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CITY

'Open parks' council asked

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Resident Harry Antonelli complained to City Council President Adam Waldron May 19, asking if there is a law on the books to require dog walkers to have their pets on shorter leashes. He said dog walkers are using 20-foot leashes

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and allowing their dogs to defecate in his yard. He was also unhappy with the way kids are riding their bicycles on his driveway and sidewalk. He said that when he complained to the offenders about the bike riding, he was called a racist.

Antonelli complained in to Waldron because council is not actually meeting in person, but online, with council members listening in or responding with comments and votes.

Waldron, city Business See **CITY** on Page A2

2020 GRADS Share senior memories

Every June for the last 14 years, Bethlehem Press has published a special graduation supplement in addition to the graduation ceremony coverage we provide in the newspaper.

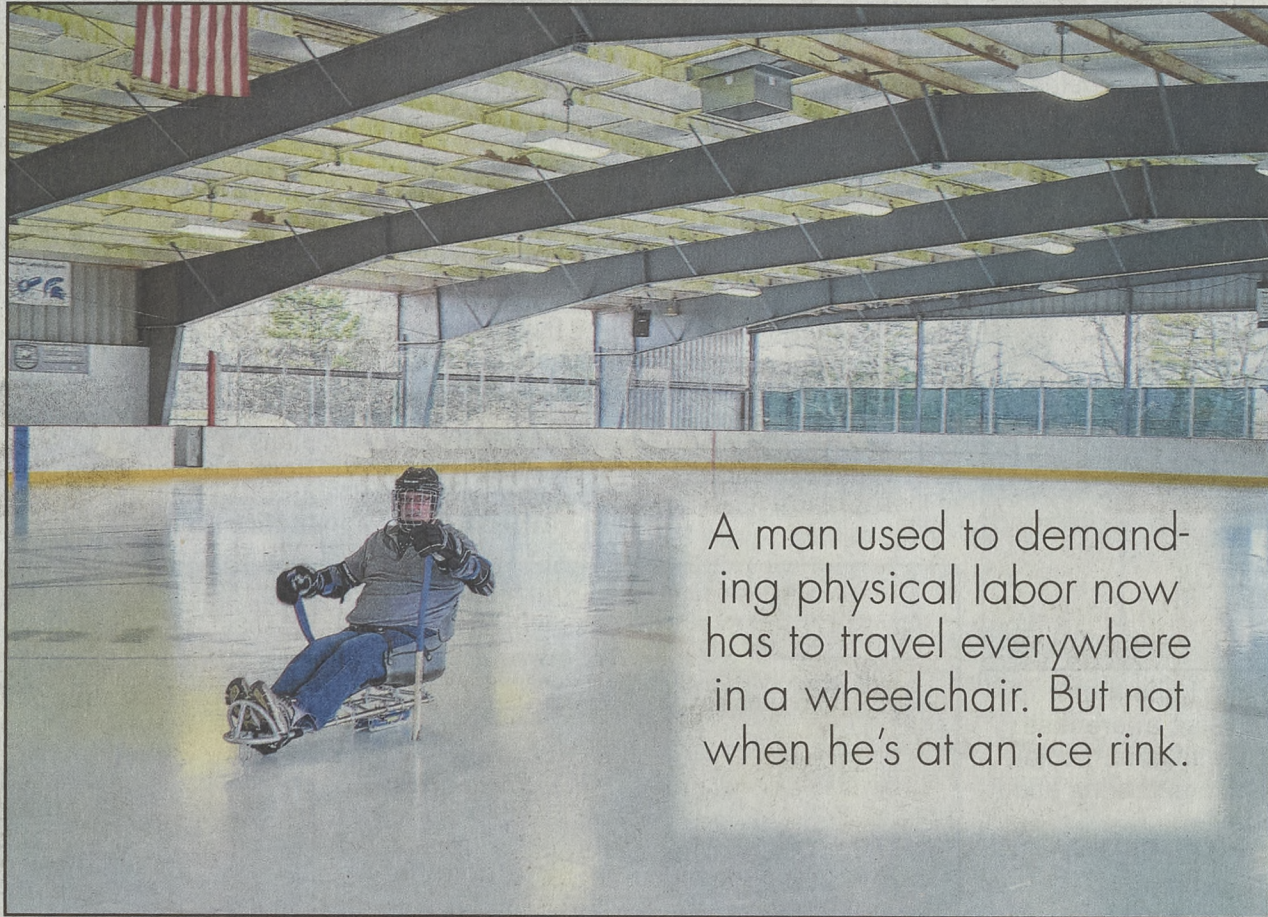
The special publication features the names of seniors from all the high schools we cover, and usually a profile of either the class president or valedictorian.

In addition, we publish additional photos taken during the graduation ceremonies at each school.

That is obviously going to be difficult, if not impossible, this year.

What we would like to do is this. First, we are going to invite all nine of our student reporters to write about

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Brian McCritcherd glides across the Bethlehem Ice Rink. The blades of his sled, normally spaced five inches apart, are reset to three inches in hockey to facilitate fast turns.

A man used to demanding physical labor now has to travel everywhere in a wheelchair. But not when he's at an ice rink.

PRESS PHOTOS BY DENNIS GLEW

'Something to look forward to'

Before pandemic, disabled vet skated at city's ice rink

BY DENNIS GLEW
Special to the Bethlehem Press

On the night of Nov. 23, 2012, Bethlehem resident Brian McCritcherd awoke screaming in pain from injuries to his back that happened during six years of service in the Army. His service had already left him with several crippled fingers; now, in addition to the pain he was suffering, the veteran was losing the ability to stand unassisted and walk.

Five major surgeries on his back followed over the next few years, none of them fully successful. Today, thanks to a strong upper body, McCritcherd can pull himself to a standing position, but his left leg doesn't respond at all.

A man used to demanding physical labor now has to travel everywhere in a wheelchair. But not when he's at an ice rink.

At the Bethlehem Skating Rink on Illick's Mill Road, McCritcherd demonstrates how he skates using a "sled" (the official name of this device, which was manufactured in Canada) that rests on two blades and a tip. Strapped in, he propels himself with what looks like short, inverted hockey sticks. One end of each stick is fitted with several thin



After his workout, Brian McCritcherd is joined by Jodi Evans, recreation director for the City of Bethlehem, who was instrumental in making the ice rink available for him for one hour each week. Next year, Evans hopes to attract more skaters with disabilities to the facility.

This article was written in early March, shortly before the pandemic lockdown began in the Lehigh Valley. Coping with the lockdown has been particularly hard for disabled veteran Brian McCritcherd. The activities that have added challenge and purpose to his life have disappeared: paralympic and veteran games are all cancelled; travel restricted; sports clinics cancelled. Also, his doctor counseled him to "stay away from everything" due to a history of lung disease. He doesn't dare to enter a store; there are no trips. "Everybody is finding out what my world is," he commented. "Lockdown is every day in a wheelchair."

steel shafts that catch in the ice; the other end serves as a grip.

On the ice McCritcherd always wears a hockey helmet with a face mask. Accidents happened frequently when he was learning to

skate, he says, but after substantial practice, he can now glide around the ice confidently.

Brian McCritcherd's journey to the Bethlehem Skating Rink started in 2016 when a doctor at the Veterans'

Hospital in Wilkes Barre suggested that he take up archery as a means of strengthening his back. His teenage son was an archer, and the opportunity to do something outdoors

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PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB
What do you hope that protests over the murder of George Floyd will accomplish?



"It's about making our anger toward injustice be heard."
Jordan Janowski
Bethlehem



"I hope protests like this make white people realize that their silence makes them complicit in racism."
Morgan O'Donnell
Bethlehem

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POLICE

COMPILED BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

Philly homicide suspect found

Police, during a traffic stop May 19, identified and arrested a Philadelphia man wanted in a homicide investigation. Officers stopped a Jeep Cherokee at the intersection of West Fourth Street and South New Street for a traffic violation, and one of the occupants identified himself as a "Kamar Brown," age 25, of Philadelphia, who attempted to flee on foot. He was captured, tried to escape again, and was recaptured. "Kamar Brown" was positively identified as Marquis Mathis, 25, of Philadelphia. He was wanted by Philadelphia Police for criminal homicide and was listed as one of "Philly's Most Wanted." Mathis is charged with fugitive from justice, escape and false identification to law enforcement. He will be arraigned before a Northampton County District Justice and committed to Northampton County Prison as a fugitive pending court action.

Walk-trot-roll opens June 6

The City of Bethlehem Mounted Patrol with Pharaoh, George, Asa and Grey will hold a virtual 4K event June 6 through June 13. During event week, registrants will virtually walk, roll, bike and trot; then track their distances and post photos at hashtag #BMP4K. The horses will be posting their photos, also. Join online by visiting <https://ticketbud.com/events/bc634e60-88e9-11ea-8e4c-42010a71700b>. Registration fees and donations are paid via PayPal. 100 percent of all proceeds will be used for new horseshoes and farrier services for the horses. Winners will be announced on June 14 via Facebook.

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their class. Next, we are inviting high school seniors (or their parents) to send us photos from their school careers with captions. We will use as many of the photos as possible. Photos should be high-to-medium resolution jpegs. Send photos and caption information (who, what, when, where, and possibly why) to gtaylor@tnonline.com by July 15. The graduate supplement is scheduled to be included in the Aug. 5 Bethlehem Press. We fully intend to cover as many of the graduation events as we can during this most unusual year. Thanks in advance for your help.

BRIAN

Continued from page A1 brings together disabled veterans and wounded, ill or injured service members and engages them in three days of Paralympic sport competition. "I blew away the others," McCritcherd reports. That experience started his journey. A man he met at another competition encouraged him to get more involved in sports, and in time he competed in bicycle, kayak, and even bocce competitions at games for paralympic athletes.

Participating in athletics was the way out of a very dark time in McCritcherd's life. "It was all done; there was nothing left for me," he says, describing his feelings about his situation. "My wife and kids love it," he says of his new activities. "It helps with the depression. "A lot of the disabled don't want to try nothing," he says. "They need to have something to look forward to."



Brian McCritcherd with medals he was awarded at various competitions: Valor Games, Wheelchair Games and Golden Age Games. He has received 17 medals from games for wounded or disabled service members in which he has participated across the country.

Eager to take up skating, McCritcherd checked several commercial rinks in the Lehigh Valley, discovering that he would have to share the facilities with able-bodied skiers. On his sled, McCritcherd is below their line of sight and could easily be hit and knocked over. Jodi Evans, director of recreation for the

City of Bethlehem, had the solution. She found a time during the week when the city's rink was not being used and invited the new skater to use it. Brian has taken full advantage of the opportunity. Next winter, he plans to join the Puck Hogs, a hockey team of disabled veterans based in Harrisburg. He hopes

to bring the team to Bethlehem. Jodi Evans also has plans. She is looking for an opportunity to schedule a regular time for disabled persons to skate. One group has already hung its banner at the facility. She hopes the Puck Hogs and others will do the same.



After strapping himself into his sled, Brian adjusts his helmet before skating. Sleds can tip over and accidents are common in ice hockey matches.



Practicing for hockey, Brian chases a tennis ball around the rink. He hopes that Bethlehem will be able to sponsor a game next winter.

CITY

Continued from page A1 ness Manager Eric Evans and the council's clerk were the only officials physically present at the meeting. Mayor Robert Donchez was not at the meeting, nor did members of his cabinet participate. Normally when a citizen brings a question like Antonelli's to the council meetings, someone in the mayor's cabinet, such as the police chief, can answer their questions. Waldron didn't know the answer to Antonelli's question and suggested he contact the Bethlehem Police non-emergency number, as Police Chief Mark DiLuzio usually takes these sorts of questions at live meetings. "Here at city council there is very little that we can usually do as a legislative body," said Waldron. Mayoral aspirant Arthur Curatola used the



Arthur Curatola voiced his theory that shortages of personal protective equipment and pharmaceuticals are part of "a plan to kill off the people who are not productive and to control the middle class."

public comment portion of the agenda to call and voice his theory that shortages of personal protective equipment and pharmaceuticals are part of "a plan to kill off the people who are not productive and to spread fear and to control the middle class." Curatola also voiced his opinion that people who throw their face masks and gloves on the

ground "should be heavily fined or locked up as [it] is a terroristic attempt to overthrow our government and cause harm to the people." According to Curatola, "pets should not be permitted to roam the streets [because] the virus can easily attach to the paws bringing the virus into the house. People who are guilty of letting this happen should be heavily fined. "We need to quarantine the sick, not the young and healthy," said Curatola. He promoted food supplements to boost the immune systems of the sick while, "weeding [weaning] people off of drugs, junk food, alcohol and non-motivated lifestyles." President of the Bethlehem Rose Garden Farmers' Market Mary Toulouse called in to support the idea of opening up the city parks to community gardening. She also

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DARE TO CARE: Mayor Bob Donchez announced that due to COVID-19, his three annual Dare-to-Care community walks will not take place this summer.

SMOKE DETECTORS: If any resident needs smoke detectors, they should call the Bethlehem Fire Department during regular business hours at 610-865-7140 or visit the Fire Department webpage on the city's website, www.bethlehem-pa.gov.

COMPOSTING: Mulch and compost are available for pick-up and loading effective May 28. The materials will be available Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility will be closed on Sundays.

People wishing to utilize the facility are required to wear a mask for their safety as well as the safety of city employees. People not wearing a mask will not be permitted to enter the facility.

YMCA: As we approach the first days of summer, the Y continues to be here for the community. Accordingly, please know the Y will not draft June membership payments. Membership credits for March's two weeks of closure will be applied to all accounts the next time we draft fees/when we reopen.

In the meantime, your Y team is doing our best to plan for phased reopening, in line with all CDC guidelines and at the direction of the State's mandates. Please see the below update on our Summer Day Camp and Childcare Programs, which will be the first programs reopened once our area enters the Yellow Phase.

Keep checking our social media and website for up-to-date information. We appreciate you sticking by the Y during this unprecedented time; we're committed to providing transparent information to our members as we move through June.

LEHIGH COUNTY

CEDARBROOK: As of May 18, both Cedarbrook facilities located in Allentown and Fountain Hill have confirmed cases of COVID-19 in both residents and staff. It is with this report that Cedarbrook Senior Care & Rehabilitation reports the deaths of 28 residents to date who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Since their last report May 11 there have been six additional deaths of residents who previously tested positive for COVID-19, resulting in a cumulative total of 28 residents who tested positive and passed away. There was no increase in the number of deaths of residents who were suspected or presumed diagnoses.

This is the second week in a row where Cedarbrook experienced a decrease in deaths of residents who had a COVID-19 related diagnosis. Cedarbrook cannot report that this a trend at this point, but it is worth noting that the numbers of new deaths of residents with COVID-19 related diagnoses (actual + presumed) have proceeded from 16 to 12 to six in the last three weekly reports.

The PA DOH stated in the recent past, including in prior media reports, that a number of probable cases statewide will be investigated to determine if they are COVID-19 deaths. Out of respect for that state process, Cedarbrook currently reports 28 deaths of residents who tested positive for COVID-19 in total between the two campuses as of this date. Cedarbrook also reports that there may be up to an additional 28 deaths to date (unchanged since last week) in total between the two nursing homes during the pandemic that are of suspected/presumed COVID-19 category that could be counted by the state process. This includes residents who are of a similar symptom profile and even some residents who tested negative for COVID-19.

It is pertinent to include in this report that a large percentage of residents who have passed away in total had resident wish-based care plans of comfort care only and/or advance directives of non-aggressive treatment such as "do not resuscitate", "do not hospitalize", and "allow natural death."

Regardless of category or circumstance, Cedarbrook continues to express condolences to families of all residents who have died.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

CORONER REPORT: As of May 26, data collected by the Northampton County Coroner shows that 207 people have passed away due to COVID-19 in Northampton County (184 Northampton County residents, 23 residents of other counties and states). One death from Washington Township was removed from previous lists after it was determined the individual did not have COVID-19. As of May 21, the Lehigh County Coroner released data of 42 COVID-19 related deaths of Northampton County residents. Residents: Allen Twp., 1; Bangor, 1; Bethlehem Twp., 52; City of Bethlehem, 13; City of Easton, 38; Forks Twp., 6; Freemansburg, 1; Hanover Twp., 1; Hellertown, 5; Lehigh Twp., 2; Lower Nazareth Twp., 3; Lower Saucon Twp., 1; Moore, 1; Nazareth, 2; Northampton Twp., 2; Palmer Twp., 28; Plainfield Twp., 1; Tatamy, 1; Upper Nazareth Twp., 62; Williams Twp., 3; Wilson, 2; Wind Gap, 1.

Non-residents: Astoria, NY, 1; Bronx, NY, 1; Bucks County, 4; City of Allentown, 3; Lopatcong Twp. NJ, 1; Lower Macungie Twp., 1; Millersburg, PA, 1; Monroe County, 6; Montgomery County, 1; Phillipsburg, NJ, 2; Upper Macungie, 1; Washington NJ, 1.

Demographic data for 180 deaths reported by the Northampton County Coroner:

Average age of the deceased is 82.5 years

Gender - 52% Female, 48% Male

Race: 86% White, 6% African American, 2% Asian, 6% Hispanic

TESTING: In its first 13 days of operation, the drive-thru testing center at Easton Hospital tested 888 Northampton County residents for COVID-19, an average of 68.31 tests/day. The testing site was made possible by a partnership between Northampton County EMS and Easton Hospital. Northampton County used \$150,000 in CARES funds to sponsor the tests.

The Northampton County sponsored COVID-19 drive-thru testing site at Easton Hospital will be open until June 5th. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 S 21st Street, Easton. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: On May 21 and 22, County Executive Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), in collaboration with Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council, distributed 8,960 individual meals to the residents of Northampton County at drive-thrus set up at the Government Center in Easton and the Boys & Girls Club in Bethlehem. Each box contained a breakfast meal for four people. Approximately 440 people attended each event.

GOVERNMENT CENTER: the Government Center, the Department of Public Health building and other county offices will reopen to the public on June 8. Gracedale Nursing Home and the Northampton County Jail will remain closed to visitors and volunteers until further notice.

The Government Center was closed to the public on March 19 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Wolf has scheduled Northampton County to move to 'Yellow' status on June 5.

Anyone entering a county building must wear a mask and submit to a temperature check at the front door.

GRACEDALE: As of May 27, out of the 347 tests for COVID-19 administered to residents, 209 have been positive. Ninety-three residents at Gracedale are actively positive and 88 of those are

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'We can't isolate ourselves forever'

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI njastrzemi@ttonline.com

June 5 will mark a change in lifestyle for many in the Lehigh Valley. Governor Tom Wolf announced Friday that while 16 rural counties will be moving from the Yellow to the Green phase of the state re-opening plan, all the counties still in Red, including Lehigh and Northampton, will be elevated to Yellow.

Wolf said the administration is working in conjunction with medical experts and county and municipal governments to make certain everybody is prepared and nobody is rushed. "The goal here is to make sure every Pennsylvanian is confident they will be safe."

Wolf said that even as counties re-open and restrictions are relaxed, the state continues to refine its reaction processes and testing capabilities to diminish or isolate new outbreaks of COVID-19. Pennsylvania is now performing 13,000 tests per day at more than 300 sites - more than any other state. With expanded contact tracing, daily infection counts are less than 600, far below the typical 1,000-plus rates of a month ago.

"We can't stay isolated forever," Wolf said, but, "all of this won't be enough if we don't take simple precautions to prevent outbreaks."

Amid ongoing protests Wolf admitted he doesn't know why wearing masks has become politicized, but that doing so is absolutely in everybody's best interest, and that it's been proven wearing even a simple towel as a basic protection can reduce coronavirus transmission by up to 60 percent.

State Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine stressed this last point, saying everyone should continue to distance

RED

Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions
• Life Sustaining Businesses Only
• Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
• Schools (for in-person instruction) and Most Child Care Facilities Closed

Social Restrictions
• Stay-at-Home Orders in Place
• Large Gatherings Prohibited
• Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only
• Only Travel for Life-Sustaining Purposes Encouraged

• Reiterate and reinforce safety guidance for businesses, workers, individuals, facilities, update if necessary
• Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

YELLOW

Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions
• Telework Must Continue Where Feasible
• Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders
• Child Care Open with Worker and Building Safety Orders
• Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
• Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction

Social Restrictions
• Stay-at-Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation
• Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited
• In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable
• Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities (such as gyms, spas), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed
• Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only

• All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning
• Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

GREEN

Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions
• All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines

Social Restrictions
• Aggressive Mitigation Orders Lifted
• All Individuals Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines

• Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary

Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clinton, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Indiana, Lycoming, Mercer, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland will move to Green Friday, while Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery and Philadelphia will move to Yellow.

themselves, wash their hands and wear masks. She asks that we make specific plans as we re-engage, remain cautious, and consider whether going out is really necessary if there's the possibility of a lot of contact. "COVID-19 has not gone away. Be aware and alert."

As of Monday, the state has 71,926 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 5,555 deaths. Lehigh County has 3,747 confirmed and 228 deaths; Northampton County has 3,062 confirmed and 210 deaths; the city of Bethlehem has 943 confirmed and 46 deaths.

ON GEORGE FLOYD DEATH
Gov. Wolf: 'Racism is not right there, not right here'

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI njastrzemi@ttonline.com

Governor Tom Wolf on Friday very briefly responded to the death of a man at police hands and the resulting riots in Minneapolis.

"I want to share my condolences and the condolence of everybody in my administration with the family of George Floyd. It reminds of what we need to do here in Pennsylvania - this happened far away in a different state, but each and every one of us has a stake in making sure that our society is fair and we treat each other equally. If some of us aren't treated equally, all of us is in jeopardy. Racism is not right there, and it's not right here."

CITY

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said it is important to support local farmers through the farmers' market.

Eric Evans announced mayoral nominations to appoint Deni

Thurman-Eyer and Clinton B. Walker to the Fine Arts Commission, and A. Craig Evans to the Historic Conservation Commission South Bethlehem and Mount Airy.

There were no new ordinances or ordinances for final passage on the agenda.

In a first reading for legislation slated to be on the next regular meeting, council heard an application to transfer a liquor license to the Wilber Restaurant at 202 Wyandotte St.

This is part of the renovation of the Wilbur mansion project which is in the City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ).

Due to yesterday's primary election, the next regular meeting will be held tonight.

Resumption of elective surgeries increases blood need

Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) has issued an urgent appeal for donors of all blood types, as well as platelets.

According to Executive Director of Donor Operations Qiana Cressman, the current need for blood donations

comes as regional hospitals resume elective surgeries, such as knee or hip replacements.

"In the past, Miller-Keystone Blood Center required approximately 450 donors per day to meet the transfusion needs of our regional hospitals," Ms.

Cressman explains. "However in March, our regional hospitals canceled elective surgeries as they were addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, our daily goal the past two months decreased from approximately 450 to approximately 210.

"Now that hospitals are resuming elective surgeries, their daily transfusion needs are increasing again, and as a result, so is the number of blood donors we will need to see on a daily basis," she says.

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recovering in house. Five are in the hospital and 60 have officially resolved. Heartbreakingly, 56 residents have passed away.

Out of the 700 employees who work at Gracedale, 49 have tested positive for the coronavirus. Thirty-seven have finished their quarantine periods and are back at work.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: The Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), in collaboration with Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council, will distribute Operation BBQ relief meal boxes to residents of Northampton County at the dates and places listed below.

Thursday, June 4, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Gerald C. Yob Community Park, 400 Cambria Street, Freemansburg, PA.

Thursday, June 4, from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. at Dimmick Park, 570 Durham Street, Hellertown, at the long driveway by the flagpole.

COUNTY PARKS: Certain park amenities WILL REOPEN as the county is moved into Yellow phase on June 5.

The county's parks will adhere to the following restrictions per the Governor's Yellow phase of reopening.

People with pavilion rentals will be refunded up to June 4. Pavilion rentals will be open starting June 5, with restricted group sizes of 25 or less until further notice. Each pavilion is a day rental and renters should accommodate schedules to adhere to the 25 or less group capacity throughout the day. Refunds will continue to be provided for those who cannot adjust their events to be in line with these policies.

All facilities outlined below will be open with appropriate physical distancing and adherence to Pa. Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines.

- Bathrooms - Open with daily sanitation. Informative signage required
- Picnic Areas - Additional picnic areas within the county's parks will be distributed to allow for family style picnic areas.
- Pavilions - Closed to large groups of 25 or more. Limited amount of picnic tables present at pavilion locations for seating up to 24 people.
- Ball fields, Disc Golf, Tennis Courts - Open with all applicable guidelines implemented.
- Playgrounds - Single use structures are permitted within designated six-to-fifteen feet physical distancing, no large playground or interconnected units.
- Dog Parks - Open with all applicable guidelines implemented.
- Camping - Open to small groups of under 20 people, by reservation only (currently, camping is only permitted at Wy-Hit-Tuk & Bear Swamp)
- Events / Outdoor camps - Outdoor camps and events open with all applicable guidelines implemented. 1:10 teacher/student ratio, limited to 25 people per active use zone. Not applicable for indoor programming.

LEHIGH VALLEY

RED CROSS: The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations as hospitals resume non-urgent and elective procedures, increasing the demand for blood products. Blood donors are urgently needed to make donation appointments to prevent another shortage like the one that occurred at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. Those who come to give will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, thanks to Amazon.

HANOVER (NORCO) TOWNSHIP

2020 CENSUS: Hanover Township is currently ranked #4 (4 out of 2,556) in Pa. with an 84.1 percent Response Rate. We need everyone to furnish information so we receive our fair share when it comes to funding.

Residents should be aware that there is a program where the census bureau calls respondents back to verify info to ensure accuracy, it's called the coverage improvement program. The below link shows the number that the bureau would call from. Also, the respondents can call the same number, 844-809-7717 if they missed the call or to confirm the legitimacy of the call they received.

PENNSYLVANIA

TESTING SUPPLIES: Additional shipments of testing supplies have been sent to hospitals across Pennsylvania last week. Since March 9, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has distributed supplies to more than 60 hospitals, health care facilities, and county and municipal health departments to help test more than 67,000 patients.

STATE PARKS: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn announced a phased opening of all state park swimming beaches and some pools in keeping with Governor Wolf's direction to ensure Pennsylvanians have opportunities to safely enjoy outdoor recreation and help maintain positive physical and mental health.

Effective June 6, all 58 state park beaches will be open to swimming. State park pools will remain closed through at least June 12, with most in designated yellow and green counties reopening June 13.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller reminded Pennsylvanians that public assistance programs remain available to families throughout the COVID-19 public-health emergency.

Programs include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other services established specifically in response to COVID-19, like the Emergency Assistance Program (EAP), the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Recovery Crisis Program, and the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) programs. Each of these programs can help Pennsylvanians who have lost income or employment meet basic needs until they are able to start work again.

REMDESIVIR: The Department of Health distributed the third shipment of the investigational antiviral medication, remdesivir, to treat patients in the hospital with COVID-19. On May 22, 8,928 doses of medication were sent to 81 hospitals. The medication was sent to the department by the federal government on May 21.

SUMMER CAMPS: With an understanding of the need for Pennsylvania families to secure child care options this summer, the Wolf Administration has issued frequently asked questions to provide guidance to parents, summer camp operators, public bathing places, part-day school-age programs, and other entities that provide necessary child care and enrichment and recreational activities for children and youth during the summer months. FAQs are available on the Pa. Department of Health website.

JUDICIAL EMERGENCY: - In an Order issued last week the Pennsylvania Supreme Court announced that the statewide judicial emergency will end effective June 1.

As part of its Order, the court has directed that administrative orders issued by the intermediate appellate courts, as well as local emergency orders and directives, including those affecting time calculations and deadlines, remain in full force and effect until they expire or are rescinded;

In addition, the court's Order gives authority to president judges to extend or declare local judicial emergencies. In districts under local judicial emergency, the court has specifically empowered president judges to:

- Limit in-person access and proceedings to safeguard the health and safety of court staff, users and the public;
 - Suspend jury trials until they can be conducted within health and safety norms;
 - Suspend statewide rules:
 - o restricting the use of advanced communication technology
 - o impeding local provisions for court filings by means other than in-person delivery
 - o pertaining to rule-based rights to a prompt trial
- Additional information about the impact of COVID-19 on court

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Ralph Brodt III of Bethlehem Township plays Taps after the rifle salute.

Limited ceremonies on Memorial Day

BY DANA GRUBB
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The coronavirus pandemic and resultant restrictions curtailed most Memorial Day activities, but a small contingent of veterans from the Johnstown American Legion Post 379 honor guard still assembled at the traditional graveside location in Memorial Park to remember those who fell in defense of our nation.

Performing a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of Taps, the small contingent of U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force veterans conducted a very brief ceremony. It was organized by post adjutant Ken Nichol.

Earlier in the morning, Taps Over Bethlehem had 30 participants play Taps at 20 city cemeteries and war memorials, and some played in front of their own homes, according to organizer Mitch Huston.



The Vietnam Memorial located in front of City Hall was bedecked with flags and flowers on Memorial Day, as the 35 Bethlehem area lives lost in that war were remembered.



Members of the Johnstown American Legion Post 379 honor guard assemble at Bethlehem's Memorial Park Cemetery for a brief unannounced Memorial Day remembrance ceremony. The rifle guard performed a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of Taps.

NEED

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Cressman added that due to social distancing recommendations, the Blood Center has had to readjust the timing with which they accept blood donations.

"Traditionally, we may have had four or five appointments available at a specific time slot; however, due to current social distancing recommendations, we may only have two or three slots available at that time," she says, noting that if donors

are unable to schedule an appointment at their preferred time, they are encouraged to schedule one or two weeks out, as their donation will still be critically needed to care for cancer patients, accident victims, premature infants and others in need at regional hospitals.

"Over this next month, the demand at our community hospitals will steadily increase," Cressman said. "We would just like to remind people that blood cannot be manufactured, it can only

come from the kind generosity of volunteer blood donors. If there is ever a time to donate, now is that time. Each and every blood donation truly does make a difference."

In order to donate, individuals must be 16 years of age or older (parental consent required for 16-year-old donors), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be feeling healthy; they must not have donated in the past eight weeks, however, platelet donors are eligible within eight days of a donation. All donors

must also provide valid identification.

While walk-in donors have traditionally been welcome and accepted as time permits, Miller-Keystone Blood Center has temporarily implemented an appointment-only policy. For more information or to schedule a donation, call 800-B-A-DONOR (223-6667). Donors can also visit GIVEaPINT.org to schedule an appointment online.

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EMERGENCY FUNDING: State Rep. Jeanne McNeill, D-Lehigh, joined her colleagues in unanimous passage of S.B. 1122 to provide one-time crisis grants to each volunteer fire and emergency medical services company across the state to assist in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

McNeill said the bill, which now heads to the governor's desk for a signature, would establish the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, setting aside \$50 million in federal CARES funding for fire and EMS companies to provide services during the coronavirus pandemic. Forty-four million dollars of the funds would be used for grants to fire companies, with the remaining \$6 million to be used for grants for EMS companies.

BUDGET: Governor Tom Wolf signed a state budget May 29 that will provide 12 months of sustained public education funding at 2019-20 levels and makes important investments in communities and programs to help begin to restore the economy.

The \$25.75 billion General Fund budget in HB 2387 includes an additional \$2.6 billion in federal funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, known as the CARES Act. The budget sustains funding at current year levels for Pre-K Counts and Head Start, basic and special education in K-12 schools, and higher education. The budget also provides \$300 million from the CARES Act to make up for a decline in gaming revenue that annually supports school property tax relief for homeowners.

To help communities to recover, the budget provides \$420 million to assist nursing homes with COVID-19-related costs, \$50 million to help Pennsylvanians with food insecurity and \$225 million for grants to small businesses through the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The budget also provides \$625 million to counties through block grants to help address the disruption to their budgets from the pandemic. The funding will assist counties with the cost of purchasing personal protective equipment, help local governments, and provide grants to small businesses, among other options.

COVID-19 RELATED REFUNDS: Attorney General Josh Shapiro is urging Pennsylvanians to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General if they are unable to obtain a refund from any business, including summer camps, due to a cancellation caused by COVID-19.

Shapiro reminds Pennsylvanians to follow these three steps when pursuing a refund:

- Review your contract, contact the business, and request a refund.
- If you used a credit card for payment, request a refund directly from your credit card company.
- If the summer camp or institution is unwilling to return a deposit or negotiate in good faith, file a complaint with the office at attorneygeneral.gov.

The PA Office of Attorney General has the ability to mediate disputes and help enforce Pennsylvania's consumer protection law. If the service isn't being provided, consumers are entitled to a fair refund.

Concerned parents and guardians can file a complaint by emailing scams@attorneygeneral.gov, calling 800-441-2555, or by filing a complaint online at <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/submit-a-complaint/consumer-complaint>.

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PAYCHECK PROTECTION: The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced \$10 billion of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Round 2 funding will be lent exclusively by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). CDFIs expand economic opportunity in low-income communities by providing financial products and services for residents and local businesses. These dedicated funds ensure PPP funds reach all communities in need of relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Draper named early learning head

BY THERESA O'BRIAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The BASD school board announced a key administrative change, authorized the payment of routine bills, and approved previously discussed curriculum, facilities, financial and human resources items at its May 18 board meeting. All nine members were present, and all measures passed unanimously.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy informed the board that state Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera's direction to school districts on the distribution of CARES/ESSER funds is to follow Title I formula, which means that roughly \$55,000 of the \$3.4 million BASD allotment will go to non-public schools – not the extra \$500,000 to non-public schools the federal Department of Education recommended.

Roy also noted the district's dining service department has served 100,000 meals since mid-March (32,000 every day), and thanked the dining services employees, principals and other staff who have helped to feed the community.

The usually routine list of HR changes had a few notable items this month, including 13 noninstructional staff members granted five weeks of paid leave mandated by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). (More details on FFCRA are available from

BETHLEHEM AREA SD



PHOTO COURTESY OF BASD.

Benita Draper and Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy announce the designation of Lincoln ES as a "Leader in Me" school in this file photo. Draper is leaving her position as principal at Lincoln to become supervisor of early learning, grants and development for the district.



PHOTO COURTESY BASD
Dr. Jodi Frankelli will be the next superintendent of the Palmerton Area School District.

the federal Dept. of Labor here: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave>).

A major change in district administration is the appointment of Lincoln ES principal Benita Draper as supervisor of early learning, grants and development, replacing Dr. Jodi Frankelli, who will be the new superintendent of the Palmerton Area SD starting July 1. Frankelli is known for her work with Asst. Superintendent Dr. Jack Silva in developing the RBG3 initiative that has improved literacy

across the district over the past five years, and Draper has presided over improved literacy at Lincoln ES, as well as working with community partners to initiate cultural events like the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Observance.

"Both Benita and Jodi have made tremendous contributions to our district," Silva said. "I'm proud to call them colleagues."

"Palmerton is fortunate to have selected Dr. Frankelli," Roy said in a statement. "During her tenure in BASD, Dr. Frankelli had a track record of continuously improving all areas she supervised, while building great relationships with the BASD community. She will be missed."

Roy went on to voice the high opinion of Draper that is shared by many. "Ms. Benita Draper is a talented principal who has served as principal of Lincoln Elementary for the past 13 school years. Ms. Draper brings her literacy leadership success as a principal, her knowledge of the community, and her experience with federal grant programs to her new district-level role. The entire district will benefit from her excellent leadership."

On a personal note, Roy added, "Ms. Draper is loved by her students and staff. My two daughters who are Lincoln students cried when I told them Draper would be moving to the Ed Center."

BASD honors retiring 'Built by Bethlehem' leaders

BY THERESA O'BRIAN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Retirements from the school district are not unusual at the end of an academic year, but it's not often that two leaders retire at the same time. Kathleen Halkins, RN, BSN, who has served BASD for 32 years, is leaving her role as Supervisor of Health Services for the district. Cleo Millheim, M.Ed., Supervisor of Child Care at BASD, is retiring after 25 years in the role.

The two women are 1973 graduates of Liberty HS, and probably did not imagine nearly 50 years ago that they would both take on significant leadership roles in their home district. Halkins has been a key player in many district initiatives, from building emotional health support services to implementing student electronic health records in



PHOTOS COURTESY BASD
Kathleen Halkins, RN, BSN, is retiring from BASD after 32 years. She has most recently served the district as Supervisor of Health Services.

2013. Millheim has been Supervisor of Child Care, a key behind-the-scenes position in the district, for 25 years.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy voiced his appreciation for both leaders in the following remarks: "Kathy Halk-



Cleo Millheim, M.Ed., is retiring from BASD after 25 years. She has most recently served the district as Supervisor of Child Care.

ins has served our students, staff, and families of our school district and community with support, care, and compassion. She will be missed by so many. I wish her many happy healthy years of retirement. It is so well deserved." Roy

went on to say, "The kindness and compassion Cleo Millheim has shown to the BASD and the child care community will be missed. I wish her all the best in her retirement."

In an ordinary year, both women would likely be honored at a school board meeting with the public physically present. During the current coronavirus pandemic, congratulations are no less heartily offered, albeit virtually. School board president Mike Faccinnetto shared his thoughts: "I want to congratulate and thank both of these incredible women for their service to the BASD. Cleo and Kathy always put the needs of their staff and students first. While we have big shoes to fill, they leave us in a good place and we are forever grateful for their tireless work. Our students and families are better off because of them."

AARP warns seniors to beware of COVID-19 scams

The world is rallying to combat the spread of COVID-19.

People are looking for guidance to better protect themselves.

However, scammers are seeking to steal money or sensitive personal information through concerns about COVID-19.

Be aware there is currently no vaccine, treatment or cure for the disease caused by the coronavirus; any claim of such remedies is fraud.

Consider products claiming to protect against coronavirus to be dubious and scrutinize

any new investment opportunity related to a vaccine or cure.

The best way to stay current about new information and guidance is through local, state and federal government sources. All government emails and websites end in the suffix ".gov."

Report scams to local law enforcement agencies.

For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network website at www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork.

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Northampton Community College Annual Awards Convocation

Northampton Community College virtually recognized its most outstanding students during its annual Awards Convocation held April 29. The Bethlehem area residents honored were Abed Nego Sanchez Morales, Jessie Bernhardt, Ariana Smith, Kimberly Schwartz, Jenna Teague and Jamie Ratchford.

Typically, there are some things you can count on during the annual ceremony: a packed Lipkin Theatre, crowded with students' families, friends and faculty and staff who are beaming with pride; students dressed to impress, eschewing the typical college uniform of jeans/sweats and T-shirts/hoodies for attire that hints at their successful future selves; and the sounds of applause and cheers as the honorees are announced.

The ceremony, held on Zoom, was markedly different in many ways, but heartwarmingly the same in others. Instead of applause, students were able to read comments such as "YAY! Woo Hoo! Great work! Outstanding! Love you! Woot! Woot! Way to go! So proud of you! Congratulations!" flooding the chat section as their accomplishments were announced.

The program featured live remarks by Dr. Mark Erickson, president of NCC, and taped segments by faculty who shared their experiences of the students who were being honored.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to be together on campus, there are many reasons to celebrate, according to Dr. Erickson. "I'm so very proud of each of you and what you have accomplished, rising above the COVID crisis, as well as academic and personal challenges. You give new meaning to the words Spartan strong," he said.

Kate Curry, associate professor of early childhood education and last year's recipient of the Christensen Award for Excellence in Teaching, gave the convocation address. She commended students for showing up, figuring it out and getting it done in the face of COVID-19. "You are game changers," she said. "You are hard workers. You are creative thinkers. You are problem solvers. You are team players. You are community servers. You are joy bringers. You are hope reminders. And you are obstacle overcomers. You managed to shift your lives and your learning mid-semester in the chaos of this pandemic in the relentless pursuit of your dreams."

Ariana Smith, winner of the prestigious Trustee Leadership Award and the student speaker, shared how her leadership journey began as a mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program. Wanting to build on these skills, she joined NCC's chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), where she had the opportunity to work on a team with other student leaders to share ideas and action plans to achieve goals. Participating in NSLS prepared her "to become the vice president of the Psychology Club, the most meaningful experience I've had at NCC."

To end the ceremony, Erica Dickson sang the NCC alma mater, "Oh Northampton," with music and lyrics by Mario Acerra, professor of radio/TV, who accompanied her via Zoom on the piano; and Carlo Acerra, adjunct professor of communications, playing bass.

The awards and their recipients include: 2020 All Pennsylvania Academic Team: Jason Allesch, Melissa Benzing-McGlynn, Kimberly Gallo, Danielle Hanson and Laura Rex; 2020 Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar: Laura Rex; 2020 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar: Danielle Hanson; 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship: Jamie Ratchford; ACBSP Student Leadership Award: Abed Sanchez Morales and Hannah Seltzer

American Advertising Federation/Greater Lehigh Valley Ad Club Creative Achievement Award (Communication Design: Print/Web Track): Lila Shokr; Award for Excellence in Academic Writing: Ashley L. Price; Bethlehem Women's Club Nursing Award: Kaylee Hunter; Commuter Transfer Scholarship Award: Eva Labram; Drs. Edward and Arnold Cook Award for Academic Excellence in Dental Hygiene: Gillian Carroll; The Friends of Gregory Purdon Memorial Award for Excellence in Art: Ashley Counterman; Heart of Hospitality Award

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HELLERTOWN

Closures, postponements announced

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hellertown Borough Council had a busy month of May, choosing to cancel or indefinitely postpone several of their popular summertime recreational activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the May 4 virtual Zoom meeting, borough officials initially voted unanimously to close the popular Hellertown Pool for the season. Council members cited concerns regarding the need for increased cleaning, social distancing enforcement in such an environment, liability in the case of illness and death, potential attendance uncertainty and similar decisions made by adjacent communities among their reasons for making the decision.

However, there was a substantial degree of pushback at the May 18 meeting, as Pool Manager Ed Kolosky brought forward a proposal to open under safer operating guidelines, as well as a petition with approximately 500 signatures from residents asking council to reconsider. Some council members questioned the prudence of making a decision for the entire summer, suggesting that revisiting the decision at a later date may be a more reasonable approach. Council members were generally willing to concede that if conditions were to quickly improve, a shortened pool season wouldn't be totally out of the question, but despite the proposal from Kolosky, there was no further discussion other than to wait and see.

The annual Dewey



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Hellertown Pool, whose future for Summer 2020 is uncertain, sits empty on Memorial Day weekend.



Stacked tables at the community pool. Council members were generally willing to concede that if conditions were to quickly improve, a shortened pool season wouldn't be totally out of the question,

Fire Company carnival, which was scheduled to run from July 15 - 19 at Morris J. Dimmick Park, was also canceled, Fire Chief Mike Maguire said, although it was noted that since a deposit was already placed on the accompanying fireworks display, the star-spangled attraction may still eventually happen in 2020,

albeit in an altered form. Additionally, Cathy Hartranft of the Community Day Committee addressed council with a recommendation that the event be canceled as well. She cited social distancing concerns as well as a potentially difficult time finding sponsors as the primary reasons for their decision. Council unani-

mously passed a motion in agreement with Hartranft.

One community service that has reopened is the Saucon Valley Compost Center, which the Hellertown Council unanimously voted in favor of May 4. Lower Saucon Township Council also voted the following evening to reopen the center, as it is a joint venture between the two. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through noon, although it was noted by council President Thomas Rieger at the May 18 meeting that there has been residential feedback requesting Saturday hours as well. There was some hesitation to this idea from a budgetary perspective, however, as Rieger noted that since the Public Works Department is already short-staffed, additional hours of operation would likely require the borough to pay some overtime.

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Jean (Shiner) Batt

Edgeboro Moravian Church member



Jean (Shiner) Batt, 91, of Bethlehem, died May 14, 2020, at St. Luke's Hospice House. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Bertram F. and Mary Mae (Hess) Shiner. She was the wife of the late Dr. Walter Batt.

She was a 1947 graduate of Liberty HS.

She worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. She was the bookkeeper for her husband's dental practice.

She was a member at Edgeboro Moravian Church, where she was a trustee and assisted in the Christmas Putz activities, made sugar cakes and mints and trimmed the beeswax candles.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society. She altered uniforms for the Liberty Grenadier Band and was on the LHS class of 1947 reunion committee.

She is survived by a son, Walter L. Batt III and his wife Susan; four daughters, Sandra Gillen, Barbara Burkhardt and her husband William, Cheryl Perkins and Robyn Batt and her husband John Walton; a brother, Lanny Shiner; a sister, Ruth Allen; 12 grandchildren, Amanda Burkhardt-McGoff and her wife Tara, Andrew Burkhardt and his wife Helen, Megan Terry and her husband Daniel, Kathryn Podhyski and her husband Garrett, Jennifer Vancek and her husband Michal, Thomas J. Panik and his wife Theresa, Jocelyn Perkins, Dylan Perkins, Makenzie Rocha and her husband Victor, Madison Batt, Payton Batt and Jameson Gillen; and 14 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a sister, Marjorie L. Shiner; and a brother, Bertram Shiner.

Contributions may be made to Edgeboro Moravian Church, 645 Hamilton Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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



Robert P. Derr

worked for the Globe Times

Robert P. Derr, 96, of Bethlehem, died May 13, 2020, while under the care of Alexandria Manor, Bethlehem. Born in Freemansburg, he was a son of the late George A. and Margaret (Bushold) Derr. He was the husband of the late Helen T. (Kuklinski) Derr.

He was in the United States Navy.

He was a car inspector for the Reading Railroad for 36 years; at the Bethlehem Globe times for 30 years; and at the Allentown Morning Call for 18 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Theresa H. Kressler and Frances H. Shellenberger and her husband Richard; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert is preceded in death by a sister, Jean Nieska; and a brother, Leroy Derr.

Contributions may be made to Alexandria Manor, 7 S. New St., Nazareth PA 18064; or to Acadia Hospice, 4658 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104.

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Barbara A. Bala

Red Cross volunteer

Barbara A. Bala, 84, of Hanover Township, Bethlehem, died May 21, 2020, in ManorCare Health Services, Bethlehem. Born in Egypt, she was a daughter of the late Jacob Makosky and Mary (Leshko) Makosky. She was the wife of Paul A. Bala for 61 years.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northampton.

She was a volunteer solicitor with the Red Cross in the Lehigh Valley.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Michael and his wife Crystal of Reading and Stephen and his wife Sharon of Collegeville; a daughter, Michelle Mummey and her husband Robert of Slatington; two sisters, Cathy and Carol and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Jacob Makosky.

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Groot, a 2 1/2-year-old male, is extremely affectionate and has plenty of energy. Groot suffers from a chronic URI which causes him to always have the sniffles, and he is on a prescription diet for digestive tract issues. None of these things stop him from being a happy-go-lucky cat that loves all toys and attention.



Sparky is an active and very playful 1-year-old cattle dog/boxer mix and is very active and loving. Unfortunately, he has had a rough and bouncy life since day 1. His ideal family will be committed to training him and teaching him the manners he lacks.

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICAN RED CROSS LEHIGH VALLEY-BUCKS CHAPTER needs volunteers who can work from home for a variety of positions, including: Information & Planning Support, Mass Care Team Shelter Surveys Reviewer, Disaster Mental Health Team members, Disaster Spiritual Care Team Members, Disaster Health Services Team members, Recovery Team Fiscal Reviewers, Volunteer Engagement Team members, (ARMED FORCES) Hero Care Network Team members, and more. Whatever fits your schedule and availability. Call Ned Bloom, 484-403-4718, ned.bloom@redcross.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION NETWORK is spearheading a social media effort - dubbed #PicturesForPatients - that encourages kids and adults to draw, color or paint pictures for Good Shepherd's adult and pediatric patients and long-term care residents in Allentown and Bethlehem. The goal is to increase positivity and uplift others in this time of uncertainty - plus, give an added boost to the doctors, nurses, therapists and other health-care professionals as they walk through the halls or into rooms. Here are instructions on how you can send pictures: <https://www.goodshepherdrehab.org/news/pictures-for-patients/>

SHARECARE FAITH IN ACTION, Bethlehem needs many volunteers to help with taking people to their vital appointments. All volunteers will have to attend on-line orientation, provide criminal background check, and provide proof of insurance. Cloth masks and hand sanitizer provided to volunteers. All clients will sit in back seat and wear a mask as well. Call Lynn Heiney, 610-867-2177, sharecare8@aol.com

THE WHOLE LIFE CENTER Easton needs strong volunteers to help fill carts with boxes and bags of food for families and runners to take carts to the people's cars 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 10 and 24. For more details contact Donna Lavin, 610-746-6405, donna@wholelifect.org.

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, Bethlehem is recruiting high school students entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade for their goLEAD Leadership Program, which will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 13 to 17. This program helps participants develop critical leadership skills via a virtual series, while preparing a capstone service project. Applications may be found on www.volunteerlv.org/go-LEAD and must be submitted by June 26.

VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY is continuing to support community nonprofits. In response to COVID-19 they have created a webpage to post information on volunteer needs, as well as specific support of supplies for the nonprofit organizations. The site is updated regularly by the nonprofits. Please visit www.volunteerlv.org/covid-19 to see how you can help!

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

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

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(Discover Lehigh Valley): Paul Sadlon; Heart of Hospitality Award (Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau): Jair Guardia; Hites Family Foundation Higher Education Endowment Scholarship: Rashawna Chambers and Hoang Mai; Honors Program Award: Jessie Bernhardt, Rashawna Chambers and Laney Steele; Institute of Management Accounting Award: Kelsey Miller; Just Born Business Award: Sarah J. Long; Liberal Arts Award: Acadia Imhof, Kimberly Schwartz, and Ariana Smith; Marconi Award for Media Production: Victoria Aten

Marketing Insight Award: Ben Sine; Nancy A. Taylor Endowed Scholarship: Matthew Gillenkirk and Vincenzo Luis Lopez; Newmann Civic Fellow Award: Adam Broggi; Norman R. Roberts Theatre Scholarship Fund Award: Connor Knowlan and Jonah Padula; Northampton County Bar Association Award: Mason E. Gettys, Paula L. Rhinehart and Jenna M. Teague; Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry: Laura Rex; Outstanding Funeral Service Education Student of the Year: Sarah Irwin; Pa. Funeral Directors' Award: Klariisa Mertz; Pearson Education Award for Biology: Laura Rex; annual PACES Scholarship (Pan African Caucus Educational Scholarship): Rashawna Chambers and Tammy Cassandra McNeil; Sandra Preis and George Jain-Cocks Endowed Mathematics Award: Matthew Gillenkirk; and Trustee Leadership Award: Ariana Smith.

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Bowling, a look at what really happened

BY CHIP WALAKOVITS
Special to the Press

Bowling... whatever happened, or should we say, "what really happened" to a game a few thousand locals participated in every week. Yes, it may have been a long season, 30-weeks, while spring was in the air and baseball fans were cheering for their favorite teams. What role did the closing of the iconic Bethlehem Steel play? The 1990s was a pivotal era for the Christmas City while the Third Street cor-

ridor was closing the doors. How is it possible for the number-two steel producer to threaten the lives of over 25,000 employees. Unemployment forced retirees, and financial setbacks curtailed many of families weekly activities, and bowling was no exception. While the Steel was closing doors around 1996, a young 20-year old name Tiger Woods arrived on the scene. Golf became the new sensation and within months he delivered his first professional victory and

they just kept coming. Forget the indoors, golf extended the season to well into fall, and some players never relinquished until the snow covered the ground. Many of the Steel bowling leagues ceased to exist and the numbers were dwindling. Of course, by this time Liberty Lanes, Central, Ritz and Washington sites were just a memory similar to the old blast furnaces rumblings through the Southside. Now the memory lives on. Speaking of memory, in 1980 the hall of fame was

created by veteran bowling writer, Lou Erb, with the selection 12 men and 12 women. Mr. Erb was not part of the original crew but was inducted the following season. Correction from last week when stated the Lehigh Valley Clubmens originated in the mid 1950s, it actually was 1946 when the Coplay Saengerbund was crowned champions with 14 teams. The Palmerton Sokols & Hungarians entered the traveling circuit along with the Emmaus Owls. Beside bowling in the

league for over 25 years myself, my father Charles "Walla" Walakovits, rolled the first 300 perfect game in November 1953 in the Clubmens. The first perfect game in the city went to Walter Muhr in September of 1952. Thanks for the memories and the friends we established along the way. And then we ask... bowling, whatever happened. Chip Walakovits is a former bowling writer for the Globe Times. He can be reached at whochip@ptd.net

Q & A... With Liberty's Ruiqi Wang

BY PETER CAR
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Ruiqi Wang will be attending the University of Pittsburgh Honors College at the Swanson School of Engineering where he intends to study chemical engineering.

1. Now that the news of the spring season being over has had time to sink in, what are your thoughts or emotions about not being able to play your senior year?
A: "When I first found out that our season was being canceled, of course, I felt really frustrated and annoyed. Even now I can still say I'm annoyed that we as seniors won't be able to play that last game together, but at the same time, I understand our governor did it to keep us safe, and that's the important thing. So while I still regret not playing, I'm thankful that the governor reacted in this way for the greater good.

2. What were you looking forward to the most this season?
A: "For this season, I was looking forward to making a deep run through playoffs the most because I wanted to leave some kind of thank you to our first coach (Coach Ammary) for recruiting the other seniors and me and to thank the current coaches for all their time and energy."

3. What activity do you find yourself doing the most during quarantine?
A: "When the weather is nice out, I usually go outside to practice setting and other small ball control stuff. Other times I'll stick to binging Netflix and taking care of my younger brother while my parents work."
4. What do you miss most about normal life?
A: "I miss school because of the classes, friends, and knowing that I would have practice all week."
5. If you had the choice to be stuck at home with any teammate(s) during

this quarantine, who would they be and why?
A: "I would pick Devin mostly because he's a nice guy overall and his motivation to work out and go outside would definitely make the days more fun and productive."
6. Can you name your favorite movie, show or series you've watched over the past month?
A: "I just started watching the Tiger King and it's a fairly interesting show."
7. What's the worst part about being stuck at home?
A: "The worst part is not being able to play volleyball with the rest of the seniors because

we've been a team for four regular seasons, four club seasons and three summers just playing volleyball. So, this break is going to be the longest that I haven't been on a volleyball court."
8. What's the first thing you want to do once this quarantine is over?
A: "The first thing I would do is go for a nice drive to a restaurant and enjoy being outside."
9. Can you tell your favorite sports story about yourself, your team or your teammates over the years?
A: "I'm pretty bad at telling stories, so this question is better suited

for the other seniors."
10. What lesson(s) have you learned throughout this whole process?
A: "Hard work pays off. It seems like a fairly common and simple statement/lesson, but I never fully appreciated its significance until I looked back and saw how much our practice paid off. When Coach Ammary pulled me into this program, I was just some tall skinny freshman. But after all of the regular season, pre-season, and offseason practices, I can confidently say I am far more athletic and less awkward than I was four years ago."

Hanover Stingrays will have a new home

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Its blue and yellow colors and its stingray mascot will remain the same, but the Suburban League's Hanover Stingrays summer swim team will have a slightly different look as they are now the Bethlehem Stingrays of Memorial Pool on Illick's Mill Road. Hanover Township

pool was closed all last summer, in need of major repair or replacement, requiring the Hanover Stingrays, a competitive summer swim team, to practice at Stark Pool in Bethlehem. In addition, all of the Stingrays' swim meets were away meets. "Stark has only two lanes, so we had to rig up other lanes, but it was a pool," said Stingrays head coach Evan Kocon.

"It definitely wasn't the easiest adjustment, but it was better than not having a team." While Hanover's pool remained closed, Kocon started reaching out to the City of Bethlehem last year. "Jodi Evans (Bethlehem's recreation director) has been great about getting us in at Memorial, and we're confident in where we're going," Kocon said.

The only question left is when? That question was answered on May 19, but prior to that date, Memorial Pool was undergoing renovations, that were nearing completion when the coronavirus pandemic put a stop to construction. "The pool was on schedule to be finished in early June, so I don't know what's going to happen," said Kocon in

early April. Then, on May 19, Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez announced in a press release that Bethlehem's five pools will remain closed this summer and that construction on Memorial Pool has restarted and will be completed this summer for opening in 2021. Throughout all the uncertainty, Kocon wanted and still wants people to know that

swimmers in kindergarten through 12th grade can live anywhere and still join the team. "This will be a positive influence on our team," Kocon said. The Stingrays took second place among seven teams in last summer's championships meet, and in 2018, the Stingrays were crowned Suburban Swim League champions.

Northwest swim waits for the green light

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Northwest summer swim team coach Reik Foust is waiting for the green light, or, in this time of the coronavirus, the yellow light, to be able to start a summer swim season. The season will look

differently, of course, since the ABE Suburban Swim League has voted down the prospect of its usual competitions. Foust explained that, if there were to be a competitive season, it could be shortened and held under different criteria. Another option would

be to have an invitation-al meet if the counties involved would go to green, as decided upon by Pa. Gov. Tom Wolf. "We're a private pool, so once the governor goes yellow, we can open, but we can only have 25 people in the pool area at any given

time," said Foust. "We offered a situation where, if we were swimming against Stones Crossing, for example, both pools could host the meet." In that type of situation, the older swimmers would compete at one pool while the younger

swimmers would compete at the other. "Other clubs sort of liked the idea," Foust said. In the meantime, everything is on hold. "I feel disappointed for the senior kids and the kids who came into their own and wanted a

productive summer, but I try to remind myself of the bigger picture," said Foust. "We'll figure something out, but I don't know. We're hopeful. It's a little discouraging but only a little bit."

YUENGLING 5K

Runners rejoice - the Yuengling Oktoberfest 5K returns this fall. Registrations are now open for this seventh annual run/walk through historic Bethlehem, set for Sun., Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Special early-bird registration of only \$40 is open now through June 7. Registration June 8-Aug. 10 is \$45 and registration Aug. 11-Oct.

3 is \$50, while day-of-entry fee is \$60. Runners can register here. The 2020 Oktoberfest race will wind its way through Bethlehem's Southside and the historic district. All registrants will receive a 5K T-shirt, an Oktoberfest 5K beer stein/mug filled with a complimentary Yuengling Oktoberfest beer for those 21 and older (root beer for those under 21) and more.

The race will follow any state and city guidelines in place at the time regarding COVID-19 safety and mitigation efforts. Proceeds from all 5K registrations go directly to support ArtsQuest to help fund its mission of engaging and revitalizing the community through arts programs and cultural events, 50 percent of which are free to attend.

TALK


Continued from page A9 For any parent who is worried, or even concerned, littleleague.org has protocols for parents to view online. "The pandemic has changed lives of young people around the world and potentially impacted a generation for many years to come," Reagins said. "It's taken proms and graduations and economic capabilities of parents of families. "It has reinforced importance of, and significance of, sport, especially baseball and softball. Young people want to play. They are clamoring for social interac-

tion they had in school with their classmates. They have strong desire to have that emotion bonding you experience when on the diamond. They yearn for the opportunity to be with their friends on a daily basis." Dr. Bhattacharya stressed the outdoor transmission seems lower than the indoor setting. "There's a lot of evidence the virus spreads much better in indoor settings," Bhattacharya said. "The evidence is growing the virus is less effective spreading in the summer and there is less risk in the sunshine. "The risk is much

less lower [for kids]. It's unlikely asymptomatic kids can spread to parents and grandparents." Rollins, who has three daughters, commented that indoors the virus has a better chance of spreading, so why not be outdoors. "We don't want to stop living our lives," said Rollins. "We don't want to stop having our normalities from existing. Right now, none of that exists. We watch the news, we hear about the negative things, but we should be focusing on what we can do instead of what we can't do, and working on getting back to what we can do and what we aren't doing."

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QA

Continued from page A9 probably be about the day we beat Liberty 4-3 on May 1, 2019. That was a really big moment for us. It was the bottom of the seventh, runner on first, two outs. The girl

up to bat kept railing the balls foul, and at this point, the game could not end. It was either a walk-off home run by Liberty or a strikeout thrown by our pitcher Emma Bond. Emma threw that last pitch and there it was, a strike out.

We all were on Cloud 9 after that win."
Q: What is the first thing you'd like to do when the quarantine is over?
A: "I plan on visiting a lot of my friends and teammates."

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Can you recall anyone having a more interesting run than Chase Elliott's last few weeks?

GODSPEAK: Not in recent memory. Elliott is like the sun, and everything NASCAR is orbiting around him right now.

KEN'S CALL: Any day now, I expect to turn on the 6 o'clock news and see him leading a high-speed chase across SR 53 outside Dawsonville.

After five Cup races since the return, do you miss fans in the stands?

GODSPEAK: Darlington was a bit spooky, but I'm used to it now. When the fans come back, I will miss those crazy, swooping drone shots by Fox.

KEN'S CALL: Not during the race, but afterward, it's odd. Can't say I "miss" them, but I feel for those who build annual trips around these things. It won't be long now, let's hope.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR ATLANTA

WINNER: Kevin Harvick
REST OF TOP 5: Brad Keselowski, Chase Elliott, Erik Jones, Martin Truex Jr.

FIRST ONE OUT: Michael McDowell
DARK HORSE: Clint Bowyer
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: This rough-and-tumble track favors a rough-and-tumble driver.

BY THE NUMBERS

11.9
Career average Atlanta finish by Matt Kenseth

10.34
Average running position at Atlanta by Brad Keselowski

1,138
Laps led at Atlanta by Kevin Harvick since 2005

133.870
Pole speed (mph) of Fireball Roberts at Atlanta in 1960

197.478
Track record pole speed (mph) of Geoff Bodine in 1997

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

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2020 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

- Feb. 9: Clash at Daytona (Erik Jones)
- Feb. 16: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
- Feb. 23: Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
- March 1: Fontana (Alex Bowman)
- March 8: Phoenix (Joey Logano)
- March 15: Atlanta (postponed)
- March 22: Homestead-Miami (postponed)
- March 29: Texas (postponed)
- April 5: Bristol (postponed)



Brad Keselowski lifts the sword of victory after winning Sunday's Cup race at Bristol, which is called "The Last Great Colosseum." [AP/MARK HUMPHREY]

THROUGH THE GEARS:

Elliott gets limelight, Keselowski gets wins

By Godwin Kelly
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Everything is happening so fast in NASCAR, we're out of breath trying to chase down all developments, including some bounty hunter money.

As the Cup Series plays catch-up with its regular season, competitors staged five races over 14 days and it seems like Chase Elliott's name pops up at every turn.

The clutch is in and it's time to stomp the gas pedal...

FIRST GEAR: NASCAR's Most Popular Driver has been the center of attention since stock-car racing came off its coronavirus break.

Elliott lost two races he should have won, then beat nemesis Kyle Busch in a Truck Series event (May 26) at Charlotte Motor Speedway and collected a \$100,000 bounty, which is earmarked for charity.

After that, he won a Thursday night Cup Series race (May 28) at Charlotte, which had been scheduled for Wednesday, but postponed because of rain from a tropical storm.

Elliott was in the eye of another storm Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway when he crashed out while fighting for the lead with Joey Logano on Lap 497 of 500.

"Oh, just going for the win, you know, trying to get a run underneath and got really loose-in," Elliott said. "As soon as I turned off the wall, I had zero chance of making it. I'll certainly take the blame."

Who benefited from the late-race, sheet-metal battle? Brad Keselowski, who stole the Coca-Cola 600

(May 24) from Elliott with pit strategy, then scored his 32nd career win at Bristol.

"This team needs to go to Las Vegas," Keselowski said of his good luck in recent races. "Is it open yet?"

SECOND GEAR: Keselowski is getting a lot of attention right now because he has scored two Cup Series wins and stands fourth in the points standings.

The 36-year-old driver picked a good time to get hot because he doesn't have a contract with Team Penske beyond 2020. There is talk the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, now wheeled by Jimmie Johnson, could come into play.

"I haven't put that much thought into anything other than competing and wanting to be in a spot to compete and win for a long time," Keselowski said after winning Bristol.

THIRD GEAR: NASCAR will continue its stay-close-to-home schedule when it heads to Atlanta Motor Speedway for a tripleheader this weekend.

There's a Truck-Xfinity Series doubleheader on Saturday followed by a Cup race on Sunday.

The formula stays the same. A lot of face masks and gloves, but no practice, no qualifying and no fans allowed.

"I said earlier this week that I feel like NASCAR struck gold with these formats," Keselowski said.

FOURTH GEAR: Atlanta may be the track that gets Kevin Harvick's season back into high gear.

Since making his Cup debut there in 2001, he has led 1,197 laps. But who is the defending Atlanta race winner? Keselowski, of course.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

He wants an apology? Seriously?

First off, the crew here at the NASCAR This Week shop generally like Joey Logano and his joyful manner, not to mention his racing ability. But sometimes we shake our heads, as we did Sunday when Joey complained that he didn't get an apology from Chase Elliott after their dust-up during Bristol's closing laps. "I had to force an apology, which to me is childish," Joey said in the aftermath, and in a kinda-sort way, we agree with him. Kinda childish for a guy who entered his 30s last week and plays a grown man's game.

No blame for Chase?

You could suggest he should've known his car wouldn't stick through that turn and therefore should've lifted, but it was his only chance to win. Other than that, no apology is really necessary when both guys know exactly what happened and why. Move along.

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CUP STANDINGS

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WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500
SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway (1.54-mile oval)
SCHEDULE: Sunday, race (Fox, 3 p.m.)

CUP SERIES: Blue Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500

SITE: Martinsville Raceway (.526-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: June 10, race (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.)

XFINITY: Echo Park 250

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (Fox, 4:30 p.m.)

GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK

SERIES: Camping World 200

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)

- Aug. 29: Daytona
- Sept. 6: Darlington
- Sept. 12: Richmond
- Sept. 19: Bristol
- Sept. 27: Las Vegas
- Oct. 4: Talladega
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Symptoms

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If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. In adults, emergency warning signs:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Bluish lips or face

Note: This list is not all-inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

If you are sick

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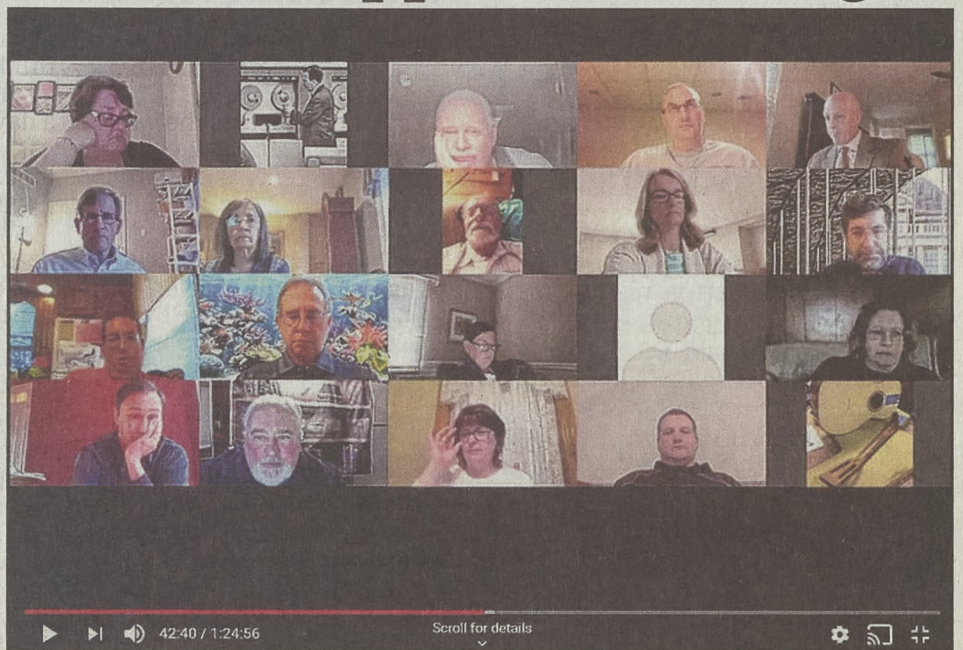
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SAUCON VALLEY SD

Virtual graduation approved, changed

BY CHRIS HARING
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

The May 12 school board meeting began on a positive note, as Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler spoke highly of the district's implementation of remote educational programs under unprecedented circumstances. He touted the continuing success of instruction through programs such as Schoology and Seesaw, saying, "Over the last month or so, [participation is] up at the elementary school level with weekly



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

Saucon Valley School Board members and administrators communicate via the Zoom virtual meeting application.

and total items up over 900 percent. At the high school in the last month, we had over 23,000 discussion and assignment items, and in the middle school we've had slightly over 21,000 items and discussions." He also lauded food service personnel, who have been providing meal distribution to families in the district twice a week at various district locations for the duration of the COVID-19 closures. He described the department's effort as second to none.

The board unanimously approved the first reading of an updated Food Allergy Policy, calling the previous policy outdated. Solicitor Mark Fitzgerald said the original iteration of the policy was about 12 years old, and the update would help ensure that there is cross-collaboration between broad policy and individualized student plans such as I.E.P.s and others to "make sure that we are fulfilling federal law."

Butler cited his own grandson's allergen vulnerability while stressing the importance of having a thorough, sound policy, noting, "perhaps if you don't have a family member or a loved one that's impacted, you don't realize the potential severity" of an unexpected allergic reaction from a child.

Board President Dr. Shamim Pakzad added, "It's literally a matter of life and death."

Later, the board unanimously approved the final budget for the 2020-21 school year. The budget totals \$47,883,061, with a shortfall of \$178,222, which will be reconciled from the district's fund balance with a zero millage increase for district taxpayers.

The board also affirmed, with a 7-2 vote, plans to hold a June 5 virtual graduation ceremony, provided by Mobil Technologies Graphics for a cost of \$4,626, which, according to high school Principal Tamara Gary, is "mostly in line with previous years."

Pakzad expressed some desire to potentially hold an in-person ceremony in July, saying he had heard at least two districts had made a similar decision.

"I still don't understand why we can't wait to make this decision later in July," he said, with Edward Andres echoing these sentiments.

Referring to Fiona Kramer, a high school senior who spoke during the earlier community portion of the meeting, Andres said, "[Kramer] asked about surveying the senior class, if that seems like no harm in doing that ... it only provides us with informa-

tion as to how the class as a whole feels."

Butler replied, "Ms. Gary did survey the students. I don't know how long ago. There was 97 percent approval" of the virtual graduation plans.

Gary explained that with 180 graduating students, a physical ceremony with families attending as guests as well as, "just not going to happen... it all comes down to what the [CDC recommended] guidelines are. It's not going to be the same."

She said she had met with senior class officers, who said they would rather use July and August as a tentative time frame for a make-up senior prom and senior send-off, respectively, as each would only involve roughly 200-300 people.

The two dissenting votes ultimately came from Pakzad and Andres, who were not convinced.

EDITOR'S NOTE: After approving a virtual graduation ceremony, the board changed its collective mind in favor of a drive-thru ceremony as presented in the May 22 SAUCON VALLEY HS NOTES column by Kiera Sager. That ceremony is still set for June 5. See graduation calendar on A16 for more details.

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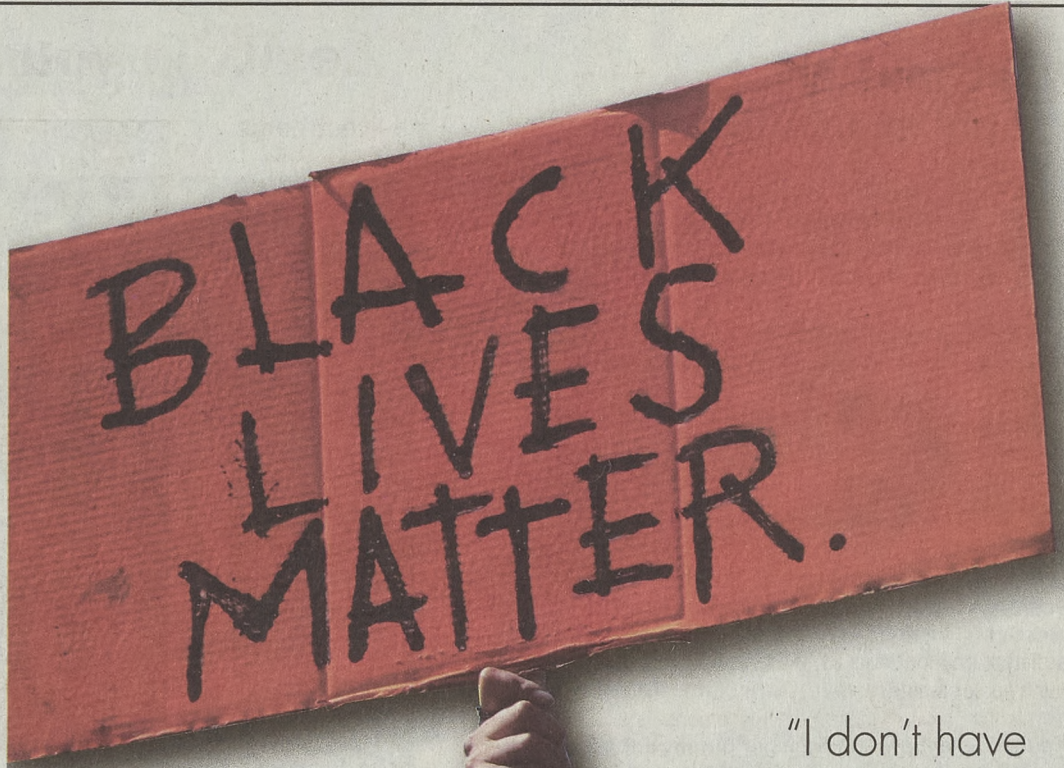
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Matty Fall leads the march to Bethlehem City Hall, where the Black Lives Matter rally took place.



"I don't have all the answers, but I know that we can do better. We really need to vote. We need to vote for people that care."

RALLY AGAINST RACISM

'It's our job to protect one another'

BY TIMOTHY HEALY
Special to The Press

In light of the death of George Floyd, an unarmed African American who died in the custody of a Minnesota police officer, Lehigh Valley residents took to the streets in Bethlehem May 30, marching for Floyd, for other African American police victims and for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Activists Matty Fall, J.C. Lustre Villanueva and Michael Henriquez led the march, which gathered at the Rose Garden 3 p.m.

"It really weighs heavy on my mind and on my heart," Fall told a park full of protestors, "when another black brother or sister has their life taken by someone in uniform.

"This whole thing leaves me with so many questions," Fall said. "I don't have all the answers, but I know that we can do better. We really need to vote. We need to vote for people that care."

Hundreds of protestors marched for nearly two hours, crossing the West Broad Street bridge, weaving through the streets of downtown Bethlehem and rallying beside the

Bethlehem Area Public Library before making their return to the Rose Garden.

Protesters from across the valley chanted "No justice, no peace," "Say their names," "Silence is compliance."

Pennsylvania residents are no strangers to questionable police actions against people of color. According to a press release by march organizers, of the more than 1,000 incidents where people were killed by police in the United States last year, 165 of them happened in Pennsylvania.

"It's our job - our duty as a community - to protect one another," Lustre Villanueva said, "because when the government fails to protect its people, who else is going to take care of them?"

"Today we're marching in support of the Black Lives Matter movement," Fall said, who hopes to prevent violence toward the black community.

"People like me are in danger all the time," she said. "It's extremely uncomfortable.

"Today, with everyone uncom-

fortable in the heat, I don't think that even equates to what a black person goes through on a day-to-day basis," she added.

Those who marched both mourned a loss and shared a hope.

"We're out here raising awareness, spreading the word and using our voices to try to get justice for all the black bodies that America has on its hands," Fall said.

The event concluded at the Rose Garden, where the crowd knelt down, raised their fists in the air and listened as Ashleigh Strange read some names from the list of over 1,000 Americans killed by police in 2019.

Fall said she helped plan the rally sort of at the last minute, thinking maybe 30 or 40 people would show up.

"I never thought it would get this big," she said. "I feel so overwhelmed. I'm just so excited and happy that this many people care about my life, every other black life here and every other black life in America."



PRESS PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY HEALY
Promoting the Black Lives Matter movement, a masked girl holds a homemade sign high in the air May 30.



ABOVE: Police officers stand by at the rally beside Bethlehem City Hall, making sure everyone stays safe.

LEFT: Marchers make their way across the West Broad Street bridge, entering downtown Bethlehem.



Hundreds gather beside Bethlehem City Hall to promote police justice and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Regression

When my son James was two years old, he still did not talk. His daycare provider did an assessment, and strongly suggested he needed speech services. I showed the assessment to a speech teacher I knew well, and she agreed. James' father disagreed. But he did not object to treatment, and so James received speech and occupational therapy from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. In about eight months, he was talking and otherwise improving, and it was determined he had met his goals, so services stopped.



By Lani Goins

Eighteen months later, his father and I were long since separated, and we were living in Lehigh County, and James was at another daycare. That daycare had what I considered to be an aggressive pre-K curriculum. Again it was suggested he needed services. This time I declined, and moved him to a daycare with a less aggressive curriculum. He did very well there.

In hindsight, maybe I should have pursued more services. My life was also at rock bottom, and I can't say how that affected my decision. Over the course of a year, we lived in three different counties. I drove three different cars. We were in a car accident.

When the dust settled, we were in Bethlehem, and finally achieved a small sense of stability.

Several months later, James started kindergarten. He has a late summer birthday, so was relatively young. The school district felt starting summer school before kindergarten would be helpful to James. He did well in summer school.

Then the regular school year started, and his school day was made longer, in part because the school day was a little longer, and also he was in before care. It did not go well.

Thankfully, we were able to get him evaluated quickly, and it was determined he has ADHD. He was given a TSS (that stands for one-on-one Therapeutic Support Staff) behavioral support and occupational therapy. After some time, he began to thrive.

Now he is in first grade. And then, Coronavirus happened.

James is now doing schoolwork at home. He does not have his TSS, so Erick [his brother] or I need to sit with him and work with him when he does his schoolwork. It's a work in progress. He has had some regression in behavior, (mostly whining, crying like a toddler, defiance and refusal to follow directions, tantrums and neediness) and my primary concern now is managing that. The regression caught me by surprise. We have been through so much, and I didn't consider the impact of his having to stay home all the time would have on his behavior. The regression hit most strongly the week I started working my day job online. It's been several weeks now, and he has had time to adjust. And he sees his behavior specialist and his occupational therapist on Zoom, weekly. All in all, he is doing better.

My worry now is what happens when school starts meeting in the school building again. Will he be happy to go back? Or will it be another difficult change? What if there is a subsequent closure?

Time will tell.

A VIEW - BOSCOLA

Open up more businesses

Governor Wolf sets much of the policy for the commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 Crisis. However, we live in a representative democracy and we, in the legislative branch, have an important role in framing our response to the pandemic and our recovery from it. At times that means agreeing with the Governor and sometimes that means questioning his policies.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Jahre of St. Luke's and Dr. Rhodes of Lehigh Valley Hospital, infectious disease specialists treating patients with COVID-19, shared the opinion that more businesses could open, provided people follow appropriate social distancing, mask wearing and other CDC guidelines. Some of these businesses, like barbershops, restaurants and gyms, will be the last to re-open under the governor's plan. Today we have fewer positive cases, we have less hospitalizations and more testing, yet we continue to tell some businesses to wait.

Too many businesses are locked out from opening in the restricted phases of the governor's plan. It is incumbent upon us as policy makers to remain adaptive and flexible on how we move forward based on what experts learn about the virus. If three weeks ago leading local experts thought businesses like hairdressers and salons could be open and the community is safer now, it suggests we need to reevaluate when and what businesses can open.

Right now, even in the most restricted phase, you can get botox injections or dental work but you can't get a haircut or your nails done. You can stand in the long lines at big box stores, but you can't visit a small retail shop. Starting Friday, you can swim in a public pool but only eat outside at a restaurant. You can visit a beach at one of our state parks but not enjoy an outdoor concert at the Levitt Pavilion. When I hear about some of the businesses that are open and those that are not, I realize we can do better. Our small retailers, our gyms and even public venues like Steelstacks can be opened in limited ways in order to help them stay in business and avoid bankruptcies and foreclosures.

Waiting too long to open these businesses might make the hill for them to climb insurmountable. Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association is reporting that 30 percent of restaurants will not re-open. Some articles report that Pennsylvanians are flocking to other states to get haircuts and liquor. You don't think they will do the same thing to go shopping or visit a restaurant? Many of the businesses that are closed are the backbones of the cities and towns where they operate. They generate considerable taxes for the commonwealth through sales tax, income tax, casino fees, liquor taxes and other business taxes. How will we pay for all these closures and unemployment claims? Like my dad said, "there is not a money tree out there, Lisa."

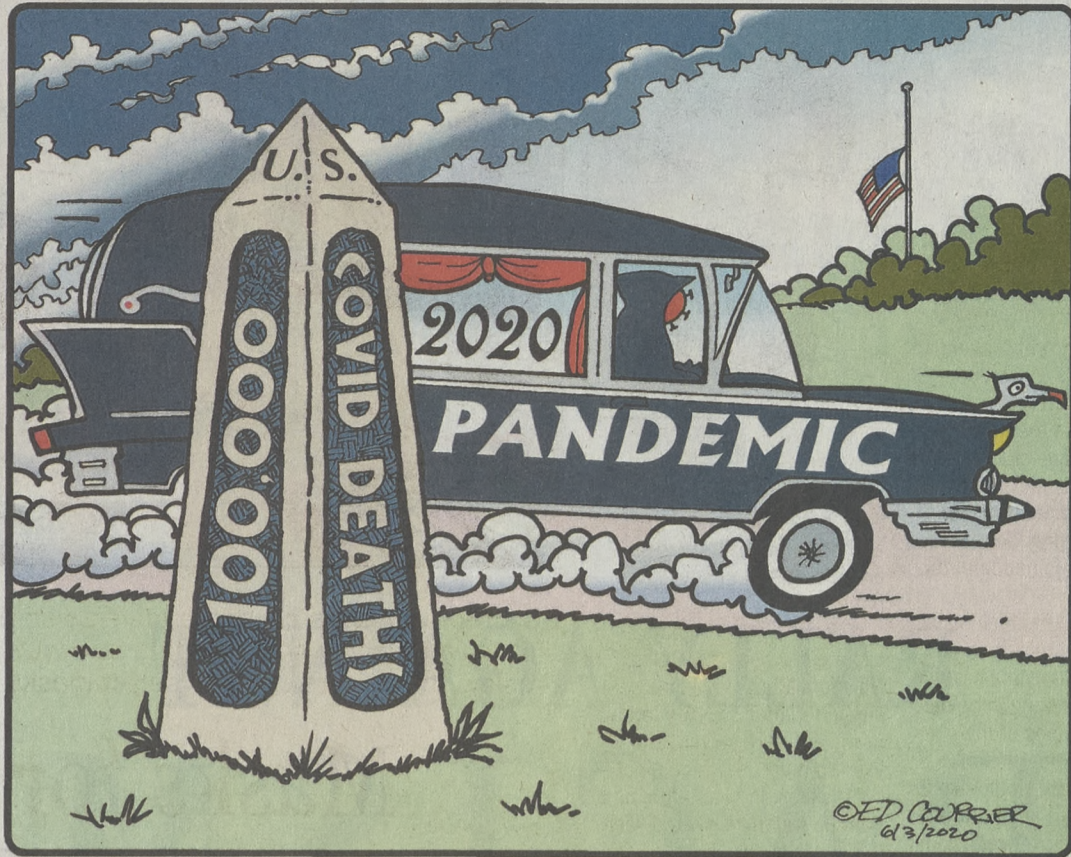
We need to tap into business owners' entrepreneurial instincts to create workable plans for them to operate in our new normal. Most business owners already developed COVID-19 mitigation plans because they don't want to get sick, they don't want their employees to get sick, and they don't want their customers to get sick.

Experts believe more businesses can be open in the Lehigh Valley today. I trust them. I know that if given the opportunity businesses in the Lehigh Valley will do what they always do, they will adapt and succeed! Together we can start our economic recovery and stay ahead of COVID-19.

Senator Lisa Boscola

ANOTHER VIEW - ED'S WORLD

Graphic commentary by Ed Courier



Remarks by Mayor Bob Donchez

MINNEAPOLIS

Almost 250 years ago, Thomas Jefferson declared, "That all men are created equal." Our nation has had a long and difficult history dealing with those simple and profound words. Since 1776, it has taken numerous conflicts and much bloodshed for us to live up to those words. And yet, have we? Once again, we are grieving as a nation and standing together to condemn the shocking violence in Minneapolis and the loss of innocent life, and those simple words of Thomas Jefferson somehow got lost in translation or understanding.

I grew up in South Bethlehem. The words "all men are created equal" were words to live by in my neighborhood and in my world. We were a melting pot, a cauldron of hope where there was no room for racism, bigotry and intolerance. We had our differences - culturally, linguistically, racially and religiously - and yet we were a community. When we had to, we locked arms across the many lines and boundaries of our differences and dedicated ourselves to unity. Because of that, we were able to achieve some early measure of social and economic justice and equality for many in our community.

Those lessons of social and economic justice and equality traveled with me and were a daily part of my 35 years as a teacher

at Allen HS in Allentown. I made sure my students were tolerant of all who attended Allen HS - black and white, Latino and Asian, gay and straight, male, female and transgender, rich and poor and all who made up the city, the Lehigh Valley and the country.

As the son of a police officer and as a mayor, watching the images from Minneapolis have been tough. I have great respect and admiration for our police officers, so it was very emotional watching that Minneapolis police officer suffocate handcuffed George Floyd with a knee to his neck. I know that almost all police officers adhere to the law and would never hurt someone like that, and yet this behavior continues and it hurts - it hurts the police and it hurts every one of us.

The kind of behavior we have seen in Minneapolis has no place in America or anywhere in the world. We in Bethlehem must condemn acts of violence and hatred, and are deeply saddened by the loss of life of a fellow human being. This is not just a race issue, this is a human issue, and we are all connected by our shared human experience.

Max Lucado wrote, "If Jesus could teach us only one thing, it would be that a person has value simply because they are a per-

son." This is not the time to pretend that there's not a problem in America.

This is not the time to turn our backs on racism.

This is not the time to accept innocent lives being taken from us.

This is not the time to think this doesn't affect you.

This is not the time to sit back and say nothing.

This is not the time to think that you can't be part of the solution and the change needed for this to stop.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

This is a time for outrage, but it is not a time for violence. The hatred that comes with racism, bigotry and intolerance will not be condoned or supported here in Bethlehem or anywhere else for that matter. We are one. Our anger and abhorrence must be converted to something more positive - to hope, to faith and to love.

To quote Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Mayor Bob Donchez
Bethlehem

Council reviews pandemic effects

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

In another pandemic-driven remote meeting, most members of Bethlehem City Council listened to comments and voiced their votes via teleconferencing at the regular meeting May 5. Members of the public who wanted to speak had been asked to provide phone numbers to Council President Adam Waldron, who explained the process he has devised to accommodate public comments. Waldron was the only council member present; the rest being linked via the internet.

"I will call on them much as I would call on them if they were in the room," Waldron said.

As has become tradition, the "Bethlehem Moment" was presented when retired Lehigh University Professor Ed Gallagher called in to read a script prepared by Sharon Brown honoring African-American Main Street business owner Steve Holloman Sr. who founded and operated a business in Bethlehem in 1986 and gaining the unofficial sobriquet, "The Mayor of Main Street."

See: <https://thebethlehemgadf.ly.com/2020/05/06/bethlehem-moment-the-mayor-of-main-street/> for a



PRESS PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

The Rotunda was almost empty as council members and the public participated from remote locations via the internet.

full transcription.

Musician and former mayoral hopeful Artie Curatola called in his public comment contribution to suggest that fines be tripled for scofflaws who discard facemasks and rubber gloves on the ground. He also suggested that all cats, who he claimed to be susceptible to COVID-19, be kept inside during the coronavirus crisis.

Bethlehem may award a contract to Historic Bethlehem Mu-

seum and Sites headed by Charlene Donchez Mowers for a study that may result in Bethlehem being designated a World Heritage Designation. A proposal for the study was added to the agenda for the next regular meeting May 19.

Also adopted for the next agenda was a proposal to extend, without penalty, real estate tax payments.

Council approved a proposal expressing support for state and federal laws restricting

food delivery services "that threaten the economic viability of local restaurants and food during the COVID-19 crisis."

The measure asks the mayor to investigate local food delivery practices and to consider regulatory measures to "protect vulnerable food establishments, their workers and consumers"

Mayor Donchez reported that as of May 5, the city had 577 "positive cases" of COVID-19 and 19 deaths. He said one city employee has tested positive, but was "back at work and doing fine."

"I want to thank all the city employees for doing a great job during these challenging times."

He said the yard waste facility is open Monday through Saturday with drop-off only and that masks are required. He said the recycling center remains closed until further notice. He said the golf course is open and following state and CDC guidelines.

Donchez said he will make decisions on public swimming pools before memorial weekend. He said he expected guidance from the state on swimming pools.

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Kobe Cruz
Liberty HS



Grade: 11
Family members: My mom Angela, my father Larry and my sister Skye
Favorite subject: My favorite subjects are U.S. history and biology. I like history because learning about this country's past fascinates me. For biology, I like learning about how all life is made up and how it functions on the inside.
Activities: In school I am the treasurer for my graduating class and have been it for three years. I am the treasurer for world language club. I have been a part of Latino youth leadership for three years and am running for president of the club. This year I joined mini-thon and HOSA.
Next steps: After high school I plan on attending a four-year university, majoring in a science subject and minoring in political science, with hopes of then getting into medical school.
Career goals: I would like to be a doctor, but I aspire to one day run for public office. I would start statewide, with dreams of running for president.
Heroes: One of my main heroes is my sister Skye. She is 22 years old and already has her bachelor's degree and is taking classes to get her master's degree in fine arts. Aside from how much she has inspired me academically, my sister is also a great person and role model.
Hobbies: In my free time I love to watch sports and support my favorite teams. I also love to watch movies and listen to music.
Volunteer/community work: Last summer I had the opportunity to be an intern at

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation in Allentown. Throughout my time there I shadowed physical and occupational therapists and also got to work with the patients.

Likes: The sports teams I like are the New York Giants, the New York Mets, and in soccer I support Watford F.C. My favorite movie is The Departed, and I like rap music from the nineties.

Dislikes: First and foremost I am not a fan of olives. Everything else is fine.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): So far my greatest accomplishment would have to be how consistent I have been in high school, as I have gotten straight A's on every high school report card.

Advice for peers: My advice would be to get involved early in any clubs that pique your interest. Being involved can expose you to a lot of new people and can make the years very fun. Also, you should prioritize your schoolwork and try as hard as you can and hope that colleges recognize it.

Student profile subjects are selected by faculty and administration at the individual schools.



PRES PHOTOS BY THERESA O'BRIEN

Hundreds of masks cover the table as sewing volunteers (from left) Christine Taylor, Lisa Stachina and Lydia Stachina share a light moment with Fountain Hill PD officers Vazquez, Wood and Krasley. The officers came to select masks for their 18-person department.

Masks for those in need

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Prior to the coronavirus, when people talked about the issue of food insecurity, it was often a case of a family earning too much to qualify for benefits, but not enough to put sufficient food on the table. Now, many local families are facing the additional challenge of not being able to enter a grocery store because they don't have the mask that every Pennsylvania supermarket requires.

If you own a sewing machine and have the time, skill, and access to elastic and fabric, you can sew your own mask. And that's where some Fountain Hill ES teachers and friends decided to step in to help families in need.



Masks sewn by Aleshea Maurer are ready for distribution to families in need. Maurer is the wife of Fountain Hill ES fifth-grade teacher Todd Maurer.

The idea came up during a first-grade team meeting, teacher Lydia Stachina explains.

"We were discussing the importance of masks, and that not everyone

has access to one," she said.

Stachina, her mother Lisa, and neighborhood friend Pamela Gauthier had been making and selling masks to raise

money for the district's Backpack Pals food assistance program. First-grade teacher Christine Taylor had been sewing them as part of a project at St. Peter's Lutheran Church near Pen Argyl. Fifth-grade teacher Todd Maurer's wife Aleshea had also been making masks for friends and family on her own.

Coordinated by dean of students Garrett Podhyski, and with significant sewing assistance and donations from the Social Ministries Team at St. Peter's, these five women sewed hundreds of masks for distribution to families during one of BASD's "grab-and-go" lunch pickup sessions. The team also donated masks to the Fountain Hill Police Department.

BETHLEHEM AVTS NOTES

By Liam Chavez

We pushed through

It feels like only yesterday that people were talking about COVID-19 like it was nothing. Jokes about it were frequent and life seemed like it wasn't about to change anytime soon. Wrong!

Before we knew it, we had two weeks off from school. Talk about a score for students, or so we thought. I, personally, had no problem with it, though. I felt like it was only fair and made up for the lack of snow days this past winter.

As time went on and the stay-at-home order was constantly being extended by Gov. Wolf, I soon realized that school as I had known it was over, and remote learning was pretty much here to stay. While it definitely took some time to get used to for both students and teachers alike, we pushed through and finished strong.



Chavez

I can't express quite how good of a job my instructor, Kevin Strawn, did in keeping us as a class challenged. One would think that a class like electrical construction would be almost impossible to practice at home, but somehow, he pushed us as well as himself and managed to succeed.

In the beginning, we were instructed to draw blueprints of our homes and theoretically fill them with the proper devices, spacing them according to code.

Another project we were given had us show what hand signals were needed to direct a crane in moving one load from one area to another in yet another theoretical situation.

It wasn't all work, though. Many days had us answer riddles and watch videos like "Minute with Maxwell," where we were given a statement of strength for the day.

In our class's Zoom meetings, Mr. Strawn would always follow up the day's lesson with a survival lesson of his own.

In the end, the year turned out to be alright. Yeah, we didn't get here without a fight, yet here we are nonetheless. We pushed through and finished strong.

And for all the BAVTS and BASD seniors, myself included; The time of our lives that we thought would never come has finally arrived. We did it. We couldn't have done it though without the help of our friends, family, counselors, coaches and teachers. So from the seniors of electrical construction at BAVTS, thank you Mr. Strawn.

All this being said, we, the class of 2020, move forward now with strength, perseverance and unbreakable wills, ready for what the world throws at us. Congratulations to all graduating 2020 seniors.

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten registration online

The Bethlehem Area School District incoming kindergarten virtual open house will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on various dates via Zoom and will be structured in the same format as a face-to-face open house.

There will be meetings with the school principal, a teacher and a guidance counselor; a virtual tour of the school; and learn about the kindergarten program.

The dates and schools are: June 1-Farmersville, Fountain Hill, William Penn; June 2-Calypto, Donegan; June 3-Clearview, James Buchanan, Miller Heights; June 8-Hanover, Marvine and Spring Garden; June 9-Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson; June 10-Asa Packer, Freemansburg, Gov. Wolf.

Pre-registration is required. Visit www.basdschools.org/kindergarten.

Liberty HS: Message from Principal Harrison Bailey

I would like to inform our seniors, their parents and our staff that we are postponing our June 8 graduation ceremony, due to the pandemic. The new date for this ceremony will be Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m., in the Bethlehem Area School District Stadium. The inclement weather date will be Saturday, July 25 with the time to be determined.



Fountain Hill Dean of Students Garrett Podhyski holds a camouflage mask sewn for his son Declan by first-grade teacher Christine Taylor. Taylor and the Social Ministries Team at her church sewed hundreds of masks as part of a team project undertaken by Fountain Hill faculty.



Lisa Stachina and her daughter **Lydia** are avid quilters. The two women worked with family friend Pamela Gauthier to sew masks of many sizes, including some with the school's trademark pawprint, for Fountain Hill families.



Emi and Naomi Monfre with their mom, Brandice, and their new masks. Both girls are students at Fountain Hill ES.



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY CHRISTINE TAYLOR.

Teacher Christine Taylor sews masks at home. "It started as something small," says dean of students Garrett Podhyski, "and it spiraled into 'Maybe we can help the community,' and we wanted to involve the police department."



Fountain Hill administration, faculty, and police officers pose on the school's front steps. From left to right: Principal Courtney Wertman-Stambaugh, Officer Jose Vazquez, teacher Christine Taylor, dean of students Garrett Podhyski, teacher Lydia Stachina, Officer Richard Krasley and Officer David Wood.

YOUR LOCAL WEATHER

7 Day Forecast	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
	85 / 69 4-9 mph W	81 / 65 3-8 mph W	82 / 67 2-7 mph SW	81 / 66 3-9 mph W	74 / 59 6-10 mph NW	71 / 56 2-8 mph W	73 / 58 2-7 mph E

FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, near record high of 85°, humidity of 49%. West wind 4 to 9 mph. The record high for today is 88° set in 1970. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 69°. West wind 2 to 7 mph. The record low for tonight is 43° set in 1966. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 81°, humidity of 47%. West wind 3 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 65°. West wind 1 to 4 mph. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 82°, humidity of 47%. Southwest wind 2 to 7 mph.

Weather Trivia

Do tornadoes occur in January?



Answer: Yes, the average year sees 47 tornadoes in its first month.

CITY

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He thanked Wind Creek casino for making its \$2 million gaming tax payment. Donchez reported the New Bethany Ministries had entered into a contract with Comfort Suites to provide "transitional housing for the homeless" population. He said Lehigh County has an agreement with a motel to provide housing for homeless people testing positive for COVID-19.

He reported that \$300,000 had been allocated to the business relief fund for the "first round." Donchez said he hoped the fund could provide 150 companies \$2,000 each. He said that 188 "potentially eligible" businesses have applied for the program.

"No one has received any funding as of now. We hope to get that finished by the end of the week."

The mayor reported that he had recommended to U. S. Senator Robert Casey and that the next Community Development Block Grant (CDGC) Program payments come directly to the city instead of being passed through the state.

Business Manager Eric Evans briefed the council on predicted effects of the pandemic on the current budget and on next year's projections.

"There will be a substantial reduction in revenue," said Evans. "We do plan to cut expenses whenever the opportunities present themselves."

He said the cuts could

be to purchasing to projects to personnel. Up to \$7 million in projects could be delayed, according to Evans. He said the hiring freeze imposed April 1 has now resulted in 18 open positions. He said Mayor Donchez would need to approve any future hires to the city work for until further notice.

Evans reported that six full-time employees in the Housing Bureau have been furloughed and will remain so until Governor Tom Wolf determines that real estate businesses can begin operating again. He said these furloughed employees will be recalled once real estate business is authorized.

Evans said seasonal or temporary hiring will be reduced as well as for divisions such as public works, traf-

fic, Sand Island tennis courts, swimming pools and camps.

The opening of Memorial Pool will likely be pushed to the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021, according to Evans. He said the city has not yet decided, but held out the possibility that "some" of the other city pools may open this summer.

Donchez said that, pending clarity from Harrisburg, he hoped to make a decision of opening swimming pools and playground by Memorial Day.

On a bright note, Evans predicted that the cost of gasoline for city vehicles will drop because the global cost of oil has dropped.

"We may just freeze the budgets for 2021 and ask department heads to come in with a five to 10 percent cut for their 2021 budget," Donchez said in response to a request for more information by Waldron. "Or we may do [what] hasn't been done in many, many years is give each department a certain dollar amount and say 'This is what you have to work with and prepare your budget with this dollar amount.'"

Donchez said the fund balance is much better than it's been in the past. "So, that's kind of a silver lining to a point."

Council voted to amend the 2020 General Fund budget by increasing the amount of money dedicated to the Health Department from \$83,864 to \$753,284.

NEWS

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Freedom HS: Message from Principal Mike Laporta

I would like to inform our seniors, their parents and our staff that we are postponing our June 8 graduation ceremony, due to the pandemic. The new date for this ceremony will be Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Area School District Stadium. The inclement weather date will be July 25, with the time to be determined.

BASD: Recognizing seniors

During recent meetings, our seniors have expressed how important it is to experience this event and we want to do everything we can to make it happen. Hopefully, this postponement will provide enough time for community health conditions to improve to a point that allows us to bring people together for this momentous event.

We are currently making decisions regarding ways to celebrate our seniors. Each of our graduating seniors will receive a free yard sign for parents to display. An announcement will be made as we approach the end of the school year to coordinate sign distribution.

Finally, we would like to recognize our students for their dedication and academic engagement during these tough times. I know it can be difficult, but it is critical that all students log into Schoology and complete their assignments each week. This is an incredible opportunity for students that truly struggled during marking period three to lift their grades and pass their courses. Please reach out to your teachers and counselors for support. Freedom and Liberty staff will be reaching out to homes, if students appear to be disengaged. Parents, please partner with us and check in with your children regarding their progress during these final months of school.

HS GRADUATIONS 2020

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Friday, June 5
Saucon Valley HS, drive-through on high school grounds, 2100 Polk Valley Road. One vehicle of standard parking space size per graduate including graduate. No party buses, limos, etc. Ceremony will be live-streamed.

Saturday, June 6
Moravian Academy, drive-through senior car parade, 1 p.m., Upper School, 4313 Green Pond Road; graduation date and place still under review

Thursday, July 23
Freedom HS, 7 p.m., BASD Stadium

Friday, July 24
Liberty HS, 7 p.m., BASD Stadium

PENDING

Wednesday, July 22
Bethlehem Catholic HS, BASD Stadium

Saturday, July 25
Notre Dame HS

Monday, July 30-31
Charter Arts graduations

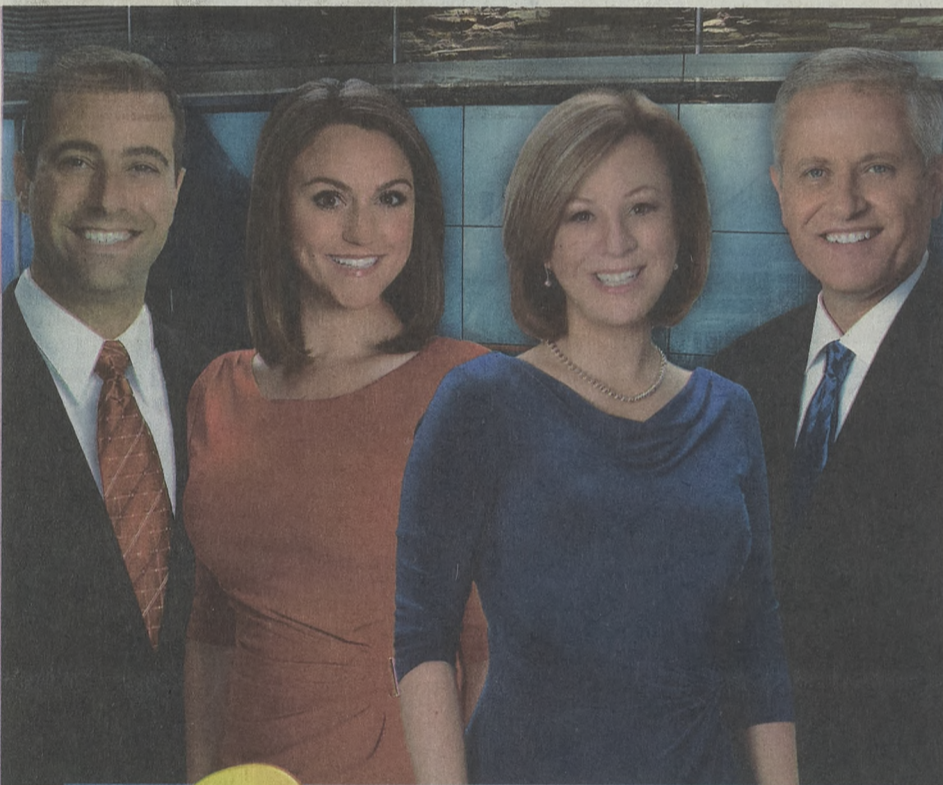
Four possible dates selected, no location
Moravian Academy, Upper School, 4313 Green Pond Road

NO INFORMATION TO DATE

Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School

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Sean Patrick Cassidy, left, and Adam Ercolani, right, steer Touchstone Theatre's "Fresh Voices" into the virtual world.

Virtual Curtain Rises

Livestream, podcasts drive Touchstone's 'Fresh Voices'

BY DAVE HOWELL
 Special to The Press

"Fresh Voices" is as innovative as ever this year, in one sense more than Southside Bethlehem's Touchstone Theatre might have imagined.

As with its recent "Young Playwrights' Festival," this year's "Fresh Voices" is going virtual because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic mandates.

"Fresh Voices" annually gives Touchstone apprentices an opportunity to explore and create their own solo and ensemble-created theater.

This year's "Fresh Voices" features three original works: two solo pieces performed back-to-back via a live-stream and a collaborative podcast released in four installments.

The first is "Pothole" by Adam Ercolani.

That show segues into the second show, "Dr. Sogol's Magnificent, Malfunctioning, Intergalactic, Cosmic Car Wash and Stamps" by Sean Patrick Cassidy.

The third is "ISO/Nation Presents," a four-part podcast.

The plays will be streaming at 7 p.m. June 5.

The podcast is available June 2, 5, 9 and 12.

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interview. "I have been singing longer than I have been acting. The backing tape has popular music that is very important to me."

for his speaking parts.

Cassidy will be in the passenger seat using his iPhone to stream Ercolani's performance.

The southside drive is to conclude in the Touchstone Theatre parking lot, where Cassidy will exit the vehicle to begin his own show.

"Music is a huge passion for me," says Ercolani in a phone interview. "I have been singing longer than I have been acting. The backing tape has popular music that is very important to me."

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Triple whammy of cancellations for musician, composer, teacher

Gigless in the Valley

BY KATHY LAUER-WILLIAMS
 Special to The Press

Fourth of six parts
 With classical, pops and band concerts and musical theater performances canceled across the region because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, professional musicians are out of work.

Stephen Reisteter muses that he took a triple hit.

Not only does Reisteter play principal clarinet for The Allentown Band and the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, he is a frequent pit orchestra musician for musical theater in the Lehigh Valley.

In addition to cancellations of ASO and Allentown Band concerts, Reisteter lost several pit orchestra gigs.

He was to perform in Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts' production of "Singing in the Rain" in March and Civic Theatre of Allentown's production of "Spamalot" in May.

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Stephen Reisteter

Coronavirus impact

Baum School of Art planning 35th auction as online bid and buy

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
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Last of three parts

The Baum School of Art annual auction is one of the most fun-filled events on the Lehigh Valley arts and cultural calendar.

The Baum auction, a glittering light on the fundraiser circuit, attracts hundreds of art devotees to the school's center city location for an evening of fine art and frivolity.

There's the silent auction of work by Lehigh Valley artists past and present with some 200 pieces displayed in the David E. Rodale and Rodale Family Galleries.

There's a scrumptious buffet dinner from Catering by Karen Hunter in the Fowler Community Room.

There are walkers displaying more than 100 paintings and art work as auctioneer Boris Wainio booms home the bids.

Yeah, that didn't happen this year. COVID-19 once again has canceled conviviality.

What is expected to happen is a virtual, or online version, of the Baum School 35th Annual Art Auction.

When the Baum virtual art auction will occur depends on guidance from Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf.

Lehigh and Northampton counties are scheduled to go from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown Red Phase to the Yellow Phase June 5.

The specifics for arts and entertainment organizations, restaurants, concerts, theater and the like aren't completely known.

It is known it isn't the Green Phase.

As of the deadline for this article, art auction details are still being worked out by Baum School of Art Executive Director Shannon Fugate, who May 6 announced postponement of the May 16 auction because of the pandemic.

Meanwhile, the Baum School formed a committee, but not just any committee. It's a Reopen Committee.

"Our committee has experts in medicine, technology, education, legal, science and industry, and design," says Fugate in a May 13 email to the editor of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section.

"We know the timeline is unknown but we want to be prepared when the time comes to open, that we do so with the health and well-being of our community as top priority," Fugate adds.

The Baum School Reopen Committee includes: Chair, Dr. Steven Zelenkofske, Executive Vice President-Chief Medical Officer, Achillion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Derek Grim, Baum Board President, ServiceMaster Clean franchise, and Walter Baum's great grandson; Janet Gross, Chair, Baum Facilities and Technology Committee; Atty. Howard Stevens, Baum Trustee, of the Gross McGinley, LLP law firm; Ravi Bains, Baum Trustee, of Advanced Research System Cryogenics, and Joshua Miller, Baum trustee and Professor, Communication Design, Kutztown University.

"Our goal is to monitor the data and guidelines around the unfolding crisis and plan for a safe reopening when the time comes," says Fugate in the email.

Art enthusiasts can "bid online from the comfort and safety of their own home," states the May 6 Baum press release.

Stated Fugate in the press release: "Although we are saddened that we will not be able to hold this fun, energetic night, filled with art in person, we are excited for the

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Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.

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St. Luke's virtual service for COVID-19 victims



St. Luke's University Health Network employees paused from their duties on the afternoon of May 28 for a virtual memorial service to honor COVID-19 victims. The nondenominational service, led by St. Luke's Network Director of Pastoral Care Rev. Mary Catherine Cole, left, was streamed live from the St. Luke's Bethlehem Campus chapel via Microsoft Teams to St. Luke's facilities. It was the first network-wide service of its kind in St. Luke's 147-year history. The United States reached a somber milestone the week of May 24 with 100,000 COVID-19 deaths reported. During the service, Cole read the names of deceased family and friends of employees. For each name, a flower was placed in a vase, making a pink and white bouquet on the altar.

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LVHN updates visits guidelines

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has updated its guidelines for visits, effective May 20.

During the past 10 weeks, LVHN implemented many processes, such as visitor temperature screenings at entrances, to help keep everyone safe in the facilities. The safety measures have proven to be very effective.

As LVHN hospi-

tals continue to see declines in the number of COVID-19 cases in the region, visitors are invited to select areas to provide support and companionship to hospitalized patients.

In LVHN hospitals and inpatient facilities, visitors are allowed in these circumstances:

- Labor and delivery and postpartum areas: One partner-support

person may stay the duration of the hospitalization.

- Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU): One set of parents or authorized representatives may visit.

- Hospitalized patients age 18 and younger: One set of parents or authorized representatives may visit.

- Patients with developmental disability, ma-

job neurocognitive disorder or dementia: One designated support person essential to patient care may visit.

• Non-COVID-19 medical surgical-low-level monitoring units: One healthy support person may visit daily for the duration of the hospitalization.

• Patients ready to be discharged from the hospital: One healthy support person may visit to assist as necessary.

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GIGLESS

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Most disappointing for Reisteter was the cancellation of Whitehall High School's Freddy Awards qualifying production of "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," which was scheduled for April.

"I was excited to play for my old alma mater," says Reisteter, who retired in 2017 as an elementary school music teacher in the Whitehall-Coplay School District.

"When I taught there, I had all the kids as first-graders when they couldn't tie their own shoes," he says. "I was looking forward to seeing them dancing and singing on stage."

The Bethlehem resident says this was the first Memorial Day in years when he didn't play patriotic music with The Allentown Band.

All of the Allentown Band's summer concerts in the parks have been canceled or postponed.

Reisteter is also disappointed that Allentown Symphony Pops "Women Rock" concert, scheduled for May, was canceled.

As a pop musician, he has played for Aretha Franklin, one of the artists to be honored in the concert.

He had looked forward to playing her classics, including "R.E.S.P.E.C.T.," and hoped that "Nessum dorma" from Puccini's opera "Turandot," which he says Franklin

frequently performed in her concerts when he accompanied her, would be included in the concert.

Reisteter has played in concerts by other marquee artists, including Ella Fitzgerald, Bob Hope, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Barbara Cook, Joel Grey, Bernadette Peters and Johnny Mathis.

This year, Reisteter had been substituting as a music professor at Moravian College and Lehigh University and ended the school year, like so many other teachers, leading classes through Zoom lessons. He feels the technology is challenging for music instruction, since there is a noticeable lag in transmission time.

Now that the school year has concluded, Reisteter, who also is a published composer, is turning his attention to his latest project with The Allentown Band.

For the past few years, the Allentown Band has been playing music to accompany silent films in a popular series at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown.

For the first two performances, Allentown Band conductor Ronald Demkee had the 32-member band play existing music that matched the action.

Last fall, Demkee asked Reisteter to compose an original score for the 1922 film, "Nosferatu." It was Reisteter's first time writing a score to be played by the entire band.

"I had done scores for other films, but never to

this extent," Reisteter says.

The project took him six weeks to compose the piece. He ended up with a score of more than 300 pages with 30 parts.

On Oct. 24, the Allentown Band is scheduled to accompany the 1920 silent film, "Mark of Zorro," starring Douglas Fairbanks as Zorro. Demkee again asked Reisteter to pen the score.

"I will be working on it during the summer," Reisteter says. "I'm already halfway through. I will have the composition done next month."

He says the project will keep him busy because the 100-minute movie requires constant music with no breaks and has a lot of parts. He notes that the first clarinet part, which was his part for "Nosferatu," had 52 pages.

Reisteter says that the Allentown Band would probably present the "Mark of Zorro" concert in 2021 if the October concert is canceled.

He has also been keeping busy doing personal projects in which he records himself on multiple tracks playing woodwinds and posts them on his YouTube channel.

Reisteter played on 59 tracks for a recording of Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers."

"There are projects I always wanted to do," he says. "I record in the guest room. Although I feel sorry for my wife

because she hears me doing parts over and over. But she's so sweet. She never complains."

His published compositions and arrangements have been played worldwide by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Danish Concert Band, Amherst Saxophone Quartet and Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra.

Although his income has taken a hit from the canceled performances, he is receiving royalty checks for concerts of his compositions, but expects that to dwindle, too.

Meanwhile, Reisteter has been practicing a lot to keep in shape. He accompanies his wife, Johanna, who plays piano in musical theater pit orchestras, and French horn in the Allentown Band.

"It can't match playing with an ensemble. There's nothing like playing in a big group," he says.

For now, Reisteter and his wife take long walks and talk about how strange life in the time of the coronavirus is as they look forward to the day that The Allentown Band, Allentown Symphony Orchestra and musical theater productions are allowed to return to the stage.

Next week: "Gigless in the Valley," Part Five: Pennsylvania Playhouse Theatre Administrator Rody Gilkeson

Coffee concerns

Q. I keep hearing about how bad coffee is for you. I also hear about how good coffee is for you. What gives?

The average American drinks more than 400 cups of coffee a year. How this popular beverage affects our health is an important issue.

Let's start with the bad part.

For the general population, the evidence suggests that coffee drinking doesn't have any serious detrimental health effects.

According to Dr. Rob van Dam, Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health, drinking up to six cups of coffee a day is not associated with an increased risk of death from any cause.

Van Dam warns that pregnant women and those who find it difficult to control their blood pressure or blood sugar may want to avoid coffee or switch to decaf.

"If you're drinking so much coffee that you get tremors, have sleeping problems, or feel stressed and uncomfortable, then obviously you're drinking too much coffee," van Dam said.

"But in terms of effects on mortality or other health factors, we don't see any negative effects of consuming up to six cups of coffee a day," said van Dam.

The cup he's talking about is an eight-ounce with 100 mg of caffeine, not one of those grandes you get at Starbucks, which can keep you awake until Stephen Colbert goes off the air.

OK, what about the good part?

Some research suggests that drinking coffee may protect against cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, several cancers, liver cirrhosis, depression and Alzheimer's disease.

Here's a summary from van Dam: "Coffee may have potential

HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti
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health benefits, but more research needs to be done."

When studying the effects of coffee, the focus is not just on the caffeine in the brew. Coffee contains more than 1,000 compounds that can impact your health.

There is another health issue that doesn't receive much publicity. How you brew your coffee has an effect upon LDL cholesterol, also known as the bad cholesterol.

Coffee contains substances that raise LDL levels in your body. Brewing coffee with a paper filter removes these substances.

Single-serve coffee pods, such as those used in a Keurig coffee maker, contain filters.

Other methods of coffee preparation, such as the French press, espresso or boiling, put the substances in your cup.

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

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LCCC Program approved as apprenticeship

Lehigh Carbon Community College's (LCCC) newest workforce development program, Certified Production Technician Plus (CPT+), has been approved as a registered pre-apprenticeship by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

The CPT+ program at LCCC is connected to registered apprenticeship programs at Mack Trucks and Ocean Spray.

LCCC's CPT+ program provides 200 hours

of instruction related to advanced manufacturing, with 140 hours of the program a combination of online and classroom instruction. It is combined with 60 hours of hands-on training on the "Skill Boss," which provides opportunities to learn skills in the areas of safety, quality, manufacturing and maintenance.

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Christine Kass Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 9 a.m. (1st & 3rd Sunday) Worship 10 a.m. Email: hokeypres@gmail.com Web: www.hokeypres.org</p> <p>QUAKERS</p> <p>LEHIGH VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING 4116 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 1/2 mi. North of US 22 on PA 512 610-691-3411 L.V. Monthly Meeting (Quakers) Closed due to COVID-19 Learn more about Quakers, visit website www.lehighvalleyquakers.org or look for L.V. Quakers on Facebook</p> <p>SHARED MINISTRY</p> <p>JERUSALEM WESTERN SALISBURY CHURCH 3441 Devonshire Road Allentown, PA 18103 610-797-4242 or 610-791-4979 Rev. Donald Brown, Sr. Pastor Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m. Holy Comm. Svc-Intinction Contemporary Liturgy Congregational Meeting & Luncheon</p>	<p>UNITED CH. OF CHRIST</p> <p>CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD U.C.C. 135 Quarry Rd., Alburts 610-966-2991 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Interim Pastor, Rev. Homer E. Royer</p> <p>DRYLAND UCC 4415 Newburg Road Nazareth, PA 18064 610-759-4444 Rev. Edward Livingston, pastor Online Service, 10:15 a.m. On Facebook under Dryland UCC or check website. Campus closed.</p> <p>EBENEZER U.C.C. Route 143, New Tripoli 610-298-8000 Church closed due to virus. Watch on Facebook live 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday See you when we reopen</p> <p>GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 902 Lincoln Ave. Northampton, PA 18067 The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz 610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>HEIDELBERG U.C.C. Irvin & Church Roads Slatington near Saegersville 610-767-4740 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation, All Ages 11 a.m. Worship Handicapped Accessible/AC www.uccheidelberg.org</p> <p>JORDAN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1837 Church Road, Allentown (Corner of 309 & Walbert Ave.) jordanucc.org 610-395-2218 Rev. Dr. David Charles Smith, Pastor Online Service Via Facebook Live and Vimeo</p> <p>OLD ZIONSVILLE UCC 5981 Fountain Rd., Old Zionsville (at the Y of Fountain Rd & King's Hwy) The Rev. Lori Esslinger 610-966-3601 Home of the Village School Preschool, openings for ages 2-4 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 9 & 10:15 a.m. www.oldzionsucc.org</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S U.C.C. FULLERTON 575 Grape Street, Whitehall 18052 Pastor Michelle Funk Rev. David Quinn, Int. Visitation Pastor Bridge Assoc. Pastor, Rev. Cliff Herring 610-264-8421 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes Accessible & Elevator Everyone is Welcome! stjohnsucc.pastor@rcn.com</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S UCC MICKLEY'S 2918 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall Int. MacArthur & Eberhardt Rd. 610-821-8725 stjohnsuccmickleys.org Rev. Virginia Schlegel 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship All Are Welcome Here!</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 139 North Fourth St. Emmaus 610-965-9158 Pastor Rev. Dr. Paul Knappenberger 8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 Sunday School Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship</p> <p>ST. MARK'S U.C.C. 52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown 610-797-0181 Rev. George Eckstein, Pastor Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Handicap Accessible</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S UCC, TREXLERTOWN 1249 Trelxertown Rd. Worship/Sunday Sch. 9:30 am Childcare available www.treuxucc.org 610-395-4571</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S UCC CHURCH 3880 Werley's Corner Road Kempton, PA 19529 610-285-6248 Rev. Carl Siegfried 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Christian Ed. For All Ages Handicap Parking/Accessibility</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 19th St. & Lincoln Ave. Northampton 610-261-2910 Interim Pastor, Dave Schnaars 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Nursery & Child Care provided Sanctuary, Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC 5129 Schochary Road New Tripoli, PA 610-298-8064 Worship 9:30 a.m. Handicapped Accessible All Welcome!</p> <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS 2325 Albright Ave., Allentown 610-435-1763 www.ucgreenawalds.org 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary Handicap Accessible</p> <p>UNION U.C.C. 5550 Route 873 Neffs, PA 18065-0066 610-767-6961 www.unionucc.org 8 a.m. Heritage Worship 9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May) 10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship</p> <p>ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9990 Ziegels Church Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone: 610-285-6157 Rev. Kent Rhodehamel, Interim Pastor www.ziegelschurch.org 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:05 Worship Service Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>ZION "LIBERTY BELL" United Church of Christ 620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown 610-435-2412 See Facebook page www.facebook.com/LibertyBellChurch/</p>
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To have your religious services listed in The Press contact Joie Jackson Wenner at 610-740-0944 — Ext. 3703

Affirmation of Baptism

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus

Affirmation of Baptism Sunday is the day the members of the graduating Catechism Class become full voting members within the church.

This year it was necessary to reimagine the liturgy in the current online Zoom format. Parents of the class asked their children their promises of faith and where they stood in their belief. Members of the class took turns reciting the Creed on screen. Family and friends were able to be with and support this class no matter how far away they were, affirming the baptism of Catechism Class 2020.



Charles Peters III



Kate Nesfeder



Alex Sands



Ethan Causa



Hayden Fermier



Katie Kibrik



Ethan Ervin



Katie Seiler

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 5, 9, 2, 8, 2, 3, 9, 7, 1, 2, 8, 6, 9, 1, 5, 2, 1, 3, 7, 5, 4, 8, 4, 8, 6, 3, 2, 9, 6, 3, 2

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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: 6 4 5 2 3 1 9 8 7, 1 2 8 4 9 7 6 5 3, 9 7 3 8 5 6 2 4 1, 7 8 4 3 6 2 1 9 5, 3 5 1 9 7 8 4 2 6, 2 6 9 5 1 4 3 7 8, 5 1 2 7 4 3 8 6 9, 8 3 7 6 2 9 5 1 4, 4 9 6 1 8 5 7 3 2

Difficulty Level ★★★

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2020, Certificate of Organization was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Traditional Abstract, LLC, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Act of 1994. June 3

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice is hereby given that on April 8, 2020, Certificate of Organization was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Kay Brookside, LLC, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Act of 1994. June 3

PUBLIC NOTICE UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP - NOTICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING Upper Milford Township Board of Supervisors will hold their regular meeting of June 4th via ZOOM at 7pm. Information to access the ZOOM meeting and meeting agenda will be listed by noon Thursday, June 4th on the Township website, www.uppermilford.net. Public comment for the June 4th meeting will be taken by submission only. Comments can be submitted to the Township at info@uppermilford.net or calling the office at 610-966-3223 prior to 4pm June 4th. Upper Milford Township, 5671 Chestnut Street, Old Zionsville, PA. Upper Milford Township Jessi O'Donald

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SENIOR MENUS Call 610-829-4540 (ask operator for Area Agency on Aging) for locations or visit https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HS/AGING/Pages/default.aspx for the most recent updates.

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR MENUS Call 610-782-3254 or visit www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Human-Services/Neighborhood-Senior-Centers/ for the most recent updates.

ESTATE OF NICHOLAS ALFRED SAUCHELLI, JR., a/k/a NICHOLAS A. SAUCHELLI, JR., a/k/a NICHOLAS A. SAUCHELLI, deceased, late of Breinigsville, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Jill F. Goldman, Executrix c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to her Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

ESTATE OF SHARON E. ALEXANDER, a/k/a SHARON ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Jonathan J. Alexander, Co-Exec. Stefanie L. Alexander, Co-Exec. c/o YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062 Or to their Attorney: YOUNG & YOUNG Rebecca M. Young, Esq. Lia K. Snyder, Esq. 119 E. Main Street Macungie, PA 18062

CRYPTOGRAM

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See solution on page B8

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals T

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

PRIZEWORTHY ACROSS

- 1 Classic Pabst beer brand
7 Place for hay or a choir
11 Facial mask offerers
15 Barter
19 Retort to "Am sol"
20 "La Traviata" solo, say
21 Many a smartphone message
22 By way of, for short
23 He played V in "V for Vendetta" [sci-fi writing]
25 Domain
26 German "a"
27 The, in Tours
28 Tarnish
29 Galahad's title
30 Tina of pop
32 Mogadishu resident
33 "Rags to Riches" singer [Broadway]
35 Capital of Italy, in Italy
38 Golfers' positions
40 Built on
41 Jungian inner self
43 Stallion, e.g.
44 Yellow shade
46 "Little Birds" actress [Canadian music]
49 Longtime member of the Four Tops [off-Broadway]
54 Fred dancing in films
55 Tile locale
57 Fly of Africa
58 Rice dish
61 Walton who wrote "The Compleat Angler"
63 Leaves port
64 Rub roughly
68 Ventriloquist with the dummy Charlie McCarthy [mystery writing]
71 Horse pace
72 "Incredible!"
74 Delight in
75 Bus stop
77 She's asked to "peel me a grape" in film
79 Call to a pig
81 1982 Dustin Hoffman film
86 "Shameless" actress [television]
88 "The Picture of Dorian Gray" novelist [film]
91 Panache
92 La — Tar Pits
93 "The Piano" actor Sam
94 Remits in advance
98 Kids' racers on tracks
101 Lyric verses
102 American labor leader [French film]
105 Verbalized
107 Go- — (no slouch)
108 Cager's hoop
109 Went flat
110 Be in arrears

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-125

- 113 Blind as —
114 Uncork, e.g.
116 What any of the eight people featured in this puzzle should be?
118 Dust particle
119 Blu-ray Disc producer
120 Work benefit
121 Puts into law
122 Squeezed (out)
123 Circus barker
124 Actress Harper
125 Least refined
18 — Rico
24 Amo, amas, —
29 Distress call
31 Strip down
32 Island group near Fiji
33 Summer shirt
34 Tiny toddler
35 Indian royal
36 Big burden
37 Breath freshener
39 Treble —
42 "Take — from me"
44 On the train, e.g.
45 Illusion on a hot road
47 Sandusky's lake
48 Merges
49 Seep out
50 In good order
51 Move a bit
52 Capital of Norway
53 Sticky home?
56 Cuba — (rum cocktail)
59 Tennis champ Andre
60 Courteous act, to a Brit
62 — secret (didn't blab)
64 Judge's wear
65 "Pardon me"
66 Done the backstroke, e.g.
67 Prefix with 104-Down
69 House unit
70 Jordanian queen dowager
73 Major combat
76 Word before hall or crier
78 Jesuit college in Worcester
80 Part of NYSE
82 Attach with laces, say
83 Lost traction on the ice
84 Waste time
85 Bioelectric fishes
87 Tiara go-with
89 Five-armed echinoderms
90 Lots to leave autos in, to Brits
92 "Lowdown" singer Scaggs
94 World of Warcraft, e.g.
95 Nike rival
96 Grand home
97 Touched comfortably
98 Jewel
99 Blabbed
100 Meat sticker
103 Boxing venue
104 Plastic for a waterbed
106 Suburb of Minneapolis
109 —'Pea
110 In time past
111 Makes moist
112 Word before while
115 "The Raven" poet
116 Inclined
117 Rustic denial

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See solution on page B8

May 27, June 3, 10

80 FOR SALE St. Mark's Cemetery Allentown. (2) Burial Plots \$325 ea. 484-515-6943.

390 HELP WANTED Upper Macungie Township is seeking qualified applicants for the following position: CLERICAL ASSISTANT: The position will provide a variety of clerical/secretarial support to various staff members, as needed, such as filing, scanning, and data entry; provide customer service, routing incoming telephone calls, assisting the public with various applications & answering inquiries. This position requires one (1) + year's clerical, customer service & recording keeping experience; must possess excellent customer service, organizational, and computer skills (Word, OneNote, Excel, etc.). The successful candidate must submit to all current applicable clearances & pass pre-employment, post offer screening. This position is part-time, with varied office hours. Salary: \$13.00/hr. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, & references to: Upper Macungie Township, ATTN: Greta Slifer, Human Resources Mgr., 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031 or email: hradmin@uppermac.org. Job descriptions are available at www.uppermac.org. EOE All submittals must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on June 22, 2020.

220 ARTICLES WANTED MR. BASEBALL, coming to Bethlehem, buying sports cards & memorabilia, 203-767-2407

OLD BOOKS, OLD TOYS, FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, etc Call Linda 610-837-0960

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

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