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## COVID-19

### State is working on tracing application

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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The Wolf administration is now testing a new mobile application that will act as a COVID-19 exposure notification warning system. COVID Alert PA will be available to smartphone users starting in early September.

The application is designed to help bolster the state's contact-tracing efforts, not replace them. Case investigations and contact tracing are still needed.

Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine addressed privacy concerns. "We are very committed and conscious of protecting the privacy and security of all Pennsylvanians," she said. "This app will not use GPS to collect movement or geographic location of individuals. Instead, this app will be using Bluetooth proximity enabled exposure notification service technology provided by Apple and Google. It is important for users to know that we are not collecting any personal information with this app."

In addition, the application will provide users with the latest information on COVID-19 in Pennsylvania from See **STATE** on Page A3



Shoppers stroll the Greenway and explore the Farmers Market. The market is open from 2 to 6 p.m. Fridays, weather permitting, through Sept. 25.

PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

## Greenway Farmers Market Produce, fresh bread, more

BY LANI GOINS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Tucked between bustling Third Street and busy Fourth Street on the Southside of Bethlehem is the Greenway. If you visit the Greenway on Friday afternoons, you will find the Greenway Farmers Market on the stretch between Taylor and Polk streets.

A variety of local farms and restaurants are represented. You can buy your lunch and enjoy it on one of the many benches lining the Greenway or take home a variety of produce, fresh bread and



Molinari's tent features fresh bread and a canine companion.

more. Have Dinky's Ice Cream for dessert, and enjoy a post lunch stroll down the Greenway to enjoy beautiful flower gardens. While you're there, you can even register to vote.

There's a city parking lot off Taylor Street, or you can hunt out street parking.

The market is organized by the Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem (CADCB). Over the next few weeks, the market will feature local businesses that have graduated from the CADCB's Start Your

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## PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

How concerned are you about the U.S. Postal Service, given recent cutbacks?



"I'm very concerned. The cutbacks are an attempt to interfere with people's right to vote."

**Ethan Smith**  
Emmaus



"I'm extremely concerned. My 91-year-old mother has all of her medications sent to her home. Plus, it's another attack on an American institution."

**Ronnie Arena**  
Upper Saucon Township

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## The streets of Bethlehem Walking along West Broad

BY JASON REHM  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Part three of a seven-part series  
In this look at the origin of Bethlehem's street names, we'll be examining streets found between West Broad Street and the Lehigh River. This neighborhood is highly walkable, so brush up on some historical facts and take a stroll into the past.

**Prospect Avenue**  
- This thoroughway was originally called the Allentown Road because, fittingly, it leads to Allentown. In the 1890s, residents of West Bethlehem objected to having one of their streets with the name Allentown attached to it. An Allentown



A map of early West Bethlehem.

paper reported that they renamed it "Prospect Avenue, or something high-falutin'," but the purpose of the road remained the same.

**Leibert Street**  
- Named after William

Leibert (1823-1901), who owned much of the land sloping down toward the Lehigh River in West Bethlehem. A tanner by trade, in 1879 Leibert transformed about three of his acres into an extensive truck

garden.

**Calypso Avenue**  
- This name refers to the beautiful Calypso Island in the Lehigh River, which was about a quarter mile west of where the Hill-to-Hill Bridge

stands. Owned by the Moravian congregation, the island was a favorite picnic spot. It was sold to the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1903 and no longer exists.

**Shimer Avenue**  
- This small street in West Bethlehem was named after B. Luther Shimer, a well-known citizen whose farm covered the land from Seventh Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. Early in his career he raised cattle, before subdividing his property into real estate tracts, which were bought up by Bethlehem Steel executives, giving this section of Bethlehem the nickname "Bonus

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How concerned are you about the U.S. Postal Service given recent cutbacks?



"It's a really big problem that it's being defunded and taken apart, and that people are supposed to use it to vote. That could actually change the winner of the elections and is like interfering with the election."  
**Liam Caceres**  
 Bethlehem



"I recently sent a check to a woman in a nursing home that hadn't arrived after 11 days so I contacted my bank to put a hold on it. On the 13th day it arrived. My personal mail is coming more and more after 5 p.m. Whatever is going on nationally is going on in Bethlehem."  
**Fred Rooney**  
 Bethlehem



"I'm concerned. I think they're trying to privatize it. They don't see the long term."  
**Joseph Danna**  
 Easton



"Very concerned because it is a critical component of our society and country. Many people depend on it for medication and information."  
**Catherine Ford**  
 Bethlehem

**CLARIFICATION**

In our Bethlehem Catholic HS graduation story published Aug. 19, the reporter chose to use "G-d" instead of writing out "God." Some readers have called asking why this was done. Some have accused the Press of being disrespectful. That is simply not true. Some traditions hold that the name of God should not appear anywhere it is likely to be erased or damaged, and it is considered respectful not to spell out the name of God, especially in print media. Check out the Notre Dame graduation story in the same issue. That reporter was comfortable spelling out "God" and that's how it was published. We simply honored the wishes of our reporters.

**POLICE**

COMPILED BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI

**Theft, possession**

Colonial Regional police arrested three people on theft and drug charges at the Bethlehem Wegman's May 31. Police reported to a reported theft in progress and apprehended the suspects as they left the store. Upon searching them, officers found the stolen merchandise, as well as heroin and various drug paraphernalia. Charged are Justina McGuire, 38, and Scott Dittmer, 30, both of Easton, and Thomas Misero, 31, of Nazareth.

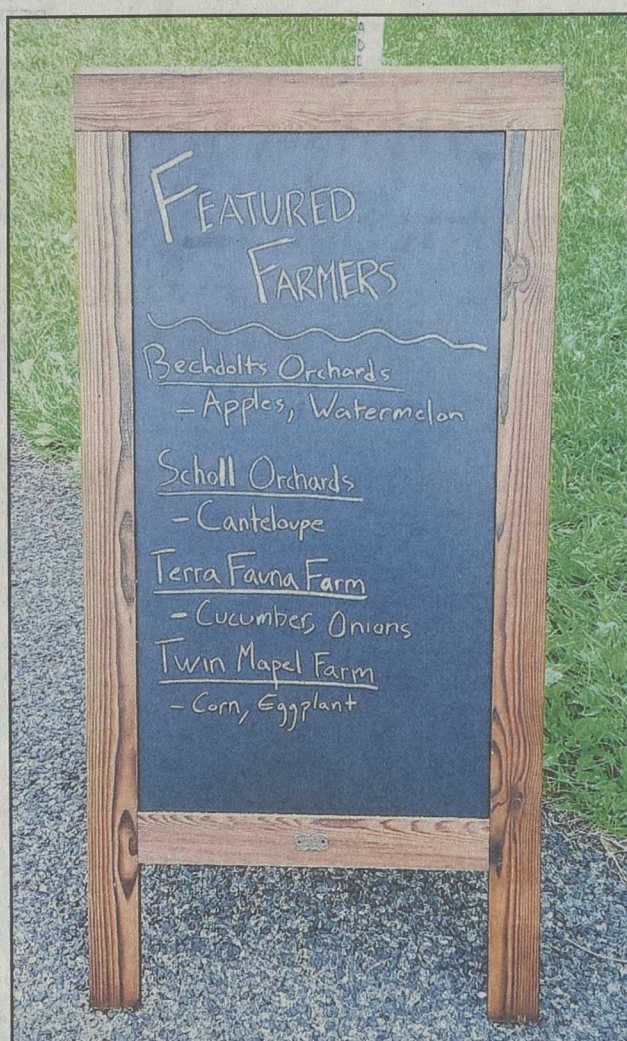
**Fraud**

Colonial Regional police officers and store managers observed a man meandering in a suspiciously lost manner in the Sam's Club parking lot June 20, and he refused to show ID to pick up an order placed online. Police spoke with the club member whose name was used in the order, a woman in Illinois, who confirmed she had not authorized anyone to use her account. Saul Almonte, 23, of Bronx, New York, is charged with access device fraud and three counts of theft, and was remanded to Northampton County Prison.

**Child rape**

District Attorney Jim Martin and Allentown Police Chief Glenn Granitz Jr. have announced that an Allentown man is charged with the rape of a child. Adrian Isaiah Villanueva-Pabon, 21, is charged with Rape of a Child Under 13, a felony of the first degree; and Statutory Sexual Assault of a Victim under the age of 16, four years older than the victim; a felony of the second degree. The case was investigated by Allentown Police Detective Raymond T. Ferraro. The investigation began April 24, 2020, when police were notified of a report made via Child Line, a hotline to report suspected child abuse, about a 13-year-old girl who had recently given birth. Police say the girl was age 12 at the time of the sexual offense in August 2019. An investigation determined Villanueva-Pabon was the father of the newborn.

**GREENWAY FARMERS MARKET**



Local farms are represented at the produce stand. Farms participating vary weekly.



Hungry now? Grab a bite at the Couchpotadoh food truck.



Market staffers Gabriella and Caterina with brightly colored Greenway Farmers Market shirts. Be sure to say hello and pick up a T-shirt.



Staffer Jessica Mellon and Market Organizer Yari Lopez offer produce with friendly smiles.



Ida Bromfield of Bread Fermented. Her sourdough bread is fermented for two days, to break down the gluten, making the bread easy to digest. She offers samples!

**MORE**

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**Business program.** "These businesses will not be selling, but they will be giving out samples," said CADCB's Yari Lopez. "A different business will be featured each week."

If you have any questions while at the market, look for the staffers in bright yellow shirts, with "Market Team" on the front.

The market does not currently accept EBT/Snap cards, but if you have one, bring it to the produce stand,

and show it to receive special discounts on produce.

The market's offerings will be expanded in the coming weeks. Beyond bringing fresh food to the Southside, another goal of the market is to support small businesses during the pandemic.

The market is open from 2 to 6 p.m. Fridays, weather permitting, through Sept. 25.

More information about the Greenway Farmers Market and the Start Your Business program can be found at <https://cadcb.caclv.org>.

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COMMUNITY PARTNER

# Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie

## Blondies Cupcakes owners lead community food effort

BY JIM MARSH  
Special to The Press

Recalling a period in her young adulthood when she had a really hard time making ends meet, Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie, the Blondie of Blondies Cupcakes in Catasauqua, earlier this year took to her Facebook page and invited people who were struggling with the coronavirus shutdown to stop by her shop for no-charge curbside pickup meals, conversation and community connection.

"I just wanted to help my community have a little less of a struggle with what we were all facing," she said.

What started as a commitment to provide 100 meals each Wednesday quickly blossomed to as many as 350 people lining up for meals.

And it wasn't just cupcakes. Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie and her husband, Chad Gillespie, provided to Catasauqua area families.

When they opened Blondies a decade ago, they were advised they'd likely see more customer traffic if they provided food entrees along with their variety of cupcake offerings.

They started small with hot dogs with toppings and accompaniments. When they started to add Slovak favorites like halupkies and haluski to the menu at their 333 Front St. shop, that part of the business really kicked in, with a normal year's sales being about 70 percent baked goods and 30 percent food offerings.

With the overwhelming response from people needing help, Zukowski-Gillespie sent out social media calls for those who could help in the assistance effort.

The congregation at Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in Catasauqua adopted the effort with vigor. The church, during the shutdown, was earmarking substantial amounts of its resources to securing meals from Catasauqua restaurants for curbside handouts at the church. Those efforts were moved to Blondies' location.

Other Catasauqua eateries and ethnic social clubs joined the effort with food and support.

"We had as many as 35 pizzas from area pizza shops delivered for our Wednesday food handout days," Zukowski-Gillespie said.

Even folks standing in line for food came bearing staples for distribution the next week.

"People who grew up without, or those finding themselves unaccustomedly [sic] in need during the shutdown, were more apt to want to help others in the same situation," Zukowski-Gillespie said.

Through word of mouth, names and addresses of shop regulars unable to travel to the Blondies location had food packets delivered by her husband.

Zukowski-Gillespie said she felt gratified that, during a time of partisanship and division across the country, she saw none of it in the local effort.

"There was a real coming together in our community. With a lot of depressing news being fed to us by national media, we found that we were not as divided as some people would have us believe," she observed.

"The one thing that we heard constantly was that people were experiencing a sense of hope and gratitude that comes out of neighbors sticking together to help each other," Zukowski-Gillespie said.

Being an outgoing person by nature, Zukowski-Gillespie offered more than just food resources. The isolation folks were feeling was also causing emotional turmoil, she found.

On social media, she posted a positive message of community. "Even if you don't need food, just come by the shop and I'll be glad to talk with you," she posted.

"Just knowing someone cares, and that they were not forgotten, helped to relieve a sense of feeling hopeless" among those who took her up on the offer, she said.

Zukowski-Gillespie also offered what she called "sunshine bags" for children.

"These were little goody bags we made up for kids throughout our area," she said. "Deliveries were made to children in Catasauqua and North Catasauqua. Our police



PRESS PHOTO BY JIM MARSH

Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie, partner with her husband Chad Gillespie, of Blondies Cupcakes in Catasauqua, with some of the shop's offerings. Because the shop also features food items, Zukowski-Gillespie and other community partners were serving about 300 curbside pickup meals each week during the coronavirus shutdown to those in need in the borough. "Anything extra from our shop receipts, after we paid the bills, went to providing the meals," Zukowski-Gillespie said. Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, social clubs and other Catasauqua small business owners also contributed to the effort. Zukowski-Gillespie told her patrons, "Even if you don't need the food, but just need someone to talk to, come on in." Zukowski-Gillespie's community giving attitude was warmly welcomed by Catasauqua area residents.

officers helped with those deliveries, and deliveries made to locations outside the borough were done by community volunteers who reached out to me. We made and delivered over 1,000 goody bags for children."

Now that the state has moved into the green phase of recovery, she has been soliciting gift cards from area businesses for those who still could use help. Besides restaurant takeout offerings, those gift cards have been heavily leaning toward ice cream and other comfort foods.

Even though Blondies Cupcakes has missed out on a lot of business that's usually associated with this time of year, especially celebrations for high school and college graduations, Zukowski-Gillespie said she sees many regulars stopping by to buy her baked goods.

"I know what they're doing," she said. "They want to see us survive, too."

While she and her husband appreciate the support, their struggles have not affected their generous spirit.

"Whatever we had left over after paying our bills," she said, "we've been able to put back into providing food for those who have needed it."

Zukowski-Gillespie does not know how the future is going to look for the business, but said, "for us, the best part is that we've made an awful lot of new friends."

*Editor's Note: If you know someone who should be featured as a Lehigh Valley Health Network Community Partner, email dgalbraith@tronline.com.*

### COMMUNITY UPDATE

#### BETHLEHEM

**SPECIAL NEEDS FUNDING:** Bethlehem Area School District is one of four Lehigh Valley districts to receive grants totaling \$242,000 to heighten educational services for students with special needs who may be negatively impacted by COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

The following school districts received Governor's Emergency Education Relief grants:

- Bethlehem Area School District: \$177,268
- Catasauqua Area School District: \$13,525
- Salisbury Township School District: \$28,553
- Whitehall-Coplay School District: \$23,423

The grants may be used to provide enhanced real-time instruction to bolster remote services and supports for students with complex needs; and provide services and support to students with disabilities who experienced a loss in skills and behavior and/or a lack of progress due to the mandatory school closures.

**STEELSTACKS:** The Frank Banko Cinema is reopening Aug. 26. For details, visit the SteelStacks website.

**MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Join us Aug. 28 on the Whitefield House lawn for an evening of music with Rameen Shayegan. Shayegan performs an electrifying blend of tunes spanning from folk and bluegrass to acoustic renditions of stripped-down radio classics. In addition, Dick Boak, retired Martin Guitar archivist, will be signing his new book, Ink.

Ticket price provides an 8x8 square on the lawn, which can seat up to four people. Guests need to bring a blanket or chair and are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner.

Advanced tickets required. Visit the society's website for details.

#### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

**SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS:** At the Northampton County Council meeting Aug. 20, Lamont McClure reported that the Department of Fiscal Affairs has distributed \$4 million in Small Business Assistance Grants (SBA) to 302 Northampton County businesses and urged council to fund an additional 358 businesses with \$4.7 million. The money would come from the \$27.6 million in CARES Act funds. Applications for SBA grants are reviewed by a committee that includes three members of council.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

**CONTACT TRACING:** Case investigations, contact tracing efforts, and ongoing monitoring are proven public health strategies to contain the spread of diseases and are necessary to identify any instances of community spread and prevent larger outbreaks of COVID-19.

There are currently 1,205 contact tracing staff working with lo- See **UPDATE** on Page A5

### STATE

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the department's data dashboard.

As always, Levine reminds Pennsylvanians, "Wearing a mask, practicing social distancing,

and following the requirements set forth in the orders for bars and restaurants, gatherings and telework will help keep our case counts low. Together, as Pennsylvanians, we each have a part to play in working to ensure that

cases of COVID-19 remain low."

Mask-wearing is required in all businesses and whenever leaving home. Consistent mask-wearing is critical to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

As of Monday, the

state has 125,822 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,579 deaths. Lehigh County has 3,152 confirmed and 342 deaths; Northampton County has 4,066 confirmed and 296 deaths; the city of Bethlehem has 1,228 confirmed and 82 deaths.

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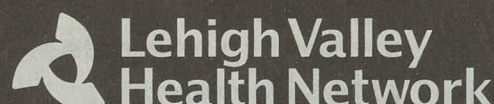
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**Rebecca Zukowski-Gillespie!**

Zukowski-Gillespie and other community partners were serving up to 300 curbside pickup meals during the corona shutdown to those in need in Catasauqua.

This Community Partner is presented by



**Carl Ackerman**

U.S. Air Force veteran



Carl Ackerman, 88, of Hellertown, died, August 12, 2020. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late Anthony and Martha (Fenstermacher) Ackerman. He was the husband of Dolores "Dee" M. (Matz) Ackerman for 66 years.

He was in the United States Air Force.

While in the service, he attended classes at the University of Maryland while deployed. After returning home, he graduated from Moravian College.

He was an engineer for Bethlehem Steel Corp. until he retired in 1983. After retiring, he did consulting work in Saudi Arabia for three years. He then started his own business, CA Associates, in Hellertown.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Guy A. Ackerman and his companion Francesca Bassa of California and Thea A. Carey and her husband William of Wallingford; and four grandchildren, Gordon and Max Ackerman and Kelly and Jenny Carey.

He was predeceased by a sister, Mae Groman. Services will be private.

Contributions may be made to International Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Foundation, 6144 Clark Center Avenue, Sarasota FL 34238.

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

**Arturs Kalnins**

Lehigh University professor



Arturs Kalnins, 89, of Bethlehem, died August 13, 2020, at his residence. Born in Riga, Latvia, he was a son of the late Heinrichs and Emma (Purins) Kalnins. He was the husband of Dzintra (Skerbele) Kalnins for 63 years.

He emigrated to the United States in 1951, where he earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in engineering mechanics from the University of Michigan.

He was a professor emeritus at Lehigh University, and was a professor there for 39 years until he retired in 2004. He was previously on the faculty of the Yale School of Engineering.

He was a member of the Latvian Lutheran Church of Quakertown.

He was a member and fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and was an internationally recognized expert in the fatigue of metals, particularly the behavior of metal plates and shells. He developed computer programs to analyze shells of revolution that include metal plasticity, free vibration, buckling and creep.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Arturs T. and his wife Michele Williams of Iowa City, Iowa; two granddaughters, Sarah and Anna Kalnins; and a nephew and nieces in Latvia.

Contributions may be made to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 E. 42nd St., 16th floor, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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**John E. O'Connors**

Parkland HS educator



John E. O'Connors, 84, of Allentown, died August 12, 2020, at home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of the late John E. and Marie (Reilly) O'Connors. He was the husband of Dorothy E. (Bastian) O'Connors for 64 years.

He was a 1953 graduate of Bethlehem HS where he was captain of the track team. He was a 1957 graduate of Moravian College. He studied mathematics at Lafayette College and earned a master's degree in counseling from Kutztown University.

He was in the corporate management program with Bethlehem Steel Corp.. He was a mathematics teacher, assistant track coach, and driver education instructor in the Parkland School District.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Breinigsville.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Dorothy A. and her husband Dr. Edward J. Hilton; a son-in-law, Dr. David Littlejohn; and six grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Debra A. Littlejohn; a brother, Brian; and a sister, Maria.

Contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8227 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA 18031.

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PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB

Eagle Scout Bryce Roman presents the mother's pin to his mother Kirstin Stiles.

**Palmer resident earns Eagle rank**BY DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Palmer Township resident Bryce Roman achieved Eagle Scout rank at an outdoor ceremony July 11 with family, scouting leaders and fellow scouts socially distanced. The Easton HS class of 2020 graduate was sworn an Eagle Scout by his Troop 3 College Hill scoutmaster Ken Newquist. Roman presented his parents, Kirstin Stiles and Mark Roman, with a mother's and father's pin, and recognized his mentor, assistant scoutmaster Bill Bernhardt with a mentor pin.

As his Eagle Scout project Roman worked with



Bryce Roman says, "This journey was vital for me to become the person I am today."

the Greater Easton Development Project to make improvements at the Lower Hackett Park community garden. Funds were raised at Easton Out Loud events and materials were donated by Lezzer Lumber to install a washing station, three raised garden beds and two table style garden beds.

Roman said completion of the project and achieving Eagle Scout rank "meant I could bring myself up to that bar and could accomplish that." He will attend Rochester Institute of Technology, where he plans to undertake a double major in accounting and finance.



Bryce Roman recites the Eagle Scout pledge.



Pins to be presented to a scout's parents and mentor, his Eagle Scout badge, and Eagle Scout ribbon are featured in an Eagle Scout's ceremony.

**STREETS**

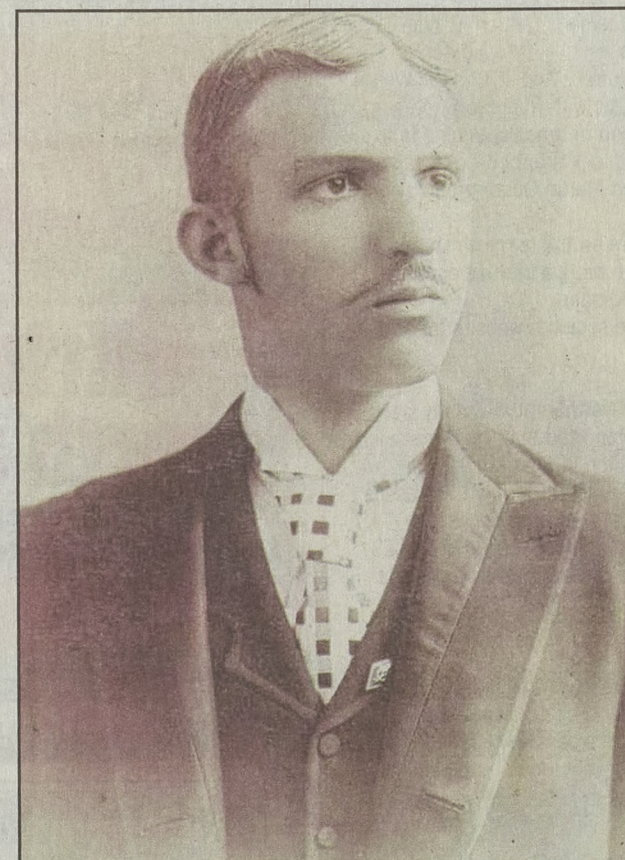
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**Hill.**

**Mt. Airy Avenue** – Named for B. Luther Shimer's Mount Airy Park Dairy Farm, found on the outskirts of West Bethlehem. After WWI, Bethlehem Steel executives with fresh bonuses looked to build their own residences, but there was no more land in Fountain Hill. The Mount Airy section offered attractive vistas and was close to the Lehigh Country Club. All the lots were snatched up by 1930.

**Nolf Street** – This alley is located between Market Street and Schaffer Street in West Bethlehem. A recommendation to name it Race Street was lost, and instead it was named in honor of William R. Nolf, a longtime West Side resident who had been borough treasurer and councilman.

**Elliott Avenue** – This street bears the name of James L. Elliott (1858-1931). Born in France, Elliott immigrated to America at the age of 8. He established a section of Bethlehem known as



Luther Shimer owned all the land from Seventh Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue.

Elliott Heights, situated between the outskirts of West Bethlehem and Rittersville. Elliott would later become Burgess of Fountain Hill.

**Central Boulevard** – This scenic drive is named for the Central Railroad of New Jersey's roundhouse,

which Central Boulevard runs by. Round Street, too, was named for this reason.

**Allamanda Street** – This obscure street near the intersection of West Market and West Broad streets was named after Allamanda Schell. Little is known about her

other than that she once lived and owned property in this area. In 1893, the electric railway wanted to lay down a second track and began securing land to do so. Allamanda accepted \$125 upon condition that certain cherry trees of hers be transplanted.

**Ritter Street** – This alley running parallel to W. Broad Street is named for John Michael Ritter (1782-1854), the founder of the former village of Rittersville. Ritter owned a tavern, built a hotel, opened the first store, and initiated the building of the first school and church.

**Central Park Avenue** – This popular amusement park was located off Hanover Avenue, between Bethlehem and Allentown in the village of Rittersville. Opening in 1893, it was a classic "trolley-car park," built to lure people into using the trolley on the weekends. Central Park boasted a wide variety of rides and attractions. It finally closed in 1951.

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cal and county health entities to respond to COVID-19 cases; 955 are trained and executing calls and an additional 250 are being hired and onboarded through a partnership with Insight Global.

From June 25 to July 24, there were 22,989 COVID-19 cases and 375 case investigators across the commonwealth. More than 68 percent of these cases had a completed case investigation within 24 hours of receiving their positive COVID-19 test result. The vast majority of the remaining cases had a complete investigation within 48 hours of their positive COVID-19 test result.

Of the completed case investigations, there were 588 contact tracing staff assigned to trace the 14,101 named close contacts during a case investigation across the state. The contact tracing staff assigned also include those who perform both case investigations and contact tracing.

**LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY STAFF:** In response to concerns from frontline workers, the state Secretary of Health has issued an order requiring long-term care facilities to take additional steps to protect their staff and residents from COVID-19.

The order requires nursing homes, personal care homes, assisted living residences and private intermediate care facilities to develop, implement and adhere to policies and procedures to procure and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to staff providing direct care to COVID-19 positive residents by Thursday, Aug. 27.

**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:** Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller released a Penn State University study of COVID-19's impact on Pennsylvania's child care industry. The study, completed by researchers at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs, includes recommendations for distribution of a third round of CARES Act funding to ensure that this critical sector remains financially solvent and available to provide safe and high-quality child care to Pennsylvania's working families.

Before the COVID-19 crisis, 7,017 licensed child care providers were operating in Pennsylvania. As of late July, more than 200 of those providers have indicated an intention to permanently close their doors.

Penn State's study estimates about 1,000 additional providers are at risk of closure without financial assistance to offset ongoing costs of implementing COVID-19 guidelines and reduced enrollments.

**FRONT LINE WORKERS HAZARD PAY:** Governor Tom Wolf announced the recipients of \$50 million in grants to help employers provide hazard pay to employees in life-sustaining industries during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program, announced last month, was created to keep front-line employees working in vital industry sectors across Pennsylvania.

Grant funds can be used for hazard pay for direct, full-time and part-time employees earning less than \$20/hour, excluding fringe benefits and overtime for the 10-week period from Aug. 16, 2020 through Oct. 24, 2020. Employers applied for up to \$1,200 per eligible full-time equivalent (FTE) employee, up to 500 eligible full-time equivalent employees per location.

**RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS:** The Department of Agriculture released data related to COVID-19 restaurant enforcement actions from Aug. 10 to 16. The information is specific to COVID-19 mitigation requirements for restaurants, including social distancing, masking, and occupancy limits.

These numbers include actions taken during routine food safety inspections and inspections prompted by consumer complaints.

From Aug. 10 to 16, the Bureau of Food Safety performed 637 total inspections, 31 of which were complaint-driven, nine were COVID-19 specific complaints. The bureau distributed 105

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# Council announces staff changes

BY ELI FRAERMAN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Fountain Hill Borough Council announced during the Aug. 3 meeting that acting Fire Chief Richard Reiss is resigning from his position.

Reiss, who most recently served as chief for around a year and a half, according to council President Leo Atkinson, will be replaced by Assistant Chief Derek Richmond.

Mayor Carolee Gifford said Reiss had been a mainstay in the Fountain Hill fire department for several years, having served as fire chief before his most recent stint. Reiss is moving away from the area, which he felt necessitated his resignation, Atkinson said.

Atkinson said Reiss had been committed to the fire department and wants to continue to see it succeed into the future.

In other personnel matters, the board unanimously approved the hiring of two new employees in the public works department, who were recommended by councilwoman Annamarie Jordan. Council noted public works had been understaffed for some time.

At the request of the fire department, the board discussed removing a series of dead ginkgo trees on the west side of the fire department's building. The trees have been littered with spotted lanternflies the last couple of years and are difficult to manage, Jordan said.

The borough received a quote of \$2,000 to re-

## FOUNTAIN HILL



Council member Jaimie Johnson.



Council member Annamarie Jordan.



Council member Helen Halleman.



Borough Council President Leo Atkinson.

move the trees from ECHO Tree service, but decided to table the motion approving their removal in order to see if they can get other bids to compare prices. Atkinson also said that he would like their removal contingent on an effort to plant more manageable trees as a replacement.

In regard to public safety, the board engaged in discussions regarding the upkeep of mask wearing and social distancing during the coronavirus, as well as the decision to put snow fencing around the borough park that was made during their July council meeting.

Atkinson and Gifford both reiterated previously expressed points about the importance of wearing masks and social distancing, saying that even though more time has elapsed, adhering to guidelines is still necessary.

"I think it's so important that we continue to follow public health guidelines, but I can totally empathize with people feeling very sick of them; it has been quite a while," Atkinson said. "I would love to be able to do normal things again, but it's frankly not safe. We keep seeing numbers go up, keep seeing the real tragedy of it."

In regard to the decision to put snow fencing around the park, councilwoman Helen Halleman said she received several phone calls from borough residents complaining about its appearance and who felt it was unnecessary.

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COVID-19 complaint-driven educational letters. Four COVID-19 related complaints were referred to local and county health jurisdictions. A county by county breakdown of COVID-19 restaurant enforcement actions can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website.

Consumers with general food safety complaints or concerns about non-compliance for COVID-19 mitigation can file a report online.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** Pennsylvania's unemployment rate was up one-half of a percentage point over the month to 13.7 percent in July. The national rate fell 0.9 percentage points from June's level to 10.2 percent. The commonwealth's unemployment rate increased by 9.3 percentage points from July 2019, while the national rate was up 6.5 points over the year.

Pennsylvania's civilian labor force - the estimated number of residents working or looking for work - was up 88,000 over the month due to gains of 44,000 in both resident employment and unemployment.

Pennsylvania's total nonfarm jobs were up 97,900 over the month to 5,525,900 in July. Jobs increased in seven of the 11 industry supersectors. The largest gain was in leisure and hospitality, up 47,100 jobs from June, which accounted for nearly half of the total nonfarm job increase.

Over the year, total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania were down 541,900 with declines in 10 of the 11 supersectors. The largest 12-month change among supersectors was a decline of 167,800 jobs in leisure and hospitality.

**DAIRY FARM RELIEF:** Nearly \$13.5 million of the \$15 million CARES Act-funded Dairy Indemnity Program is still available for farmers to claim in direct relief payments.

Any dairy farm that experienced financial losses due to discarded or displaced milk during the COVID-19 emergency disaster may apply for assistance. In addition to farms directly affected, farms that did not have displaced milk but have had COVID-19-related fees assessed on their milk check may also apply. Each farm with a documented loss will receive a minimum of \$1,500 and can apply for an additional prorated share of the remaining funds, not to exceed the actual amount assessed by the handler. The deadline to apply for the Dairy Indemnity Program is Sept. 30, 2020.

For information as it relates to agriculture during COVID-19 mitigation in Pennsylvania, visit [agriculture.pa.gov/COVID](http://agriculture.pa.gov/COVID). For the most accurate, timely information related to health in Pennsylvania, visit [on.pa.gov/coronavirus](http://on.pa.gov/coronavirus).

**PLCB COMPLAINTS:** Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Enforcement Officers visited 1,170 licensed liquor establishments from Wednesday, Aug. 19 through Thursday, Aug. 20 to ensure businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements that include social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the liquor code.

Liquor Control Enforcement Officers issued four notices of violation and 30 warnings for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements.

Complaints regarding licensees not complying with COVID-19 mitigation mandates may be directed to the BLCE at 1-800-932-0602 or reported through the BLCE's online complaint form.

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**POST OFFICE ELECTION WEBSITE:** As part of its ongoing effort to ensure that voters and election officials have the information they need to successfully use the U.S. mail to vote in the November general elections, the U.S. Postal Service has launched a new Election Mail website. The website, which provides clear and concise information about voting by mail, is available 24/7 by going to: [usps.com/votinginfo](http://usps.com/votinginfo).

# Continued COVID impacts a theme

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Hellertown Borough Council had a brief but productive meeting Aug. 3, mostly centering on discussion of COVID-19-related cancellations and adjustments.

Council President Thomas Rieger warned that "tough calls" would have to be made in the future, as soon as the Aug. 17 meeting. The borough has several popular events, such as Concerts in the Park and the annual Saucon Valley Spirit Parade, scheduled for September and October, and although Rieger said they are hoping for "good news," the events will likely have to be modified or even canceled, based on Governor Tom Wolf's current restrictions. As it stands, outdoor gatherings of 250 or more people are prohibited in Pennsylvania.

Mayor David Heintzelman congratulated Maria Tsirigotakis and her Main Street business Salon Mia on 13 years in the borough. He then thanked the Hell-



**HELLERTOWN**  
Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft calls roll to begin the Aug. 3 Hellertown Council meeting.

ertown/Lower Saucon Chamber for recognizing local entrepreneurs, including Tsirigotakis, during its 'Virtual Awards Ceremony: Hellertown Heroes & Lower Saucon Lifesavers,' held the evening of July 29. Sadly, he also reported that Neighbors Home and Garden on Main Street closed its doors for good July 31, putting

a wrap on its 30 years of business in the borough. He also added his thoughts on the upcoming likely cancellation of events mentioned by Rieger, saying their decisions are "always in the best interest for the community." Rieger added, as many businesses are still struggling in the current economy, "the biggest thing anybody in

Hellertown can do is to support our local restaurants and businesses."

There was some discussion about heavy rains coming with Hurricane Isaias, with Lieutenant Chris Scherer of Dewey EMS saying that he planned to keep an eye on normal flood-prone areas, such as the new Water Street bridge built in September.

Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft gave an update on one of the prior meeting's major topics of discussion, the planned Art Walk. She indicated that it would be located at Borough Authority Park and the team led by Erica Shorb had been in talks with Heintzelman on fundraising efforts needed to proceed with the venture.

The final order of business before adjournment was from Rieger who informed the council that all borough meetings, including October's 2020 budget hearings, are likely to continue on the Webex platform through the fall.

# Interrelated city ordinances aired

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem City Council heard in a remote internet meeting Aug. 4 a first reading of three interrelated new ordinances to continue efforts to regulate the bed and breakfast business in Bethlehem.

The popularity of the international Airbnb business has brought

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corporate marketing support to homeowners everywhere, to include Bethlehem. This has brought to the surface friction between homeowners who can use the property to put their company on the market and homeowners and hotel owners who view the commercialization of neighbor homes as either degrading exclusive neighborhoods or as unwanted competition.

ident Adam Waldron, who was physically present in the city hall rotunda meeting room while other members were connected via the internet, said the new ordinances are "being paired together in a way that makes them really difficult to untangle and separate."

Waldron called the bed and breakfast issue, "a difficult and contentious situation."

The proposed amendment attempts to define

a "hotel," as opposed to a "short-term lodging facility," both of which are different from a facility "licensed as a regulated rental."

Bethlehem's Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller briefed council on the proposed legislation.

First briefed was a zoning amendment that governs hotels and short-term lodging. "What raised the issue," said Heller, "were those owners who bought property but have never lived there. But they

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## HILL

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Halleman was adamant in saying the borough represents the taxpayers and said she felt the decision to put snow fencing up did not represent their desires.

Halleman said she could understand the decision to take swings off and basketball hoops down, although disagreeing with their removal, but felt the fencing was excessive and an eyesore to the community. The fencing was originally put up in July in an attempt to reinforce that the park is closed.

"That fencing - very disappointing to the people, and my god, with everything these young kids have to endure these days, that tops it all. That fence is an eyesore, it makes the borough look very inefficient," she said.

Gifford disagreed with Halleman's sentiment, saying the fencing would only be temporary and it is necessary to help protect Fountain Hill from becoming a coronavirus hot spot.

"You can die from (coronavirus), you can get permanent health consequences, and it's something that we do have to put up with for this season," Gifford said. "Hopefully there will be many of us that are able to come back and enjoy the playground because we were careful and prudent in what we did."

There were also discussions about the potential of eventually installing public Wi-Fi hot spots in Fountain Hill through Verizon, but council members said they are in the process of working with Verizon.

**CHANGES- CANCELLATIONS- POSTPONEMENTS**

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

**Digital and virtual events**

**Banana Factory** on-line digital exhibitions and more: [www.bananafactory.org](http://www.bananafactory.org).

**Bethlehem Area Public Library:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us\\_WkWQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkWQ) featured for a variety of items. Bethlehem Area Public Library, 11 E. Church St. Visit [www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/](http://www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/). Buildings currently closed but have touchless checkouts for books reserved online. General information: visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) (main) or at [www.facebook.com/paBAPL](https://www.facebook.com/paBAPL) or [www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm](http://www.bapl.org/ssmain.htm) (south side). YouTube channel: visit [www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us\\_WkWQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsuAN4Af6kv3jQ1us_WkWQ) featured

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

**National Museum of Industrial History** virtual museum on line: "Art of Precision: The Engineered Sculpture of Christopher Bathgate," through Aug. 30. 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmih.org/virtualmuseum>; call 610-694-6644 for dates, hours, programs, schedules.

**Wednesday, August 26**

**Bike Race in Cinders**, 6 p.m. Hellertown.

**Virtual Veg Fest**, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5

For hours, information, special events tickets, visit [www.vegevents.com/events/bethlehem-vegfest-2020/](http://www.vegevents.com/events/bethlehem-vegfest-2020/)

**Thursday, August 27**

**Curious Vegan Trail:** Jason Sizemore of Butterhead Kitchen live / virtual cooking demonstration, 5 p.m. (online). Masks required for attendance at live events. Downtown northside Bethlehem. Rain or shine event; no refunds. For tickets, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/simple-tasty-vegan-online-cooking-class-tickets-114668532668?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/simple-tasty-vegan-online-cooking-class-tickets-114668532668?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing)

**Friday, August 28**

**Greenway Farmers Market**, 2 to 6 p.m. Polk Street between Third and Fourth streets. Mask, keep six feet apart, use the hand sanitizer stations.

**Screen on the Green** community movie night, "Toy Story", 8:30 p.m. Bring snacks, blankets. New and Adams area Greenway.

**Saturday, August 29**

**Free food boxes**, perishable and non-perishable, 10:15 a.m. to noon or until food is gone. CrossPoint, 1414 Pennsylvania Ave. Visit [www.crosspoint.life](http://www.crosspoint.life)

**Monday, August 31**

**Seth Witcher** - live music performance, 4 p.m. Live streaming: [www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Veg-Fest-101056318251851/](https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Veg-Fest-101056318251851/). Masks required for entering any establishment at live events. Rain or shine event; no refunds.

**FED UP!** Coalition calling for an end to the epidemic of drug addiction and overdose deaths, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Arts Quest Center, Steel Stacks, 101 Founders Way. Visit <https://voicesforchange.info/calendar>.

**Tuesday, September 1**

**Build a succulent garden with TWIG gardens.** Kits available for purchase. 6 to 7 p.m. Live streaming: [www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Veg-Fest-101056318251851/](https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Veg-Fest-101056318251851/) Rain or shine event; no refunds.

**Wednesday, September 2**

**The Green Plant Band** live music. Free. 6 to 7 p.m. Live streaming at <https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem-Veg-Fest-101056318251851/> Rain or shine event; no refunds.

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[the properties] are perpetually rented out via Airbnb. The concern is they don't seem to be monitored; no one seems to be there to take care of properties or to monitor noise."

She said the city did some enforcement, but had been challenged in court. "The advice we got was that we needed to have a zoning ordinance and zoning amendments to address short term lodging."

Heller highlighted some changes which the amendment would provide: the unit must be owner-occupied; the owner can rent out for short term lodging one or two bedrooms, not the full house.

"Our thought is, if the owner is there," said Heller, "there will be less of an issue for the [neighbors] who want to preserve the residential character of the neighborhood."

She said the second agenda item, Bill 08-2020 contained revision needed to keep the housing ordinance compatible with the zoning amendment. Heller said homeowners [running bed and breakfast operations] need to register with the city, be inspected annually, and pay a fee.

Heller said the amendments eliminate the opportunity for the bed and breakfast facility to be operated by a manager only, but require that the property owner be part of the management as well.

She said the three proposed ordinances have been through the Bethlehem Planning Commission and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, both of



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

"What raised the issue," said Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller, "were those owners who bought property but have never lived there. But they [the properties] are perpetually rented out via Airbnb. The concern is they don't seem to be monitored; no one seems to be there to take care of properties or to monitor noise."

which had recommended approval.

At the conclusion of Heller's remarks, Waldron said he has some major concerns about the proposed ordinances, but does not want to indicate that people are not welcome to stay in Bethlehem.

Councilwoman Grace Crampsie Smith said she sees both sides of the problem with short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods. She said she knows a lot of people "who use Airbnb frequently. She said the city needs to deal with certain people who are taking advantage. "It is unfortunate that there is a whole neighborhood downtown who is suffering from inconsiderate

and irresponsible behavior."

She went on to object to the ordinance because it is written so that "the owner must be present all of the time. I would like it to be amended say that the owner must be present 70 percent or 80 percent of the time."

She also objected to the restriction from renting the full house. "Everyone I know who has rented an Airbnb, has rented the full house."

Crampsie Smith described the procedure used in some municipalities "at the shore," where local realtors can be appointed as managers of an Airbnb so that owners do not have to be present.

Councilman Bryan Callahan also described his use of Airbnb homes in Boston. "I've never, ever had an owner remain in the house while we were staying there."

Callahan said he sees no problem with an owner renting out a house while the owner is away for several weeks.

Discussion centered around what was an appropriate percentage of time that an owner could rent out a home used for short-term rental.

Heller pointed out that enforcing these ordinances is "challenging; really, really challenging. I just don't know how we would know if an owner is there 75 percent of the time."

Council solicitor Jack Spirk offered his opinion that a previous court case raised the issue of how difficult it is to enforce these ordinances.

Councilman William Reynolds said he was concerned with "what can be enforced and what will stand up in court."

Callahan said he did not want to see a person buy several homes in a neighborhood and then operate them like a hotel, but also did not want "to hamper someone going on vacation and renting their home."

A vote of 3-3, a tie because Councilwoman Dr. Paige Van Wirt was not present, defeated Bill 07-2020, the zoning amendment on hotels and short-term lodging. Voting yes: Olga Negron, William Reynolds, Michael Colón. Voting no: Grace Crampsie Smith, Bryan Callahan and Adam Waldron.

In other business, council members approved a mayoral appointment of Veronica H. Moore to the Human Relations Commission.

**City's Oct. 25 Halloween parade canceled**

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez has announced the cancellation of the city's Halloween parade. The parade was to be held Oct. 25, and would have been the 99th annual Halloween parade in the city.

Unfortunately, the thousands of people it

draws annually would not make it possible to create the social distancing needed to keep people safe. "The Halloween parade is another seasonal tradition that Bethlehem embraces. While we are disappointed, we believe it is the right decision for

2020 and look forward to it returning in 2021," said Donchez.

Donchez did confirm Trick or Treat will take place as scheduled in Bethlehem on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. Residents who plan to take part are asked to wear masks if they are

not already a part of their costume, and practice social distancing when participating in the event.

This plan is not set in stone, Health Director Kristen Wenrich said, and further safety tips will be forthcoming in October.



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**Vinny** is a 3-year old male and has been patiently waiting for his fur-ever home since 2018! Vinny is full of kitten energy and loves playing with everything he can find. Vinny would do best in a home where he can have his own space. He is on a special urinary diet and medication to help with his anxiety.



**Chloe** is an 8-year-old German shepherd mix. She is super sweet, friendly and easy to handle. She walks well on leash, but doesn't like to go for too long a walk. Chloe's perfect day would be lounging around on the couch with her favorite person. She would do best in a home with older children and possibly another dog.

**VOLUNTEERS**

A full calendar appears on the Bethlehem Press website

**FEED THE CHILDREN**, Bethlehem is looking for volunteers to help fill food and hygiene boxes for children and families in need Aug. 27 and Sept. 12. Masks will not be provided but they will provide gloves. It is important to maintain social distancing rules. You must be able to stand for three hours at a time and will need to be able to lift 15-25 pounds. Please bring your own water/drinks; no food will be allowed. Children 11-15 years of age can volunteer with parental supervision. Go to <https://feedthechildren.volunteerhub.com> to register for the date(s) that you would like to attend. If you do not register through the link you are not registered for the event.

**SHARECARE FAITH IN ACTION**, Bethlehem needs many volunteers to help with taking non-COVID-19 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](mailto:sharecare8@aol.com)  
Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: [vc@volunteerlv.org](mailto:vc@volunteerlv.org).

**SAUCON VALLEY**

**Uncertainty dominates meeting**

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

With the opening of Saucun Valley schools less than two weeks away, much of the Aug. 11 virtual school board meeting was somewhat tenuous, with board members, teachers and parents alike expressing anxiety and apprehension about several aspects of the rapidly-approaching school year.

Superintendent Dr. Craig Butler opened the meeting with a message of excitement and optimism, however. "We are very excited... to get our school year underway. Things are really coming together," he said, as he thanked the administration, faculty and staff for their diligent work under unprecedented circumstances.

The first major topics of discussion were Exclusion From and Return to School requirements. Board member Sandra Miller asked if there would be some assistance from the Pa. Department of Health in lieu of contact tracers working in the area. Butler said, "the information I have received is that they will be working closely with us if we find ourselves in that position (of having a COVID-positive test). We are awaiting, anxiously, additional information that will make our process even more robust, detailed and complete."

Miller audibly sighed in response, saying the lack of a more specific plan of support is "an-



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

The Saucun Valley School Board met virtually Aug. 11 to discuss the Aug. 24 opening of schools.

other reason why perhaps opening this soon is not the way to go." She was the only 'nay' vote on the motion to approve the policy.

Fall sports were also on the agenda, as the board discussed a motion to approve the PIAA Return to Competition Plan and the Saucun Valley Re-socialization Plan. Board member Bryan Eichfeld asked if the PIAA plan would supplant the SV plan and expressed general concern about playing sports in the fall. "I may be unpopular with this, but the (East Penn Conference) is postponing any sports until October," he said, adding, "I kind of like that idea." He wondered aloud if charging ahead in the Colonial League was the right thing to do, while citing the NCAA's Big Ten Conference postponing their football season with "billions of dollars" on the line. "I'm really uneasy," Eichfeld said.

Butler explained that the board already approved the Re-socialization Plan twice, and with the PIAA delaying the season's start by two weeks until Aug. 24, they need to approve it again to last until then. Miller then asked to split the two topics for voting purposes, saying it might be wise to just stick to the Re-socialization Plan and to stay away from

the PIAA plan for now. Athletic Director Robert Frey asserted that the PIAA plan wasn't meant to supplant the Saucun plan. It is more of a guideline for a "game situation," he said, while the Re-socialization Plan applies to practices and workouts.

There was also some discussion about treating athletics protocols differently from school itself, with board President Dr. Shamim Pakzad expressing his concerns. Board Vice President Susan Baxter agreed. "This great discrepancy we have between our academic plan; and our sports plan, they need to be the same," she said. "We're going through hoops to make sure that we are abiding by the CDC rules (in schools) and with sports we're just kind of looking the other way."

She continued, "we have to take a look at these sports that are contact sports... we also have to recognize that the same students who are going onto the (athletic) fields are going to bring (illness) back into the classroom and we have to be careful of that." Ultimately, the original motion was withdrawn and the board proceeded with a new motion to simply extend the Re-socialization Plan until Aug. 25, which was the date of the next board meet-

ing. The motion passed unanimously.

Later, Miller made a motion to delay the start of school by two weeks, saying "I believe the Department of Education is going to come out with better information, contract tracing, and our numbers actually will fall to a better number within the matrices that are being recommended by the Department of Health." The delay would allow everyone more time to better prepare and to react to any new or revised guidance that comes from the state over the next several weeks, she said.

Board member Edward Andres suggested making a motion for only a one-week delay, with the idea that it might be better received, with Miller then revising her motion as he suggested. Baxter expressed reservations about the resolution being added during the meeting with no advance notice, and board member Cedric Dettmar made the point that things might not necessarily get better before then anyway. Eichfeld added that as the opening date was already announced, changing it so late in the summer could prove to be a hardship to some families.

Public comments were somewhat split with parents and teachers coming out on both sides of Miller's proposal, although significantly more seemed to be in favor of a delayed start. Butler addressed some of the concerns, saying, "I want to reiterate... we are ready to go. Some changes were made since last week, but they were not wholesale changes." He said he has faith in faculty, which includes many long-time teachers, saying they will adjust and do a great job. He continued, "I have complete confidence that we will have a teacher present in these classrooms and are fully capable of starting on the 24th." Ultimately, Miller, Andres and Tracy Magnotta were the only 'aye' votes to delay as the motion failed 6-3.

In other news, elementary school Principal Cynthia Motter resigned effective July 31. It was not immediately clear who would be filling her position for the upcoming school year.

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Freedom fans cheer on their team from a recent game in a past season. It's likely fans will see a lot of changes of permitted to attend fall sports games this season.

# PIAA votes to move forward with sports

BY PETER CAR  
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The PIAA made their decision and voted to proceed with a fall sports season across Pennsylvania during a board of directors meeting last Friday.

The Board voted by a 25-5 margin to move forward with fall sports this week, under the guidance of each local school district or conference.

"The Board agrees the decision to compete in athletics should be made locally allowing for each school entity to decide whether to proceed and which sports to sponsor," said the PIAA in the news release sent out last Friday.

"As the health and safety of students is paramount in moving forward with athletics, the Board believes that through each member schools' adherence to their developed school health and safety plans and the PIAA Return to Competition guidelines sports can continue."

The decision to move forward with fall sports gives participants a breath of fresh air following Gov. Tom Wolf's "strong recommendation" that all sports be pushed back to January 1, 2021. That prompted the PIAA to gather information

for two weeks, before coming to a conclusion last week.

"The PIAA board of directors has heard the thousands of voices of student-athletes, parents, coaches, officials as well as community leaders that have contacted us," the release stated. "We remind those individuals who have strongly advocated for athletics that they must keep strict adherence to school health and safety plans. All individuals involved in interscholastic athletic communities have a role in the health and wellness of all participants."

Last week's news gave football programs across the state the green light to start their heat acclimatization period on Monday. Golf could start as soon as this Thursday and tennis on August 31. All other fall sports could then start on September 11.

The East Penn Conference already voted to start football on October 2 and most fall sports on September 25. The Colonial League voted on Monday by a 12-1 margin to delay their fall seasons and start a week earlier than the EPC.

Golf will start on August 27, tennis on August 31 and cross

country on September 11. The first league games in soccer, field hockey and volleyball will be September 18t and the first league football games will now be September 25.

Both conferences will have the option to schedule non-league contests prior to their initial dates.

The PIAA also voted unanimously to approve a proposal that would allow fall sports seasons to be moved to another time of year, as well as allowing programs that don't participate in the fall a chance to play in the spring.

That would give school districts like Harrisburg, Norristown, Cheltenham, Pottstown, Reading and the Philadelphia Public and Catholic Leagues, an opportunity to play in the spring since they have canceled fall seasons.

Even with the go-ahead from the PIAA, decisions will ultimately come down at the local level and the first week of school will be another hurdle.

"We need to open schools safely," said Liberty athletic director and EPC vice president, Fred Harris. "This has been a fluid situation since March

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## Yocco new BC harrier coach

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Kassi Yocco was hired as Bethlehem Catholic's new cross country coach this past June.

Yocco is a 2016 Becha graduate and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Seton Hall University this May.

She ran cross country in both high school and college.

"I'm such a proud alumna, and I loved Becha. It gave me exceptional opportunities," Yocco said.

The new head coach began her cross country career in ninth grade and credits former coach Kelly Bracetty for instilling in her the passion for running.

"I want to pay it forward and share that passion, and I hope they'll feel it too," said Yocco.

Yocco began voluntary practices for the Hawks the end of July, taking runners around Bethlehem or at Illick's Mill.

"We're going to have a small team, so one of my goals is to boost the program," she said.

During her senior year at Seton Hall, Yocco placed in the top-10 in five out of nine meets.

"Last year was a really good year for me," she said.



Kassi Yocco, shown here running for Becha during the 2015 season, will take over as cross country coach.

## Despite approval, clarity lacks for fall

BY PETER CAR  
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The Whitehall-Coplay school board held a committee meeting on Monday to discuss their plans to continue with fall sports on the heels of the PIAA's ruling last Friday that approved fall sports to take place this season.

The Whitehall board didn't vote on the matter, but gave the thumbs up to play this fall, which is a vital step for any school district's athletes looking to play.

With the PIAA giving discretion to local school districts to make the choice to play or not to play, Whitehall's board decided to stay the course.

"Our board didn't want anything changed and is allowing us to proceed," said Whitehall athletic director

Bob Hartman. "That was the consensus and it was good for us, but we'll have to see if we need to find teams to play."

That will be the next predicament for local athletes, coaches and athletic directors - will superintendents allow their respective districts to play sports?

EPC athletic directors are reportedly set to meet on Thursday to discuss scheduling for the fall and you would think that a decision on whether respective schools are in or out of the fall sports scene would be made sooner than later.

Hartman has already prepared for the scenario where EPC schools bow out for the fall.

"That's certainly something we've thought about,"

he said, "but I'm not really sure what's going to happen. I'm sure the PIAA doesn't want us taking much longer on making this decision either."

Bethlehem Catholic and Central Catholic are rumored to be two other schools in the EPC committed to playing, but the list may be short.

In contacting various coaches throughout the EPC, a mixed bag of replies ensued.

There is heavy speculation that many schools in the conference will scrap playing in the fall.

While some coaches remain optimistic, one high profile coach, who requested anonymity, wasn't so sure.

"It doesn't look good as of now," said the source. "It obviously could change, but I get

a bad vibe with some of the conversations that have taken place."

One coach in another major school district expressed optimism that they would be allowed to play, but could pressure from districts electing not to play in the fall have an affect on other districts?

"That's what I'm worried about," another coach said, "because everything I'm hearing is that some of the superintendents [of bigger school districts in the conference] are really pushing to not play."

The Press reached out to Bethlehem Area School District superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy on Tuesday morning for comment on his thoughts about playing in the fall, but he was unavailable for com-

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## 'Canes cross country enjoys seeing area on runs

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Since late July, Liberty cross country coach Adam Syty has been taking the Hurricanes on scenic runs throughout the Lehigh Valley.

"Part of the beauty of cross country is seeing the beauty of the world,"

Syty said.

Ballas Park in Wind Gap, Merrill Creek Reservoir in Harmony Township, N.J., The D&L Trail in the Lehigh Valley, and Louise Moore Park in Easton also exposed the 'Canes to varied terrain and safety from traffic.

"We've had 30-plus people at each practice continuously," said Syty, "which has been impressive with not knowing anything about the season."

Now, the Hurricanes do know that their season will begin mid-September.

"I'm excited that each sport is considered on an individual basis," Syty said. "I love being out there every day and interacting with the kids. We're keeping things as normal as possible."

Coach Syty is also hosting a virtual cross country meet on Sept.

4 and 5. Registration information on the Liberty Hurricane Quarantine 5K can be found at [www.pa.milesplit.com](http://www.pa.milesplit.com).

"I think it will be a good way to get things going," he said.

# Q & A ... with Freedom baseball's Conor Howland

BY PETER CAR  
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Conor Howland is enrolled at Widener University in a masters program for physical therapy and committed to play baseball there as well.

1. Now that the news of the spring season being over has sunk in, what are your thoughts or emotions about not being able to play your senior year?

"I'm upset and frustrated thinking about all the 'what ifs' and everything that could have happened this season. We had a lot of potential and it was going to be a show for everyone."

2. What were you looking forward to the most this season?

"I was looking forward to playing with the team, we really were a brotherhood. I'm going miss the guys."

3. What activity did you find yourself doing the most during quarantine?

"I've been working at Genesis bicycles, doing homework, playing video games, going mountain biking and binge watching shows."

4. What did you miss most about normal life?

"I miss the freedom that everyone had. I miss the interactions with people."

5. If you had the choice to be stuck at home with any teammate(s) during a quarantine, who would they be and why?

"I don't know if I would want to stay at home with any of them. I love the kids, but they get annoying too."

6. Can you name your favorite movie, show or series you've watched over the past months?

"I've watched South Park, Solar Opposites and I'm just starting Outer Banks."

7. What was the worst part about being stuck at home?

"The worst part about being stuck at home is not getting enough time to myself. My little brother always wants attention and my mom is constantly asking me to do stuff around the house."

8. What was the first thing you wanted to do once the quarantine was

over?  
"Play baseball!"

9. Can you tell your favorite sports story about yourself, your team or your teammates over the years?

"There's a lot of memories from playing with these guys. I loved getting rowdy in the weight room, joking around on the bench, and our daily talks in the stretch circle. But nothing tops a bus ride home after a big win."

10. What lesson(s) have you learned throughout this whole process?

"I've learned a lot from the quarantine, but I've already learned a lot of the lessons I'm using from baseball. I've learned that patience is a virtue and some things happen for a reason. I've learned that even when you do everything right, the outcome you want won't always happen. I'm [missed] playing baseball with Freedom High School, I [missed] the coaches and the teammates (underclassmen included) but most of all, I [missed] the thrill from the first to last pitch."

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ment due to being in a Zoom meeting with teachers.

Liberty athletic director Fred Harris expressed that rumors were false about BASD not playing fall sports

when asked last week.

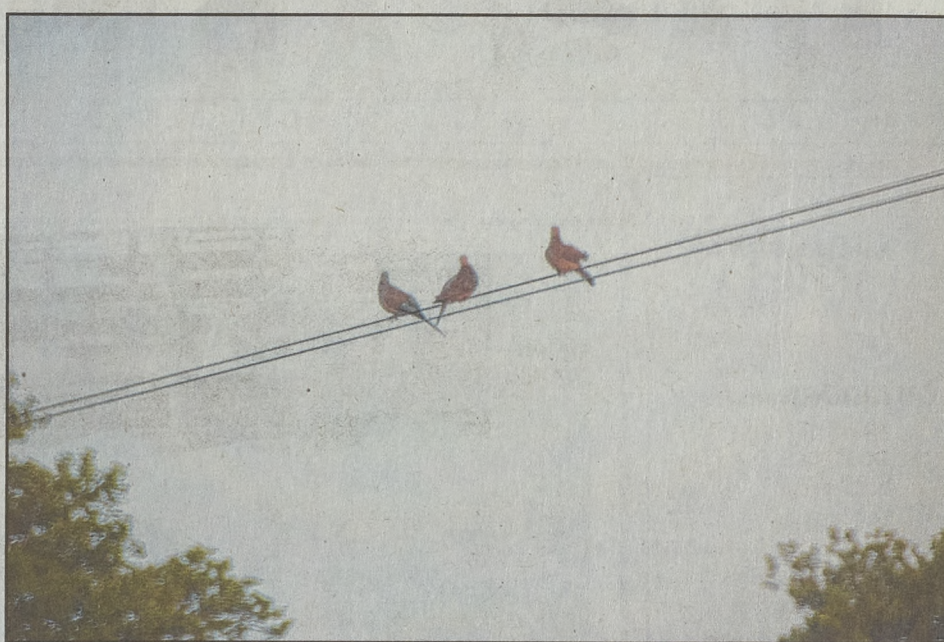
But as we've all seen over the past year with sports, things change on a daily basis. Last week's vote by the PIAA may have been a win for many, but the battle on the front lines of schools districts continue.

Pressure from par-

ents will mount and the balancing act of opening safely will be paramount.

With sports in the Colonial League and EPC set to play in less than a month, here we are still searching for answers.

Pressure from par-



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HRONIAK

When seeing several doves on a utility line in a farmland area, it may be a dove flyway and a possible hunting spot.

# Outdoors: Small game season kicks off September 1

BY NICK HRONIAK  
Special to the Press

We wish there was better news when the first part of the small game season kicks off Sept. 1. That's when dove become legal game in Pennsylvania that has a double season. The early Canada goose season also opens Sept. 1 and runs until Sept. 25 whereas dove ends Nov. 27 but reopens Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

This pessimism is the result of a loss of habitat and hunting lands that fell prey to warehouses and housing developments by greedy, land-grabbing developers.

In Lehigh County, the primary dove hunting opportunities are on State Game Lands #205 in Lowhill Township where the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) traditionally plants wild-life food crops. If you do some intense searching, you may be lucky to find a farm to hunt after acquiring permission to hunt in upper Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Compared to those counties, upper Berks County has more open farm lands where most are owned by Mennonite farmers who will often give hunting permission if appropriately approached.

If new to dove hunting in Pennsylvania, and besides the general hunting license, hunters age 12 and older need a state

migratory bird license. Fluorescent orange is not required. But there are other important regulations.

According to the PGC, agricultural crops and natural vegetation may be manipulated to improve dove hunting. Manipulation means the alteration of agricultural crops or natural vegetation by activities such as mowing, shredding, disking, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. Manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of seeds, grains, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown. Manipulation does not include the placement of grain in piles or other artificial concentrations. In Pennsylvania, the manipulation of the crop or vegetation for purposes of dove hunting must be done no later than Sept. 15 each year.

You may hunt doves over manipulated grain crops, such as wheat, milo, sorghum, millet, sunflower, and buckwheat. Although you can hunt doves over manipulated agricultural crops, you cannot hunt waterfowl or other wild-life species over manipulated agricultural crops except after the field has been subject to a normal harvest and removal of grain recognized as a normal agricultural process. A managed dove field, which has had a

crop manipulated, is off limits to hunting of all other species until 30 days after the manipulated grain and/or its residue is removed from the field.

Agricultural activities other than planting or harvesting also scatter grain or other feed in agricultural areas. You can hunt doves in such areas provided the agricultural operation involved is a normal agricultural practice. A normal agricultural planting is a planting undertaken for the purpose of producing or gathering a crop. Normal plantings do not involve the placement of grain in piles or other concentrations. You cannot, however, hunt in an area where grain, salt, or other feed has been placed to improve dove hunting.

I used to look forward to dove hunting with my son who when he was a teen 30 years ago, managed to shoot doubles on dove at a sunflower field in Macungie. Something I never accomplished. It was a great mentoring and memorable dove hunting trip that will probably never again be realized since that field now houses homes and a nearby strip mall while our other hunt able places sadly also dried up.

The daily dove limit is 15 with 45 in possession. Their dark meat makes delightful table fare especially if wrapped in bacon and cooked on a grille. I miss that too.

## PIAA

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and nothing has really changed for us or our league. We're going to go through with the plan we put in place, but we have to remain vigilant and keep everyone safe. That is the number one priority in all of this."

Northampton boys' soccer coach, Ryan

Brazuk, was relieved to hear the news last week, as it gives some clarity on the season moving forward.

"It was definitely great to hear," Brazuk said. "We've been training since the beginning of July just trying to play within the means of COVID rules, but it's been stressful for our seniors, who didn't know

what was going to happen."


With sports moving forward, the key will be to avoid hiccups to keep the fall season on track.

"Thankfully our numbers are good in the Lehigh Valley, as far as COVID cases," Harris said, "but we can't rest on that. We have to be safe to keep this going."

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Emmaus baseball player Wyatt Henseler capped his high school career in grand fashion at the Lehigh Valley Baseball Tournament. The recent EHS graduate hit a home run over the Coca-Cola Park fence to lead Emmaus to a 7-5 win over Parkland in the championship game of the tournament. Henseler, who will continue his career at the University of Pennsylvania, also had a home run in a pool play game at Limeport. He helped the Hornets go 10-0 in the event, which was organized after the 2020 high school spring sports season got canceled.

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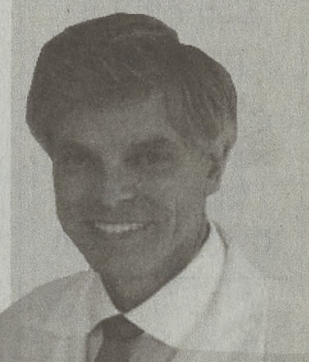
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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

### Does Jimmie make the playoffs?

**GODSPEAK:** Flip a coin, but I'm leaning toward yes because this may be the last time we see him at Daytona.

**KEN'S CALL:** He's crashed a lot at Daytona in recent years, so he's due for a clean one. Keep it clean, he's playoff-bound, but not sure how long his playoff run will last.

### Who's your best longshot playoff berth with a win at Daytona?

**GODSPEAK:** Tyler Reddick can win this race if the breaks fall his way. RCR has a good record at the big tri-oval.

**KEN'S CALL:** Reddick, Bubba Wallace and Michael McDowell are possibilities, but Chris Buescher is my favorite outsider this week.

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DAYTONA

**WINNER:** Brad Keselowski  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., Michael McDowell, Bubba Wallace  
**FIRST ONE OUT:** Ricky Stenhouse Jr.  
**DARK HORSE:** Tyler Reddick  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Keselowski sneaks in a win and builds momentum for the playoffs.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**0** NASCAR Cup wins by defending series champ Kyle Busch

**3** Cup Series playoff positions open going into Daytona

**7** Series-leading Cup victories by Kevin Harvick

**42** Cup Series championship points collected by Harvick

**700** All-time NASCAR Cup Series wins by Ford drivers

## DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

We'll try to put an easy-fitting cap on this highly irregular regular season, but pack-racin' doesn't always go along with our plans.



Kevin Harvick has been fast this season but has yet to shake Denny Hamlin off his rear bumper. [JARED C. TILTON]

## THROUGH THE GEARS

# NASCAR storm brewing in Daytona Beach

By Godwin Kelly  
 Daytona Beach News-Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

If you think you are experiencing a case of Daytona déjà vu, think again. Two weeks ago the NASCAR Cup Series battled at Daytona International Speedway, but that was on the 3.61-mile road course.

The boys are heading south for another round at Daytona, but this time the business will be handled on the 2.5-mile tri-oval.

There's a big storm brewing and it isn't in the Atlantic Ocean (as of this writing).

Hit the ignition switch and let's roll ... **FIRST GEAR:** The doubleheader at Dover last weekend proved once again that this year's championship is likely a two-driver race between Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick, who clinched the Cup Series regular-season championship.

For the third time this season, Hamlin and Harvick have won at race tracks with back-to-back events.

They split the races at Darlington (held three days apart), then each nabbed doubleheader wins at Pocono and Dover. Harvick (seven) leads Hamlin (six) in wins thanks to his unprecedented two wins in two days at Michigan.

"I don't think I'd narrow it down to one guy," Harvick said after his win at Dover. "Obviously as you look at Denny and his team, they've been able to week-in and week-out be competitive ... That really has been fun to kind of go back and forth with Denny and his team because we all get along really well but we all want to beat each other on the racetrack."

**SECOND GEAR:** Forget about Hamlin and Harvick this weekend at Daytona. The real dogfight will be for the last three playoff positions still vacant.

Clint Bowyer didn't clinch at Dover, but he has a 57-point cushion going into the regular-season finale.

The real scrap will be between Matt DiBenedetto, William Byron and Jimmie Johnson, who are battling for the last two playoff positions.

They are separated by only 13 points. DiBenedetto and Byron are above the cutline, while Johnson is four points behind Byron.

Anyone can win at Daytona. Just ask Justin Haley. So if an outlier should win, only one of those three would make it through to the postseason.

**THIRD GEAR:** With one postponement exception, the Coke Zero Sugar 400 has been staged on July 4 or the Fourth of July weekend since 1959.

NASCAR moved the 400 to create excitement to end the regular season. Mission accomplished. There are plenty of anxious drivers in the wings.

Johnson, who is one of those guys on the bubble, revealed his game plan.

"Go down there, say a few prayers, maybe say a prayer per lap, and see how that plays out I guess," he said.

**FOURTH GEAR:** Back to Harvick for a moment. He is having a career season at age 44. He leads the Cup Series in wins and points and clinched the regular-season championship, which comes with 15 championship points.

And just for good measure, Harvick brought home Ford's 700th all-time Cup Series victory at Dover.

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Can you believe they did it?

Back in mid-May, as NASCAR released its plan for a return to racing, officials insisted they'd run all 36 races this year, including the 26 regular-season events that would culminate this week at Daytona. At the time, it seemed a bit Herculean due to the depressing mid-spring vibe, but here they are, officially back in sync with the original schedule (knock on wood). In hindsight it looks easier, as things often do. After all, you announce a race and a place, everyone with bills to pay is going to show up.

### What happens at Daytona?

A few guys will get rare top-10s, a few (or more, most likely) will crash out. And maybe, just maybe, a wildcard will be first to the checkers and snare an unexpected playoff spot. Ryan Newman would be the obvious sentimental pick, but Mr. Hunch will keep an eye on Chris Buescher all night.

Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrn.com

## CUP STANDINGS

1. Kevin Harvick	1041
2. Denny Hamlin	907
3. Brad Keselowski	881
4. Martin Truex Jr.	845
5. Joey Logano	836
6. Ryan Blaney	818
7. Chase Elliott	809
8. Aric Almirola	740
9. Kyle Busch	719
10. Kurt Busch	700
11. Clint Bowyer	685
12. Alex Bowman	662
13. Matt DiBenedetto	637
14. William Byron	632
15. Jimmie Johnson	628
16. Erik Jones	582
17. Tyler Reddick	563
18. Austin Dillon	561
19. Cole Custer	469
20. Christopher Bell	456

## WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

**CUP SERIES:** Coke Zero Sugar 400

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway (2.5-mile tri-oval)

**TV SCHEDULE:** Saturday, race (NBC, 7:30 p.m.)

**XFINITY:** Wawa 250

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway

**TV SCHEDULE:** Friday, race (NBC Sports Network, 7:30 p.m.)

**GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES:** CK Power 200

**SITE:** World Wide Technology Raceway, St. Louis (1.25-mile oval)

**TV SCHEDULE:** Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, noon)

## 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)
- May 17: Darlington (Kevin Harvick)
- May 20: Darlington (Denny Hamlin)
- May 24: Charlotte (Brad Keselowski)
- May 27: Charlotte (Chase Elliott)
- May 31: Bristol (Brad Keselowski)
- June 7: Atlanta (Kevin Harvick)
- June 10: Martinsville (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 14: Homestead-Miami (Denny Hamlin)
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- July 19: Texas (Austin Dillon)
- July 23: Kansas (Denny Hamlin)
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- Aug. 8: Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 9: Michigan (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 16: Daytona Road Course (Chase Elliott)
- Aug. 22: Dover (Denny Hamlin)
- Aug. 23: Dover (Kevin Harvick)
- Aug. 29: Daytona
- Sept. 6: Darlington
- Sept. 12: Richmond
- Sept. 19: Bristol
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**CHANGES- CANCELLATIONS- POSTPONEMENTS**

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

The Mayor's Southside Task Force will not meet until 3 p.m. Sept. 22. As Northampton Community College is not available at this time, the location will be announced in the future.

Bethlehem City Hall is operational but is closed to the public until further notice. City employees will be available to assist residents via phone and email. City Council meetings are streamed / archived online. Visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) and social media for additional information, including public meetings information.

HanNorCo - No yard waste collections in August.

**Wednesday, August 26**

Bethlehem Twp. Zoning Hearing Board, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.

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

Bethlehem Parking Authority, 4 p.m. 85 W. North St.

Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Live-streamed: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/214486917>, or via phone: 1-872-240-3212, access code: 214-486-917.

Hanover Twp. (NorCo) Zoning Hearing Board, 3630 Jacksonville Road. 6:30 p.m. On Zoom: Zoom Meeting # 810-6843-7174; visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81068437174>; Dial in: 1-267-831-0333.

Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown. [www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners](http://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners) Visit [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org). Zoom meeting with public participation. For instructions on participating, visit [www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners](http://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Commissioners) or call 610-782-3000.

**Thursday, August 27**

Bethlehem Committee of the Whole, 6 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

**Tuesday, September 1**

Bethlehem Council, 7 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St. Online: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UioJADKaRE1W3xw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UioJADKaRE1W3xw)

Northampton Co. General Purpose, 8:15 a.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St.

Northampton Co. Farmland Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton

**Wednesday, September 2**

Historical Architectural Review Board, 4 p.m. City hall, 10 E. Church St.

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# Warning sounded against railroad transport of liquified natural gas

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Liquified natural gas (LNG) in pressurized and insulated railroad tanker cars will be rolling through Lehigh County if, according to information provided by Commissioner Bob Elbich, the Delaware River Basin Commission gives the green light for a plan to build a new dock from which railroad tanker cars filled with LNG will be emptied into ocean-going ships.

Lehigh County Commissioners 12 Aug. voted 8-0 (Commissioner Nate Brown was absent from the online meeting) to approve a non-binding resolution that asks the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to disapprove of the project slated to be built in Gibbstown, N.J. directly across the river from the Philadelphia International Airport.

New Fortress Energy is planning the overland transport of LNG (also known as liquid methane) by truck on public highways and by rail car on existing railways from a yet-to-be-completed liquefaction plant in Wyalusing (northwest of Scranton) to a proposed LNG export terminal in Gibbstown.

Elbich, an engineer with experience in LNG, sounded the warning. He said he fears construction of the new dock will set the groundwork for potential catastrophe to local communities caused by the up-surge in thousands of LNG-laden rail cars and

## LEHIGH COUNTY



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

Commissioner Bob Elbich shown at his swearing-in ceremony. Elbich is concerned that local communities will be devastated by liquified natural gas explosions if plans to ship the potentially explosive material by rail or truck from are approved by the Delaware River Basin Commission.

highway-bound tanker trucks rolling through local towns.

Elbich's resolution also wants the (DRBC) "to ensure public safety by taking all actions necessary to effectively control the transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas through Lehigh County by truck and/or by rail, provide appropriate emergency response training and resources for Lehigh County agencies, and to conduct a public health and safety analysis, a quantitative risk assessment, and a comprehensive environmental review of the potential impacts to Lehigh County communities."

"LNG is natural gas that has been chilled to minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit in a process that removes water, carbon dioxide and other compounds, leaving mostly methane in a fluid that takes up less than 1/600th the space it previously occupied as a gas," according to Jennifer H. Dlouhy and quoted in Fortune.com.

LNG does not burn on its own, and it can't ignite in its liquefied state. The risk comes if a tank car ruptured and LNG was exposed to the air, triggering the LNG to rapidly convert back into a flammable gas and evaporate," said Dlouhy.

While the probability of an LNG-loaded rail car exploding is low, it

is not unheard of. Such an incident is capable of producing a thermobaric explosion, which is a type of explosion used by the military to destroy buildings and bunkers from the inside out.

In other words, an explosive gas is forced inside these structures and then ignited, producing the effect of blowing something up from the inside. Thermobaric explosions can also asphyxiate people by burning all of the oxygen from the air they breathe.

A thermobaric explosion in the United Kingdom in 2005 produced a blast that woke people up 93 miles away.

According to a 1980 Department of Energy risk assessment, "about two-thirds of the total propane movements [in the U.S.] are by tank truck, while roughly three percent of total movements are by rail tank car. The remainder of the shipments are made primarily by pipelines."

According to Elbich, 5 million gallons of LNG could be sent through Allentown and other local communities if the Delaware River port is built. That could equal 166 railroad tanker cars per day that would roll along a route that includes Walnutport, Northampton, Catasauqua, Allentown, Emmaus, Macungie and

Alburtis on the way to the port across the river from Philadelphia.

The Environment and Energy Studies Institute reported that in 2019, the U.S. Department of Transportation released a rule change proposal that would loosen the hazardous materials Regulations for the bulk transport of refrigerated liquid methane, or LNG, by rail tank car. DOT argues that regulatory changes are needed to accommodate the increase in extraction of methane and the need to move it to markets for export.

According to Dlouhy, writing in Fortune.com, "Independent experts on railway safety, such as Fred Millar, warn that such changes would 'pose an unprecedented new level of risk for American cities,' and are being pursued hastily 'because of enormous pressure to sell our fracked gas.'"

In the article, Millar warns, "LNG is especially hazardous because of its ability to easily warm to a vigorous boil, forming a flammable gas cloud that can erupt into an unquenchable fire." A 1944 explosion in Cleveland killed more than 100 people after liquified natural gas from an East Ohio Gas Co. storage tank seeped into the city's sewer system and ignited, leveling homes and businesses across several city blocks, he said.

However, according to Dlouhy, "supporters of rail transport [of LNG] stress that natural gas dissipates rapidly and has such a narrow ignition window it is only able to ignite when mixed with air at a ratio of about 5 to 15 percent, unlike other flammable materials carried by rail. LNG won't dissolve in water and, if spilled, generally evaporates, leaving no residue behind."

According to The Environment and Energy Studies, in response to industry lobbying, the Trump administration issued an Executive Order in April 2019 that directed DOT to change existing regulations to allow LNG to be shipped in railcars.

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tion cards. "Our identity documents are critical to how we navigate the world, and having an affirming and accurate ID is critical for access to employment, healthcare, housing and so much more,"

said PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian. "Offering equitable and inclusive services for all Pennsylvanians is central to PennDOT's mission, and I'm proud that we're taking this step."

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Shane Reimer was one of several musicians performing at the Blueberry Festival.

# Blueberry Festival remains sweet during a bitter summer

BY LANI GOINS  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Adjusting to this very unusual year, the 33rd annual Bethlehem Blueberry Festival ran over two weekends in late July, with drive-through pickups on the weekdays in between.

Attendance was controlled by limiting tickets to 200 people per time slot, with four time slots each of the four weekend days.

On-site, the festival's scope was reduced. One field was reserved for a small selection of vendors and crafters. An indoor shopping area was devoted to blueberry products. Visitors could picnic in socially distanced spots in the orchard. Instead of games and crafts led in groups for children, each child received a bag with crafts including Moravian Paper Dolls, Burnside Butterflies, Cheerio Birdfeeders, and a word search and eye-spy activity. Live music and artists were still playing and working.

The single semi-indoor shopping area offered many blueberry products. Norah Jones makes a sale to fellow volunteer David Chlbold.



A brightly colored sign directs visitors to the Blueberry Festival.

Two new features were added to the festival, the Blueberry to Go Market for drive-through blueberry goods, and a partnership with Moravian Village.

Blueberry goods galore were available. New this year were Lemon Blueberry cookies, Blueberry Ricotta Bars, and Blueberry Lemon Vodka.

The drive-through sales on weekdays exceeded the organizers' expectations. "The community stepped up. One woman ordered three times!" said Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites Vice President and festival manager Loriann Wukitsch. She affirmed that the plan is to have online sales again next year.

Event Coordinator Jennifer Bender was also new to the festival.

She and Wukitsch hope the community enjoyed this year's festival, and look forward to a more traditional festival with additional online sales in the future.



Event coordinator Jennifer Bender, left, with Loriann Wukitsch, vice president of Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites.



David Sommers, resident artist at Banana Factory, finds a shady spot to set up his easel. [davidssommersart.com](http://davidssommersart.com)



Blueberry sugar cookies from the Blueberry Festival, baked by Back Door Bakeshop

Kevin Wakim, Katelynn Roxbury, and Damian, Makenzie and Gabe Roxbury. The children all received craft bags when they entered the festival.



A separate ticket purchased a socially-distanced picnic spot by a tree in the orchard.

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## York College of Pennsylvania

Two Bethlehem area residents graduated from York College of Pennsylvania May 31. Jessica Burritt graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in criminal justice. William Parkinson graduated with a bachelor of science in engineering management.

## DEAN'S LIST

## Bethel University

Christopher Davis, of Bethlehem, was named to the Bethel University College of Professional Studies dean's list for the term ending May 31. To qualify for the dean's list, undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and earned a GPA of 3.70 or higher.

## University of Scranton

Several Bethlehem area residents were named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2020 spring semester. To be included, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester.

The students are, from the College of Arts and Sciences: Jacob H. Rachwal, Nathan J. Tauber, Lamese E. Elias, Dylan D. LeVan and Rachel A. Smith; from the Panuska College of Professional Studies: Kaitlyn E. Berback, Jaden M. Carlstrom, Dianna K. Depalma, Madison D. Langkamer, Jessica C. Indelicato and Daniel R. Shuck; and from Kania School of Management: Keenaan N. Elias, Jarod M. Herman, Michael A. Karoly and Matthew I. Morrow.

## University of the Sciences

Four Bethlehem area residents have been named to the University of the Sciences spring 2020 dean's list. Reina Elias, Emilie Hattrell, Rohan Jwareshan and Sruthi Lakshminarayanan completed and passed all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and earned an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the spring of 2020.

## University of Vermont

Jennifer Eberling, 20, of Bethlehem, has been named to the University of Vermont dean's list for the spring 2020 semester. She is in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. To be included on the list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

## University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Alex Lacey, of Bethlehem, has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 2020 spring semester dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

## Western New England University

Darius N. Grant, of Bethlehem, has been named to the Western New England University spring semester 2020 dean's list for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

## Westminster College

Dalissa Kumalo of Bethlehem, majoring in early childhood and special education, was named to the Westminster College spring 2020 dean's list for earning a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

## William &amp; Mary

Five Bethlehem residents were named to the College of William & Mary spring 2020 semester dean's list. The full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students who took at least 12 credit hours and earned a 3.6 quality point average during the semester to be included are Nickolas Boylan, Emma Hale, Valerie Kline, Kathryn Lee and Matias Pineiro.

## Youngstown State University

Derek Skinner, of Bethlehem, earned a master of arts in professional communication degree at Youngstown State University's spring commencement.

## York College of Pennsylvania

Spencer Smith of Bethlehem was named to the spring 2020 York College of Pennsylvania dean's list. To be eligible, a student must be registered for at least 12 academic credit hours and earn a semester GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Submit DEAN'S LIST items to gtaylor@tronline.com, fax 610-740-0947 or mail it to DEAN'S LIST, c/o Bethlehem Press, 1633 N. 26 St., Allentown, PA 18104.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College  
Dual enrollment program offered

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For information on dual enrollment, benefits, costs, application process, how to register for classes and scholarship opportunities, and how to register, visit <http://northampton.meritpages.com/news/ncc-offers-college-credits-to-high-school-students/16660>

Northampton Community College's main campus is located at 3835 Green Pond Road. The Fowler Family Southside Center is located at 511 E. Third St. For information, call 610-861-5000 or visit [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu).

## PEOPLE



Pennsylvania Bus Association's 2019 Employee of Distinction, Melissa Schleppey of Coopersburg (on left), a 22 year employee of Trans-Bridge Tour Company Inc., was presented with a plaque, watch and a pin by Janet JeBran, the company's general manager.

## PBA honors Schleppey

Melissa Schleppey, of Coopersburg, of Trans-Bridge Tour Company Inc., was named the Pennsylvania Bus Association's 2019 Employee of Distinction on July 15, 2020. She was presented with a plaque, watch and pin by the tour company's general manager, Janet JeBran.

The 22-year employee was promoted in December 2019 to team leader. Her responsibilities include overseeing the customer service call center, staffing/scheduling three ticket offices and assisting JeBran. She is certified as an American Bus Association Travel Industry Specialist.

BY THERESA O'BRIEN

Special to the Bethlehem Press

## Childcare closures challenge working families

As of late July, more than 200 of the roughly 7,000 childcare centers in Pennsylvania had closed permanently, with an additional 100 centers reporting that they planned not to reopen. The state's Department of Human Services (DHS) held a virtual press conference in partnership with the Institute of State and Regional Affairs (ISRA), based at Penn State Harrisburg.

## DHS Secretary

Teresa Miller and ISRA Professor Philip Sirinides, who worked on a report about childcare challenges over the past five months, answered questions about what these childcare closures mean for working families. The report is available online ([https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Documents/PA\\_COVID\\_IMPACT\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Documents/PA_COVID_IMPACT_FINAL.pdf)).

Unfortunately, the survey data were collected in April and May, prior to the July 3 "universal masking order" issued by the Department of Health, as well as mandatory six-foot distancing requirements that DHS had told reporters on June 2 did not apply to daycare centers. Costs detailed in the report, then, are likely underestimated, and some daycare centers may be challenged to reopen at all, given the financial necessity of operating very close to physical capacity, and the extreme difficulty of doing so while maintaining six-foot distancing.

Secretary Miller revealed the alarming fact that "[w]ithout immediate assistance to offset costs, it's estimated that 4 percent (280 centers) will close immediately, with another 1,000 at risk of closure." These impending closures are in addition to the 200-plus daycare facilities that have already decided to close. Eligible providers received roughly \$51 million in CARES Acts funding in June, with another \$53 million paid out in July.

With \$116 million coming in a third round of CARES funding at the end of August or beginning of September, DHS will use the results of the ISRA study to inform distribution of these additional funds. Secretary Miller added that at least 700 families across the state are on waiting lists for childcare.

The ISRA study measured costs that were experienced by all childcare providers, and that had sufficient available data to be measured. The resulting costs are not inclusive of all costs childcare facilities are facing as a result of Gov. Wolf's mid-March business shutdown, but represent four areas. Three of the areas are facilities (leases and mortgages that must be paid regardless of enrollment), personnel (two weeks' worth of payroll), and the added costs of COVID-19 mitigation regulations. The fourth area is more of a lens through which to view costs: the financial strain of operating at a hypothetical five-sixths enrollment.

The figures cited by PSU Professor Philip Sirinides represent different ranges of time. For facilities, the cost of \$56 million is



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for the 14 weeks from the beginning of the shutdown through the point in June when all but six Pennsylvania counties were "green." The personnel cost of \$63 million is for two weeks of payroll, which represents the cash a center would need in order to reopen.

The additional COVID-19 health and safety costs amount to \$22 per child per week. The financial strain of under-enrollment – \$89 million – was calculated for the 14 weeks between the June "green" date and Labor Day.

Professor Sirinides acknowledges, "It's difficult for us to estimate the level of under-enrollment and the associated costs." DHS and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) hope to have better attendance data by October.

## Regulation changes required to facilitate virtual education

During the call, a reporter from WOLF-TV (Fox 56 in Wilkes Barre) pointed out, "A lot of our school districts are virtual, and parents are scrambling to find childcare," asking OCDEL Deputy Secretary Tracy Campanini to address the strain on the currently open childcare centers. Campanini revealed the rarely cited state regulation that childcare centers are not permitted to serve school-aged children during the typical school day, a rule that is likely to change.

"There may be many families," Campanini said, "that were not expecting to have childcare expenses for a portion of, or the entire week. We're trying to issue some clarifying communications to parents and providers in the field. It is another very critical topic to address as well."

Pa. Title 55, Subsection 3270.241 provides the regulations for childcare for children of school age. Although the wording of the first sentence of the statute implies that children who are enrolled in public or private school, but are attending that school only virtually, are not barred from childcare, details of the subsection impose additional responsibilities on childcare providers serving school-aged children for more than 15 hours per week, a threshold that would certainly be crossed in a district like BASD, with three days of online

instruction planned for this fall.

In response to a question from the Press about whether the details of Title 55, Subsection 3270.251 would change, DHS stated, "In order to support working families who may need care during schools' scheduled remote learning days, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and DHS are working on to clarify flexibilities for school age child care in licensed and unlicensed programs. Further guidance on this is being finalized and will be issued soon."

## Hard-hit Lehigh Valley helped by local franchises

In the Lehigh Valley, 44 percent of households do not have a parent at home to supervise children during the work week, according to U.S. Census data analyzed by researchers at SmartestDollar (<https://smartestdollar.com/research/cities-without-stay-at-home-parents-2020>); the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area ranks 20th on the list of mid-sized metro areas in this respect.

BASD-based childcare is available, but due to hybrid scheduling and newly instated six-foot distancing requirements, not every family will be accommodated this year. In an Aug. 18 letter to district families, Supervisor of Childcare Angela Kukitz explained to families the selection process.

"Students who are signed up for the e-Classroom will not be assigned Child Care. Priority was then given to families who previously registered for care for the upcoming school year. We also took into consideration families who completed the Child Care Inquiry Survey, keeping siblings together, offering care to children enrolled in early grades to provide them with support as they are entering their first school experience, and other factors as well. Lastly, in cases where space is not available at the home-school Child Care sites, all-day care will be offered at another BASD elementary school so we can serve as many students as possible."

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support for children doing "virtual" education without stay-at-home parents.

Lightbridge Academy, which has Lehigh Valley campuses at the Madison Farms shopping center in Bethlehem Township, on Linden Street in Bethlehem, and on Cetronia Road in Allentown, is offering a remote learning support program this fall. Employees at these preschool/daycare franchises are prepared to provide assistance with online learning for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, with half-, full-, and extended-day schedules.

Like every other childcare facility, Lightbridge has a finite number of openings that has been made even smaller by the six-foot distancing requirements suddenly applied to daycares in early July; however, as of Aug. 18, spaces were available.

Sylvan Learning is also marketing its services to working families struggling to cope with virtual and hybrid education. According to materials from the company, "Sylvan Learning will have in-person support at many centers to help families while children are not in school. For example, Sylvan will offer sessions at physical locations where teachers can help children log in to Zoom lessons or offer assistance on assignments."

A press release quotes CEO John McAuliffe's statement that "School Support at Sylvan will ensure that children get the most out of virtual education through a socially distanced, safe environment where parents can receive the aid of a qualified professional."

Sylvan has two Lehigh Valley locations: one on William Penn Highway in Palmer Township, and one on Tilghman Street in Allentown.

## Dept. of Health going overboard with daycare regulations?

The Penn Capital-Star asked whether childcare centers have been a driver of community transmission. Deputy Secretary Campanini cited the readily accessible webinars and available person-to-person training on sanitization and other mitigation practices her department provides. She directed the reporter to the OC-

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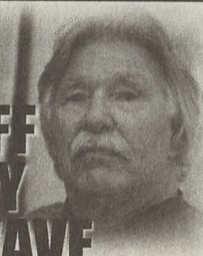
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### IDS

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Gender designation options on Pennsylvania driver's licenses and photo ID cards are "M" (male), "F" (female) or "X" (non-binary). Customers who wish to change their gender designation should fill out Form DL-32, "Request for Gender Change on Driver's License/Identification Card," and bring it to any PennDOT Driver License Center to complete the process. This process does not require the signoff of a medical or social service provider.

"PennDOT is taking a very important step towards better serving

Pennsylvanians of all gender identities. By removing barriers to make these changes, we are providing Pennsylvanians the agency to live their lives as their true selves," said Rafael Alvarez Febo, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs. "Your state issued ID is quite possibly the most important identity document you use on a daily basis, it should reflect your truth."

A gender designation change must be completed in person at a PennDOT Driver License Center. Driver license center locations can be found by clicking on "Find a Location" at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov). Pennsylvania joins 16 other states in offering a non-binary option for its customers.

The designation is offered free-of-charge for identification products. Applicable duplicate fees will apply to customers to obtain a duplicate license or photo ID card reflecting the change in designation.

For more information on the non-binary gender designation for driver licenses and ID cards, please visit the PennDOT website at [www.dmv.pa.gov](http://www.dmv.pa.gov) and look under the Driver and Teen Licensing tab under Driver Services.

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### CARE

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DEL website (<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Licensed-Facility-Data.aspx>), which shows that only 88 children and 130 staff members have tested positive for the novel coronavirus since the beginning of the epidemic in March, figures that are particularly notable given that through the end of June, six-foot distancing was not required, and face coverings were required for staff only.

In addition to survey results, the ISRA report includes selected quotations from childcare providers interviewed by the team from Penn State Harrisburg. Some providers remarked on the dilemma of charging

enough to stay open versus keeping rates stable for families facing job losses and hour cuts.

Many commented on what they saw as the borderline unworkability of face covering and social distancing recommendations (which later became requirements). One provider asserted, "I know that the suggestions that they're putting forth are completely ridiculous. As far as my situation is concerned, I have four children age 4 to 1. I can guarantee they will not be wearing masks."

Another childcare provider noted, "I'm worried just about how children are going to be receptive to the regulations that are going to be in place. The young children that I work with, that is one of the main ways they

learn language, seeing facial expressions. If they can't see our facial expressions, I worry about how that's going to impact them."

Another provider mentioned that social distancing could harm the relationships her center has with its families.

"I think the social/emotional part of it needs to really be brought into it because when they come back, it's not only the children, it's the families and the relationships I think that are very important between me and them, between my teachers and them. I mean, though we have tried to keep that going, being able to give a hug is not able to happen. And I think it's going to be a bit of a challenge."

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### BRIEFLY

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#### Feast the Fair

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The Great Allentown Fair is giving the community the opportunity to get its fair food fix over Labor Day Weekend!

The Feast the Fair event will take place, Friday, Sept. 4 through Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Favorite Fair food vendors will be on the Fairgrounds property outside the Agri-Plex facility serving up all the Fair food classics – to go!

To continue the Fair Preview Night tradition, each attendee is asked to bring a dry or canned good donation to place in the Second Harvest Food Bank.



## LITERARY SCENE

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Style is always in fashion, says vintage clothing author

BY DAVE HOWELL  
Special to The Press

Fashion is old next year, but style is forever.

That is a key point of Rose Ellen Moore's book "I Wanna Live Forever," (88 pp.; paperback; \$20; Kindle, \$9.99; Blue Heron Book Works).

For Moore, every piece of clothing should have lasting value. In her book, she writes about her life and the adventures she has had with her husband, Clayton, gathering apparel for RC Moore Vintage and Millinery, the store they own and operate in Hellertown.

Moore, a vintage clothier, costume-maker, milliner and fashion stylist writes of, according to a capsule summary, "hair-raising estate sales, stories behind the unique clothes in her shop and heart-warming stories of the bonds she forms with people who bring bags of clothing and accessories - and their lives - into her shop."

Moore's goal is to make everyone look fabulous. She has designed costumes for drag queens and "America's Got Talent" contestants and hats for Kentucky Derby attendees.

"When you look good, you feel good. Your spirits are uplifted, and you feel physically better," Moore says in a phone interview from her home in Bethlehem.

"You want to wear what makes you happy, what your outfit says about you personally. More than ever, people want to be individual," she says.

The title of "I Wanna Live Forever" refers to Moore's telling the story of each garment she acquires, and that the stories of our lives do live on.

Among the mostly glowing reviews, one purchaser of the book



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Rose Ellen Moore



states: "This book is a gem. Rose (along with her partner in fashion Clayton) has managed to put her most colorful personality into this book to create a wonderful book that is more than just vintage fashion (fabulous it is). Every garment has a story and a person behind them and Rose has a funny and poignant way of bringing the garment to life by embracing the story behind the person who owned the item."

"I Wanna Live Forever" recounts many of Moore's visits to people's homes. She recalls one occasion:

"A man took out every single thing in his closet and talked about every single piece. He cried and laughed. It took four hours. Afterwards, he thanked us, saying he needed to do that."

Preserving clothing is good for the environment, says Moore.

"Our shop has clothing from the 1800s to 1985. After that, because of NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement], the factories went overseas. Very little was made in the U.S. They were not made with organic properties and do not decompose."

Moore says the "fast fashion" trend involves "turning it out fast and buying it real fast."

"We have dresses in the shop that are over a hundred years old and still look beautiful. Traditional cotton, wool, linen and cashmere can take a beating.

"Clothes can last your whole life. It's good to give things new life. We throw away things now. I like to throw away as little as possible."

Moore was raised in an immigrant family, where she learned skills like crochet, tatting lace, needlepoint and cross-stitching.

Fortunately, younger people are becoming concerned with the environmental effects of clothing production, says Moore.

"Young people want to treat animals kindly, be kind to the earth and create a minimal carbon footprint. The only thing they lack is history. Fashion has reflected what was going on in the world.

"Clothes tell a story, a story that reflects people's personalities."

"I Wanna Live Forever" concludes with a story about Ginger, "a girl who was done wrong, not to mention a girl who done plenty wrong herself, and always managed to look fabulous doing it." Moore has become a mentor of sorts.

Says Gabi Demartino, who has 4.1 million followers on Instagram: See **MOORE** on Page B2

## Valley Health

LVH - Cedar Crest rated area's No. 1 in U.S. News Report

More health news page B7

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest has been recognized as the No. 1 hospital in the Lehigh Valley for 2020-2021 by U.S. News & World Report.

It's the seventh straight year that LVH - Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township, has been ranked No. 1 by the magazine, which also has recognized the hospital nationally among "America's Best Hospitals" in various medical specialties 23 times since 1996.

LVH-Cedar Crest received a "High Performing" rating in seven adult specialties, including Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Nephrology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Orthopedics, Pulmonology and Lung Surgery, and Urology.

LVH - Cedar Crest also had eight specialties rated in the Top 10 percent nationally, which is the most in the region.

LVH - Cedar Crest also is listed as "High Performing" in eight Common Adult Procedures and Conditions tracked by U.S. News, including aortic valve surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), colon cancer surgery, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

"LVHN is extremely proud to provide the highest level of quality and safety in caring for our patients that has stood the test of time," said Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer.

"For more than 20 years, U.S. News & World Report has consistently recognized the work of our dedicated and experienced colleagues on a level with the top providers around the nation, and the level to which that care benefits our community.

"Going forward, we will continue to monitor, measure and improve how we are partnering with and serving our patients and community to ensure they are as healthy as possible," Nester said.

For the 2020-2021 ratings, U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 medical centers nationwide in 10 procedures and conditions.

Fewer than one-third of all hospitals received any "High-Performing" rating.



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Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, Salisbury Township



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One factor in deciding to use insecticides to kill the Spotted Lantern Fly is the number of insects.

## To use pesticide or not on Spotted Lanternfly

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is a serious insect pest that has spread throughout Pennsylvania since its discovery in Herford, Berks County, in 2014.

SLF has a healthy appetite for plants. It's a significant nuisance, affecting the quality of life and enjoyment of the outdoors.

If not contained, SLF potentially could drain Pennsylvania's economy of at least \$324 million annually and wipe out 2,800 jobs, according to a study by economists at The Pennsylvania State University.

SLF is now invading people's backyards and

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crawling on homes, cars and decks.

The SLF uses its piercing-sucking mouthparts to feed on sap from more than 70 different plant species, including grapevines, maples, black walnut, and important plants in Pennsylvania. The feeding damage significantly stresses the plants, which can lead to decreased health and death.

As the SLF feeds, the insect excretes honeydew (a

sugary substance), which attracts bees, wasps and other insects. The honeydew also builds up and promotes the growth for sooty mold (fungi), which can cover the plant, forest understories, patio furniture, cars and anything else found below an area of SLF feeding.

When insect pests invade your garden or landscape, Penn State Extension cautions against the use of home remedies that often include household items such as dish soap, vinegar, salt, boric acid, vegetable oil, and cayenne peppers.

These suggestions, often found on the internet,

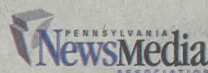
may have the potential to harm humans, pets and plants, do not come with precise directions, may not be effective, and their use may violate federal law. These home remedies have not been tested against SLF.

Registered pesticides are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and must go through extensive testing to scientifically support that the product does what it claims and is safe when used according to label directions. These products have a detailed label that include how to apply it, what it can be used on. See **GREEN** on Page B6

## CORONAVIRUS HELPFUL TIPS FROM THE CDC

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

To learn more, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



**MOORE**

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"I first met Rose when I was 19 and eager to start a vintage collection of my own. Little did I know she'd become a life coach and mentor for the past six years.

Moore provided fashion tips for Ginger Brew, lead singer for Ginger and the Schnapps, a Lehigh Valley-based jazz cabaret band that specializes in songs and music from the 1930s and 1940s.

Brew's look has a lot to do with bringing back the ele-

gance and sophistication of that era.

"The music and style are completely in lockstep. Even with modern clothing, I like to have a little of the retro look. I couldn't imagine standing in front of the band without a retro dress, hairstyle and microphone," says Brew.

She gives credit to Moore for her ability to dress up anyone.

Says Moore, "Not all women are shaped like an hourglass. I can look at someone and be sure what they need and if something does not re-

ally work."

She adds what might be the most important fashion tip of all: "Wear what makes you happy."

While RC Moore Vintage closed because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) shutdown, Moore and Clayton have taken to social media to keep the conversation going.

Moore posts daily short live pieces and weekly longer shows. She and her husband-sidekick Clayton provide a lesson on how small retailers can reach an audience during the "new normal."



Clayton and Rose Ellen Moore own RC Moore Vintage, Hellertown.

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## Here's why saying 'No problem' is problematic

Dear Jacquelyn,  
Somewhere along the line, I've picked up the habit of saying "No problem" in response to someone saying "Thank you." Is "No problem" an appropriate and polite response?

Dear Reader,  
Many of us accept the response of "No problem" because we are accustomed to hearing it and we use the phrase ourselves.  
While the response might be appropriate for informal personal settings, an innocent remark such as "no problem" is not quite as polite as "You're welcome."  
It's important to remember that word choices matter. The classic and simple alternative

### RESPECTFULLY YOURS

By Jacquelyn Youst



is "You're welcome." Better still, try saying "It's my pleasure" or "I'm happy to help."  
These are suggestions that you can use to replace "No problem" that show gratitude and offer an elevated exchange of appreciation.  
Generally, "No problem" is used for small courtesies such as holding a door. "No problem" is also commonly used as a response to someone politely apologizing for a very minor inconvenience.  
The main difference is that "You're welcome" is meant to be po-

lite while "No problem" is generally meant to be friendly.  
The confusion lies in the situation. After all, etiquette is situational. Imagine you've prepared a dinner party and afterward, a guest says "Thank you" and you reply "No problem."  
In a sense you're turning around saying "It was nothing to me, really," which implies the guest wasn't worth much effort in your eyes. "You're welcome" works better here because it means you were happy to have made that effort for them.  
Details do in fact matter, and our word choices, no matter how insignificant they might seem, should be made with sincerity. The intention is to not make light of someone's good

will. Downplaying a "Thank you" with "No problem" lacks appreciation and gets lost as an apology or chore.  
The truth is that words matter, particularly final words of an exchange which can leave a lasting impression, even if just a subtle one. It's worth the effort to drop the "No problem" habit.  
Respectfully Yours,  
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## Waste not, want not

### WARMEST REGARDS

By Pattie Mihalik



There was a time when the message of "waste not, want not" was ingrained in the minds of most people.  
That was especially true when it came to food. Wasting a morsel of food was almost unthinkable, especially for those who lived through the Great Depression or the war years.  
It also held true for those of us who were warned by parents and grandparents to never waste food. That caveat continues to influence some of us to this day.  
When I offered to take my husband out to eat for his birthday, he said no. We had too much food at home that he didn't want it to go to waste.  
Both of us grew up in homes where it was unthinkable to waste anything. We were conditioned not to waste food, money, water or other resources.  
When I was growing up, having enough food was a daily problem for my mother. When the mines stopped working, the money stopped coming. A woman had to know how to stretch a dollar. Making the most of every scrap of food was essential.  
My mother's generation learned how to make delicious meals from leftovers. Leftover mashed potatoes became potato patty casserole. Leftover vegetables became stew. A little leftover meat (very little) was stretched into a pasta casserole.  
A generation or two later, few worried about having no food. The big problem became how to cut back on food to avoid eating too much.  
I sometimes hear people admit they throw food away so they're not tempted to eat it.  
That so contrasts with how I was raised.  
Through the years we had plenty of great meals for our extended family. We feasted and nothing was wasted.  
I have great memories of big family get-togethers where there were so many of us we ate at a makeshift table (plywood over strong cardboard boxes) that stretched from the dining room to the front door.  
But one family meal remains unforgettable for the horror it inflicted on my mother and her sisters.  
My cousin Joann had just finished serving us a grand meal that included several entrees we all enjoyed.  
When it was over we couldn't believe what we saw. Joann took every bit of the considerable leftovers and quickly heaved it all in the garbage.  
"We never eat leftovers," she proclaimed.  
I think it was one of the only times my entire Italian family was speechless.  
They recovered in time to lecture her about wasting food. She said her husband made clear when they were married that he never wanted to have leftovers.  
"So why save it?" she asked.  
A similar thing happened when I made a big pot of pork chops and gravy to take to my

daughter's house after she had a baby. I made extra pork chops so she wouldn't have to cook the next day.  
It was shades of Joann all over again. This time it was my son-in-law who threw away the leftover pork chops.  
"We don't eat leftovers," he explained.  
Personally, I love leftovers. If I'm going to go through all the trouble of cooking, I want to make enough so I have some for the next day.  
Plus, there are plenty of things that taste better the next day, including soups, stews and sauces.  
When my daughters come to visit, they never complain about eating leftovers. Sometimes when I make something they really like they ask for it the next day. No problem with serving leftovers.  
I think it's called "Your home, your rules."  
My home, my rules.  
I have no idea how much influence I've had on my daughters. I do know that my mother had a major influence on my daily practices that continues to this day, even though she is long gone.  
I follow the old "waste not, want not" adage with more than food.  
From my mother I learned the importance of not wasting a penny. If gas is more expensive at my neighborhood station, I wait until I'm near a lower priced station before I fill up the tank.  
One friend scoffs at that. "So you save 70 cents, so what?" she says.  
I can still hear Mom's voice saying, "Save a penny here and a penny there. Soon you will have a dollar, and then another dollar. Every small savings adds up."  
She never shopped at just one grocery store. Instead, she studied the food ads and bought the specials at each store.  
I still find myself doing that. I buy my produce at one store because it's fresher and better priced but I buy my canned and packaged goods at another store because they are typically a dollar cheaper on many items.  
My friend scoffs at that, too. "It's a waste of time and gas to shop around," she insists.  
As mom would say, "Save a dollar here and a dollar there and soon you'll be able to treat yourself to something you want."  
Personally, I'm pleased I learned thrift from my mother.  
As the only boy in the family, my brother Richard never spent much time with Mom in the kitchen. Yet I'm surprised and pleased to see him using Mom's thrifty tips and techniques.  
We are among those who still believe there is much importance behind the maxim waste not, want not.  
Contact Pattie Mihalik at [newsgrl@comcast.net](mailto:newsgrl@comcast.net).

## Keeping SUV tidy, children happy on road trips

Q. We are a family with two children, ages four and six. We just purchased a new SUV, our first new car ever. Do you have any suggestions on how to keep the car clean on the inside? On long drives we will have to keep our children entertained with toys and snacks and drinks. What is the best way to keep the car from turning into a disaster area?

The panel began by cautioning the parents not to have unrealistic expectations.  
"Kids do eat in cars," panelist Erin Stalsitz said. "In fact, the parents say they already expect to give the children snacks and drinks when in the SUV."  
"Be careful of your expectations," panelist Mike Daniels repeated. "The children are still learning. You can expect that trips to the beach and elsewhere are going to get messy, so there's no reason for the

### THE FAMILY PROJECT

By Carole Gorney



parents to get angry or frustrated."  
Calling the SUV "a playroom for children," panelist Denise Continenza said it is still possible for the parents to maintain some kind of control. Speaking about her own family, she said, "After a drive, everyone is responsible for taking their trash with them."  
Daniels suggested that the parents set guidelines to ban sodas, shakes and French fries. "It's a matter of having a conversation with the kids," said Daniels.  
Stalsitz said that the rules need to be simple, noting, "We keep trash bags in the car, and we clean up when we get out."  
As for toys and games, panelist Pam Wallace said there needs

to be a place for everything. "The children need to get used to putting things away in the car. It can be an adventure for the kids to put their things in all the little compartments in the SUV," Wallace said.  
Panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo had a different take on the question, saying, "What do you value more, the children's experiences or the SUV? Sometimes we put too much emphasis on material things."  
Daniels had some parting advice: "Don't give the children chocolate. It's not good for them, and it winds up all over the place."  
This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Mike Daniels, LCSW, Psychotherapist, Denise Continenza, extension educator; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, educator and former school administra-

tor; and Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh Children & Youth.  
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## For high blood pressure remedies, ask doctor

Q. If you have high blood pressure, aren't you better off just taking old-fashioned water pills instead of all these fancy drugs?

Water pills, aka diuretics, are the oldest and best studied of the drugs used to treat high blood pressure, aka hypertension. Diuretics help the kidneys flush extra water and salt from your body and decrease blood volume to lower pressure.  
There are three types of diuretics: thiazide, loop and potassium-sparing. They work in different parts of your

### HEALTHY GEEZER

By Fred Cicetti



kidneys.  
In the years since water pills were the drugs of choice for hypertension, pharmaceutical companies have developed a medicine to keep your blood pressure in check in ways that are different from the mechanism of diuretics. These include beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, ARBS, calcium channel blockers, vasodilators, alpha blockers,

and renin inhibitors.  
What should you take if you have high blood pressure? Ask your doctor.  
Treating high blood pressure can be tricky, because patients react differently to anti-hypertensive drugs. Sometimes, doctors have to find the right combination of several drugs to lower blood pressure.  
Now we get into the matter of money. Diuretics are cheap. The newer anti-hypertensives are comparatively expensive.  
One significant study found that generic diuretic pills that cost pennies a day worked better for patients with high blood pressure than newer drugs that could be as much as 20 times as expensive. Because hypertension affects tens of millions of Americans, this finding had the potential to save the health care system billions of dollars.  
But, following the release of the findings, the percentage of patients taking the cheaper diuretics barely increased.  
"In the current health care system," Pauline W. Chen, MD, a columnist, wrote in The New York Times, "clinicians are rewarded for doing and ordering more."  
"Pharmaceutical and medical device firms reap fortunes from physicians' orders, and a single change could cost them billions."  
"Studies that endorse anything less than another expensive procedure or a newer and more expensive medication or the latest device are often destined for

failure or a protracted struggle against drug and device companies that are willing to put up a costly fight."  
A large group of medical experts known as the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure recommends that most people try thiazide diuretics as the first choice to treat high blood pressure. If diuretics don't lower your blood pressure, your doctor may recommend adding newer medications.  
The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health recommends that, if you need to begin drug treatment, you should try a diuretic first. And, if you need multiple drugs to control your blood pressure, make one a diuretic.  
Diuretics are generally safe, but do have side effects. The most common side effect is increased urination. For most people, this side effect improves within a few weeks of taking a diuretic.  
People who take diuretics may also have too much potassium in their blood if they take a potassium-sparing diuretic, or too little potassium in their blood if they take a thiazide diuretic.

### Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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### Church during COVID-19

Pastor Janet Newett of St. John's United Church of Christ, 1027 Church St., Fogelsville, led the July 19 drive-in worship service. She said the church has been holding outdoor services since May 31 and welcomed people to join in person or on the church's Facebook livestream.

**PRESS PHOTOS BY SARIT LASCHINSKY**

With a social distancing chair between them, Lisa Dieter of Allentown and Diane Pascoe of Fogelsville prepare for the July 19 outdoor worship service to begin at St. John's UCC, Fogelsville. Dieter's daughter, Arianna Green, was the day's liturgical dancer.

# Hitchcock, 'Tenet,' more at ArtsQuest Banko Cinemas

The annual "Alfred Hitchcock Festival" is back, plus screenings of "Jaws" and "Back to the Future" and the much-awaited "Tenet," at Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas, ArtsQuest Center, SteelStacks, Bethlehem.

"Tenet" is scheduled to be screened via "Early Access" prior to its Sept. 3

release, at Banko Cinemas and other movie theaters, including Imax facilities.

Here's the schedule:  
 "Vertigo" (1958), MPAA rated PG, 7 p.m. Aug. 26; 4 p.m. Aug. 28, 29; 1 p.m. Aug. 30  
 "Psycho" (1960), rated R, 7:45 p.m.

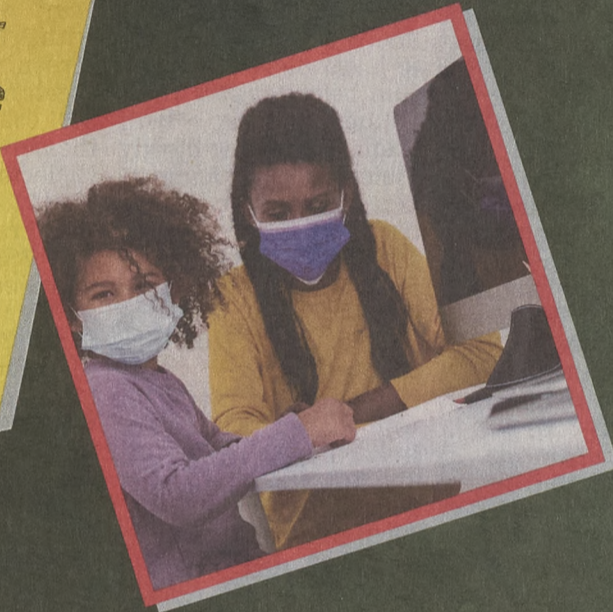
Aug. 26; 8 p.m. Aug. 28, 29; 5:45 p.m. Aug. 30

"The Birds" (1963), rated PG-13, 7:45 p.m. Aug. 27; 4:45 p.m. Aug. 28; 8:45 p.m. Aug. 29; 1:45 p.m. Aug. 30  
 "Jaws" (1975), rated PG, 7 p.m. Aug. 27; 4:45 p.m. Aug. 29  
 "Back to the Future" (1985), rated

PG, 8:45 p.m. Aug. 28; 5 p.m. Aug. 29  
 "Tenet" (Early Access), rated PG-13, 6:30, 7:15 p.m. Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2  
 Information:  
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# Hemsworth: Action hero

Schwarzenegger, Stallone, Willis, Norris, Chan, Van Damme, Hemsworth.

## AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein  
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Hemsworth? Chris Hemsworth joins the ranks of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis, Chuck Norris, Jackie Chan and Jean-Claude Van Damme, to a name a few of contemporary cinema's action stars.

The reason? One word: "Extraction."

Hemsworth plays Tyler Rake, a mercenary attempting to rescue Ovi (Rudhraksh Jaiswal), son of Ovi Mahajan Sr. (Pankaj Tripathi), a gangster. Ovi is kidnapped in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh.

Rake is a former member of the Special Air Service Regiment of the Australian Army.

Rake is hired by Saju Rav (Randeep Hooda), who was Ovi's guard, to extract, or rescue, Ovi.

Ovi is a pawn in the drug war between his father and rival gangster, Amir Asif (Priyanshu Painyuli). Asif demands a \$10 million bounty from Ovi's father for the return of Ovi.

Hemsworth is a one-man army as he takes out one after another gang member, to protect Ovi, the young boy.

Hemsworth gives a muscular performance that puts him right up there with contemporary action movie heroes.

"Extraction" director Sam Hargrave, in his theatrical feature film directorial debut, choreographs fight scenes with brutal realism.

Hargrave, who plays Gaetan, a sniper in "Extraction," has 80 credits for movie stunts, as stunt coordinator, fight

coordinator and stunt performer in movies and TV shows, including some of the best-known action films, including "The Avengers," "Captain America" (He's been stunt double for Chris Evans, who plays Captain America.) and "The Hunger Games."

Hargrave directs from a screenplay by Joe Russo (co-director, with brother Anthony Russo, "Avengers: Endgame," 2019; "Avengers: Infinity War," 2018; "Captain America: Civil War," 2016; "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," 2014).

"Extraction" is based on the graphic novel, "Ciudad" (2014), co-written by Joe Russo, Anthony Russo and Ande Parks, and illustrated by Fernando León González. The graphic novel is set in Ciudad el Este, Paraguay.

The change in location to Bangladesh provides a gritty and startling view of Dhaka, regarded as one of the world's 10 most dangerous cities.

At times, "Extraction" has the sense of "The Hurt Locker" (2008), as a gritty military procedural; "Sicario" (2014), for its depiction of drug cartel violence, and "The Call of Duty" videogame (2003-2019) for its point-of-view shooting and martial-arts violence.

Hemsworth, best-known for his movie superhero role as Thor in "Avengers: Endgame," 2019; "Avengers: Infinity War," 2018; "Thor: Ragnarok," 2017;

"Avengers: Age of Ultron," 2015; "Thor: The Dark World," 2013; "The Avengers," 2012, and "Thor," 2011.

"Extraction," an almost non-stop action film with some incredibly intense and violent scenes, has nuances in the collaboration between Hargrave and Hemsworth.

Hemsworth, in the role of Rake, mourns the death of his young son, shown in flashbacks at ocean's edge. Hemsworth's face and deep blue eyes resonate with quiet grief.

Hemsworth bonds with Jaiswal, the young actor who is terrific in the role of the Ovi, the son.

Hemsworth shows flashes of romantic interest with Golshifteh Farahani ("Paterson," 2016; "The Upside," 2017; "Just Like A Woman," 2012) as Nik Khan, Rake's mercenary partner.

The symbolism of water flows throughout "Extraction," including a disgusting underground sewer scene reminiscent of a scene in "Trainspotting" (1996) and scenes of Rake jumping off a cliff into a lagoon and Ovi jumping off a diving board into a swimming pool. After each of the jumps, Rake and Ovi hold their breath underwater for a lengthy time period.

Fingers reach out symbolically in "Extraction," in terms of the trigger fingers of the henchmen, the sacrifice of fingers in the service of criminals and in the tender hand-holding of Rake and Ovi.

The movie's title is symbolic, representing the removal of something by force. In chemistry, it's a process



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Chris Hemsworth (Tyler Rake), left, plays a former Australian special forces soldier who rescues Ovi (Rudhraksh Jaiswal), right, who was kidnapped in "Extraction."

whereby a substance is separated out, as in a liquid-liquid extraction. "Extraction" is worth diving into.

"Extraction," MPAA Rated R (Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for strong bloody violence throughout, language and brief drug use; Genre: Action, Thriller; Run time: 1 hr., 57 min. Distributed by Netflix.

**Credit Readers Anonymous:** "Extraction" was filmed in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, India; Ban Pong, Ratchaburi, Thailand, and Dhaka, Bangladesh. "Extraction" is said to be the most-watched original film in Netflix history. A sequel is in development.

**Box Office,** Aug. 14-16: The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown continued

to shutter most indoor theaters in the United states. AMC and Regal closed its U.S. theaters, totaling more than 1,200 theaters, March 17. AMC was to open some of its theaters Aug. 20.

"The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge On The Run" opened at No. 1 with \$865,824, one week, screening in only 300 theaters; 2. "Unhinged," \$601,032, one week, 299 theaters; 3. "The Tax Collector," \$182,105; \$612,528, two weeks, 138 theaters; 4. "The Rental," \$93,618; \$1,372,894, four weeks, 144 theaters; 5. "Peninsula," \$79,206; \$273,292, two weeks, 45 theaters; 6. "The Silencing," \$53,205, one week, 70 theaters; 7. "The Big Ugly," \$1,589, \$502,388, four weeks, 14 theaters; 8. "Made in Italy," \$20,680; \$73,012, two weeks, 101 theaters; 9. "Spree," \$20,480, one week, 33 theaters; 10. "American Deep State," \$15,269, one week, three theaters.

**Unreal**  
**"The New Mu-**

**tants,"** PG-13: Josh Boone directs Maisie Williams, Anya Taylor-Joy, Charlie Heaton and Alice Braga in the Science-Fiction Horror film. Five young mutants attempt to escape from a secret facility.

**"The Personal History of David Copperfield,"** PG: Armando Iannucci directs Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton and Peter Capaldi in the Comedy Drama. The Charles Dickens' classic novel is given a modern, ahem, twist.

**"Fatima,"** PG-13: Marco Pontecorvo directs Alba Baptista, Harvey Keitel, Joaquim de Almeida and Goran Visnjic in the Drama. Three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal, have visions of the Virgin Mary.

For a "Behind the Scenes" look at "Extraction":

<https://screenrant.com/extraction-netflix-movie-comic-book-changes/>



## GREEN

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and what precautions must be taken (wearing glove or goggles, do not use near water sources, etc.)

The label includes basic first-aid information if needed, and how to store and dispose of the product. Reading the label is of utmost importance in using pesticides safely.

Because home remedies use products that may already be in your home, some assume they are safer. For example, a common home remedy uses dish detergent or antibacterial soap mixed with other products to control insects on plants.

The products may include additives that could harm the environment, including additives for the following purposes: surfactant,

solvent pH adjuster, cleaning enhancer, viscosity (thickness) adjuster, preservative, colorant, fragrance, product stabilizer, antibacterial agent and foaming agent.

The dish detergent label does not provide directions on how to use it on plants to control insects, and whether it might harm beneficial insects (such as ladybugs) or the environment. Spraying home

remedies that contain dish detergent on plants on a sunny day can injure the plants by burning the leaves.

SLF nymphs and adults are fairly easy to kill with insecticides. There are many things to consider before deciding to use an insecticide to kill SLF on landscape trees or shrubs.

You should take into account the number of SLF present, if they are on a preferred host plant

where they are likely to remain or if they are on a plant they will move away from after a shorter visit, the size and health of the plant, the presence or absence of preferred host plants in the landscape, and the life stage of SLF.

Penn State recommends using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, first taking the number of SLF present into account and then using cultural, mechanical, biorational, and as a last resort chemical management to achieve the desired level of control.

If you decide to use a chemical (an insecticide), use the least toxic but effective option. Use only EPA registered insecticides approved for the site. This is required by Pennsylvania pesticide laws.

When researching information to find out the best way to manage pests in your home or

garden, go to reputable sources such as Penn State Extension's Spotted Lanternfly website:

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>.

At this website you can find information about identifying SLF, locating the quarantine area, and managing SLF. Methods to control SLF that do not involve the use of chemicals include tree banding and host removal.

When infestations are severe, the use of an insecticide may be needed, and several options are provided on the website, including organic products.

"Growing Green" is contributed by Lehigh County Extension Office Staff and Master Gardeners. Information: Lehigh County Extension Office, 610-391-9840; Northampton County Extension Office, 610-813-6613.

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# Community clinics at Lehigh Valley Hospital - 17th Street become Valley Health Partners Community Health Center

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has launched an independent organization to enhance services at eight community clinics primarily located on the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) - 17th Street campus.

Eight clinics transitioned to the new organization, Valley Health Partners Community Health Center (VHP).

The goal is to increase accessibility to health care for underserved and vulnerable populations, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

In early 2021, LVHN and Lehigh Valley Physicians Group (LVPG) will submit an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for consideration in becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike.

An FQHC Look-Alike receives enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, which allows clinics to offer whole-person care and creates opportunities to look beyond medical care, focusing on social determinants of health and other underlying causes of poor health.

The federal reimbursement permits the expansion of core services such as comprehensive primary care, dental and mental health-substance abuse in addition to enabling services that includes interpretation, transportation to appointments, and health education.

VHP will offer a sliding-fee discount that removes financial barriers to receiving care.

"About a year ago, LVPG hired an external consulting firm to evaluate our current health-

care delivery structure and provide recommendations on how to better address the needs of our patients, colleagues, residents and fellows, and health network," said Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP.

Nester said the FQHC Look-Alike will be a new nonprofit organization with its own board of directors and leadership. He said the focus will be to ensure close alignment and collaboration with LVHN and LVPG.

Nester anticipates a review to be completed in three to six months. He said staff and patients will be informed throughout the process.

Nester said staff, management and providers are the most important aspects to the success of the clinics, and the primary goal is to preserve the employment structure.

The following eight clinics transitioned to the new organization, Valley Health Partners Community Health Center (VHP):

1. VHP Centro de Salud - Primary care practice dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of the Hispanic community with common health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma and heart disease.

2. VHP Children's Clinic - Care for children who are well, ill or have special needs, including behavioral health, ADHD, asthma and obesity.

3. VHP Children's Clinic at Sheridan - An extension of the Children's Clinic, providing primary and specialty care for Children's Clinic patients in the Allentown School District from kindergarten through high school.

4. VHP Center for Women's Medicine

Comprehensive health care for women and adolescent girls, with specialists for high-risk pregnancies and depression and more.

5. VHP Lehigh Valley Family Health Center - Community-based family medicine with an emphasis on improving and maintaining health for patients who are well, and those with chronic diseases.

6. VHP Lehigh Valley Physicians Practice Primary Care - High-quality, accessible, cost-effective primary health care for the Lehigh Valley's diverse community.

7. VHP Mark J. Young Community Health and Wellness Center - Helping people to learn how to take care of themselves, for those with chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma and obesity. Prediabetes, diabetes classes and nutritional services are offered.

8. VHP Street Medicine - Primary and urgent care for homeless people in the Lehigh Valley in shelters, soup kitchens, under bridges or in the woods.

VHP will take every step possible to provide COVID-SAFE care at every clinic. Same-day appointments, virtually or in person, will be available and measures will be in place to protect every patient.

Patients will have access to an online patient portal for clinic and outpatient services, to review medical record information, request prescription refills, schedule appointments and take care of billing matters.

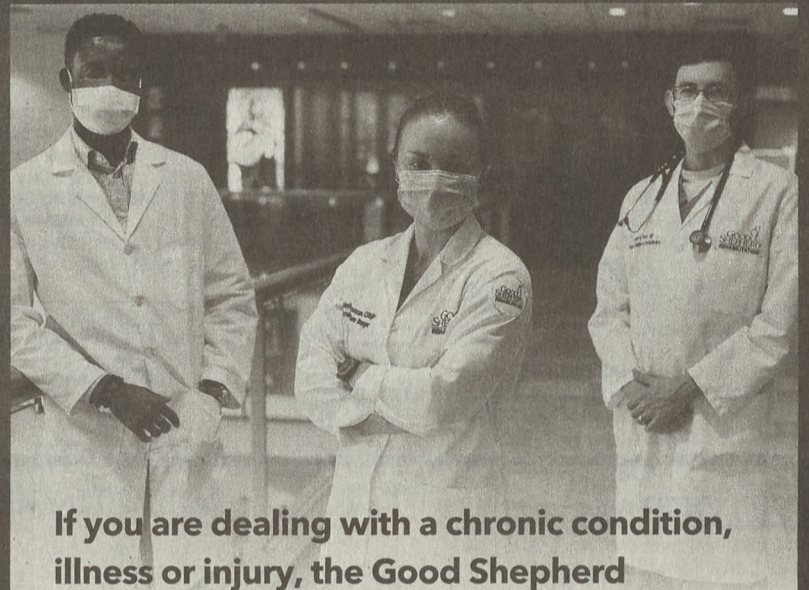
Patients can schedule a VHP Video Visit, online consultation with a caregiver, is available daily, 24 hours a day.



Lehigh Valley Hospital - 17th Street is location for Valley Health Partners Community Health Center.

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## Kutztown U. names marketing chief

Kutztown University has appointed Leanne Recla as the university's marketing director.

As director of marketing, Recla will work with campus partners to lead high-level projects, programs and initiatives to advance KU's vision and strategic priorities.

"We are pleased to welcome Leanne to Kutztown University and the division of University Relations and Athletics," said Matt Santos, vice president of University Relations and Athletics.

"I'm honored to join Kutztown University's marketing office and I'm excited to work with

KU's staff and faculty to share the university's unique story of innovation, creativity and leadership with students and the community," Recla said.

Recla brings 13 years of marketing experience to KU, most recently at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC), where she served three years as marketing and publications specialist.

Prior to LCCC, Recla spent two years as the senior communications coordinator at Trifecta Technologies, a software company and Salesforce partner, Allentown. For eight years, she was news editor at The Re-



Leanne Recla

publican-Herald, Pottsville.

Recla received a Bachelor of Arts in English from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and a Master of Arts in English from Arcadia University, Glenside.

## U.S. News honors Fellowship Manor

Fellowship Manor has been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for 2019-20 by U.S. News & World Report.

The skilled nursing facility received Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating, for Long-Term Care.

U.S. News gives the designation of Best Nursing Home only to those homes that satisfy U.S. News's assessment of the appropriate use of key services and consistent performance in quality measures.

"We're proud of our compassionate staff who are dedicated to providing excellence in

healthcare and in quality of life," said Donna Conley, Fellowship Manor Senior Vice President-Chief Operating Officer.

Fellowship Community, Whitehall Township, is a continuing care retirement community that provides Christ-centered caring for seniors at every stage of life. Fellowship offers independent living townhomes and apartments, personal care, skilled nursing and short-term rehab.

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**Public Works Employee**

The Borough of Emmaus is currently accepting applications for full-time public works employees. Over the next 10 months, we anticipate openings for 2 full-time positions and 2 part-time positions and are establishing a hiring list to fill those positions. We are currently seeking laborers that can perform physically demanding work for a municipality in areas such as construction, carpentry, equipment operations, excavation, highway work, parks, water operations, and sewer operations. Public Works employees are required to have a variety of different skills from a variety of different backgrounds. Municipal public works experience, road construction equipment operations and carpentry skills are a plus. Applicants must possess a valid PA driver's license and must obtain a CDL license within the first 90 days of employment. Applications and more information can be obtained at Emmaus Town Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA or www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/employment. Deadline for submission of applications with work experience and history is Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 2:00 PM: EOE. Shane M. Pepe Emmaus Borough Manager

**FIRE INSPECTOR**

Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, PA is seeking an organized, motivated individual to serve as a Fire Inspector. The candidate should possess strong organizational, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills, and be computer proficient. The position is responsible for (but not limited to) fire and life safety inspections for facilities in the Township and provides supporting firefighting operations, as needed. The ideal candidate will have minimum 5 yr. firefighter experience with a valid UCC Category 15 Fire Inspector Cert., Firefighter 1 Cert., Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician Cert., EMR Cert., & a valid PA driver's license; Class B CDL with tanker endorsement. Knowledge of firefighting and inspection methods and techniques related to fire codes, statutes, rules, and regulations. The successful candidate must submit to a background check and pre-employment screening. This position is full-time. Hourly salary range: \$21-\$23. Pay rate will commensurate with education, skills, and relevant experience. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and 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, Excellent Benefits. All submittals must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on Sept. 18, 2020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Filing of Articles of Incorporation**  
Notice is given that the Articles of Incorporation of **Messer's Landscaping Inc.** have been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State, and the corporation has been incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988.  
Aug. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SECTION 001116.21 - INVITATION TO BID**  
Notice is hereby given that Weisenberg Township will receive sealed bids online via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.net) until 3:00 PM, prevailing time on September 10, 2020 for the Valley Road Culvert Replacement Project. The work includes but is not limited to all labor, materials, tools, oversight and permits required to Provide E&S Controls and bypass pumping, excavate and remove an existing culvert, excavate and provide foundations and endwalls/wingwalls, install an Owner-furnished steel culvert, provide backfill and surface restoration, and all other related work as indicated or reasonably implied in the contract documents.

All bidding documents will be available online at no cost at www.PennBid.net beginning at noon on August 19, 2020.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount. A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract shall be furnished by the successful bidder as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders. Prevailing Wage Rates shall apply.

Immediately following the due date and time, all bids received through PennBid will be opened online at the Engineer's Office and referred to the Township for final award. An abstract of the bids received will be available to bidders on PennBid following the date and time that bids are due as indicated above.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Questions may be submitted through PennBid's Clarifications (From Vendors) tab on or before 3:00 PM on September 2, 2020. Responses will be provided via PennBid to all registered parties.

Weisenberg Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions or to waive any informalities in bidding and to withhold award for a period of sixty days.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of NANCY CAROL SHAPIRO,** deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Jenna C. Shapiro a/k/a Jenna Concetta Shapiro, Executrix**  
c/o Eric R. Strauss, Esquire  
WORTH, MAGEE & FISHER, P.C.  
2610 Walbert Avenue  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Estate of James Michael Chiadis aka James M. Chiadis,** deceased, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Michael J. Chiadis aka Michael James Chiadis, Administrator**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**STURLEY B. HARMAN,** deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Harman Family Trust dated 12-10-1998. **Keith Harman and Beverly Nuss, Successor Trustees,** who request all persons having claims or demands against the Trust of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**KEITH HARMAN AND BEVERLY NUSS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES**  
c/o ERIC R. STRAUSS, ESQUIRE  
WORTH MAGEE & FISHER  
2610 WALBERT AVENUE  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104  
or to their attorney: **ERIC S. STRAUSS,** Esquire  
WORTH MAGEE & FISHER  
2610 WALBERT AVENUE  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CAROL A. WESTON-EROH,** 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:

**Robert S. Weston, Executor**  
c/o YOUNG & YOUNG  
Rebecca M. Young, Esq.  
Lia K. Snyder, Esq.  
119 E. Main Street  
Macungie, PA 18062  
Or to his Attorney: **YOUNG & YOUNG**  
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Or to his Attorney: **YOUNG & YOUNG**  
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**ESTATE OF JOSEPH VINCENT KAY,** deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CAROL S. CROUSE,** 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:

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Aug. 12, 19, 26

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or to her Attorney: **Michael Ira Stump, Esq.**  
207 E. Main Street, Ste.100  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN J. MANTZ,** Decedent, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Executor: Charles C. Mantz**  
c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JEAN A. HEINTZELMAN,** decedent, late of Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Co-Executors: Dale L. Heintzelman, Sr. Brian Heintzelman and Daniel Heintzelman**  
c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF RAHMEH K. HANNA,** deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Bashar W. Hanna,** who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF RUTH C. STEINER,** deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to **Georgann Bell,** who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JEFFREY M. KOREN,** deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to **Jacquelyn M. Koren,** who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JOSEPH VINCENT KAY,** deceased, late of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Testamentary have been granted to **Nell Louise Sokalski,** who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent make payment without delay to: Santanasto Law, 210 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CARL S. CROUSE,** 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:

**Carl S. Crouse, Jr., Executor**  
c/o Keith W. Strohl, Esquire  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. ARNDT,** deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**DENNIS C. ARNDT AND DIANE K. SOMMER**  
c/o CHARLES A. WATERS,  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF ANNA SKRAPITS** deceased, late of Allen Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Julian Skrapits**  
c/o Stephen A. Strack, Esq.  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210,  
Slatington, PA 18080  
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF ROBERT F. TRETTEL,** deceased, late of Walnutport, Northampton County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Erica D. Cielinski**  
c/o Steckel and Stopp LLC  
Executrix, or to their Attorney, Steckel and Stopp, By: Keith W. Strohl, Esquire, at 125 S. Walnut Street, Suite 210, Slatington, PA 18080.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF ESTHER IRENE NELSON a/k/a ESTHER B. NELSON,** deceased, late of City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, PA. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:

**David Franklin Nelson**  
a/k/a David Nelson, Executor  
c/o CHARLES W. STOPP  
STECKEL AND STOPP, LLC  
125 Walnut Street, Suite 210  
Slatington, PA 18080  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF PHYLLIS D. MILLER,** 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:

**Debra Sue Lasso, Executrix**  
c/o Michael Ira Stump, Esquire  
207 E. Main Street, Suite 100  
Macungie, PA 18062  
or to her Attorney: **Michael Ira Stump, Esq.**  
207 E. Main Street, Ste.100  
Macungie, PA 18062  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF CAROLYN J. MANTZ,** Decedent, late of Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Executor: Charles C. Mantz**  
c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JEAN A. HEINTZELMAN,** decedent, late of Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent make known the same, and all persons indebted to said Decedent are requested to make payment in full, without delay, to:

**Co-Executors: Dale L. Heintzelman, Sr. Brian Heintzelman and Daniel Heintzelman**  
c/o Jon A. Swartz, Esquire  
7736 Main Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in the Estate of the Decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the person named. All persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or to their attorneys named below:  
Decedent: **WILLIAM W. MATZ, SR.**  
Date of Death: June 11, 2020  
Late of: Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: William W. Matz, Jr. 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire**  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
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Decedent: **JOHN M. IAMPETRO**  
Date of Death: May 9, 2020  
Late of: Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: **Mark C. Iampietro**  
c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire**  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Decedent: **INGE EINSEL**  
Date of Death: February 23, 2020  
Late of: Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: **Sandra L. Auichter and Dan A. Nof**  
c/o William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **William W. Matz, Jr., Esquire**  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF LINDA LOUISE LANSHE,** deceased, late of the Hanover Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of 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: **Linda G. Tracy, Executrix,** c/o 1185 Stafore Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF JOHN J. RYAN, JR.,** Late of Lower Saucon Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executor named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Mark Ryan, Executor**  
c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502  
Allentown, PA 18101  
or to his attorney: **Judith A. Harris, Esquire**  
Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502  
Allentown, PA 18101  
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF IRVIN E. SEAGRAVES,** Late of Forks Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executrix named below, who request that all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:

**Darlene Eger, Executrix**  
c/o Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502  
Allentown, PA 18101  
or to her attorney: **Judith A. Harris, Esquire**  
Norris McLaughlin, P.A.  
515 West Hamilton Street, Suite 502  
Allentown, PA 18101  
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE OF WALTER P. BACHER,** deceased, late of Allentown, 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 payment without delay to:

**Edward L. Bacher, Executor**  
c/o WILLIAM P. BRIED, ESQ. LLC  
1600 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102-4214  
610-709-6200  
Or his attorney: **WILLIAM P. BRIED, ESQ.**  
William P. Bried, Esq., LLC.  
1600 Hamilton Street  
Allentown, PA 18102-4214  
(610) 709-6200  
Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ESTATE REGISTRATION NOTICE**  
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Decedent: **RONALD W. SCHWENK**  
Date of Death: April 30, 2020  
Late of: Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
Executor: Karen A. Campbell c/o Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire 211 West Broad St. Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire 211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Attorney: **Joseph P. Yannuzzi, Esquire**  
211 W. Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5517  
Aug. 12, 19, 26

**CRYPTO SOLUTION**

NOBODY HAS URGENTLY ASKED ME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT. I'M STILL LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SUMMONS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

T-Mobile proposes to modify an existing facility (new tip heights 71.4') on the water tank at 450 Fairview Ave, Slatington, PA (20201362). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

AT&T proposes to replace an existing 35' wood utility pole with a new 42.5' wood utility pole and install a top-mounted antenna at 46' near 702 North Eight St. Allentown, PA (20201328). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.  
Aug. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

AT&T proposes to replace an existing 32.7' metal street light pole with a new 37' metal street light pole and install a top-mounted antenna at 39.5' near 3219A Schoenersville Road, Allentown, PA (20201297). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.  
Aug. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

T-Mobile proposes to modify an existing facility (new tip heights 206') on the building at 1440 Walnut Street, Allentown, PA (20201367). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.  
Aug. 26

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, the following is a list of occupants from the AIRPORT ROAD SELF STORAGE INC., 7249 Airport Road, Bath, PA 18014, who will have the contents of their respective space sold to satisfy the owner's lien.  
**Bruce Koenen - Space - #260 & 312**  
**Robert Hinson - Space #331**  
**Kathy Buttillo - Space #409**  
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PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Frederick Wohl, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Deborah W. Venezia, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, David M. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Margaret Ann Zieger, late of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to Donna L. Genevese, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or her Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 19, 26, Sept. 2

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Henry D. Klingman a/k/a Henry D. Klingman, late of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to William C. Klingman and Chris Klingman, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or their Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 12, 19, 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Gary J. Tadayeski, deceased, late of 8313 Winchester Lane, Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to James D. Dry, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Larry R. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Aug. 12, 19, 26

390 HELP WANTED

Assistant Codes Official

The Borough of Emmaus is accepting applications for the full-time position of Code Enforcement Officer / Assistant Codes Official. The position is responsible for the enforcement of State and Local Codes, issuance of licenses and permits, physical inspections of properties, issuance of citations, attendance at court hearings, and any other code enforcement related activity. The successful candidate should have a broad background in building construction, knowledge of the UCC, a working knowledge of computers, and the ability to work with the public in a pleasant and professional manner. Complete job description and details can be obtained at www.w.borough.emmaus.pa.us or at Emmaus Borough Hall, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Starting pay ~\$50k. Willing to negotiate higher salary with applicants who obtain multiple UCC certifications. Resumes with attached Borough application must be mailed to Attn: Shane Pepe at Borough Hall at the address listed above. More information can be obtained at www.borough.emmaus.pa.us/employment. The application deadline is Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 12:00 PM. EOE

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Upper Macungie Township and the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority (collectively, "Owners") will jointly receive sealed bids for the rehabilitation of their respective sanitary sewer system manholes at various locations throughout their municipal sewer service areas. The work includes but is not limited to the following: chimney lining; seal chimney joints/cracks; drill and grout active leaks; full depth lining; manhole base section lining; repair annular space between sliplines and host pipe; and reset offset existing manhole castings. Bids will be received online via PennBid until 2:00 p.m. (prevailing time) on Monday, September 21, 2020 for the following projects:

PROPOSAL FOR: 2020 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM MANHOLE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROJECT CONTRACT "A" - UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP CONTRACT "B" - COPLAY-WHITEHALL SEWER AUTHORITY

All documents and solicitation details are available online for no cost at PennBid - https://PennBid.ProcureWare.com. Questions and inquiries should be addressed through PennBid's "Question" tab. Each of the Owners will enter into separate individual Contracts with the successful Bidder(s). However, Contracts "A" and "B" will be awarded as a collective whole. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made jointly payable to the Owners in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price and in the form of a certified or bank check or a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.01 of the General Conditions. The successful bidder must individually furnish Performance, Payment Bonds and Insurance per Contract - each in the amount equal to the individual Contract Amounts and meeting the requirements of Paragraph 5.01 of the General Conditions - for each respective Owner. All projects are subject to the requirements of the Public Works Employee Verification Act. Only the Work involving full depth lining is subject to the minimum wage rates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act. The Owners reserve the right to waive any informality in, and to reject, any or all bids. No bid will be accepted if not submitted through the PennBid system.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that Ordinance #2020-10 shall be considered, and if appropriate, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township at its regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031.

Ordinance #2020-10: Proposing to amend Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Part 2 (Traffic Regulations) of the Township of Upper Macungie Code of Ordinances establishing maximum speed limits on Brandywine Circle located within Upper Macungie Township with said regulations being set forth more fully in the body of the Ordinance and in accordance with title 75 Pa. C.S.A. Section 3362.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance shall be on display at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Building at the address indicated above, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on file at The Parkland Press, Allentown, PA, where it may be inspected.

Kalman Sostarecz, Township Secretary

Aug. 26

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on September 9, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeals:

#08 20 019 The Zoning Appeal of Martin Hetrick, 294 Sawgrass Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for interpretational relief from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. Requested Relief: 1. Favorable interpretation that the Zoning Officer has misinterpreted the scope of Section 27-603.7.C(1) to include areas outside of the driveway apron.

Pending a decision of the preceding request, the Zoning Appeal of Martin Hetrick, 294 Sawgrass Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for a variance from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District.

#08 20 020 The Zoning Appeal of Andrew Laudenslager, 5907 Royal Fern Rd., Allentown, PA 18104; for interpretational relief from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. Requested Relief: 2. Favorable interpretation that the Zoning Officer has misinterpreted the scope of Section 27-603.7.C(1) to include areas outside of the driveway apron.

Pending a decision of the preceding request, the Zoning Appeal of Andrew Laudenslager, 5907 Royal Fern Rd., Allentown, PA 18104; for a variance from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District.

#08 20 021 The Zoning Appeal of LV Logistics JV 11 Owner LLC, 3715 Northside Pkwy, Bld 200, Ste L10, Atlanta, GA 30327; for a variance from Section § 27-704 Freestanding, Wall and Window Signs to construct an additional freestanding sign which exceeds the maximum permitted number allowed. The property is located at 7356 Industrial Blvd, Allentown, PA 18106 and is situated in the LI Zoning District.

#08 20 022 The Zoning Appeal of Ephraim & Patricia Fithian, 1431 Russett Rd., Orefield, PA 18069; for a variance from "Table of Lot and Setback Requirements by District" to allow the encroachment of an addition to the existing principal structure on the required building setback. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District.

#08 20 023 The Zoning Appeal of David & Jill Hammer, 250 Sunset Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for a variance from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District.

#08 20 024 The Zoning Appeal of Matthew Jernegan, 179 Sunset Dr., Allentown, PA 18104; for a variance from §27-603.7.C(1) "Width of Paved Area and Parking Setbacks" to allow a parking area in a prohibited area. The property is situated in the R2 Zoning District. Aug. 26, Sept. 2

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