having serious drug and alcohol problems.

Community Probation: Two Juvenile Court Officers visit the Senior and Junior High Schools of Lehigh, Palmer, Weatherly, Panther Valley, and Jim Thorpe as well as the Carbon County Vocational Technical School on a daily rotating basis to deal with juveniles who are under the Juvenile Court Office's supervision. Meeting weekly helps the juveniles deal with their problems and ensures that the juveniles are in compliance with the conditions of their supervision. As a member of the schools' Student Assistance Programs, information is exchanged relative to probation clients and results in the development of appropriate treatment plans for juveniles.

Community Service Program: This program enhances the Balanced Approach of Restorative Justice by assisting area non-profit organizations, such as local fire companies, churches, local schools, townships, boroughs and civic organizations with numerous projects that benefit the community. In 2018, 55 supervised juveniles completed 1,780 hours of community service work. An additional 16 juveniles completed 253 ½ hours in lieu of payments of fines on summary convictions at the Magisterial District Justice level. Lastly, 15 juveniles participated in the Restitution Program, completing 401 ½ hours of community service work. A total of \$2,738.00 was earned and paid directly to victims of juvenile crime.

Intake: The intake procedure expedites the intake process on all referrals received by having one officer review all case material, conduct an intake interview with the juvenile and his/her guardian, recommend a disposition for each case, and then assigns the case to the appropriate Juvenile Court Officer for final disposition.

Victim/Witness Services: A Victims/Witness brochure provides information on how to participate in all phases of the Juvenile Court process. A Victim Claim Form allows each victim an opportunity to submit a restitution claim against the juvenile and provides an avenue to express his or her expectations regarding disposition of the case. A grant was received from the Federal government in which the Victim's Resource Center provides additional services to victims of juvenile crime.

Student Visitation Program: In an effort to expose students to the Judicial System, the Juvenile Court Office extends to all area schools an opportunity to witness actual court proceedings. This program allows students to observe criminal court proceedings, to ask questions of both Court personnel and the Judges, and to witness real life by enlightening them on the consequences of their behavior. Hopefully, this experience will help serve as a deterrent to high-risk behaviors such as crime and drug and alcohol abuse.

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For more than thirty years, Attorney Heintzelman has provided legal services to her Clients in Carbon County.

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Providing Answers in Uncertain Times

As the world navigates the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic, the law firm of Gross McGinley, LLP continues to look for ways to continue doing what we set out to do 40+ years ago – help people.

We have turned our blog into a Q&A to answer legal questions about the impact of COVID-19. Questions like:

Q: How can I apply for a PFA during a stay at home order? Updates to child support or custody order?

A: Even though the courts are closed, Protection From Abuse (PFA) offices remain open. Call your local courthouse - once you have determined your situation constitutes as abuse, they can help you apply for a temporary PFA. Custody agreements and child support are court ordered, and should be followed as closely as possibly right now. Work with an attorney to file petitions for updates.

Q: Why should I set up a Power of Attorney during the coronavirus?

A: Two very powerful and important Powers of Attorney documents are financial and health care. Appointing these allows for someone to act and make decisions on your behalf, should you fall ill.

Q: What is an employer's duty to report confirmed coronavirus cases?

A: Because of ADA guidelines, employers with 15+ employees must inform employees about confirmed COVID-19 cases, being sure to protect the identity of the infected individual. Under applicable OSHA guidelines, employers could be held liable if an employee contracts coronavirus at their workplace because it did not provide a hazard-free workplace.

Q: Can I get pulled over during the coronavirus stay at home order?

A: If an officer pulls a vehicle over for an articulable, reasonable suspicion of a violation of the Vehicle Code or criminal activity, they may inquire about where the driver was traveling to or from. Through these conversations, if determined that the operator was not traveling to or from an approved location or for essential work, stricter penalties may apply.

These are just a sample of questions, as well as abbreviated answers. To see full responses to these questions and more, please visit our blog: www.grossmcginley.com/tag/covid-19/.

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JURY DUTY INFORMATION

Carbon County's Jury Department, with the help of a state-of-the-art computer system, selects, qualifies, and summons jurors each month for civil and criminal trials.

The Court is very sensitive to the convenience of jurors as well as the sacrifice made in serving as jurors. If you are selected as a juror, you will serve for the duration of that trial only. The typical trial is normally completed in one day. If you are not selected, you will be dismissed. In either case, you will have fulfilled your jury service obligation and will not be called again for at least one year.

Prior to their scheduled appearance, jurors telephone a voice mail system to determine if they are required to report, or if inclement weather or other developments require a change in the court date or time.

Jurors report on the first day of the trial term (session) and are selected for all cases scheduled for that term. They are either assigned a specific trial date or instructed to call the voice mail system for their assignments.

SELECTION FOR JURY SERVICE

Each session (approximately 10 per yr.), questionnaires are mailed to prospective jurors. Their names are pulled by computer from a master resident file compiled from registered licensed drivers. The questionnaire is to be completed and returned within 10 days. An official

summons is also a part of this mailing.

In order to qualify for jury service you must meet the following requirements:

* You must not have been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.

* You must be able to read, write, and speak the English language.

* You must be physically and mentally able to perform the functions of a juror.

* You must be a United States citizen at the time you are summoned.

* You must be a Carbon County resident and at least 18 years of age to serve on Jury Duty in the 56th Judicial District of Carbon County.

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR JURY SERVICE:

* Complete and mail the Questionnaire back to the Jury Department within 10 days of receipt. Bring the Summons with you when you report. Be sure to carefully read all of the instructions before you report for service. Report to 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Courtroom #1.

* If you wish to request a postponement or need to be excused from jury service for an extreme hardship, you must indicate the reason and return it with the completed questionnaire and return it within 10 days.

* In an effort to accommodate persons with disabilities, please notify the Jury Department within 10 days from receipt of summons for jury service.

* YOU MUST BRING THE ORIGINAL SUMMONS WITH YOU WHEN YOU REPORT FOR SERVICE. DO NOT GIVE YOUR ORIGINAL SUMMONS TO YOUR EMPLOYER. PROOF OF JURY SERVICE IS ATTACHED TO THE JURY FEE CHECK. DAILY PROOF OF JURY SERVICE CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE PROTHONOTARY'S OR CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE.

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MACE ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING AND WILL BE CONFISCATED AND NOT RETURNED. CELLULAR PHONES ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED IN THE COURTHOUSE. IF YOU REQUEST AN EXCUSAL:

* Mail the completed questionnaire back to the Jury Department. If your request is approved, an excusal will be mailed to you.

* If you are mentally or physically unable to serve as a juror, provide medical certification from your doctor with your completed questionnaire.

* If you are requesting a job related excuse, your employer should certify the hardship by letter with your signature in agreement.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE COMPLETED AND MAILED BACK TO THE JURY DEPARTMENT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT WHETHER YOU QUALIFY OR DO NOT QUALIFY.

All qualified prospective jurors are placed on a stand-by list. A stand-by postcard is mailed to each juror about 2 weeks before your service date. The postcard reminds you of your jury duty and instructs you to call a pre-recorded message the weekend before your service for stand-by instructions.

JURY SERVICE IN THE COURTHOUSE

* DRESS CODE: Proper attire is required in court. Individuals wearing shorts, tanktops, swimwear, and any other inappropriate garment will not be allowed into the courtrooms.

* INCLEMENT WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS: If driving conditions are hazardous on your jury service day due to inclement weather, please call Court Administration for instructions.

* Prospective jurors view a video orientation, complete a Questionnaire, and are assigned a badge and juror number. Show juror badge (for the questioning of voir dire process).

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Mission Statement

The functions of the Domestic Relations Office are to:

- Establish paternity
- Establish and maintain Support Orders
- Enforce financial and medical Orders
- Locate absent parents.

Since July 1, 1998, the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office has been a part of the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System, known as PACSES. All counties in Pennsylvania are a part of this statewide-computerized system. As of October 1, 1999, a centralized office in Harrisburg, known as the State Collection and Disbursement Unit (SCDU), handles all support payments and check processing. This has changed the way support money is collected and disbursed in Carbon County. All other services are still provided through the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office.

The Domestic Relations Office does not address problems with custody and visitation. The appropriate legal authority to handle these matters is either an attorney or the Court. You can contact the Prothonotary's office for more information at (570) 325-2481, or click on the CUSTODY link here for forms and instructions on filing a custody complaint.

How to Contact Us

The Carbon County Domestic Relations Office is located at 76 Susquehanna St., 2nd floor, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 30, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You can contact the office by phone at (570) 325-2179 or (570) 325-2681 or by fax at (570) 325-2443. You can contact SCDU for payment information at their toll free number, 1-877-727-7238. You can also access your case through the Internet by using the PACSES portal at www.support.state.pa.us.

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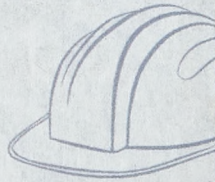
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lehigh County Domestic Relations Section is to provide services to dependent children and spouses through establishment of paternity, establishment of support orders, and enforcement of support orders. This mission is accomplished with respect for the needs of all parties involved in the support case.

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In November of 2019, Kayla Semmel was elected as Prothonotary of Carbon County.

Family matters of Divorce, Custody, and Protection from Abuse account for the largest areas of case filings. Passport applications and notary affidavits are part of the daily process that takes place in this office. Electronic imaged documents are available to the Court since 2000. Since December 2014, all civil cases can now be viewed on the internet for a yearly fee.

In 2018, a total of 60,764 docket entries, 23,431 pleadings imaged, and 142,121 scanned pages, 1795 letters imaged and 1919 scanned letter pages were processed. Attorneys and interested persons can contact the Prothonotary or go to www.carboncourts.com for subscription information.

Legal Aid

NORTH PENN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. is a non-profit agency providing free legal advice and services to residents of Carbon County. They also offer assistance with consumer related cases.

Their office is located at: 101 W. Broad Street, Suite 713, Hazleton, PA 18201

(877) 953-4250

Website: <http://www.northpennlegal.org>

Legal Services currently provides help in the following types of cases:

- * Spousal Abuse
- * Tenant Evictions
- * Social Security/SSI
- * Public Assistance, Food Stamp, Medical Assistance
- * and Unemployment Compensation problems
- * Mortgage Foreclosures
- * Tax Sales
- * Sheriff's Sales
- * Child Custody

* Bankruptcy (limited service available)

Income Limitations

Generally, you are eligible to receive legal aid if your household income does not exceed the following limits:

Family Size	Gross Annual Income
1	\$15,175
2	\$20,575
3	\$25,975
4	\$31,375
5	\$36,775
6	\$42,175
7	\$47,575
8	\$52,975

Please note that the types of cases handled by Legal Services and the income guidelines change annually.

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The office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. The Office of Public Defender provides legal representation to adults and juveniles who are charged with a crime and are unable to afford private counsel. Eligibility is based on indigency standards established by the Health and Human Services.

Carbon Court Administration

District Court Administrator - Gregory Armstrong
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The office of the District Court Administrator assisted by his experienced staff is responsible for the day-to-day non-judicial operations of the Court of Common Pleas and the Magisterial District Courts. He is responsible for fiscal administration, case-flow management, policy development, personnel, facilities, jury and information technology management and acts as liaison for the Court.

Implementing the annual Court calendar is a major responsibility of Court Administration. This office schedules all hearings, arguments, pre-trials, jury trials, non-jury trials, master hearings, arbitration, management conferences and orphans court matters. Court Administration receives and monitors civil and criminal motions, petitions, stipulations and continuance applications.

The District Court Administrator oversees the following departments: Court Administration including Judicial Chambers Staff, Court Reporters and Tipstaves; Adult Probation; Juvenile Probation; Domestic Relations; Court Computer Information Systems and the Magisterial District Courts. A close working, cooperative relationship exists between the Court Administrator and the Court-Related Offices which include Children and Youth, Prothonotary's Office, Register of Wills/Orphans' Court, the Clerk of Courts/Bureau of Collections, District Attorney, Public Defenders Office and Sheriff's Office.

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For more than thirty years, Attorney Hatton has provided legal services to her clients in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties. She earned her law degree from Dickinson School of Law.

She is Carbon County 1st Assistant District Attorney and serves as Solicitor for Carbon County Prothonotary's Office.

Attorney Hatton and her experienced and educated staff are committed to helping clients with all their legal needs with personalized service. They will be there to assist you during life's difficult times.

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8:30 AM to 4:30 PM,

Monday through Friday

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Carbon County Adult Probation and Parole Department provides community supervision for criminal offenders who have been placed on bail, probation, parole, or intermediate punishment under the jurisdiction of the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas Courts. The department also prepares reports for all criminal matters to aid the Court in sentencing. The Department currently supervises over 1,800 offenders.

The primary mission of the department is to partner with the community in providing evidence-based and appropriate supervision to enhance public safety through holding offenders accountable while providing offenders with the tools to make positive change and to become productive members of society.

Pretrial Services: The Department currently supervises offenders ordered by the Magisterial District Judges to supervised bail. Offenders must comply with standardized conditions. This allows lower risk offenders to be released from the jail and to address any treatment needs.

Presentence Investigations: When requested by the Court, the Department prepares a report that is biographical in nature. It covers such areas as prior criminal record, family history, educational and employment history, as well as prior treatment history for any type of addiction or illness. The report also includes recommendations for appropriate sentencing. The Court uses the Presentence Investigation Report as a tool in determining the appropriate sentence for that offender.

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) Program: This program is only available to defendants recommended by the District Attorney. The department supervises all offenders placed in this program. This program is designed to divert first-time DUI or minor offense offenders from having a criminal conviction. Upon successful completion, the program allows for the dismissal of criminal charges and the expungement of their criminal record.

Community Supervision: The Department has geographically assigned Officers who provide general supervision services to offenders who reside in Carbon County. General supervision requires the officer to meet and counsel offenders in a variety of settings, which include the Adult Probation Office, the offender's home and various community settings. As part of the supervision, the officer assesses the offender risk and needs, determines the level of supervision and recommends placement in the appropriate programs and/or services when deemed necessary. In the event an offender violates any of the conditions of supervision, the officer will file a petition to revoke the sentence.

Intermediate Punishment: The Department is currently responsible for the supervision of those offenders sentenced to Intermediate Punishment. This program is partially funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This program includes house arrest, home electronic monitoring, intensive supervision and residential inpatient treatment. These sentencing options divert offenders from incarceration.

Specialty Courts: The Department provides support and supervision to both the Veterans Treatment Court and the Drug Treatment Court. Specialty Courts represent a collaborative effort with Veterans and those with substance abuse disorders to promote sobriety, recovery and goals toward giving each participant the opportunity to become a healthy, productive member of society.

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Our attorneys have vigorously acted on behalf of their clients with respect to work related injuries, auto accidents, and slip and falls. These instances have resulted in cases for workers' compensation benefits, personal injury and social security disability.

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