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## Miller-Keystone stocked, aims at treatment

BY NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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In the midst of a worldwide crisis, in which the healthcare systems of nations strain under the burden of pandemic, one local source is surviving with community support despite limitations. Miller-Keystone Blood Center, often near a critical need of

donations to supply our hospitals, announced recently that there is currently no blood shortage. This despite numerous blood drive and appointment cancellations, as well as a lack of bloodmobiles. According to Communications Director Marie Clemens, "Due to the swift and generous response of our commu-

nity, our community's blood supply is stable at this time." Appointments for donations may have to be made days ahead of time to find an available time slot. That said, she reminds the community that there are patients who require blood routinely as part of their cancer treatment, as

well as accident victims, premature infants and more. The need for blood never ends, but the supply certainly can if it's not available. Blood is perishable and there is no substitute - the only source is the volunteer blood donor. Additionally, Miller-Keystone is working with other partners on an experimental

treatment called convalescent plasma, for which it is also seeking donors. "When a person becomes ill with COVID-19, it can take time to develop the antibodies needed to combat the disease," Vice President and Medical Director Dr. Kip Kuttner explained. "While some See **AIM** on Page A2

### PEOPLE SAY

BY DANA GRUBB

When the pandemic is over, where is the first place you would like to go?



"A little place called Heisler's Dairy Farm. They have the best milkshakes."  
**Milena Krause**  
Schuylkill Haven



"Joe's Tavern."  
**Ed Hart**  
Bethlehem

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## SCHOOLS

### What is BASD Cyber Academy?

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Since the statewide closure of schools in mid-March, BASD students have been plunged into the world of distance learning. Middle and high school students, each of whom already had a district-issued Chromebook, continued to access Schoology, DiscoveryEd, and other online resources - as well as teacher-recorded lessons - in a fairly smooth transition from traditional learning. Elementary students have been using a blend of paper packets, online teacher-recorded lessons, and PBS39 television programming in an effort to make continued progress, albeit at a slower rate than under ideal circumstances. But a small group of BASD students - around 200 - has been part of the district's "cyber academy" (BASDCA) since the beginning of the school year.

**BASDCA: Basics of the program**  
BASDCA is the online learning program developed by the school district to serve the needs of students seeking an online-only or blended online and brick-and-mortar educational experience. Instruction is provided online - asynchronously, so students can access lessons at their own pace and on their own schedule - using instructors and curricula sourced by Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 (IU20), with guidance counseling, extracurricular activities, and even some in-classroom teaching wrapped around by personnel from the students' official "home" schools. Over the past three years, the program has grown from 45 students to 173 students currently enrolled; 220 students have participated for at least a portion of the current school year in a fully cyber or blended program through BASDCA.

Mark James, who has coordinated the BASDCA since March See **CYBER** on Page A3



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Completed mask kits are boxed up for distribution to sewing volunteers throughout the Lehigh Valley. Over 2,000 volunteers have stepped up to make PPE masks for local organizations.

## 17,000 ... and counting

BY CHRIS HARING  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Before March of this year, when was the last time any of us had to concern ourselves with how and where we would be able to purchase a mask, aside from Halloween season? Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was usually easily obtainable for those in the medical field and surgical-style masks were available for bulk purchase through a number of retailers, both online and in person.

But once COVID-19 made its presence felt with a vengeance globally, these supplies, along with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and toilet paper, suddenly became scarce for not just the average civilian, but for medical professionals and others on the front lines of this growing struggle. With states across America scrambling to secure desperately-needed supplies, one Bath woman's effort to rally volunteers to provide homemade cloth masks for these heroes has quickly morphed into an inspirational, wide-ranging effort that has provided over 17,000 cloth masks to folks in need across the Lehigh Valley.

Ruth Dennison, a retired oncology nurse who has worked in hospitals all over the Lehigh Valley, initiated the effort by simply asking for help through social media for her friends in health care who were suddenly facing a critical shortage

### FIGHTING COVID-19



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Ruth Dennison at her sewing machine in her home. She compares the efforts of her 2,000 volunteer sewers to that of Bethlehem Steel's manufacturing during World War II, when it operated as the nation's top military contractor.



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Monica Beaky and Sean Kernan assemble mask kits at NCC's Fab Lab.

of PPE. "I felt dangerously apprehensive that my colleagues would be in harm's way," she said, which inspired her to create the Facebook page MaskForce2020 (which would later become more widely known as Masks for the Lehigh Valley) on March 21. The adjacent group known as the Mask Force Sewing Community, which acts as the central communication forum for her network of volunteer sewers. It was through her efforts, her daughter, Christine Dennison, and those who answered the call that a well-organized mass effort was established to truly make a difference to those tasked with the unexpected challenge of serving the community and treating those impacted by this highly contagious, deadly disease.

Christine helped to organize the volunteers whose numbers reached 1,000 in the first 48 hours and has since grown to over 2,000.

Joan Zachary, who is on the faculty of Northampton Community College's Fabrication Laboratory (known colloquially as the Fab Lab), was among the first who quickly answered Dennison's call. Acting as the group's press liaison, she explained through an email interview April 18 that the Fab Lab offers classes in many activities, including sewing and how to use a laser cutter. The Fab Lab's industrial sewing See **MASKS** on Page A2

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When the pandemic is over, where is the first place you would like to go?



"The beach."  
**Ingrid Martinez**  
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"Potter County, to our family's hunting cabin."  
**Colton Krial**  
Bethlehem



"Virginia Beach."  
**Erick Beckett**  
Bethlehem



"Beaver Stadium."  
**Tyler Terplan**  
Allentown

**A monkey mask**



PHOTO COURTESY DONNA MALLARD

Donna Mallard made this mask for her social distancing. She says the material was left over from probably seven years ago when she made a pillow for my granddaughter, Amelia. "Her nickname is Mia and she had a monkey blanket/hoodie that she'd wear, and I'd call her Mia Monkey," Donna says. "The nickname stuck. Amelia is now 9 and says she "sort of" remembers her Mia Monkey pillow." Is your mask making a fashion statement? Does the fabric reflect a hobby, or is it fancy? Send us a picture of you wearing your mask and tell us if you made it, or anything else about it. Include your name and town. Send photos to gtaylor@tnonline.com.

**MASKS**

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equipment and their laser cutter have been put into use to make masks and mask kits. The kits have been distributed throughout the Lehigh Valley, and a veritable army of volunteer sewers has been making masks from these kits since the last week of March, using a pattern that was developed by Monica Beaky and Sean Kernan, fellow Fab Lab faculty members.

It took about a week to tweak and perfect the pattern and for the sewing instructions to be written from when the Facebook group was established, she said. The Interim Director of the Fab Lab, Sean Brandle, said he, Kernan and Beaky ironed, cut fabric to length by hand, cut elastic by hand, laser cut the fabric, packaged and inserted instructions for all the kits in less than 47 hours.

Even though in the early stages of the effort the community was coming forward to donate fabric for the kits, the supply could not keep up with swiftly growing demand. Joann Fabric, the retailer Dennison was relying on to purchase more fabric and other related materials, had closed for regular business as of March 23. Although an anonymous donor was able to obtain \$600 worth of elastic (enough for 25,000 masks, Dennison estimates) for the effort after Joann closed, it was immediately apparent that there wasn't going to be nearly enough fabric on hand to sustain their efforts as the number of willing volunteers continued to grow.

Unsure how she was going to procure more materials for the effort, Dennison left an "urgent voicemail," in her words, on Joann's corporate 800 number.



Sean Brandle handles fabric donated by Joann Fabrics.

She was personally contacted the following day by Vice President of Business Development Stephen Caution. By March 27, 600 pounds of donated fabric arrived via a truck from California.

Dennison was happy to have the material that she needed, but now faced a new challenge.

"I had to figure out how to wash all of it!" she said.

Enter Hospital Central Services Corporation (HCSC) of Allentown, a healthcare linen services provider, which offered to donate its services washing the donated fabric. The truckload was delivered directly to their facility on 28th Street, where they laundered the fabric and even untangled it all by hand, Dennison said. HCSC delivered the cleaned fabric directly to the Fab Lab the very next day.

Valley churches and local women, in particular (and in some cases, whole families), have been critical to Dennison's effort. With volunteers coming forward en masse and the effort growing exponentially just a few days after the establishment of her Facebook page, Dennison knew that she needed somewhere to store sewing machines and materials, as well as to act as a distribution

hub for kits and finished masks.

At first, everybody was fearful of potentially spreading the virus, she said. "Nobody wanted to participate," she said. Zachary specifically praised Dr. Jill Peters, a faculty member at Moravian Seminary.

"Her contacts with Lehigh Valley churches were invaluable in setting up a distribution system," Zachary said, "so we could get kits to the sewers, and completed masks back to us so Ruth (Dennison) could take them to where they were needed."

On March 24, Dennison was granted access to Belfast Wesleyan United Methodist Church, followed the next day by Bethlehem's First Presbyterian Church on Center Street. St. John's UCC of Coopersburg eventually joined as well. She estimates that her effort has employed between 250 and 300 active sewers, with some women individually churning out over a thousand masks since the effort began.

The first completed masks reached recipients by the first week of April, and as of April 18 Zachary anticipated reaching 10,000 masks completed and distributed. As of May 1, that total had reached 17,885 masks.

Recipients of the com-

pleted masks have been the folks working on the front lines at the COVID units at St. Luke's and Lehigh Valley Hospital locations throughout the area, nursing homes such as Gracedale and Cedarbrook, various local first responder units such as EMS squads and fire departments, Lehigh County Prison, the ARC of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, KidsPeace and others. Zachary also wanted to recognize Jennifer Christman, who designed their website (www.maskforce2020.com), on which Zachary has kept a public blog detailing their efforts, and Aki Susko, who "worked with Jennifer to build some organizational systems so we could work more efficiently."

Dennison has compared the mask-making effort to that of Bethlehem Steel's manufacturing during World War II, when it operated as the nation's top military contractor. She said she knows that the "women doing the sewing will be remembered in 40 or 50 years" in much the same way that the women from that era's war production efforts are remembered in history books today.

She doesn't seem to have any intention of slowing down any time soon, as long as volunteers are willing to keep sewing, although she said she has stopped checking her phone in the middle of the night due to the number of messages and notifications she receives. She also admitted that she would like to eventually take a month off to recharge once this crisis has subsided. Surely, all two thousand-plus members of the Mask Force Sewing Community can agree that it would be well-deserved.

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patients can become critically ill and require the assistance of a ventilator, 80 percent of those contracting COVID-19 do not become seriously ill. These patients recover and now have the antibodies in their plasma.

Kuttner said, "By collecting this plasma and

giving it to seriously ill patients, the hope is to provide a boost to the patients' antibodies and help stimulate recovery. This is particularly important in patients who have a suppressed immune system."

"To be eligible to donate convalescent plasma, the potential donor must be symptom-free of COVID-19 for 28 days or more," adds Qiana Cressman,

executive director of donor operations. "All general eligibility guidelines for blood donation must still be met, and the potential donor must pass all other screening tests and qualifications necessary for donating blood. The actual donation process will be the same as for a whole blood or automated plasma donation."

If you or someone you know has recov-

ered from COVID-19 and would be interested in donating for the Convalescent Plasma Program, visit GIVEaPINT.org/covid-plasma to complete the eligibility screening form. For additional information, contact Diane Wiest, RN, senior director of risk management, at 800-223-6667, ext. 1245 or dwiest@giveapint.org.

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# Rural counties set for re-opening

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Governor Tom Wolf announced in his daily video conference last week that 24 largely rural counties will find restrictions loosened as part of his color-coded reopening plan Friday. Though that has no immediate effect on the A-B-E area, analysis of the results will inform how the administration will reopen the rest of the state.

Throughout it all, he cautions Pennsylvanians to make good choices. "Please continue to limit physical gatherings ... and distancing as much as possible."

As for details, Wolf explained, "Moving from the Red phase to the Yellow phase will have many businesses and other activities reopening with re-engineered business models. But they must proceed with the underlying message; proceed with caution. The Yellow phase recognizes that outbreaks of COVID-19 are still possible and operations that cannot allow for social distancing must remain closed. This includes gyms, theaters, casinos restaurant dining rooms and school buildings."

State Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said monitoring the results of reopening in the coming weeks is intrinsic to further procedures. Teams of administrators, health workers and epidemiologists, whom she called "disease detectives," will be coordinating the Department of Community and Economic Development, Pennsylvania Emergency

Red	
Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions	Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Sustaining Businesses Only</li> <li>Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place</li> <li>Schools (for in-person instruction) and Most Child Care Facilities Closed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay-at-Home Orders in Place</li> <li>Large Gatherings Prohibited</li> <li>Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only</li> <li>Only Travel for Life-Sustaining Purposes Encouraged</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reiterate and reinforce safety guidance for businesses, workers, individuals, facilities, update if necessary</li> <li>Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary</li> </ul>	

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Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions	Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telework Must Continue Where Feasible</li> <li>Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders</li> <li>Child Care Open with Worker and Building Safety Orders</li> <li>Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place</li> <li>Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay-at-Home Restrictions Lifted in Favor of Aggressive Mitigation</li> <li>Large Gatherings of More than 25 Prohibited</li> <li>In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable</li> <li>Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities (such as gyms, spas) and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed</li> <li>Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning</li> <li>Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary</li> </ul>	

Green	
Work and Congregate Setting Restrictions	Social Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggressive Mitigation Orders Lifted</li> <li>All Individuals Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary</li> </ul>	

Twenty-four rural counties will rise from Red phase to Yellow phase Friday. They are: Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union, Venango and Warren.

Management Agency, health networks, companies and others, to conduct contact tracing and practice reacting in these low-population counties before the major population centers are re-opened.

Contact tracing is a method of interviewing and monitoring some-

one who has contracted a virus, retracing their steps, and immediately following up with everyone that person may have exposed. These methods were developed years ago in Africa, most successfully during the Ebola outbreak.

As of Monday, the state has 49,267 con-

firmed COVID-19 cases and 2,444 deaths. Lehigh County has 2,924 confirmed and 83 deaths; Northampton County has 2,214 confirmed and 94 deaths; the city of Bethlehem has 548 confirmed - amounting to about 22 percent of those tested - and 18 deaths.

## BETHLEHEM

**BOUTIQUE AT RINK CANCELED:** Sadly, for the first time in its 45-year history, the Boutique at the Rink will not be held this year. Organizers say due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 virus and our desire to do our part in keeping our volunteers and patrons healthy, we have canceled the Boutique that was scheduled for this May. "We thank the community and our sponsors for their continued support, and we hope to be able to resume the Boutique in May 2021. We are deeply concerned for the organizations we support. Although COVID-19 is getting all of the attention right now, the needs of cancer patients and their families have not diminished. In lieu of supporting the Boutique this year, please consider making a donation directly to one of our organizations: the Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, St. Luke's Cancer Center, and St. Luke's Hospice."

**TUNES AT TWILIGHT ONLINE:** Starting May 7, the Downtown Bethlehem Association will present the first of their signature concert series, "Virtual Tunes at Twilight". Local artists and bands will either perform live or will showcase past concerts for their fans. Virtual Tunes at Twilight may be found on Heart of Bethlehem's Facebook Page which is managed by The Downtown Bethlehem Association.

**ASK THE MAYOR:** Mayor Bob Donchez and city department heads will respond to written questions submitted by the public Thursday, May 7. The video response will be able to be viewed on the city's website at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) and other social media sites at noon Friday, May 8. The public can submit questions through email at [askthemayor@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:askthemayor@bethlehem-pa.gov) until noon May 6, 2020.

**YARD WASTE:** The City of Bethlehem yard waste facility reopened April 22. The facility will only be accepting drop-offs. There will be no loading of mulch or compost materials until further notice. The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Drop-Off Center, 635 Illick's Mill Road, is closed until further notice. Individuals utilizing the city facilities are required to wear a mask for their and city employees' safety. Individuals not wearing a mask will not be permitted to enter the facility. They will need to leave and will lose their place in line. Anticipate long lines and possibly extended wait times. Individuals requiring assistance to offload their yard waste will need to bring someone with them. City personnel will not be able to assist. Yard waste paper bags will need to be emptied by each resident prior to leaving the facility. Only five vehicles will be allowed to unload at a time. Hours of operation: Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As a cost saving measure, the city has eliminated Sunday hours from the yard waste facility schedule.

**PARKING AUTHORITY:** Beginning March 20, the Bethlehem Parking Authority began a free parking program in the North and New Street garages to help alleviate any potential pressures to the residential parking system due to the COVID-19 stay at home orders. Because of very limited use of these garages, the Bethlehem Parking Authority ended the free parking program May 4. On March 20, the Bethlehem Parking Authority also ceased all parking enforcement practices except for enforcing safety related violations throughout the city. As activities in the state begin to return, the Bethlehem Parking Authority will be starting a phased roll-out of enforcement practices began May 4 with parking meter, residential parking permit and street sweeping enforcement. As Bethlehem businesses shifted to a takeout and pick-up model, the Bethlehem Parking Authority began a Free 15-Minute Parking Space Pick Up program at parking metered spaces throughout the city. Any businesses that are interested in learning more about the Free 15 Minute Parking program are encouraged to contact the Bethlehem Parking Authority by phone at 610-865-7123 or email, [info@bethpark.org](mailto:info@bethpark.org), for more information. The Bethlehem Parking Authority is also announcing a promotion for new monthly account passholders beginning June 1. The promotion will offer three months of discounted parking rates for June, July and August for parking garage and lot monthly passes. Certain restrictions will apply; please see the Bethlehem Parking Authority website, [www.bethpark.org](http://www.bethpark.org), for additional information.

**CITY MEETINGS:** Mayor Bob Donchez announced that the order canceling all public meeting through April 30, is being extended through Friday May 15, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. This includes the cancellation of the Mayor's monthly "Open Door" May 11. Such re-evaluation may require additional cancellations. Notice will be provided once a determination is made. Note, this does not apply to city council meetings. City council will determine whether to hold or cancel council meetings.

**CITY HALL:** Reminder that city hall remains closed to the public until further notice. City hall will remain operational but closed to the public. City employees will be available to assist residents via phone and email. Please monitor the city's website at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) and social media for additional information on City facilities, public meetings and updates on COVID-19.

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

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

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

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

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

**HOMELESS:** Mayor Bob Donchez has announced that the city of Bethlehem has been actively working with community partners to ensure that the needs of vulnerable populations, such as the homeless, are addressed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The city recently received additional funding from the Pennsylvania Depart-

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## CYBER

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2017, explains how the program works. Most BASDCA students are in high school, although there are around a dozen middle school students and a few elementary students taking part in the program. "For middle and high school kids, everything is web-based and done on a Chromebook. For elementary students, there are ancillary workbooks and packets, materials for science labs, etc.," James said.

"It's not all screen-based, and there's a kit that gets sent home." For the few elementary students involved, he describes the program as "basically homeschooling with a whole ton of support. It's not realistic to expect a second-grader to completely independently manage their own time. It's sort of assumed that the parents will be involved."

BASDCA uses "recommended pacing" so students and parents know exactly where they are relative to

the typical pace of the course, and what their grade for the course would be if they didn't complete the remaining work.

The district has embraced the research-based approach to reading promulgated by literacy experts and neuroscientists like Louisa Moats, Joan Sedita and Mark Seidenberg. BASD teachers have been participating in intensive professional development over the past several years as part of the "Reading by Grade 3" (RBG3) ini-

tiative, and the district strongly believes that in-person instruction using research-informed methods is the best way for young children to learn to read. With that in mind, James explains, "Based upon the district's deep commitment to a science-based approach to early literacy instruction, we offer students in Grades K-3 a 'blended' schedule, where students come into the building for literacy instruction, and can complete other subject area

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ment of Health to support prevention, preparation and response activities related to COVID-19. As part of the overall plan, the city's collaboration with New Bethany Ministries and Comfort Suites Bethlehem will provide hotel rooms for Bethlehem homeless individuals and families in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19 in the community. During this time, New Bethany Ministries will operate an additional transitional housing program to ensure that these families and individuals have a space to socially distance and self-quarantine, as well as have access to consistent showers, hand washing and bathroom facilities.

**SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF:** The City of Bethlehem has created a Small Business Emergency Relief Fund to assist city businesses impacted by COVID-19. Some \$300,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been identified to be utilized by the program that will provide one-time grants of \$2,000. Awarded funds can be used for operational costs, inclusive of rental assistance, payroll assistance and utilities.

The Small Business Emergency Relief Fund is supported with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. CDBG is federal funding with specific eligibility criteria. To be eligible, businesses must be located in the City of Bethlehem, and comply with low to moderate income (LMI) funding requirements outlined in CDBG guidelines. Additionally, priority will be given to those businesses in the retail, food, and beverage, and personal service industries within the Central Business Districts and Limited Commercial zoning districts; however, all businesses are encouraged to apply.

Mayor Bob Donchez said, "These are unprecedented times, businesses are struggling and in need of support. We are fortunate to have funding available to be used toward this program and will continue to craft programs to provide support to our business community."

Applications for the program are available on the city's website at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov). Applications will be reviewed by a committee for eligibility and evaluated based on funding priorities.

**OKTOBERFEST 5K:** Runners rejoice - the Yuengling Oktoberfest 5K returns this fall. Registrations are now open for this seventh annual run/walk through historic Bethlehem, set for Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Special early-bird registration of only \$40 is open now through June 7. Registration June 8-Aug. 10 is \$45 and registration Aug. 11-Oct. 3 is \$50, while day-of entry fee is \$60. The 2020 Oktoberfest race will wind its way through Bethlehem's Southside and the Historic District. All registrants will receive a 5K T-shirt, an Oktoberfest 5K beer stein/mug filled with a complimentary Yuengling Oktoberfest beer for those 21 and older (root beer for those under 21) and more. The race will follow any state and city guidelines in place at the time regarding COVID-19 safety and mitigation efforts.

**LEHIGH COUNTY**

**CEDARBROOK:** As of May 4, both Cedarbrook facilities, located in Allentown and Fountain Hill, have confirmed cases of COVID-19 in both residents and staff. It is with a heavy heart that Cedarbrook Senior Care & Rehabilitation reports the deaths of 15 residents who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Other residents died who that were presumed COVID-19 deaths due to symptom profile, regardless of any testing results.

**Cedarbrook Allentown:** Positive residents, 47; active cases, 30; recovered residents, 7; Covid-19 deaths, 10; employees positive, 48.

**Cedarbrook Fountain Hill:** Positive residents, 18; active cases, 8; recovered residents, 5; Covid-19 deaths, 5; employees positive, 24.

**LCCC STUDENT GRANTS:** Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) students who have been impacted by COVID-19 will have access to grants through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that is part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. The college has received nearly \$2 million to be used for emergency grants to students who experience unexpected educational expenses or experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic while a student at LCCC. Students with a variety of needs can apply for these grants. Examples include computer and software purchases, internet access fees, books and supplies. In addition, grants can also assist with expenses such as food, housing and utility costs, transportation costs, childcare and healthcare.

Students can apply only once for a grant. Funding is limited and is not guaranteed. To apply, students need to complete an online application found at [www.LCCC.edu/scholarships](http://www.LCCC.edu/scholarships). They will need to include detail of the expenses incurred. Grants will not count toward the Estimated Financial Assistance, and financial need as determined by the FAFSA will not be a factor in award amounts. Students need to file a FAFSA and meet Title IV eligibility requirements to qualify. Students must be currently enrolled in the spring semester or have enrolled in the summer or fall semesters. The college has established guidelines for award amounts, which will be awarded on a case by case basis, with the total not to exceed a maximum of \$6,195 per student.

**LCCC EMT CLASS:** Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) offers Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training programs for individuals who are likely to respond to pre-hospital emergencies or those considering a medical career. The Emergency Medicine Institute (EMI) located at 2100 Mack Boulevard in Allentown will hold a daytime accelerated EMT Basic class in Lehigh County, Monday through Friday, July 6-31, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$1,225 (text and equipment are extra). Registrations are currently being accepted. Acceptance into the EMT program includes the submission of a physician release form and proof of medical insurance.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

**DRIVE-THRU TESTING SITE:** Lamont McClure has organized a partnership between Northampton County EMS and Easton Hospital to set up a Covid-19 testing site for county residents. Northampton County is contributing \$150,000 towards this effort. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic. The Coronavirus testing site is located at the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 21st St. in Easton. It will open on Wednesday, May 6 and has the capacity to test up to 60 patients a day. Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - p.m. Only residents from Northampton County will be accepted for testing and they must show at least one of the following symptoms to be eligible: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath. A prescription from a doctor is not required. Although insurance is not required to be tested participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card with them.

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE:** Due to the continuing public health threat posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, Lamont McClure has extended the closure of the Northampton County Courthouse and the Department of Human Services Building to the public until further notice. The courthouse has been closed to the public since March 19.

The public (wearing masks) may enter the courthouse for the following actions:

Anyone who needs to post bail. This includes a bondsman or a third party surety.

Any person and their legal representative(s) having business before the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County. (For questions as to whether you are required to appear, call Court Administration at 610-829-6700).

Any person needing to make an application for a 'Protection from Abuse' order will continue to be admitted.

Any person and/or their legal representative who believes, in good faith, that a statute of limitations pertaining to them may expire before the courthouse reopens to the public.

The courthouse will be open to citizens for Election related business beginning May 11

**NATIONAL GUARD AT GRACEDALE:** The National Guard began providing Gracedale Nursing Home with some short-term staffing

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# Project Hope feeds families

BY CAROLE GORNEY  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

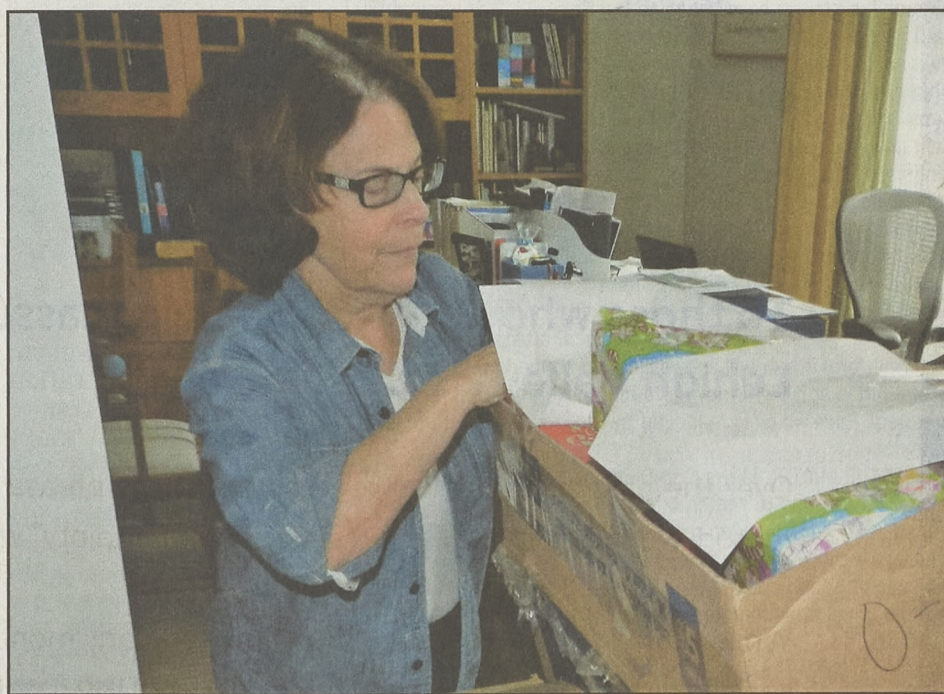
For more than 30 years, Project Hope of Easton has provided a winter holiday dinner for some 600 persons in need in the Lehigh Valley. This spring, the 501(c)(3) charity is expanding its efforts to feed the hungry in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Project Hope is helping provide food to families with children now unable to access lunches through the Easton and Wilson schools that closed last month. The new program provides weekly pizzas and meals to those with vouchers that are given out at local shelters and food pantries.

The pizza is being made by Pat Crisci, owner of Antonio's Pizzeria on Third Street in Easton, where 30 pies were handed out curbside for the first time on April 1. As of April 25, 70 families with a minimum of four members, and 20-25 individuals were receiving meals, according to Judy Walker, co-chair of the Project Hope 10-member board of directors.

Walker said the charity is working with the Family Connection Program of the Easton School District to identify and pass out meal vouchers.

Before the pandemic, Walker said the plan was to work with The Hunger Coalition of Easton to hold a summer picnic-style kickoff



PRESS PHOTO BY CAROLE GORNEY

**Project Hope Board of Directors Co-chair Judy Walker** inspects boxes of gifts to be given out at the nonprofit's last year's annual Christmas dinner and party for needy families. She is now overseeing a new project to feed school children and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

event to disseminate information on the availability and locations of free summer meals and activities for children. About 12 local service groups and organizations were to man tables with activities and information at the event at Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Easton.

At the time, "70 percent of students in Easton were eligible for food assistance," Walker explained, "but only a small number had been accessing the schools' summer food programs."

The hope was that the kickoff event would gen-

erate much more participation.

"That planning all came to an abrupt halt in early March when school was canceled along with most of our 'normal lives,'" according to Walker. When that happened, she said her board came up with the new plan to help out.

Walker said the latest effort is to get more downtown Easton restaurants involved in the program. So far, seven restaurants have joined the effort and are being paid \$20 for each family meal they provide. "Getting them to prepare meals and

paying them for their participation is a way to help keep them open," according to Walker.

As for the future, she said, "We hope to be able to continue at least until the end of May, or even throughout the crisis, but that depends on how much support we get. We depend on our sponsors and donors entirely to support this initiative. We are very grateful to those who have given thus far, and hope to receive even more support."

Donations may be sent to Project Hope of Easton, P.O. Box 3785, Easton, PA 18043-3785.

## CYBER

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courses online. Students in Grades 4 and 5 who are reading at grade level may choose to take all courses in the BASDCA."

**Why cyber?**

Prior to the coronavirus, most students and families pictured school in a fairly traditional setting, with homeroom, assemblies, lockers, and peers. Is cyber school just a way to opt out of ordinary social interactions? Not in James' view. He explains that students who want to enroll in BASDCA must write their own application, explaining why they think the program is best for them. Then comes an orientation meeting with the student, the parent(s), James, the assistant principal of the student's home school, the guidance counselor, and the case manager if the student is in special education. It doesn't happen often, James says, but, "I sometimes spend the first 15 minutes of the meeting explaining that they're still going to have to come to the building sometimes." A seasoned educator and administrator, he knows that "sometimes kids are just dealing with the vicissitudes of the high school years."

"We look at how to provide emotional support for anxiety and related issues," James says, "and we make a

plan for how they can come in at least part-time or eventually, because if they're not coming into the school, we can't give them the emotional support."

Renee Harris, coordinator of the Colonial Virtual Program - the department at IU20 that administers BASDCA - echoes James' comments. "Kids reach out to me, and I say, 'Let's contact your counselor,' and I'll work that transition in, and letting the kids develop those skills to advocate for themselves, and see that it's not scary anymore." Fundamentally, cyber school is not about avoiding social problems, because the district is committed to teaching each child "how to be in the world with people," in James' words.

If it's not about avoiding the social challenges of high school, who does choose cyber? It's a diverse group, including elite athletes, students who are already in the workforce, and students with personal or family medical issues. James mentions a student who is an elite mountain biker and snowboarder whose training schedule didn't work with the schedule of regular school; she did all three years of Nitschmann MS through BASDCA. Other students are completing high school courses while dual-enrolled in community college and working, and the flexibility of

cyber schooling is right for them. James describes another student whose family traveled out of the country to be with an ailing grandmother; the student was able to transition seamlessly to BASDCA while residing abroad for a semester.

**Advantages of BASDCA**

Because BASDCA students are part of the district, they have access to everything their full-time brick-and-mortar peers do. Unlike students who leave public school to enroll in a cyber charter school, BASDCA students are still part of their home schools, enjoying a blended experience when possible, and participating in extracurricular activities with their classmates. James notes that although offering education asynchronously provides flexibility, it decreases collaboration, so he works hard to keep students engaged collaboratively in other ways. "It's important for us to do everything we can to keep them involved in the learning community," he declares, citing art classes, after-school clubs, pep rallies, dances, and field trips as ways that cyber students stay involved.

"One of the strengths of the program," he asserts, "is that the student is still a Liberty HS student, and Mr. Whitaker or Ms. Hinkel or an-

other AP is still his assistant principal, and he can do anything he feels like doing at Liberty." Indeed, on a student's official record, the only way to tell that he or she is a cyber student is that the homeroom is marked "cyber" instead of a teacher's name. BASDCA students are still district students, so if they return to their home schools at semester or year break, there is no de-enrollment/re-enrollment process; records are maintained seamlessly.

Looking ahead to fall 2020, it's easy to imagine some students and families feeling concern about returning to their physical school buildings with the coronavirus still circulating. Harris notes that BASDCA might be part of the transition process for some of them: "You may have students who have some trepidation about returning, and they can slowly re-integrate back into their building [as blended BASDCA students], because they're still part of that community."

James is clear in his belief that the district's physical schools are appropriate to meet most students' needs. "Cyber is great," he says, "and meets the needs of a lot of kids, but we still would like the kids wherever possible, to have person-to-person, face-to-face, even if it's six feet apart, relationships with teachers."

# City's health dept. takes center stage

## BETHLEHEM COUNCIL

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem Health Department has been taking center stage in city council meetings recently, a reflection of the impact COVID-19 is having on city operations.

Emergency Manager Robert Novotnack said April 28 he now lists the Health Department as one of the main players in emergency manage-

ment, a team that he said traditionally has been dominated by the police, fire department and EMT responders.

The April 21 meeting was held with council members participating from remote locations such as from their homes, while Council President Adam Waldron and Councilman Bryan Cal-

lahan attended in person.

Mayor Robert Donchez was also at the meeting.

The council approved mayoral appointments: for Mathew D. Wolf - Fine Arts Commission; Angela Delgrosso and Councilman Michael Colon - Human Resources Commission.

Mayor Donchez thanked Bethlehem citi-

zens "during these trying times."

"It is a great example of community spirit. They have made close to 1,000 masks for city workers."

"I also want to thank all of the department heads; city workers have done an outstanding job, especially the police, fire and emergency [personnel]," said Donchez. "They have been working

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## To those who could use a little reassurance from your health care partner - Lehigh Valley Health Network:

Over the past eight weeks, we've all heard the phrase "in these uncertain times" way too many times. For this reason, we thought you'd appreciate some "certainty" when it comes to the safety of your health care.

While we will still be living with COVID-19 for many months ahead, there is some really good news. YOUR efforts to socially distance have worked. The local COVID-19 caseload in the hospital has plateaued, and the rate of growth of new cases in the community is declining. Congratulations! Now it's time to get back to work on **your health**. Because of this, it is imperative that LVHN continues to provide you COVID-SAFE care in every location where we see patients.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we've acted as the trusted partner you deserve and have come to expect. We immediately established Assess and Test locations, providing one-sixth of all testing in the state of Pennsylvania. We elevated our role as the digital health care leader, by greatly enhancing our capacity to provide virtual care, such as LVHN Video Visits, E-visits and phone calls with your doctor. And, thanks to these advanced virtual care options, we can now commit to **same-day appointments** – whether you are due for a routine visit, need to speak with a specialist or start physical therapy you delayed. We have changed schedules, adjusted the way you will arrive for appointments and taken extra steps to keep you safe during your visit. Going forward, we'll continue to follow the strictest guidelines to keep you safe – so don't put off your health any longer. We are here and ready to care for you.

LVHN has a legacy of providing safe care. And, with COVID-19, we've learned how to deliver safety in remarkably new ways across our entire health network. I have personally visited each LVHN ICU, Emergency Department and COVID-19 floor to thank our fabulous care teams and to see our safety procedures in practice. I've been able to do this safely because of the safe and innovative procedures our dedicated colleagues rigorously adhere to. You should know that all LVHN hospitals have "Non-COVID Care Zones" to provide safe care for everyone. So, feel confident that LVHN's entire team is here to provide you with safe access to all the care you and your family need, whether it's in the hospital or the office setting.

Additionally, on Friday May 1 we started reopening the **region's only COVID-FREE hospitals** for elective surgeries. So, what exactly is a COVID-FREE facility?

A COVID-FREE facility is a hospital that has been quarantined throughout the pandemic – a stand-alone building that has never seen a COVID-19 case and is physically separated from those that care for patients with COVID-19. We have kept these facilities free of COVID-19 and will do everything we can to keep them that way. At LVHN, we have three such hospitals opening for elective surgeries that many of you have been patiently waiting to receive:

Lehigh Valley Hospital--Tilghman in Allentown – 4825 Tilghman St. (Opened May 1)  
Coordinated Health--Allentown – 1503 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. (Opening May 4)  
Coordinated Health--Bethlehem – 2130 Highland Ave. (Opening May 11)

These facilities are the only hospitals in the entire region that can unequivocally state they have been maintained as completely Non-COVID Care facilities. The only ones.

As we continue to open our services, as always, nothing is more important to us than your health and safety. Please, be COVID smart with hand hygiene and social distancing. Together, we must remain vigilant. Our commitment to you is to provide COVID-SAFE care at every location in our health network.

Hopefully, we've erased some of the uncertainty you've had about staying on track with your health and getting the care you need and deserve. Your health deserves a partner, and LVHN is here for you. We've got your back.

Stay safe and healthy,

**Dr. Brian A. Nester**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Lehigh Valley Health Network



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assistance April 27. Their time at the facility cannot exceed 72 hours. There were 716 employee call outs at the Gracedale facility from April 1 to April 23. The National Guard will primarily assist with non-COVID-19 residents, allowing Gracedale employees to focus on residents who are positive for COVID-19 or have pending test results. Their mission is intended to last for no longer than 72 hours. When the Guard arrived they spent their first day getting acclimated to the facility and receiving instruction on the proper way of performing tasks in a nursing home. Guard assistance included 20 medics to work as CNAs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., eight licensed nurses to work the 3 to 11 p.m. shift and assist with distributing meds, and additional staff to help with delivering food carts, making beds, etc. Guard staff focused on the tower building, which has the greatest need for help. The National Guard which arrived at Gracedale will extend their posting until May 10.

**COUNTY PARKS OPEN:** Northampton County's park system is open to hiking, biking and walking beginning May 1. Community gardens at Louise W. Moore County Park and the Diefenderfer Tract also opened May 1. Facilities, including pavilions, playgrounds and restrooms will remain closed until further notice. Any person who reserved a pavilion during the mandated social distancing procedures will be refunded. Years of research has shown that being in the outdoors has a benefit to mental and social health. Northampton County's outdoor areas are invaluable assets which will help assist in our recovery.

**CORONER:** Data collected from both Northampton and Lehigh County Coroners show that 107 Northampton County residents have died of COVID-19—84 passed away in Northampton County, 23 passed away in Lehigh County. (The Northampton County Coroner recorded an additional 11 deaths of COVID-19 from residents of other counties and states.) This data reflects deaths recorded as of April 29th. Municipalities in which the 84 decedents lived: Bangor Boro (1); Bethlehem Twp. (16); City of Bethlehem (4); City of Easton (14); Forks Twp. (1); Hellertown (1); Lehigh (1); Lower Nazareth Twp. (2); Nazareth Boro (2); Palmer Twp. (15); Plainfield Twp (1); Tatamy (1); Upper Macungie (1); Upper Nazareth Twp. (20); Washington Twp (1); Williams Twp. (3); Wilson Boro (1); Astoria, NY (1); Bronx, NY (1); Lopatcong Twp, NJ (1); Millersburg, PA (1); Monroe County (3); Phillipsburg, NJ (1); Upper Macungie (1); Allentown (1); and Washington, NJ (1).

**PPE SUPPLIES:** On April 24, Northampton County Emergency Management Services (EMS) distributed, N-95 masks, surgical masks, cloth masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and protective clothing to the coroner's office, the DUI Center, the Government Center, the Department of Human Services as well as EMS, Police and fire departments in Bangor Borough, Bethlehem Township, Forks Township, Hanover Township, East Allen Township, Nazareth Borough, Lower Nazareth Township, Upper Nazareth Township, Lehigh Township, Freemansburg, Hellertown, Wind Gap, Moore, Palmer, Pen Argyl, Portland, Roseto, Tatamy, Lower Mount Bethel, Upper Mount Bethel, West Easton, Washington Township, Wilson, Stockertown and the cities of Bethlehem and Easton.

**HANOVER (NORCO) TOWNSHIP**

Hanover Township, Northampton County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continue to operate under a DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY.

**Yard Waste:** They commenced yard waste collection in Zone 1 on Monday. We fully expect it to take extra time getting through each of the zones due to volume and limited staffing on the truck

**STREET SWEEPING:** Weather permitting, the sweeper will continue working north to south through the neighborhoods and developments. To make it easier and to ensure sweeping in front of, or beside your property, please park vehicles in your driveways during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Follow the sweeper's progress on the township website: [www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org) As of April 20 (at 10 a.m.) all that remained is south of Macada Road.

**WASTE & RECYCLING:** Continues on the normal schedule. Bulk items can again be placed curbside. Any issues, please contact Republic Services directly at 484.273.3940

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Northampton County Association of Township Officials is offering a scholarship for graduating seniors. If you are a township resident and have someone graduating from high school this year please email the township at [hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org](mailto:hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org) or call 610.866.1140 and leave a message. We'll mail or email you the application.

**PERMITS & INSPECTIONS:** Zoning and building permit applications can be mailed or dropped off at the township office during normal business hours. Applicant will be notified if additional information is needed and when the permit is approved and ready for pickup. Building Inspections resumed May 1. Inspections that were canceled at the time of the Emergency Disaster Stay-At-Home order are being rescheduled first. All new inspection requests require at least a 48-hour notice. Please understand it may take longer to get you on the schedule as we work through the backlog. Any questions, please contact zoning at [zoning@hanovertwp-nc.org](mailto:zoning@hanovertwp-nc.org) or by calling 610-866-1140, ext. 229.

**VOTING:** If you would like to receive MAIL-IN or ABSENTEE BALLOT for the primary rescheduled for June 2, please apply at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com)

**Voting/Poll Locations in Hanover Township are:**  
 District #1 - Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Road  
 District #2 - Asa Packer School, 1650 Kenwood Drive  
 District #3 - Hanover Elementary School, 3890 Jacksonville Road  
 District #4 - Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road  
 District #5 - Hanover Elementary School, 3890 Jacksonville Road  
 District #6 - Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road

**OTHER ITEMS:** If you have a specific question please email the township at [hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org](mailto:hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org) or call 610.866.1140 and leave a message. We'll get back in touch with you as soon as possible.

**Staff Extensions:** Township Secretary: 223; Township Treasurer: 235; Zoning Officer: 226; Waste and Sewer Billing: 231; Public Works Director: 227; Public Works Department: 224, and Township Manager: 222

**LEHIGH VALLEY**

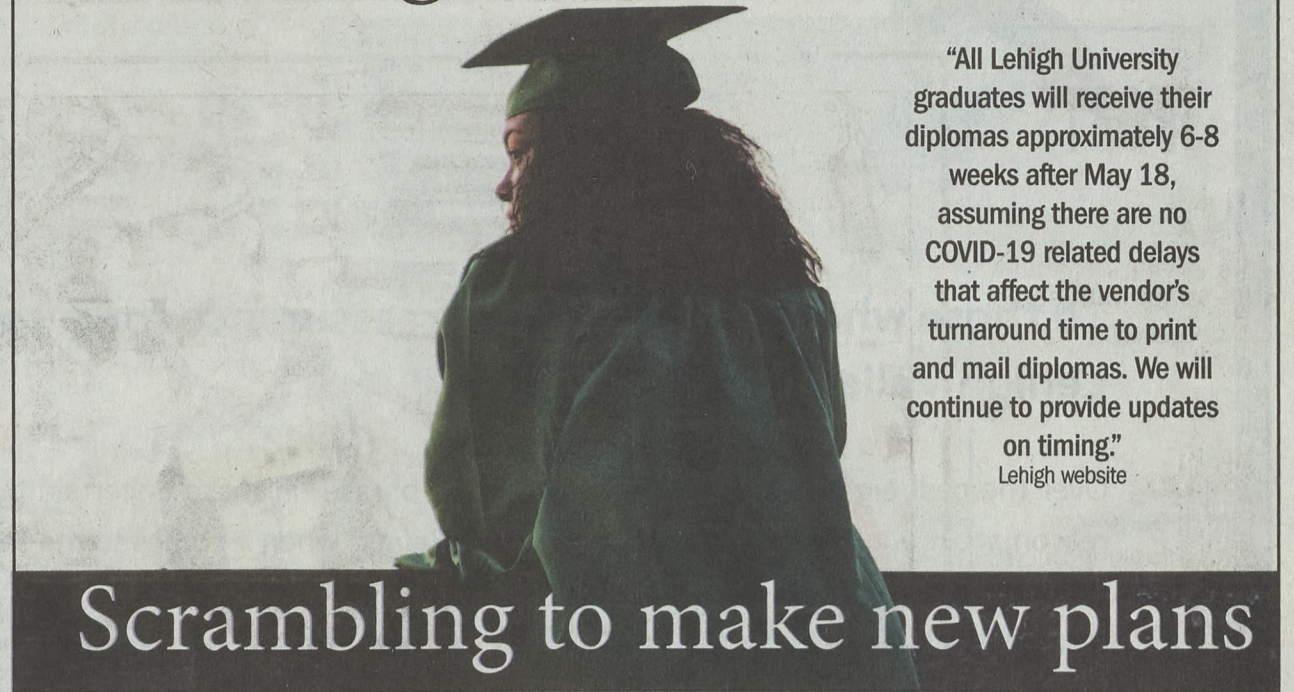
**HONORING LOCAL HEROES:** AARP is launching a special Local Hero promotion in May to recognize everyday Lehigh Valley residents who are doing extraordinary things during the COVID-19 crisis. Lehigh and Northampton county residents are invited to share stories of individuals who are providing an invaluable service to the community during the current pandemic. AARP will choose three winners from all submitted entries to receive \$100 Visa gift cards. Nominators of winning entries will also receive \$50 Visa gift cards. For complete contest rules and to nominate someone for the AARP Local Hero award, visit <https://local.aarp.org/lehigh-valley-pa/>. All entries must be submitted by May 15.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** MOW has fresh meals that will be made available to people in need. First priority will be people who are homebound due to age or a health condition. Eligibility is determined by need. Clients must be over the age of 18, be homebound and unable to prepare meals, be unable to meet basic nutritional needs either temporarily or permanently, have no reliable options for nutritious daily meals and reside in Lehigh County or Northampton County. It takes two days after receiving the phone call to make a delivery. There is a sliding fee for service, but meals are free through the end of May for low-income residents. Have the senior or family member call Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley at 610-691-1030.

**US POSTAL SERVICE:** Hold Mail service is designed for customers who plan on being away from their home or business for up to 30 days. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Postal Service

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# Colleges, universities



"All Lehigh University graduates will receive their diplomas approximately 6-8 weeks after May 18, assuming there are no COVID-19 related delays that affect the vendor's turnaround time to print and mail diplomas. We will continue to provide updates on timing,"  
 Lehigh website

## Scrambling to make new plans

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES  
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Local colleges and universities have started adjusting their graduation dates for the Class of 2020.

Muhlenberg College has made the boldest decision in announcing that its graduation ceremony will be held during October.

According to Muhlenberg's website, "We have set a planned date of October 17 and 18 to hold an on-campus ceremony and baccalaureate program, including our School of Continuing Education graduates."

However, Muhlenberg will also hold "virtual" ceremonies from May 13 through 17. Administrators will mail diplomas once semester grades are finalized, according to the Allentown college's website.

Cedar Crest College said in a statement on its website, "The 150th Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2020 will be Saturday, August 22, 2020 at the PPL Center in Allentown."

DeSales University had not announced its graduation plans as of April 18.

"At this time, no decision has been made about Commencement exercises," DeSales announced on its website. "Depending on an individual degree program, the ability to complete requirements via an online format may delay degree completion; determination of such will be made at a later date when the impact of this situation is reviewed by academic department leaders. Students should remain in contact with their program director and/or advisor for the most up-to-date information." Lehigh University has changed

its plans, saying that planned ceremonies "would put our community at great health risk."

"As such, no activities will take place on these original dates, and we will postpone the Commencement Ceremony originally scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, May 18.

"To be clear, [Lehigh University] Commencement is not canceled, and we look forward to holding this celebratory event for the Class of 2020 in Goodman Stadium later this year."

According to Lehigh University's website, the university plans to "hold a virtual celebration at the end of the academic year. Degrees will be conferred and diplomas will be mailed at the end of the academic year as originally planned. The doctoral hooding ceremony will also be postponed. We recognize there are other meaningful recognition ceremonies and activities impacted, and updates will be communicated as needed.

"All [Lehigh University] graduates will receive their diplomas approximately 6-8 weeks after May 18, assuming there are no COVID-19 related delays that affect the vendor's turnaround time to print and mail diplomas. We will continue to provide updates on timing.

"What is a virtual celebration? The details are being refined, but the virtual celebration will provide an opportunity for graduating seniors to be recognized for their contributions and hard work and to be welcomed into the Lehigh alumni family! More information will be posted on [Lehigh University's website] as it becomes available."

Moravian College has not changed its planned graduation date, but has set an alternative date

if needed. The college posted this notice on its website:

"Saturday May 9, 2020 is still our commencement date. However, as announced last week, if a new date is needed, we will host an on-campus graduation ceremony on [Homecoming Weekend] Saturday, October 24, 2020.

"This has the potential to be our most memorable graduation ceremony in 278 years because it will bring together generations of hounds who all care about you and Moravian College," said Moravian College President Bryon Grigsby on the school's website.

It is not clear what Lehigh Carbon Community College's graduation plans are at this point.

According to a statement by LCCC President Dr. Anne Bieber, "A committee continues to work on possible solutions for the in-person ceremony that had been scheduled for May 13, I hope to share news on that in a few weeks."

Northampton Community College's website still lists Thursday, May 21, for its commencement ceremonies.

Lafayette College announced that its graduation for the Class of 2020 will be Aug. 1.

Kutztown University announced that its commencement will likely be moved to this fall. "At this time, we feel that it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our campus community for the formal May commencement ceremonies to be rescheduled for a later date, most likely during the fall semester," said KU President Kenneth S. Hawkinson in a statement published on the university's website.

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on fumes, working seven days a week.

"I want to thank members of the public for their cooperation with some of the decisions that we've made," said Donchez.

He also thanked Lehigh County, Northampton County, the Bethlehem School District and the two hospitals. "I thank them for their partnership with the city in these challenging times."

Donchez said Memorial Pool will likely not open on Memorial Day as planned, due to delays in construction. He said a final decision on opening day will be made soon.

He said the decision to open up other city swimming pools is still under consideration.

The Memorial Day parade has been canceled, according to organizers.

Donchez said the Water Department and the Public Works Department are working two shifts (7 a.m.- 3 p.m. and 3 to 11 p.m.) and thanked the workers' union for their cooperation to allow that change.

Donchez said street cleaning is continuing, but tickets are only being issued in the cases of cars parked in front of fire hydrants.

The mayor said that due dates for the Earned Income Tax and the Business Privilege tax has been extended to July 15.

He said Real Estate Tax payment with discount has been extended to May 11 and that "whole" Real Estate Tax has been extended from

## Health department advisories

Protect yourself from COVID-19 while pumping gas. If available, use disinfecting wipes on handles and buttons of gas pump before you touch them.

After you get gas and pay, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water when you get to your destination.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations like COVID-19. You may feel anxious, mad, sad, or overwhelmed. Find ways to reduce your stress to help yourself and the people you care about.

Learn the common signs of stress.

Make time to unwind and do activities you enjoy.

Talk with family and friends by phone, text, or email.

If you or a loved one is feeling overwhelmed, get support

24/7 by calling 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.

Picking up take-out food while slowing the spread of COVID-19? Order and pay online or over the phone.

Accept take-out without in-person contact or stay at least 6 feet away from others.

Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol after bringing home your food.

Wearing a cloth face covering CORRECTLY can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others.

If you have a child, remember those under age 2 should not wear a face covering.

Household cleaners and disinfectants can cause health problems when not used properly. Follow the instructions on the product label to ensure safe and effective use.

May 29 to Aug. 11.

"These are very difficult and challenging times for many people, so we are trying to show some compassion," said Donchez.

He also announced that the compost center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. but only for dropping off yard waste, and not for pick-up. "People not wearing a mask with not be permitted to enter."

The COVID-19 crisis is also affecting the city's plans to take out a \$5 to \$6 million bond this year. "We'll probably put the bond of unit 2021-22 and defer \$5 to \$6 million in capital spending until next year," said Donchez.

He said the city has

made no decision regarding MusikFest and is in consultation with the ArtsQuest leadership on plans for the annual music festival.

The mayor said he thinks the city is in better shape than other cities in the area. He said furloughing workers is not being considered at this time.

Health Director Kristen Wenrich briefed council; "As of April 20 we have 376 cases of COVID-19 and three deaths," said Wenrich. She said 39, or about 10 percent of COVID-19 cases, have been hospitalized which she said is comparable to statewide statistics.

"As of yesterday [20 April] 45.7 percent of our

cases were non-Hispanic, and 39.3 were Hispanic and 14.8 percent were [of] unknown [ethnicity]."

She said 12.5 percent of the cases were African-American and 1.6 percent were Asian, 5.5 percent were "other races" and 13.3 percent were [of] unknown [race.]

Wenrich said her health department is working closely with the leaders of both the Hispanic community and the African-American community.

She said about a quarter of the COVID-19 positive African-Americans are hospitalized. This is over the 20 percent hospitalization rate that she said is the average for non-African-Americans who test positive. Wenrich did not offer an explanation for this difference in hospitalization rate.

Wenrich said the average age of COVID-19 infected people is 46.9 years old.

She said the department is working closely with nonprofits to ensure that the elderly and homeless are addressed.

"Portable toilets and hand-washing facilities have been placed near the homeless encampment," said Wenrich. "In addition, we work to get hotel space for homeless that need to be quarantined." She said one Bethlehem homeless person has been placed in isolation.

"Over the past two weeks, we have seen an increase in [COVID-19] in long-term care facilities," said Wenrich.

She said there is concern about getting enough people tested.

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Katie Flynn

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**PIGS SHIRTS**

The Lehigh Valley IronPigs have created a T-shirt with a lasting image and message to help battle the coronavirus.

The message "In This Together" draped across the top of the T-shirt with the IronPigs logo inside an image of the United States is now available to all fans.

"This is truly an unprecedented time right now in the Lehigh Valley and around the world," said IronPigs President and General Manager, Kurt Landes. "One-hundred-percent of the proceeds of this T-shirt will help everyone who are in the front lines at Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network. Wearing this T-shirt will be a daily reminder that we truly are "In This Together."

The T-shirts are \$20 and are available for purchase at shopironpigs.com.



Katie Flynn and the Patriots had big expectations for the spring lacrosse season.

**Q & A...**  
**...with Freedom's Katie Flynn**

BY PETER CAR  
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Katie Flynn, senior, Freedom girls' lacrosse will be attending Temple next fall, where she'll be playing lacrosse. Her major is undecided.

**Q:** Now that the news of the spring season being over has had time to sink in, what are your thoughts or emotions about not being able to play your senior year?

**A:** "Hearing that the season has been canceled, at first, I was a little emotional and thought that this honestly sucks, but I knew there truly isn't much I or anyone could do to get out on the field and be able to play this season. Also knowing this was my senior season, I think that's why it hurt so much and knowing that I won't be able to play with my fellow seniors and the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen one last time hurt the most, because my team is and always will be like another family to me."

**Q:** What were you looking forward to the most this season?

**A:** "The same thing I look forward to every season, getting to play side by side with my teammates and working hard to try and make it to the EPC and district championship games and making our best efforts to win them. This season was going to be a special one we all could feel it during the offseason and practices."

**Q:** What activity do you find yourself doing the most during quarantine?

**A:** "Some activities I find myself doing the most during quarantine is most definitely trying to eat right and keep up my exercise and stick skills. I enjoy doing some Zumba and

workouts I find on YouTube and making sure I get in the backyard and play some lacrosse."

**Q:** What do you miss most about normal life?

**A:** "I miss being able to see my friends and, surprisingly enough going to school. I miss being able just to go out to the turf at Freedom and play with my teams or just go and shoot around. Times like this are hard and no one saw this coming, but I'm enjoying the time I get to spend with my family and dogs."

**Q:** If you had the choice to be stuck at home with any teammate(s) during this quarantine, who would they be and why?

**A:** "It would have to be Lily Judge because we have been the best of friends since 2008 and still so close to this day. We have played soccer and lacrosse together for years and we were co-captains for this soccer and lacrosse this season. I have known her for a long time and we always have such a good time together."

**Q:** Can you name your favorite movie, show or series you've watched over the past month?

**A:** "My favorite movie I've watched over the past month would have to be 6 Underground on Netflix. My favorite show would always have to be Friends I have watched each and every episode so many times I've lost count."

**Q:** What's the worst part about being stuck at home?

**A:** "The worst part about being stuck at home is not being able to go out for lunch with my friends or hang out with them. Not being able to play lacrosse with my teammates is hard too."

I miss everyone and normal life so much, just trying to wait it out and hope we can get back to normal sooner than later."

**Q:** What's the first thing you want to do once this quarantine is over?

**A:** "The first thing I want to do once this quarantine is over is to go see my friends and teammates. Just going to try and get out of the house as much as possible every day whether it is hanging out with friends or going out to the turf to play some lacrosse with my teammates."

**Q:** Can you tell your favorite sports story about yourself, your team or your teammates over the years?

**A:** "My favorite sports story about myself would have to be scoring my 100th goal sophomore year against Allentown Central Catholic. Once I scored the goal I could hear how excited everyone was and then I turn and see Emma Telatovich running to me with her hands up and she picked me up and then the whole team came running up to me with smiles on their face. I will never forget that day or the day I scored my 200th goal junior year against Easton, although we lost that game we fought hard."

**Q:** What lesson(s) have you learned throughout this whole process?

**A:** "Some lessons I have learned throughout this whole process is don't take anything for granted. You never know when something can be taken away from you without you knowing. Make every day count, enjoy and cherish your high school experience you don't realize how fast it goes by."

**Via Hoop Classic canceled**

Alexis Zydyk, Events & Digital Media Manager, Via of the Lehigh Valley, release sent out a release:

We've been working as hard as ever to prepare for our 45th Via All-Star Basketball Classic, featuring the finest basketball talent in the greater Lehigh Valley. In an effort to keep our community healthy, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person 2020 Via All-Star Basketball Classic. Although the in-person event is canceled, we will honor the Via All-Stars through a fun, engaging, virtual event.

The Via-All Star Classic supports Via's mission to help people with disabilities reach their full potential. Now more than ever, Via relies on the community to weather this crisis as we develop new and innovative ways to provide Via's essential services.

If you purchased Via All-Star banquet or clinic tickets, you have the option of converting your purchase to a 100-percent tax deductible donation to Via of the Lehigh Valley, or receiving a refund. To discuss your options, request a refund or for any other questions, please email Alexis Zydyk at A.Zydyk@ViaNet.org.

We appreciate everyone who has worked so hard this year to support Via and make this event a success—especially our generous donors and sponsors.

Please stay tuned as we announce how we will roll out the event and honor Via All-Stars this year.

Thank you for all that you do to support Via of the Lehigh Valley and our mission to help people reach their full potential through a rewarding career, meaningful relationships, and an enriching community life.

**ATTN. TEAMS, COACHES**

Is your spring sports team going honor, or has it already honored, their senior players and/or any 2020 spring sports athletes?

The Press would love to know about any upcoming or past event for coverage in our sports sections.

If the event is scheduled for a future date, we may be able to work out coverage. However, if not, or if the event has already taken place, we would love for a submitted photo and information to be published in our papers.

Please contact spagel@tnonline.com for more information.

**Big 33 football game shelved for 2020**

BY PETER CAR  
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The Big 33 football game has been a part of Pennsylvania's football history for the past 60 years. Unfortunately, that run has come to an end this spring, as the game has been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The committee that organizes the event put

out a release recently about the cancellation of this year's contest, which was slated to take place on May 25.

"It is with deep regret that the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association (PSFCA) must cancel all of our major events surrounding Memorial Day Weekend 2020," the release said. "These public

events include the Big 33 Football Classic, East West Game, a first-ever PSFCA High School Combine, USA Football 1st Down Clinic, Military Murph Competition, and the Big 33 Fan Experience.

"Due to the uncertainty of the weeks ahead with the Coronavirus constraints placed upon each individual,

our schools, families, and the organizations and businesses that help make this holiday weekend one of the best in the country, we cannot move forward in holding these events or our exciting football games. Our top priority is the health, safety and welfare of all of our participants, families, workers, sponsors, and fans."

Freedom coach Jason Roeder was to be apart of this year's coaching staff, along with local players Tavion Banks (Bethlehem Catholic); Ali Barkley (Whitehall); Anthony Harris (Nazareth); Kaden Moore (Freedom); Patrick Shupp (Easton) and Jalen Stewart (Freedom).

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# Outdoors: Good time to maintain trophy mounts

BY NICK HROMIAK  
Special to the Press

Since we're in the midst of a lockdown of sorts because of COVID-19, many sportsmen may not be working, so this could be a good time to do some house cleaning of your trophy mounts, be it antlered, bear, birds or fish.

If you have deer mounts in particular, there are a few methods to clean their hair. To do it properly and without ruining a shoulder mount, Bob Danenhower of Bob's Taxidermy in Orefield, recommends the following:

\*Danenhower says the first step is to remove dust from hair. This can be done by using either a feather duster, canned air or a small brush that usually comes with most vacuum cleaners, to remove the dust. But he cautions to do it care-

fully with the brush and not apply too much pressure. Long time accumulation can turn to a mud-like substance.

\*Next step is to use a lightly damp, soft cloth and add a touch of Dawn dish washing soap and brush the hair with the grain to remove any remaining dust or dirt. Rinse the cloth often making sure not to saturate it as the deer hair will nap-up. Then lightly go over it with a soft bristle brush in the direction of the hair's grain.

\*After that, spray a cloth (gun patch) or Q-tip with some Windex and clean the eyes. Follow up with a piece of paper towel to remove any excess.

\*For antlers or horns, clean off any dust then use some furniture polish to regain their sheen.

\*To maintain a deer mount's hair, Danen-

hower uses Cowboy Magic spray that is available from taxidermists.

\*For mounts that may have cracking, split ears or jaws, it's a refresh job that requires a taxidermist as they have the equipment to restore the mount.

\*As for birds like pheasants, grouse, turkey or waterfowl, be extremely careful and don't go crazy feather dusting it or wiping it down, Danenhower cautions, as birds are touchy and sometimes the job is better left to a taxidermist.

\*For fish mounts, Danenhower recommends also wiping them down with Dawn dish washing detergent. "Sometimes there may be fly or bug droppings on them. The skin could also have oil seepage," he points out. "Not many taxidermists like



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

Amid the COVID-19 shutdown, this may be a good time to do some trophy mount maintenance.

to rework fish because their skin is extremely thin and prone to cracking," he adds.

So with these suggestions, maintaining trophy mounts now can go a long way to preserving them in the future.

LCF&G ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

It's with much disappointment that Herb Gottschall, Jr., President of Lehigh County Fish & Game Association, had to announce that this year's annual Fishing Derby in Lehigh Parkway had to be canceled.

Said Gottschall, "Af-

ter several meetings with representatives with Allentown Police and Parks Department, an agreement was reached to hold this year's 87th Fishing Derby on May 16. But that was before the Coronavirus came along. So we had to cancel it."

Gottschall goes on to say he's already making plans for next year's derby which will be the organization's 100th Anniversary, and because of that, it will be a two-day event.

The club's Booster Night was also canceled because the hall rental went up 500 percent from last year and the organization was already on the verge of bankruptcy until Midgard Plastics stepped in to be LCF&G's first corporate sponsor.

An exact date will be forthcoming for the next derby.



Alanyse Solomon fields a ball last season for the Hurricanes.

## Q & A... ...with Liberty's Alanyse Solomon

BY KATIE MCDONALD  
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Alanyse Solomon is a senior softball player for Liberty. The center fielder will be attending Liberty University, Virginia.

Q: How would your teammates describe you?

A: "Someone who always wants to win and leads by example."

Q: What is a favorite memory from Liberty softball?

A: "My favorite play was hitting a home run against Bethlehem Catholic, my former team, in first at bat."

Q: What is something you like, admire, or learned from Coach Sam?

A: "What I admire most about Coach Sam is how, even when he wasn't feeling his best, he still managed to attend and support us at our games."

Q: How are you keeping softball alive while you're not playing on the team?

A: "Every day I do defensive drills with tennis balls and conditioning for 45 minutes."

Q: Who or what is helping you get through this unusual period of

time?

A: "I'll say my mother because she tells me, 'Stay positive,' and to never give up."

Q: What have you been able to do during this time that you probably wouldn't have otherwise?

A: "I've been able to watch all the seasons of 'Law and Order SVU' and practice cooking more."

Q: What is the first thing you'd like to do when the quarantine is over?

A: "The first thing I'd like to do is meet up with teammates."

## Bowling... Whatever happened?

BY CHIP WALAKOVITS  
Special to the Press

Whatever happened to Liberty Lanes, the place where students had the option to bowl their way through gym class.

Located next to the Linden Street school was a golden opportunity to opt out of real gym class. Rolling a single game and maybe enjoying a soda from the fountain was a major thrill, but a reminder that next period you return to class and the hallways of LHS.

Liberty luncheonette was a popular spot prior to many football games along with a few games of pinball for a nickel. Owner Ed King and his wife patrolled the area ensuring an enjoyable night was at hand.

A few months back, LHS students organized a bowling club that competed at Stefko's Town & Country Lanes. Unable to contact the organizer and find what participation was a reason for jotting down a few of these bowling memories. Yes, bowling, was a favorite past time, especially during the long winter season.

Do you remember Schoenen's Market on East Broad Street, how about the 2nd floor?

Home to Central Bowling Academy, it was a hot bed for keggers and a place local bowling hall of famer, Bob Shoemaker, was introduced to the game. "Shoe" as he was called, rolled many award scores when 700s were at a minimum and were few and far between. Owner Jerry Wartman organized many of the premier leagues and recruited the area's best competitors.

The Saturday junior bowling program had 100-plus participants in three categories, bantams, juniors and seniors.



Nick Ackerman of Bethlehem Township submitted a picture of his trophy from his senior year at Liberty. "We were allowed to bowl in place of our gym class once a week," he said. Because of the amount of bowlers, it was divided into two leagues. Ackerman added he got this trophy from the "B" League where he had a high score of 223.

Speaking of junior programs, none were larger than the effort of the staff at Town & Country. T&C was fortunate to have coaches who varied in talent but spent their Saturday mornings with the kids.

A few names that refresh the mind were: Evelyn Moyer, Al Gorsky, John Hudak Jr., Paul Hubinsky and then later John Moyer and his wife. They are looking down from above and wondering what ever happened to the game we loved.

The 24-lane center was filled to capacity until early afternoon with boys and girl's rolling a three-ame block. The end of the season (April) was an extremely exciting time, qualifying for the Lehigh Valley Junior Masters Tournament.

Age and size was not important but your av-

erage determined what group you would be competing against. Top scores in various divisions would advance to the final round at Boulevard Lanes in Allentown.

This was the ultimate goal for any junior bowler to compete against kids from the entire Valley and be crowned champion. Again, the competition was determined by one's ability proven over a complete season.

Ed Scheller, tournament chairman, crowned 24 winners after the two-week elimination event for both boys and girls. This was utopia and a memory that would live forever no matter how many strikes they may have thrown.

And then we ask ... bowling, whatever happened?

## KNEE, ANKLE, FOOT, HEEL PAIN?

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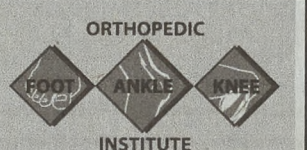
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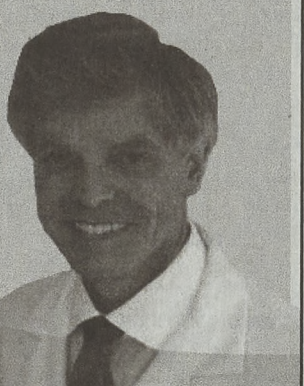
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## Pigs raise over \$20,000

The Lehigh Valley IronPigs are proud to announce that \$21,704 has been raised from their "In This Together" T-shirt and #Hopenin' Day celebration to help the local battle against COVID-19. Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network will receive 100-percent of the proceeds.

"We are grateful to the entire Lehigh Valley for their outstanding support and coming together to help raise funds

to fight this dreadful disease," said IronPigs President and General Manager Kurt Landes. "Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network have both been tremendous partners and do incredible work within our community. We're both proud and thankful to help fund their efforts and support their employees on the front lines of this battle."

The "In This Together" T-shirt campaign was the initial response

to the battle against COVID-19. Over the two-week campaign, the Pigs sold over 1500 T-shirts and raised \$19,254.04. T-shirts were purchased throughout the Valley and the state, but were also sold in 18 other states such as: New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Delaware, California, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Connecticut, Georgia, Florida, Maine, Arizona, Colorado, West Virginia, Rhode Island and Virginia.



# NASCAR THIS WEEK



The NASCAR Cup Series will return for real racing on May 17 at Darlington Raceway. [AP/RICK SCUTERI]

## NASCAR may score TV coup with racing's return

By Godwin Kelly  
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While other major professional sports leagues continue to discuss the whens, wheres and hows of restarting play during the coronavirus pandemic, NASCAR took the plunge to announce its return to on-track competition.

The NASCAR Cup Series will go back to work on May 17 with an event at Darlington Raceway, 70 days since its last race on March 8 at Phoenix Raceway.

Yes, it will look a bit different since race fans are not invited to the party, but the fact remains that the general public and network television are starved for live sports content.

Major League Baseball might try to play games in June. The NBA is talking July. Is there still an NHL?

NASCAR has enjoyed a bit of TV success with its virtual Pro Invitational iRacing Series. Those cartoon races have averaged around one million viewers each time out and have attracted the attention of those in the eGames world.

Those broadcasts have a realistic feel and have produced real-world

consequences. Bubba Wallace lost a sponsor when he quit a race.

Kyle Larson, who is listed seventh in the current Cup Series standings, lost his job for uttering a racial slur while competing in a non-NASCAR race. When the No. 42 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet fires up at Darlington, it will be 2003 NASCAR champion Matt Kenseth behind the wheel.

If all the pieces fall in the right places, NASCAR could enjoy a major sports coup, attracting an audience that's desperate to watch some sort of sporting event from the comforts of their please-stay-at-home living rooms.

The next 22 Cup Series races will look a lot how the sport looked in the earliest days under NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. He worked out of his hat, you know, back in the day, and would add races to the schedule on a whim.

NASCAR executives call this a "fluid situation" and hope the pandemic is under control for the playoff races (last 10 races).

Out of the gate, NASCAR wants to keep races close to the sport's North Carolina hub in Charlotte to avoid overnight stays.

Darlington will host the comeback

May 17 and then competitors will come back to the track "too tough to tame" on May 20 (a Wednesday) for another race.

From there it is on to Charlotte Motor Speedway for two more Cup races on May 24, the traditional Memorial Day Coca-Cola 600, followed by another race at the 1.5-mile quad-oval on May 27.

The races will be one-day shows with no practice sessions. The 600 will hold a qualifying session.

NASCAR said it will announce another batch of races in about two weeks. The sanctioning body wanted to shake the schedule up, likely in 2021, but the coronavirus has hurried that process.

As the only game in town, other than some ring action by the World Wrestling Entertainment, NASCAR might be able to grab some of that 1990s momentum back and build its audience over the summer.

One of NASCAR's honchos, Steve O'Donnell, is hopeful this all turns out for the best.

"I do feel confident as an industry we have a schedule that we feel like we can pull off and we can pull off in a good way for the fans," he said.

### QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

#### Are Sundays and Wednesdays a sign of things to come?

Probably, but this wasn't the way NASCAR wanted to roll out its new scheduling philosophy. The schedule for the 2021 season, which would be run in the new Next Gen stock car, was pegged for an April release. But as you noticed, things got in the way as April came and went in a muffled manner. Finalization of the 2021 schedule gave way to a hectic rework of 2020, and the Next Gen cars went back in the closet, awaiting a 2022 unveiling.

#### So what about 2021?

All along, much of the educated speculation focused on the probability of some midweek races dotting the revamped NASCAR schedule, as the sport's leaders looked for ways to shorten the calendar and streamline travel costs. So this, though unwanted, gives NASCAR a chance to test-drive the future and most likely give the networks some big mid-week numbers along the way.

#### Hold the phone! Matt Kenseth?

He's returned once before, replacing Trevor Bayne at Roush Racing in 2018, just several months after "retiring." But this return, in Chip Ganassi's No. 42, comes after an 18-month absence. At age 48. By the way, Matt and Katie Kenseth have four daughters, ranging from ages 2 to 10. Keeping it between the tight walls at Darlington might prove therapeutic.

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### NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

NASCAR Cup Series points standings as the series prepares to restart the season:

1. Kevin Harvick	164
2. Joey Logano	163
3. Chase Elliott	144
4. Alex Bowman	138
5. Jimmie Johnson	131
6. Ryan Blaney	123
7. Kyle Larson	121
8. Aric Almirola	121
9. Matt DiBenedetto	118
10. Brad Keselowski	118
11. Denny Hamlin	111
12. Kyle Busch	111
13. Clint Bowyer	105
14. Chris Buescher	102
15. Martin Truex Jr.	96
16. Kurt Busch	90
17. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	88
18. Bubba Wallace	87
19. William Byron	87
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- Feb. 9: Clash at Daytona (Erik Jones)
- Feb. 16: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
- Feb. 23: Las Vegas (Joey Logano)
- March 1: Fontana (Alex Bowman)
- March 8: Phoenix (Joey Logano)
- March 15: Atlanta (postponed)
- March 22: Homestead-Miami (postponed)
- March 29: Texas (postponed)

- April 5: Bristol (postponed)
- April 19: Richmond (postponed)
- April 26: Talladega (postponed)
- May 3: Dover (postponed)
- May 9: Martinsville (postponed)
- May 17: Darlington
- May 20: Darlington
- May 24: Charlotte
- May 27: Charlotte
- (All races below are tentative)
- May 31: Kansas

- June 7: Michigan
- June 14: Sonoma
- June 21: Chicagoland
- June 27: Pocono
- June 28: Pocono
- July 5: Indianapolis
- July 11: Kentucky
- July 19: New Hampshire
- Aug. 9: Michigan
- Aug. 16: Watkins Glen
- Aug. 23: Dover

- Aug. 29: Daytona
- Sept. 6: Darlington
- Sept. 12: Richmond
- Sept. 19: Bristol
- Sept. 27: Las Vegas
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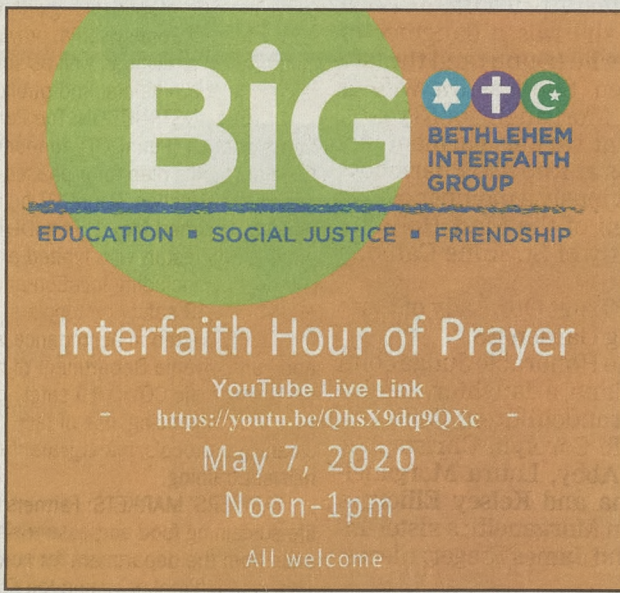
# 'Hope' might be on everybody's list

BY THERESA O'BRIEN  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

From noon to 1 p.m. May 7, traditionally recognized in the U.S. as a national day of prayer, the Bethlehem Interfaith Group (B.I.G.) will hold an hour of prayer. Originally scheduled for Payrow Plaza, adjacent to the Bethlehem Area Public Library, the event will now take place online; however, the coronavirus pandemic and related business closures and job losses may make Bethlehem residents even more likely to take part in an hour of prayer.

"We wanted to do a day of prayer in solidarity with each other," said Rabbi Michael Singer of Congregation Brith Sholom, "filled with hopefully a look forward to what we can do together as a community of faith[...] We want to put out a positive vision of what the world can be, despite all the adversity and challenges that we're facing, we want to stand together and build our community together, and that's why we're working so hard to bring everybody together in the community."

Each of the participating clergy will share a five-minute reflection and prayer with the other faith leaders via Zoom; individuals from the wider community will be able to see and hear the prayers via YouTube (<https://youtu.be/QhsX9dq9QXc>). The Rev. Anthony P. Mongiello, pastor of St. Anne Roman Catholic



The Bethlehem Interfaith Group will observe the National Day of Prayer with an hour of prayer on May 7 from noon to 1 p.m. Clergy will join together via Zoom; the public is welcome to participate via YouTube.

Church in Bethlehem, said all the different topics, "prayers for children, for those with addiction, for health care workers, for hunger injustice, for food insecurity," are "applicable to the situation we're in now with the pandemic." Mongiello will be praying for those suffering with addiction. He remarked that he and the other participants are "looking forward to gathering people together, even though it's going to be online, and just placing our prayers before God."

Imam Beytullah Colak of the Respect Graduate School will share a prayer that combines a Muslim perspective with interfaith outreach. "I hope that all of us can draw a lesson

from this extraordinary period of time," said Beytullah, "so that we can have a brighter and more peaceful future all together after we overcome this."

The Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon, pastor of Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, will offer a prayer for those experiencing hunger and food insecurity, issues that have only become more challenging during the current pandemic. "We have revealed a major dilemma," Hopeton said. "Producers of food in agricultural areas have been accustomed to a particular delivery system that directed much of their food to restaurants, schools, and cruise ships. Each of those industries has

closed, and it has been an unsolved challenge, how to reroute those delivery systems toward supermarkets and food pantries. It has just been heartbreaking to see eggs broken by the thousands, milk poured out by the thousands of gallons, and fruits and vegetables plowed back into the soil." Hopeton will offer "a prayer for courage and ingenuity – for redirecting the food to where it is needed – and for compassion – understanding that hunger is not the individual's fault or the family's fault, but it truly is a scarcity of resources."

The B.I.G. is a group of religious leaders from many faith communities in Bethlehem. In addition to Rabbi Singer, Imam Beytullah, Pastor Hopeton, and Father Mongiello, it includes Rev. Madelyn Campbell, Unitarian Universalist Church Bethlehem; Rev. JC Austin, First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem; Rev. Beth Goudy, Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley; Rev. David Brown, Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran; Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem; Rev. Melissa Johnson, Advent Moravian Church; Rabbi Allen Juda, Congregation Brith Sholom; M. Said Selmanlar, Lehigh Dialogue Center; Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Simmons, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Honorably Retired; Rev. Cynthia Simmons, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Honorably Retired; Sister Bonnie Kleinschuster, School Sisters of St. Francis Bethlehem; Sister Virginelle Ma-

suspended the 30-day time frame and extended all Hold Mail requests until May 30, 2020. Business and residential customers can rest assured knowing their mail and packages will be held safely at their local post office until that date. On or before May 30, customers can either pick up accumulated mail at their post office with proper identification or request redelivery. In these unprecedented times, the postal service understands that some customers may need their mail held beyond May 30. Therefore, the postal service will institute a two-week grace period, beginning June 1, during which customers can contact their local post office to make arrangements to have their mail held longer. We also understand that different parts of the country will be reopening at different times based on local conditions. If customers live in one of the areas reopening, we encourage them to contact their local post office as a part of their return to business and make arrangements to collect their mail on hold or make arrangements to restart regular delivery of mail, including mail still being held. On June 15, the postal service will revert back to its normal policy that allows for customers to have their mail held for 30 days. Customers with questions regarding Hold Mail requests can contact the postal service at 1-800-ASK-USPS (275-8777).

**PPL RATES:** PPL Electric Utilities customers who don't shop for their electricity supply will see a drop in the price of that supply starting June 1. The new price to compare affects only the energy portion of electric bills for non-shoppers, not the delivery portion. About 60 percent of PPL's 1.4 million customers don't shop for electricity from a competitive supplier. Effective June 1, the new price to compare for residential customers will be 7.284 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), down from the current 7.632 cents per kWh. The new price to compare for small business customers will be 6.079 cents per kilowatt-hour, down from the current 6.360 cents per kWh.

**KIDSPACE:** KidsPeace Hospital has been awarded an \$8 million Hospital Emergency Loan Program (HELP) to provide short-term financial relief due to a surge of COVID-19 cases, according to Senate Appropriations Chairman Pat Browne.

**NON-PROFIT GRANTS:** The Greater Lehigh Valley COVID-19 Community Response Fund has issued more than \$320,000 in emergency funding to 43 nonprofit agencies serving the residents of Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon counties. The one-time, operational grants range from \$500 to \$20,000 and aim to strengthen safety-net services throughout the tri-county area. The initial phase of funding includes services providing food access, services for unsheltered residents and those at risk of homelessness and supports for those who are economically vulnerable to mitigate the effects of reduced hours or lost jobs.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**STIMULUS CHECK FEES WAIVED:** Pennsylvania Treasurer Joe Torsella today announced that Wells Fargo and PNC, Pennsylvania Treasury's two largest active depositories, have agreed to cash stimulus checks – for both customers and non-customers – without fees, and will not offset stimulus payments to customers against penalty fees. Torsella also called on other Pennsylvania financial institutions to do the same. Paper stimulus checks will arrive through mail over the coming days and weeks. Treasurer Torsella encourages all Pennsylvanians to contact their financial institution prior to cashing their stimulus check to inquire about any possible fees in an effort to preserve those funds.

**HOSPITAL SUPPORT:** Governor Tom Wolf has announced that nearly \$324 million in funding has been awarded to 31 hospitals across the commonwealth through the Hospital Emergency Loan Program, or HELP, which provides short-term financial relief as hospitals combat the surge of COVID-19 cases in their area. The loan package was made available to the commonwealth's hospitals to provide immediate financial support for working capital to ensure that these facilities have sufficient personnel, equipment, and

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**Peter Frank Russo**

Our Lady of Pompeii member

Peter Frank Russo, 77, of Bethlehem, died April 18, 2020, in the care of Cedarbrook, Allentown, due to complications of COVID-19. Born at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, he was a son of the late Peter and Elizabeth (Russo) Russo.

He was a 1960 graduate of Liberty HS and a 1961 graduate of Bethlehem Business College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Moravian College with a double major in history and elementary education.

He worked in the section and labor gang at Bethlehem Steel Corp. while attending college during the summers. He later worked in the plant office, printing department. He worked in the reference department of the Bethlehem Area Public Library for several years.

He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Pompeii Church, Bethlehem, where he was an Eucharistic Minister.

He published a book, "Poetry by Pete," in 1979.

He is survived by two sisters, Anna J. Russo and Mary E. Ritter, his brother-in-law, Attorney James A. Ritter; a sister-in-law, Marjorie J. Russo; three nephews, Donald, David (Patricia) and Marc (Deborah) Russo; two nieces, Elise Gasda (Lawrence) and Jeanne Ritter; and eight great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was predeceased by a brother, Dominic M. Russo; a sister-in-law, Edith M. Russo; and a brother, Morris A. Russo, all of Bethlehem.

Contributions may be made to Cedarbrook Nursing Home, TR Department, 350 S. Cedarbrook Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

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

**Lewis J. Hauze**

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Lewis J. Hauze, 70, of Whitehall, died April 19, 2020, at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest. Born in Cata-sauqua, he was the son of the late Lewis E. and Kathryn E. (Shebest) Hauze. He was the husband of the late Kathleen A. (Williams) Hauze.

He was a Kutztown University graduate and a machinist for the former Bethlehem Steel Corporation for about 25 years until he retired in 1997.

He is survived by a daughter, Rebecca O'Leary and her husband Sean of Allentown; a sister, Marie C. Hauze of Bethlehem; and a brother, Douglas A. Hauze of Nebraska.

Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, c/o the funeral home, P.O. Box 196, Schnecksville, 18078-0196.

Arrangements were made by Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc., Schnecksville.

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**ELECTION POLICY**

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

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

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

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

**What's your story?**

As we go through a few more weeks of the shutdown because of coronavirus, we want to tell your stories. Tell us your frustrations, challenges and successes.

- How are you coping during the shutdown? Are you finally getting to the "honey-do" list? Are you working on your hobbies? Learning new skills?

- How has the shutdown affected you in a positive way? Have you spent quality time with your family, started new traditions? Have you returned to your roots and tried new recipes and learned to bake bread?

- Have you postponed a major event this year such as a wedding or anniversary party? Will you reschedule?

Tell us about your experiences at [gtaylor@tonline.com](mailto:gtaylor@tonline.com).

**Marguerite E. Morganelli**

St. Anne's R.C. Church member



Marguerite (Mike) E. Morganelli, 89, of Bethlehem, died April 20, 2020. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Marguerite (Dunn) and the late Owen McFadden. She was the wife of the late John A. Morganelli for 53 years.

She worked at various garment factories, as well as at Rite Aid Pharmacy.

She was previously a member of Our Lady of Pompeii of the Most Holy Rosary Church and most recently of St. Anne Catholic Church, Bethlehem.

She was a member of the PTA at Our Lady of Pompeii and volunteered at Spring Garden ES.

She is survived by a son, the Honorable Judge John M. Morganelli and his wife Diana; a daughter, Sandra and husband Guy Elliott; grandchildren, John Michael Morganelli and his wife Carolyn, Christopher Morganelli and his fiancée Abby, Laura Morganelli, Kyle Elliott and Samantha and Kelsey Elliott; a great-granddaughter, Addison Morganelli; a sister-in-law, Angeline and her husband James Rieger; nieces; nephews; and cousins.

She was predeceased by a brother, Owen McFadden.

Contributions may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church, Bethlehem; or to Family Pillars Hospice, Bethlehem.

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

**Elizabeth A. (Polenchar) Chladny**

St. Ursula Catholic Church member

Elizabeth A. (Polenchar) Chladny, 94, of Bethlehem, died April 19, 2020. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Pulcher) Polenchar. She was the wife of the late Edward A. Chladny.

She was a 1943 graduate of Liberty HS.

She was a member of St. Ursula Catholic Church, Fountain Hill.

She was a member of the Golden Hillers, Fountain Hill, and the Catholic Sokols. She was a past president of the Fountain Hill playground parents.

She is survived by five sons, Edward A. Jr. and his wife Nanette of Macungie, Thomas D. and his wife Julie of Hanover Township, Jeffrey E. of Easton, Scott A. of Allentown and Mark R. and his wife Michelle, of Salisbury Township; a sister, Dorothy Crement of Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren, Jessica Simpson and her husband Pete, Christy Klemick and her husband Andy, Melissa Chladny, Christopher Chladny and his wife Alison and Alexa Chladny; and five great grandchildren.

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

**personal protective equipment.**

**CONSTRUCTION:** All businesses in the construction industry in the commonwealth are permitted to resume in-person operations starting May 1 - one week earlier than previously announced. Guidelines, developed with guidance from the General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania, provide universal protocols for all construction activity, as well as specific additional guidance for residential, commercial and public construction projects.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that in accordance with Governor Wolf's plan for a phased-in reopening of public and private construction, PennDOT highway and bridge construction projects resumed May 1. PennDOT road and bridge construction projects will restart with limited exceptions based on project-specific factors, including location and feasibility for social distancing and COVID-19 safety protocols at the jobsite. Work on all projects will be conducted in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance, as well as a project-specific COVID-19 safety plan, which will include protocols for social distancing, use of face coverings, personal and job-site cleaning protocols, management of entries to the jobsite, and relevant training.

**FARMERS' MARKETS:** Farmers markets, like grocery stores, offer life-sustaining food and essentials and have been provided guidance from the department for how to continue operations safely and with minimal risk amid the COVID-19 public health crisis. The Department of Agriculture has issued guidance for farmers markets and on-farm markets with recommendations on how to continue operations safely and minimize contact for shoppers and employees. The guidance also offers farms the opportunity to open an on-farm stand to sell raw produce, eggs, or shelf stable packaged foods such as jams, jellies, or baked goods without additional food safety licenses.

**STATE LIQUOR STORES:** The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is continuing to expand access to wine and spirits to retail customers and licensees, all while maintaining social distancing and other Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices in the interest of public health and safety. As of last Friday, the PLCB is resuming fulfillment of retail licensees' orders for wine and spirits through its network of 13 licensee service centers and 580 Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores. Following Pennsylvania's three-phased (red, yellow, green) approach to determine when counties are ready to begin easing some restrictions and allow certain business operations to resume, the PLCB is providing guidance today to licensees on protocols the PLCB will follow in fulfilling licensee orders in the various phases. As of last Friday, the six-bottle limit on curbside orders increases to 12 units per order. Additionally, next week the PLCB will open curbside pickup to 14 more locations bringing the total number of stores offering curbside pickup to 580. As of next week, only four Fine Wine & Good Spirits retail stores temporarily closed for renovations won't be offering curbside pickup. Most stores support curbside service Monday through Saturday - taking a limited number of orders on a first-call, first-served basis beginning at 9 a.m. each day and scheduling pickup appointments between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. those days - but some stores will operate on more limited days and hours. Many stores are continuing to take calls after 1 p.m., as they are able to continue fulfilling curbside pickup orders. All retail stores remain closed for public entry at this time, although additional information regarding store operations in counties moving from red to yellow May 8 will be provided.

**HOUSING:** The Wolf administration has outlined housing policies and recommendations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigation efforts. The departments of Human Services (DHS) and Community and Economic Development (DCED), the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), and other state agencies have collaborated to issue recommendations to stem foreclosures, evictions and utility shut-offs, as well as serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 emergency. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ordered a halt to eviction and foreclosure proceedings during the COVID-19 emergency, and the Office of the Attorney General has reiterated this policy.

**LICENSES AND LEARNER'S PERMITS:** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that expiration dates for driver licenses, identification cards and learner's permits will be extended for Pennsylvania residents in response to statewide COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Effective April 30, expiration dates for driver licenses, photo ID cards and learner's permits scheduled to expire from March 16, through May 31, are now extended through June 30. These extensions are in addition to those announced on March 27.

**ELECTRONIC INCOME TAX FILING:** The Department of Revenue is encouraging Pennsylvanians to take advantage of user-friendly electronic filing options for their Pennsylvania personal income tax returns (PA-40s). Even though the deadline for filing 2019 tax returns has been extended to July 15 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, filing now electronically is a good option, including for Pennsylvanians who are expecting a tax refund.

**NATIONAL GUARD:** Governor Wolf has signed into law House Bill 1869, which allows for National Guard members called to active duty to be covered under the Heart and Lung Act if they contract COVID-19 while performing their duties.

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:** With the historic surge in people seeking unemployment compensation (UC), Labor & Industry (L&I) Secretary Jerry Oleksiak offered six tips to help Pennsylvanians more quickly receive the benefits they have earned and deserve.

1. Review COVID-19-related FAQs - Answers to many of your UC questions are in the Frequently Asked Questions section of L&I's website, as well as on Facebook and Twitter.

2. Check your claims status online - If you have your Personal Identification Number (PIN), enter it along with your Social Security number to check your claims status online.

3. Know what to do if you haven't received your debit card - If you haven't received your U.S. Bank ReliaCard debit card, log into your UC account online and verify your mailing address. Debit cards are valid for three years, if you already have a debit card from a previous claim, or reopen an existing claim, you will not receive a new debit card. You will continue to use the original debit card. If your card has been lost or stolen, call U.S. Bank at 888-233-5916. Contact the PA Treasury for basic information about the debit card or direct deposit questions at 877-869-1956.

4. Apply online now - Need to file a new claim and want to know if you're eligible? Don't delay by asking us. Submit your claim and let our staff determine your eligibility.

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**FORECAST FOR LEHIGH VALLEY PENNSYLVANIA**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 46%. Northeast wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 1949. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 45°. Southwest wind 4 mph. The record low for tonight is 36° set in 2011. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 40% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 59°, humidity of 45%. Northwest wind 4 to 8 mph. Thursday night, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain, overnight low of 47°. West wind 6 mph. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of isolated rain, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 43%. West southwest wind 6 to 13 mph.

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**Prevention**

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- Clean surfaces frequently.
- If you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.

**Symptoms**

- Watch for symptoms and emergency warning signs:
- Pay attention for potential COVID-19 symptoms, including, fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call your doctor.

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

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

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

**If you are sick**

- Stay home and call your doctor
- Call your health care provider and let them know about your symptoms. Tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help them take care of you and keep other people from getting infected or exposed.
- If you are not sick enough to be hospitalized, you can recover at home. Follow CDC instructions for how to take care of yourself at home.

- Know when to get emergency help
- Get medical attention immediately if you have any of the emergency warning signs listed above.

**Who to call:**

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**MAMA'S MUSINGS Home and safe**

Like every other family in Bethlehem, we are doing school at home. Beyond the challenges of also working two jobs from home, getting James to do his schoolwork is an exercise in patience. Or frustration.



By Lani Goins

I quickly gave up trying to work with him in the afternoon after my day job ended for the day. It is the worst time of day for him. He has ADHD, and it makes doing any work with him challenging.

I finally did most of his work with him over the weekend, breaking it into five-minute sessions, spread an hour or more apart. Some of the papers had three questions grouped close together. Even an adult with a steady hand and a ruler would have had trouble filling in the responses. James' first response covered the whole response area. So I grabbed another sheet of paper to finish the responses.

When we were finished, I organized everything in preparation for scanning and uploading. The last sheet felt a little heavy. I turned it over. A splotch of blue Play-Doh was in the back center of the page. Luckily, I caught it before it went through the scanner.

So the first file I sent to his teacher was "assignments minus one page."

I scanned the Play-Doh page on its own. Given the trials of getting the work done, a little Play-Doh stain? No big deal.

The shutdown/isolation is challenging, and different. But at the end of the day, we're home, and safe. Love is what matters, Play-Doh and all.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**BASD: Dr. Roy's April 21 message**

Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Roy has posted a brief message to the Class of 2020 at Freedom and Liberty high schools. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVsY8Alqy-Wo&feature=emb\\_logo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVsY8Alqy-Wo&feature=emb_logo). For the BASD 2019-2020 Spring calendar with changes and the 2020-21 school district calendar, visit [www.basdschools.org/calendars#calendar1/20200421/month](http://www.basdschools.org/calendars#calendar1/20200421/month).

**School nurses available**

The certified school nurses are available for support and assistance regarding the COVID 19 testing and coronavirus concerns. Email the nurse at the child's school. Call a health care provider for emergency medical needs. The nurses do not provide this information.

Information is also available by calling St. Luke's Triage Hotline, 208-381-9500. For free online screenings, call Lehigh Valley Health Network, MyLVHN Nurse information line: 1-888-402-LVHN. The Pennsylvania Department of Health phone number is 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

**LHS: Li chosen for Olympiad**

Daniel Li, a Liberty HS junior, was chosen to compete in the week-long Canadian Computing Olympiad at the The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The event, which includes workshops, a contest and other activities, is also used to determine participation in the International Olympiad in Informatics. The Olympiad is one of the most recognized computer science competitions in the world.

**East Hills: Frantz receives math award**

Olivia Frantz from East Hills was presented with a Certificate of Merit for correctly answering Challenge 2 in The Hardest Math Problem student contest. The program is part of the "Expect the Unexpected With Math," a program of the Actuarial Foundation.

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"Important aspects about B.I.G.," explained Hopeton, "center on our willingness to embrace difference, our willingness to acknowledge difference, that we do not celebrate the same creed, or the same sacrament, or holy day; how-

ever, we can be respectful and supportive of each other. I believe if all of our religious entities were to narrow down a short list of words that we value, I think 'hope' might be on everybody's list [...] and that's a ma-

major prescription for the global pandemic we are facing. If there is any way religious leaders can find it possible to model the gift of hope for our community, that will be phenomenal, and coming together on

what is typically celebrated nationwide as a day of prayer, and for us to call it the Bethlehem Interfaith Hour of Prayer, is I think taking a step toward welcoming everyone and offering to everyone a gift of hope."

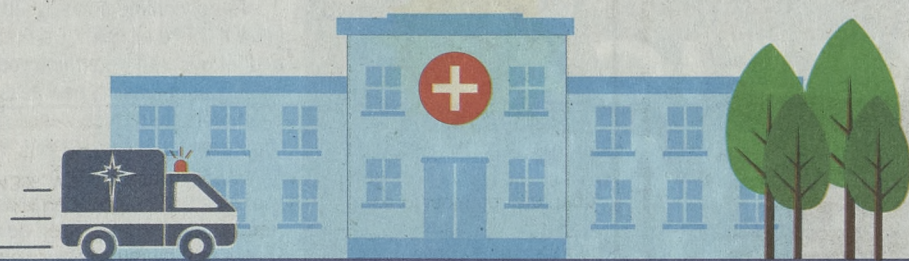
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# SWITCH HITTER

Palmer Township plant converts Major League Baseball uniform manufacturing to face masks

BY ED COURRIER  
 Special to The Press

With America's favorite pastime sheltered in place in the dugout, Fanatics, Inc. has teamed up with Major League Baseball (MLB) to provide protective gear for those on the frontlines battling the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Fanatics Founder and Executive Chairman Michael Rubin called MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred Jr. and proposed temporarily halting baseball team jersey production at the Fanatic's Palmer Township plant to produce desperately-needed face masks and gowns.

Manfred "loved the idea," according to Rubin, and agreed to have MLB and Fanatics split the \$3 million in costs necessary to manufacture and donate the protective gear.

The Fanatics plant near Easton manufactures MLB uniforms and fan gear. Fanatics bought the former Majestic plant in 2017. With approximately 500 employees, the plant is the biggest apparel manufacturer in the Lehigh Valley's once booming textile industry.

Opening Day for MLB was to have been March 26. It's been postponed until as late as July 4.

"We have already begun production of up to one million  
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Workers in Yankees and Phillies uniforms-derived gowns and masks at the Fanatics, Inc. plant in Easton.

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**CORONAVIRUS**  
 CHALLENGE & RESPONSE

# Coronavirus impact

Third time not the charm for Mayfair at Cedar Crest: Arts Fest canceled for 2020

BY PAUL WILLISTEIN  
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The third time is not the charm for Mayfair with the announcement that concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic have forced cancellation of the 2020 arts festival.

Mayfair Festival of the Arts was to return May 22-24 for the third year on the Cedar Crest College campus in Allentown.

The three-day festival, as with Memorial Day, May 24, is regarded as the unofficial start of summer in the Lehigh Valley. The first day of summer is June 20.

On its website, Cedar Crest College announced cancellation of Mayfair Festival of the Arts because of "ongoing efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic."

The coronavirus pandemic has raged through the region's arts and entertainment scene like the Grim Reaper's scythe making a swath through a field of golden wheat.

Even with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's April 22 announcement of a three-phase reopening of certain activities and businesses, starting May 8 in the commonwealth, the cancellation of Mayfair is the latest among major Lehigh Valley arts and

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Mayfair 2020 was to return for the third year to the Cedar Crest College campus in Allentown.

## 'I've written a play and I didn't think I could'

The wonder of Touchstone Theatre's Young Playwrights' Festival goes online

BY DAVE HOWELL  
 Special to The Press

You probably don't think that a third-grader can write a play.

Most of them don't think so either. But Touchstone Theatre's Young Playwrights' Festival proves that they can.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the 15th Annual Young Playwrights' Festival will be presented online, 7 p.m. May 9.

Links to the online festival will be posted at noon May 9 on Touchstone's website: <http://www.touchstone.org/>

The videos of the plays will be posted on Touchstone Theatre's YouTube channel.

The students' plays are being presented as staged readings rather than, as planned, as performances in Baker Theatre, Zoellner Arts Center,

Lehigh University.

But you can still experience the sense of wonder created by students from third grade through high school.

"We don't just sit down and write," says Mary Wright, Touchstone Young Playwrights' Lab Coordinator and Ensemble Member.

"We use traditional theater games, activities and theater improvisation to come up with ideas.

"The kids play with ideas while they are on their feet. We let them know it's OK to be a little goofy.

"They are drawn in and aren't aware they are actually doing it, but before they realize it, they are starting to write.

"They will say, 'I've written a play. I didn't think I could write.'"

The Young Playwrights' Festival is the culmination of the Young Play-

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Young Playwrights' Lab program, Freemansburg Elementary School, Bethlehem Area School District, part of 15th annual Young Playwrights' Festival, 7 p.m. May 9, which is online for 2020.

## CORONAVIRUS manage stress

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entertainment events to fall in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Golf courses, with no access to clubhouses, and camping facilities were allowed to reopen May 1 when construction projects were also allowed to resume. State Store curbside pickup, with online advance orders limited to six bottles per customer, was expanded April 27.

Wolf's March 16 order for nonessential businesses to cease was preceded by his March 13 order that closed public and charter schools, and was followed by his March 25 stay-at-home order for Lehigh and Northampton counties.

The State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, which is closed until further notice, announced April 23 that the 18th annual Freddy Awards won't be presented in 2020. Instead, "Freddy Awards: A Television Special Celebrating the High School Musical Class of 2020" will be telecast 6:30 p.m. May 21, 69-WFMZ, a partner with the State Theatre in presenting the awards show.

Cancellations include concerts through June at Miller Symphony Hall, Allentown, also closed until further notice; concerts through May at Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem, also closed until further notice; Northampton Community College Summer Theatre, June 3 - Aug. 2, Bethlehem, and postponement of the 17th annual SouthSide Film Festival, June 16-20, Bethlehem.

Other venues canceling or postponing concerts include ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks; Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe; Sherman Theater, East Stroudsburg, Sellersville Theatre, and PPL Center, Allentown.

Closed until further notice include: Allentown Art Museum, Baum School of Art, Allentown; Banana Factory, Bethlehem; Civic Theatre of Allentown; Community Music School, Allentown; Wind Creek Bethlehem



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN

Cedar Crest College revived Mayfair in 2018 on its Allentown campus after the arts festival was canceled in 2017. Photo is of main stage outdoor tent at 2018 Mayfair.

and Wind Creek Event Center, and movie theaters.

In addition, The Pennsylvania Playhouse, Bethlehem, has postponed "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," May 29-June 14, until Aug. 14-30. Ticket-holders are to go to [www.paplayhouse.org](http://www.paplayhouse.org) or call 610-865-6665.

Also, Pennsylvania Playhouse has canceled "Annie," July 24-Aug. 9. "It's Impossible to cast and rehearse due to the ever-changing phases of reopening Pennsylvania," Rody Gilkeson, Pennsylvania Playhouse Theater Administrator, stated in an email.

The coronavirus pandemic forced cancellation of the 113th Bach Festival, May 8, 9 and May 15, 16, Bethlehem; 40th Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre, June 11-July 26, Allentown, and the 29th Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, May 29-Aug. 2, DeSales University, Center Valley.

In Allentown, still to be impacted could be the annual Baum School of Art auction, May 16, and annual City Arts Camp.

The arts camp, a collaboration of Allentown Art Museum, Baum School of Art, Civic Theatre of Allentown, Community Music School, Miller Symphony Hall, and Repertory Dance Theatre, was held June

24-28, 2019.

The impact through the summer of social-distancing guidelines and limits of gatherings to 10 or fewer on the arts scene remains to be seen.

Still to be heard from in the trifecta of tourism in the Lehigh Valley that kicks off the first weekend in August are Musikfest, July 31-Aug. 9, and Das Awkscht Fescht, July 31-Aug. 2.

The entire season of the Drum Corp International, starting June 18 and including the DCI Eastern Classic, July 31 and Aug. 1, J. Birney Crum Stadium, Allentown and the third of the Lehigh Valley tourism trifecta, has been canceled.

Even the Allentown Fair, Sept. 1-6, may not be immune from the coronavirus.

It's also unknown whether the 149th Kutztown Fair, Aug. 10-15, will be affected.

The big question regarding the Allentown Fair, as well as Musikfest, has to do with Fairgrounds Grandstand and Wind Creek Main Stage concert headliners, respectively, which could be impacted by tour cancellations.

Mayfair, during Memorial Day weekend, and the Allentown Fair, spanning the Labor Day weekend, bookend the Lehigh Valley region

unofficial summer entertainment season.

And now one of those bookends is gone for 2020.

In an April 27 statement on the Cedar Crest College website, Audra Kahr, chair of the Mayfair committee and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Cedar Crest College, said:

"As excited and hopeful as we were to welcome the community to our campus for another great celebration of art, performance and food, the safety and well-being of our campus community, volunteers, vendors, performers and guests remains of utmost importance.

"We will turn our focus to planning for the 2021 festival, while also doing what we can to keep the spirit of Mayfair alive in the meantime," Kahr said.

According to the Cedar Crest website, "In the absence of a physical festival, Mayfair will use its social media channels on Facebook and Instagram @cccmayfair to support and promote the artists, performers and vendors that were slated to participate in this year's festival, as well as share highlights from the past two festivals that were held on campus."

The Cedar Crest website states that it brought

the more than 30-year Mayfair tradition back to Allentown and the Lehigh Valley in 2018, after the festival had been canceled by former organizers in 2017.

"The college returned the festival to the roots that had made it a beloved kickoff to summer in the region, drawing more than 20,000 attendees with free admission and family activities, and showcasing area artists, performers and vendors," states the Cedar Crest website.

The 2019 Mayfair featured "twice as many artists and food vendors, expanded hours and some new faces," according to an article in the May 23, 2019, Focus section of Lehigh Valley Press.

Mayfair 2019 had multiple stages with popular local and regional bands performing, an artists' market, children's activities, food stands and beer and wine. Admission is free. Free parking is available on the college campus.

For 2019, there were more than 50 artists in "The Artists Market" outside on the 84-acre tree-lined campus and inside Lees Hall.

Artists' displays and demonstrations included pottery, sculpture, painting and photography.

The Baum School of Art had a children's art

tent offering free art projects.

Tours were given of the college's William F. Curtis Arboretum, which has more than 150 species of trees.

There were more than 30 performances at the 2019 festival on two stages, a main stage off College Drive and a bandstand stage at the Blaney Hall circle, where performers included Lucky 7, The Large Flowerheads, BC Combo, Philadelphia Funk Authority, James Supra and Sarah Ayers and Rubix Cube.

More than 20 food vendors were at Mayfair 2019.

Cedar Crest College, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2017, came to Mayfair's rescue in 2018 when the annual Allentown music and arts festival was canceled in 2017 after nearly three decades.

Mayfair was founded 33 years ago as a free arts and music festival in Cedar Beach Park and Union Terrace, a successor to center city Allentown's Celebration festival and Super Sunday.

Although initially attracting thousands of people, Mayfair was plagued by bad weather and struggled financially.

In 2005, the festival put up gates and started charging admission, but still faced the uncertainty of the weather.

In 2013, Mayfair moved to the Agri-Plex at the Allentown Fairgrounds, where it had indoor and outdoor venues. Admission continued to be charged.

**Mayfair Information:** [https://www.cedarc Crest.edu/news/42720\\_mayfair.shtm](https://www.cedarc Crest.edu/news/42720_mayfair.shtm)

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**VIRUS**

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masks and gowns from the fabric used to make the official MLB jerseys and then donating to hospitals and emergency management personnel," says Rubin.

Having started with the available textiles in stock, the non-surgical grade, single-use masks and gowns bear the

same pin stripes worn by professional athletes on the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Yankees baseball teams. As the need continues, Fanatics, Inc. plans to use fabric from other MLB teams.

"I'm proud that Major League Baseball can partner with Fanatics to help support the brave healthcare workers and emergency personnel

who are on the frontlines of helping patients with COVID-19. They are truly heroes," says Manfred.

"We hope this effort can play a part in coming together as a community to help us through this challenging situation," Manfred says.

**Information: [www.fanatics.com](http://www.fanatics.com)**

**Music Fest canceled at Allentown Fairgrounds**

The Great Pennsylvania Music & Arts Celebration at the Agri-Plex, Allentown Fairgrounds, Memorial Day weekend, has been canceled because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Pennsylvania's Music Preservation Society, which produces the event, is partnering with WFMZ-TV, Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure, Jr. and Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council, for an audio-streaming event as part of a nationwide "Moment of Remembrance," 3 p.m. May 28, Memorial Day.

"We still wanted to offer a way to keep Memorial Day from becoming just another day of physical distancing," said Pennsylvania's Music Preservation Society Executive Director Carole Gorney.

"Our usual programs have been placed on hold due to the coronavirus," said Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council President Major General Gerald Still.

In the 40-minute Memorial Day event, residents are to go onto porches or lawns, or participate from apartment windows, at their residences.

"It will encourage people while maintaining safe distances to wave at their neighbors to wish them well, to observe the national minute of silence together at 3 p.m., listen to 'Taps' and sing 'God Bless America' with music streaming live on their iPhones, iPads and smart phones."

Residents may hold up signs or wave flags. The streaming mes-

sages will include gratitude to nurses, doctors and first-responders.

"It will also be an opportunity to remember our deceased military who gave their lives in service to the country, and to those coronavirus victims who have died," said Gorney.

"Memorial Day is a day to remember all those individuals who sacrificed everything. I encourage all Americans to take a few moments on Memorial Day to hear and participate in our audio-streaming program to honor the sacrifices made for all of us," said Still.

"This is the perfect way for us to stay connected as a community, without risking our health and safety," said Gorney.

**LCCC**

Students eligible for COVID funds

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) students impacted by COVID-19 will have access to grants through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that is part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

LCCC has received

nearly \$2 million for emergency grants to students who experience unexpected educational expenses or financial hardship because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic while a student at LCCC.

The college has established guidelines for award amounts, which will be awarded on a case-by-case basis, with the total not to exceed \$6,195 per student. Here are the guidelines with maxi-

mum amounts listed for each cost category: Child-care, \$500; Food-meals, \$500; Housing and utility, \$1,000; Technology expenses, \$1,500; Books and supplies, \$1,000, and Transportation, \$500

To apply, students must complete an online application found at [www.LCCC.edu/scholarships](http://www.LCCC.edu/scholarships). Information: Financial Aid Office, [fnaid@mymail.lccc.edu](mailto:fnaid@mymail.lccc.edu).

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# Coronavirus conversations have gone viral

Dear Jacquelyn,  
It feels as if almost every conversation veers toward talk of the coronavirus. How can I politely change the topic to something besides the pandemic?

**RESPECTFULLY YOURS**

By Jacquelyn Youst



When you are engaged in a conversation with someone who won't stop discussing the news, you can say you would like a break from that topic.

Honesty is always best.

Say, "I love talking to you, but can we talk about something positive instead?" People should feel comfortable enough to say, "I hear you're anxious. I'm feeling anxious too, and I'm trying to give myself a break for a couple hours."

It's an understatement to say the coronavirus has changed life as we knew it. Life doesn't look or sound anything like it did two months ago.

The fear that the pan-

demic has caused also brought something else: an opportunity for compassion. Even though it's difficult to listen to someone who needs to talk to their way through it, it opens up the opportunity for us to empathize.

Remember, we're all in this together.

Respectfully Yours, Jacquelyn

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# A lesson from a Roly Poly Clown

When my daughters were babies, they had fun playing with a bottom-weighted clown. Whenever they pushed the clown over, it immediately shot back up again.

They kept trying to keep the clown down, but nothing could stop it from popping back up.

With the coronavirus shaking us all to the core, I'm a bit like the Roly Poly Clown.

I fall under the weight of what has become our somber world. But then I pop back up again.

Sometimes I'm weighed down by fear or heartache and it takes longer to summon the wherewithal to pop back up.

But I'm rather resilient by nature and have even been called irrepressible.

I may bow over with worry or grief, but it won't be long before I bounce back.

It was especially hard this week when friends and acquaintances contracted the virus.

Life keeps getting scarier.

To make matters worse, the country is at odds over just about everything.

Living in hot, tropical Florida, I was heartened when the technology adviser of Homeland Security said government scientists found ultraviolet rays had a potent impact on the virus.

But before we could harbor hope from the announcement, "the other side" was declaring it wasn't true.

Every single thing has to be politicized. Hope has to be tamped down.

Do you get the feeling it's more important for some politicians to turn everything into politics rather than giving us cause for hope and optimism?

Like Martin Luther King Jr., I, too, have a dream. I have a dream that all politicians will work together for the good of the country and the future of all of us.

It's so easy to drown in negativity. But I found a cure for that. I shut off the television and refused to read another COVID-19 story.

When I did that I finally was able to regain peace and even joy.

This week I celebrated a big milestone birthday in the most low-key way possible.

My daughters and I had plans to go to Costa Rica to celebrate together. When that seemed too risky, we settled on a homespun solution, with plans to visit beautiful sights in Florida.

Ha. With the need for social distancing, getting together with my daughters will be via Zoom only.

A while back I heard Joni Eareckson Tada says her paralysis doesn't stop her from marveling at the awesome world outside her window.

"When our world narrows, that allows us to focus in on more of the beauty around us," she said.

Exactly.

I don't need a foreign trip or travel to exotic places to see a world almost too beautiful to comprehend.

It's right in front of me.

I sat outside on my lanai last night until it got too dark to see because the beauty of nature filled my soul with

**WARMEST REGARDS**

By Pattie Mihalik

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gladness. It was a remarkable show of nature when strong wind gusts did all the palm trees doing a vigorous dance.

Tree limbs fell to the ground like paper being tossed in the air.

A windstorm is fun to watch when you're safe at home and the day is balmy despite the wind.

It's especially nice to be outdoors on a day like this.

I watched a few birds glide high above me and wondered how they could fly in the face of such wind.

Especially intriguing was a squadron of birds that flew in and out of formation with military precision.

I wondered how they each decided at the exact same time to change direction without breaking formation.

Yes, I know. I have an endless fascination with birds.

All this brought home a simple truth. There's a wonderful world out there that can uplift your spirits.

All you have to do during these horrid times is to get away from the television set long enough to glory in God's endlessly beautiful creation.

To celebrate my birthday I plan to do exactly that, filling myself with the beauty and majesty that is ours each day.

Anyone who knows me understands how sentimental I am about my birthday.

I don't need material presents but I do need gifts, and each year I get gifts in abundance.

Once, my birthday gift was a field of bluebells. Often, it was the cover of violets that often appeared in my backyard on my birthday.

Sometimes my gift was the presence of one of my favorite people. While the coronavirus will preclude socializing with anyone except my husband, I'm not giving it the power to upend my birthday.

Truth be told, when we see everything that comes our way as a gift, we can't help but be filled with joy and gratitude.

While I'm not at the point where I will ever regard the coronavirus as a gift, I know that forced time alone will lead to other gifts.

Being a true people person, I would rather surround myself with family and friends.

Thanks to Facebook, social media and Zoom, I'll enjoy my favorite people differently this year.

Instead of living in fear, I vow to celebrate each and every day of life.

And if I get knocked over by the trials of life, I vow to be like that Roly Poly Clown and get right back up again.

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# Ice-cream intervention for bickering children

**Q. My three children ages 8, 11 and 13, constantly bicker. What can I do to keep them from fighting?**

The problem here, according to panelist Joanne Raftas, is sibling rivalry. "The children are vying for the attention of the parents," Raftas said.

This rivalry is normal, Erin Stalsitz said. "Siblings fight, and it is a normal part of growing up. You could let them work things out as long as they are not hurting each other. But if it gets out of hand, have parents take turns and limit the interaction amongst the children if they cannot get along," Stalsitz said.

Panelist Mike Daniels takes the side of the children in the context of stay-at-home orders because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"The parent says she is tired of hearing the children bicker, but the children didn't ask to be stuck at home with little to no contact with

**THE FAMILY PROJECT**

By Carole Gorney



friends and other family members. It is likely they are also tired and bored and restless," Daniels said.

If the parent gets frustrated with the bickering, it is OK to leave the room, as long as the children are safe, panelist Pam Wallace said. "Besides helping the parent, leaving removes the attention-getting factor," said Wallace.

When bickering begins, Raftas recommended that the parent have all three children sit down, and then ask each child to speak one at a time while holding some object. The kicker is that after each child has had a chance to voice his or her opinion, the children, not the parent, has to come up with a solution.

"After they do this one time, they may not

want to do it again, and so bickering will be reduced," Raftas said, adding, "In this approach, the children are no longer getting the desired result of the parent taking sides or solving problems for them."

Just for fun, set aside some time to play the quiet game, panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo suggested. "The parent may want to add the use of gestures to express feelings or communicate as a group while being quiet. No mean gestures, just happy ones. It may work for them," said Mercado-Arroyo.

When all else fails, Daniels said, "use the ice cream intervention."

This week's team of parenting experts are: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Erin Stalsitz, Lehigh Children & Youth; Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, educator and former school administrator; Joanne Raftas, Psychotherapist, and Mike Dan-

iels, LCSW, Psychotherapist.

*Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildv.org*

**The Family Project is a collaboration of the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section and Valley Youth House's Project Child.**

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# Cataract, LASIK, surgery can improve vision

*Last of four parts*

There are three basic ways to correct faulty vision: eyeglasses, contact lenses or surgery. In this column, we'll cover surgery.

Surgery is used to correct a variety of eye disorders. Of special interest to seniors is surgery for cataracts, so we'll start there.

A cataract is a clouding of the lens, the clear part of the eye that helps focus images like the lens in a camera. Cataracts can blur images and discolor them.

The most common procedure used for removing cataracts is called phacoemulsification. A small incision is made in the side of the cornea (the front part of your eye), where your physician inserts a tiny instrument that uses high-frequency ultrasound to break up the center of the cloudy lens and carefully suction it out.

After the cloudy lens has been removed, the surgeon will replace it with an intraocular lens (IOL) implant made of plastic, silicone or acrylic.

**HEALTHY GEEZER**

By Fred Cicetti

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Most cataracts are related to aging. By age 80, more than half of all Americans either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery. Cataract removal is one of the most common operations performed in the United States. About nine out of 10 people who have the surgery have improved vision.

The most common symptoms of a cataract are: blurred images, faded colors, glare, poor night vision, double vision, and frequent prescription changes in your eyeglasses or contact lenses. If you have any of these symptoms, see your doctor, because they can be signs of other eye problems.

Another form of surgery to correct vision is called LASIK, which stands for Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis. LASIK improves vision by reshaping the cornea, the clear cov-

ering of the front of the eye.

Using a laser, an eye surgeon can free patients of eyeglasses and contact lenses. The results of LASIK have been improving because of technological advances and the experience of surgeons. More than 90 percent of people who've undergone refractive (vision-correction) surgery don't have to wear glasses or contacts most of the time.

The first laser was approved for eye surgery in 1998. The long-term safety and effectiveness of LASIK is unknown.

LASIK is an option if you are nearsighted, farsighted or have astigmatism. Some people with presbyopia, a vision error that comes with age, may benefit from LASIK eye surgery.

For patients with presbyopia, it's important to note that LASIK cannot correct vision so that one eye can see both far and near. However, LASIK can be done to allow one eye to see near and the other far, which is called monovision. If you can adjust to this correction, it may elim-

inate or reduce your need for reading glasses.

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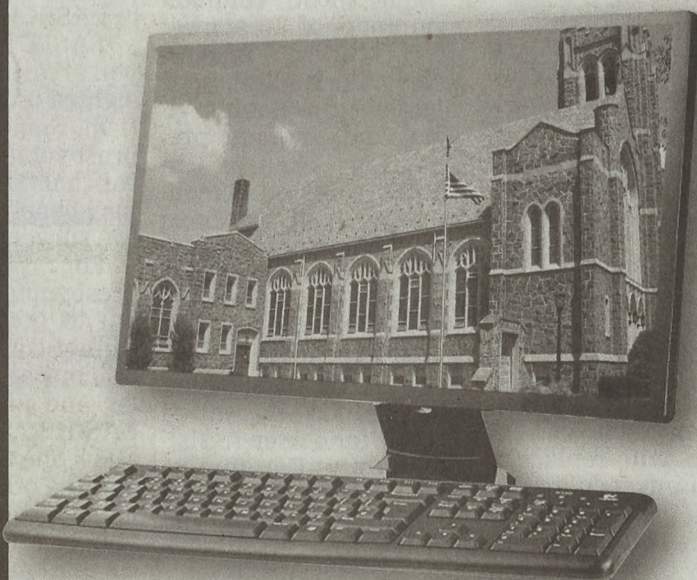
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10:30 a.m. Worship  
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www.uiv.org  
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New Tripoli, PA 18066  
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Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
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146 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18049  
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Rev. Rebecca Mallozzi  
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Nursery care provided  
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Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
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610-868-4441  
www.uccbethany.org  
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Interim Pastor, Rev. Homer E. Royer
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4415 Newburg Road  
Nazareth, PA 18064  
610-759-4444  
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or check website. Campus closed.
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Route 143, New Tripoli  
610-298-8000  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
(Ages 3-103)  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery Available  
Handicapped Accessible
- GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
902 Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton, PA 18067  
The Rev. Heather N. Kurtz  
610-262-7186 graceuccchurch.com  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Handicapped Accessible
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stjohnsuccmickleys.org  
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10:30 a.m. Worship  
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Emmaus 610-965-9158  
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9:15 Sunday School  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Informal Worship
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52 E. Susquehanna St. Allentown  
610-797-0181  
Rev. George Eckstein, Pastor  
Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Handicap Accessible
- ST. PAUL'S UCC CHURCH**  
3880 Werley's Corner Road  
Kempston, PA 19529  
610-285-6248  
Rev. Carl Siegfried  
9 a.m. Worship Service  
10 a.m. Christian Ed. For All Ages  
Handicap Parking/Accessibility
- ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
19th St. & Lincoln Ave.  
Northampton 610-261-2910  
Interim Pastor, Dave Schnaars  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
Nursery & Child Care provided  
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- ST. PAUL'S UCC, TREXLERTOWN**  
1249 Trelxertown Rd.  
Worship/Sunday Sch. 9:30 am  
Childcare available  
www.treuxucc.org  
610-395-4571
- ST. PETER'S LYNNVILLE UCC**  
5129 Schochary Road  
New Tripoli, PA  
610-298-8064  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Handicapped Accessible  
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- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS**  
2325 Albright Ave., Allentown  
610-435-1763  
www.uccgreenawalds.org  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Sanctuary Handicap Accessible
- UNION U.C.C.**  
5550 Route 873  
Neffs, PA 18065-0066  
610-767-6961  
www.unionucc.org  
8 a.m. Heritage Worship  
9:15 a.m. Education Hour (Sept.-May)  
10:30 a.m. Horizon Worship
- ZIEGEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9990 Ziegels Church Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
Phone: 610-285-6157  
Rev. Kent Rhodeshamel, Interim Pastor  
www.ziegelschurch.org  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11:05 Worship Service  
Handicapped Accessible
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620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown  
610-435-2412  
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## St. John's Lutheran Church offers online services due to COVID-19



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St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St., Emmaus, is offering Sunday services online since the church has suspended all worship services and church activities until at least June 1. "St. John's has a responsibility to the members of the church and to the members of our community. We will do our part to deter the spread of this deadly virus," Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens said.



Rev. Jeffrey S. Carstens said by canceling worship services and all other church activities, and by closing the church doors to all outside groups, "we are showing our community that we take the threat of the coronavirus seriously and are doing our part to minimize the risk of spreading the virus." For more information on services or to view past services and messages, visit www.stjohnsemmaus.org.



# LVHN resumes elective surgery

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) has reopened COVID-free hospitals for elective surgery.

The three COVID-free hospitals are:

- Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) - Tilghman, 4815 Tilghman St., Allentown. (Opened May 1)

- Coordinated Health Allentown, 1503 N. Cedar Crest Blvd. (Opened April 30)

- Coordinated Health Bethlehem, 2310 Highland Ave. (Opening May 11)

A COVID-free facility is a hospital that has been quarantined throughout the pandemic, a stand-alone building that has never seen a COVID-19 case and is physically separated from those who care for patients with COVID-19.

"We have kept these facilities free from COVID-19 and will do everything we can to make certain they stay that way," said Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer.

According to Nester, the COVID-19 caseload in LVHN hospitals has plateaued, and the rate of growth of new cases in the community is declining.

"Now it's time to re-



Brian Nester

open our services and get back to providing the services people need," Nester said. "As we recover, it is imperative that we continue to provide COVID-safe care in every location where we see patients."

Nester said stringent safety protocols will ensure these facilities remain as free as possible from COVID-19. He adds these protocols will make the patient experience more streamlined than ever before.

LVHN will implement the following steps to maintain or exceed Non-COVID Care standards:

- Open a separate test center for health-care providers and pre-op patients

- Screen colleagues for COVID-19 infection daily and perform COVID-19 tests with front-line col-

leagues regularly

- Screen surgery and procedure patients for COVID-19 infection and, when warranted, test certain patients who may be at risk for COVID-19 infection

- Plan surgery times that stagger patient arrival, helping to ensure social distancing

- Encourage use of the EASE app at LVHN - Tilghman so family members can stay informed while not remaining in the hospital during a surgery or procedure

- Reinvent check-in and waiting room protocols to ensure people complete pre-surgery assessments, registration and check-in virtually

- Activate frequent cleaning and disinfection protocols to ensure the surgery facilities remain as free of the COVID-19 virus as possible

Nester said LVHN will continue its legacy of providing safe care by designating "Non-COVID Care Zones" in all LVHN hospitals.

"I have personally visited all of our ICUs, emergency departments and COVID-19 units to thank our fabulous care teams and to see our safety procedures in practice," said Nester.

"I've been able to do

this safely because of the safe and innovative procedures our caregivers rigorously adhere to. People can feel confident that our team is here to provide safe access for every member of the family, whether it's in the hospital or the office setting," Nester said.

"In our practices and ambulatory settings, we're leveraging the capabilities of MyLVHN to provide virtual care and lessen face-to-face interactions," Nester said. "We are staggering patient arrival times to promote social distancing. We revamped the patient check-in and office experience and are providing visual cues that remind people they are receiving COVID-safe care at LVHN."

Nester thanked LVHN physicians, nurses and staff for their commitment to providing safe and innovative care, as well as for persevering through the pandemic.

"I know this has been a challenging time for all of us. What I also know is that by working together, LVHN will emerge from this stronger, and will continue to be the trusted health care partner our community needs, expects and deserves," Nester said.



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Neffs National Bank, Walnutport, is first branch for bank.

## Neffs Bank opens Walnutport branch

The Neffs National Bank has opened a second location, 211 S. Best Avenue, Walnutport.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Walnutport office lobby is open by appointment only until further notice.

To schedule an appointment at the Walnutport office, call 610-224-2265.

The office drive-through facility is open for basic in-person transactions.

The Walnutport office is led by Branch Manager Pearl A. Sheckler, Assistant Branch Man-

ager Michelle Fillman and Customer Service Manager Janine K. McColley.

Sheckler has more than 25 years of experience in community banking, many as a branch manager.

Fillman has more than 30 years of experience in banking, including branch operations, management, lending and customer service.

McColley has 25 years of experience in community banking and has been with The Neffs National Bank location since February 2013.

## Miller-Keystone, Red Cross still seeking plasma donations

Miller-Keystone Blood Center and the American Red Cross seek plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients.

The convalescent plasma program is overseen by the Mayo Clinic.

Lehigh Valley Health Network is part of the national compassionate-use trial, and so far, has treated six COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma.

There is a waiting list of COVID-19 patients awaiting plasma matches.

"At the present time, no medications have been proven to treat this illness. We are eager to offer any potential interventions like convalescent plasma that might make a difference for our critically-ill COVID-19 patients," said Dr. Timothy Friel, Chair, Department of Medicine, Lehigh Valley Health Network.

"The only way we can continue to offer this option to patients and gath-

er the data to determine if this treatment works if for people to donate plasma," Friel said.

Plasma, which is the liquid part of blood, cannot be manufactured by a pharmaceutical company. Donations from recovered patients ensure a continued supply for the investigational therapy.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is permitting the use of convalescent plasma as an investigational treatment for patients with moderate or severe COVID-19 infection. It is considered an investigational treatment because clinical studies have started but have not yet been completed.

When a person contracts a virus such as COVID-19, the immune system creates antibodies to fight the virus. Those who have recovered from COVID-19 may have immune-boosting antibodies in their plasma, called "convalescent plasma,"

that could be used to treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. This provides a boost to the immune system of the sick patient and may help speed the recovery process.

A recovered COVID-19 patient can donate plasma 28 days after symptoms have resolved or 14 days if receiving a negative COVID-19 test.

Patients interested in making donations have the same screening that is performed on all blood product donors.

To become a convalescent plasma donor, contact the MyLVHN Nurse Line at 888-402-LVHN (5846).

Information: [www.LVHN.org/COVID19](http://www.LVHN.org/COVID19); [www.GiveaPlint.org](http://www.GiveaPlint.org); [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

## Lehigh Valley Physician Group has reopened 50-plus facilities

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) reopened more than 50 Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) practices and some ExpressCARE locations May 1 in the Lehigh Valley.

The facilities closed in early April because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

COVID-safe precautions, including staggered patient arrival times, are in effect. Same-day appointments, virtually or in-person, are guaranteed. Hours have been expanded to include weekends.

"With COVID-19 still in our community, we are putting in place several measures to protect our patients. Among them, our care team members will have temperatures taken at

the start of every shift and we are implementing even more rigorous cleaning and patient flow protocols to ensure all facilities and patient care areas are safe," said Jennifer Stephens, DO, Chief Medical Officer, LVPG.

Additional measures LVPG is taking to ensure patient safety include:

- Having patients wait in their vehicle instead of the waiting room. Upon arrival, a patient is to call the office from the parking. When it's time for the appointment, a patient will be called.

- Patients and an accompanying visitor must wear a face mask unless a medical reason prevents it.

- All patients and vis-

itors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon entering the LVPG office.

Social distancing in spacing out seating will be observed in waiting areas.

"We will continue to recommend virtual-care options, like telephone visits, e-visits and video visits for care that does not require an in-person appointment," Stephens said. "By using our secure patient portal, called MyLVHN, patients can complete many steps that often occur at check in, such as completing questionnaires or doing eCheck-in, right from the convenience and comfort of their home."

Reopenings list: [www.LVHN.org/reopenings](http://www.LVHN.org/reopenings)

## LCCC will offer virtual open-house

Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC) will provide seven virtual information sessions via Zoom May 11-14.

Each session focuses on a career pathway. Students who are undecided on a major may attend any of the sessions, as general information will be shared at each of them. A question and answer session will follow the presentations made by faculty in the department.

In addition, after each session with the faculty, participants will have an opportunity to speak with a representative from: Admissions, Adult Learners and Veterans, Academic Advising and Transfer Advising, Financial Aid, Online Learning, Educational Support, English Language Learners and First-Year Experience Program and Honors Program.

Open houses are an opportunity for prospective students and their guests to ask questions, learn about how to apply and where to find information on financial-aid and scholarships, how to register for classes, what

degree programs are offered, what services support student success and more.

Information will be available on how to access emergency funds available to students impacted by COVID-19.

Following is the schedule of sessions:

2 - 3 p.m. May 11: Liberal Arts, General Studies, Arts, Communication and Design

10 - 11 a.m. May 12: Business, Legal and Administrative

2 - 3 p.m. May 12: Computer Science and Information Technology

10 - 11 a.m. May 13: Education, Criminal Justice, Public Service, Psychology and Social Work

2 - 3 p.m. May 13: Health Care

10 - 11 a.m. May 14: Manufacturing, Trades and Technology

2 - 3 p.m. May 14: Science, Engineering, Math and Veterinary Tech Assistant

To sign up for a session and receive the meeting link: [www.LCCC.edu/openhouse2020](http://www.LCCC.edu/openhouse2020)

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The Lehigh Valley Press would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who are sacrificing during this recent pandemic, including our healthcare providers. Your courage, knowledge and genuine caring are keeping our community safe. We wish you safety and health as you work to get us to the other side of this pandemic.

## THANK YOU

To all the Healthcare Workers  
From Janitors to Nurses to Doctors, etc.,  
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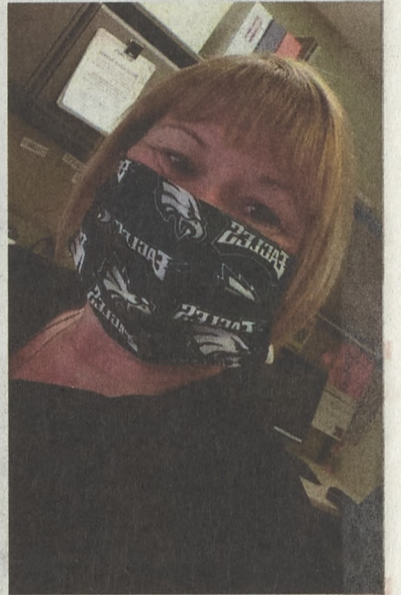
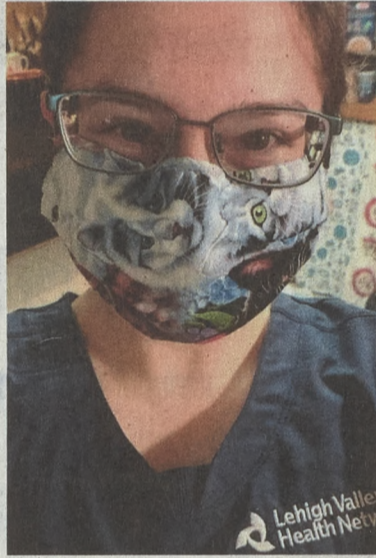
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**Becky Worthy** -  
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**Kristen Ahner**  
Your strength has always amazed me. From being a type 1 diabetic to now being a nurse taking care of Covid patients. Always giving them the best care and comforting them. She might not think she's a hero but me, her patients and many others do.

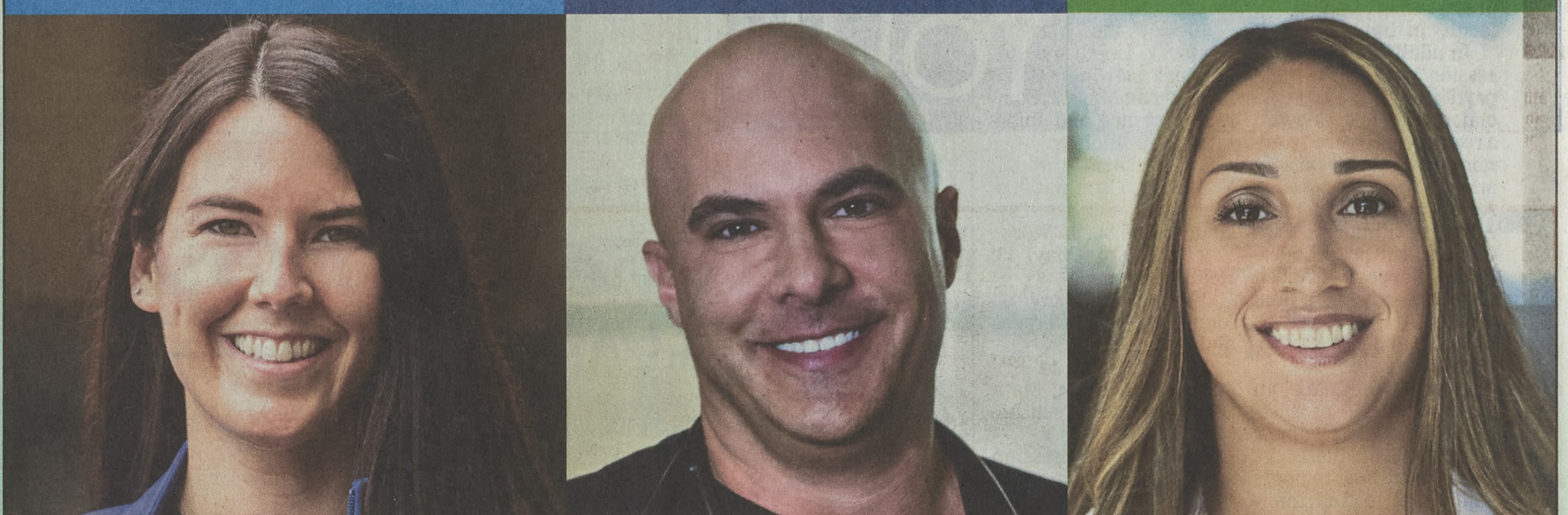
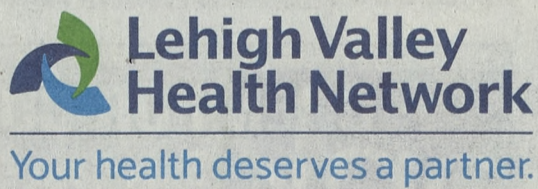


**Denise Vogrin**  
You have always been one to take life as it comes at you. We want to thank you for always being you and never backing down from a challenge!



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**Michael Hartman**  
Thank you for being on the frontlines as an anesthesiologist and helping all of those in need during this pandemic!



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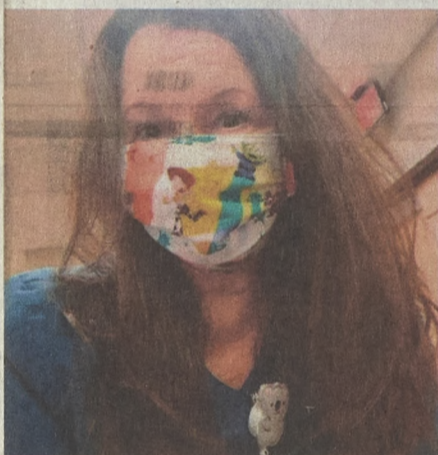


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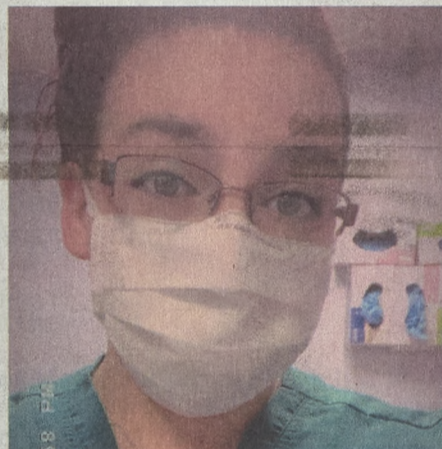
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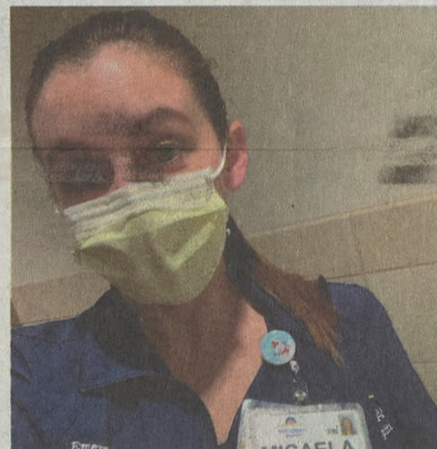
**Christina - ED Registration**



**Theresa Gusick**  
Thank you for all you do in the Lab ♥



**Dana Leibig**  
is a CNA in a local Lehigh hospital and she's still working. Thank you for all you're doing during this pandemic. Stay safe and I love you! - Your Sister



**Micaela Heffley**  
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**TOUCHSTONE**

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wrights' Lab, an eight-week arts and literacy residency developed by Touchstone and the Bethlehem Area School District, generally done as an after-school program.

This year, 12 programs were scheduled. Nine were completed before the coronavirus shutdown. About 180 students participated.

"Young kids let their imagination run completely wild," says Wright. "They create incredible worlds and use really deep themes."

Wright says the most common subjects are overcoming odds, overcoming hardship, the power of friendship, and the importance of family.

"This gives kids a chance to write whatever they want without working towards a test. We try to encourage kids to experiment with ideas."

"Currently, many of them don't have a chance to do creative writing, and this lets them enjoy the creative process."

This year, Wright read 130 plays that were considered for presentation. Each was of varying length. The longest was 16 pages. The play can be

as short as one page.

Some of the plays will be read live and some are being recorded. In addition to Touchstone Ensemble members, Touchstone affiliates from coast to coast will be participating.

Says Wright, "On the night of the festival I'll be live, talking to the audience and taking donations."

In previous years, the Young Playwrights' Festival was followed by Touchstone's annual Gala, which raised money through silent auctions and donations. It was held in the art gallery at Zoellner.

Without the Gala and ticket sales (this year's online event is free), Wright hopes online donations can help will the gap.

"This is a difficult time for people, but I hope that they feel they can give to support next year's program," says Wright.

The Young Playwrights' Festival came about as a side project of Touchstone's 2005 "Don Quixote Project," where the story of Quixote was presented at locations throughout Southside Bethlehem.

"Kids at Bethlehem's Donegan Elementary School wrote their own Don Quixote

play, which they performed in the halls of their school. It was wildly successful, and it started us thinking what they could do next year," says Wright.

The answer was Young Playwrights' Lab and Festival.

Plays chosen for this year's festival are: "Always Start from the Top" by Sean Haas of James Buchanan Elementary; "Trapped in YouTube" by Emerson Espinal, Melissa Rojas and Jael Garcia of Casa Guadalupe Center; "The Radioactive Octopus" by Jayden Velazquez of Donegan Elementary; "Where's My Icing?" by Skylar Snyder of Farmersville Elementary; "Jack and Jill and the Unknowns" by Esdras Aquino-Gomez of Fountain Hill Elementary; "The Dramatic Tale of the Singer that Can't Sing" by Ariana 'Ana' Stahley of Governor Wolf Elementary; "The Marching Band Prince That Saved the Aliens" by Abrielle Brennan of Nitschmann Middle School; "Pizza Man" by Izzah Freer and Junior Collazo of Sheridan Elementary. and "The Adventures of Charlie & Nesty" by Giana Vetter of Spring Garden Elementary.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mary Wright, Touchstone Young Playwrights' Lab Coordinator

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Wednesday, May 6: Mexican chicken, chuck wagon corn, cheesy potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, fresh apple slices.

Thursday, May 7: Swiss steak (beef patty topped with brown gravy and onions), glazed carrots, roasted beets, brown rice pilaf, Mandarin orange delight gelatin.

Friday, May 8: Open face hot turkey sandwich, chicken noodle soup, mashed potatoes, whole wheat bread, spiced peaches.

Monday, May 11: Fish Florentine, stewed tomatoes, side salad, whole wheat macaroni and cheese, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, May 12: California chicken (chicken topped with slice of ham, Swiss cheese, tomato), broccoli, parsley potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, chocolate pudding.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE Bids Wanted Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors, Heidelberg Township, Lehigh County at the Municipal Building at 6272 Route 309, Suite A, New Tripoli, PA 18066 until 3:00pm on Monday, May 18, 2020 when the bids will be open and read. Materials: All quantities are +/- -- 25 tons high performance cold patch -- Stone -- 100 tons #1 stone, 1,500 tons #8 stone 1.0% washed, 500 tons #57 stone 2.0% washed, 500 tons 2A aggregate, 500 tons 2RC -- 400 tons PennDot approved Type-2 anti-skid -- 50 tons R6 Riprap -- 500 tons 9.5mm Superpave asphalt wearing course -- 500 tons 25mm Superpave asphalt wearing course

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All proposals must be made upon the form furnished by the Township by calling the Township Administrator at 610-767-9297 ext. 14 or going on the township website at https://smex-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=www.heidelberglehigh.org.&umid=3cc39972-dd46-4084-959-0-6aa9957ad617&auth=438b0784514c1757bd202125ca4db8b0abdb021e-df8e0fecc480eb6b8cad4d1e96baa6e82ad15d36 The Supervisors reserve the right to reject any item or items and also reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Janice M. Meyers, Township Administrator

Apr. 29, May 6

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

The Upper Macungie Township Building Code Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M., at the Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville (one mile west of Route 100), to hear the following appeal:

#04 20 002 - The Appeal of Silgan Container, for property located at 8201 Industrial Boulevard, Breinigsville, PA, seeking relief to Item #6 of the review letter dated 2/17/20 dealing with riser heights required by Section 1011.5.2 of the International Building Codes. Appellants seek an interpretation contending the provisions of the code do not apply. In the alternative, a variance from the regulations is requested.

The board will take testimony, deliberate and may make a determination on this request at this hearing. A full copy of this application is available for public review during normal business hours at the Upper Macungie Township Municipal Office.

Applicants must appear at the hearing.

All interested parties may appear and be heard. Duane A. Dellecker, BCO Building Code Administrator

May 6

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [ ][ ][ ][3][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]; Row 2: [2][ ][ ][1][ ][8][ ][ ][ ][ ]; Row 3: [5][8][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][1][ ][ ]; Row 4: [6][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][1][ ][ ]; Row 5: [7][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][9][ ]; Row 6: [2][1][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][7][8][3][ ]; Row 7: [9][ ][ ][4][8][ ][ ][ ][2][ ][ ]; Row 8: [3][ ][ ][6][2][ ][ ][ ][5][ ][ ]; Row 9: [8][2][5][7][3][6][9][ ][ ][ ]

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Answer to previous puzzle

9x9 grid with numbers: Row 1: 3 9 1 8 4 6 5 2 7; Row 2: 8 6 5 2 3 7 9 1 4; Row 3: 7 2 4 1 5 9 8 3 6; Row 4: 4 1 9 7 2 8 6 5 3; Row 5: 2 3 6 4 1 5 7 9 8; Row 6: 5 8 7 9 6 3 2 4 1; Row 7: 9 4 8 3 7 2 1 6 5; Row 8: 1 5 2 6 8 4 3 7 9; Row 9: 6 7 3 5 9 1 4 8 2

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TLWMHLB "H URPLA'C R DMGL."

See solution on page B10

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

WHO TO WHO?

- ACROSS
1 Otis of elevator fame
7 One-named co-star of "Crime Without Passion"
12 "Striped" fish
16 Trick-or-treating mo.
19 Sine and cosine, say
20 Korean, e.g.
21 "I smell —!"
22 Golf standard
23 Road trip between apparitions?
26 LAX guess
27 Bobby on ice
28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.
29 Darling
30 Above, in verse
31 Unrefined
32 Phone conversation between ministers?
37 Little Bighorn tribe
40 Summer mo.
41 Many millennia
42 "The Wire" channel
43 Organic compound
44 Choose as a member
47 — Locka, Florida
49 Get back together, as alumni
51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?
56 Pointer
57 Market segment
58 A fifth of XV
59 Old fed. led by Nasser
60 Nuts are high in it
61 In the least
63 Maine city near Bangor
65 New York stage awards
67 Conga line between Arab leaders?
73 Pistons great Thomas
74 "The Chronic" rapper
75 Love a lot
77 Sahara viper
80 Soothing treatment, for short
81 One in a pod
82 Cher and Adele, voicewise
85 License plate
86 Rugs between casino high rollers?
91 Eminent
92 Publicize
93 "The — falling!"
94 Went by taxi, e.g.
95 Eminent lead-in
96 French noble
98 Multipurpose truck, in brief
99 Perfected
100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?
107 Hooter
108 Playwright Levin
109 Antagonist
110 Tara of "Sharknado"

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-127 indicating starting points for clues.

- 111 Lick like a cat
114 Common co. name ender
115 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?
120 School gp.
121 Ax part
122 Pop or bop
123 Fidgets
124 Cur's noise
125 Potting dirt
126 Exhausted
127 Attack like a cur
18 Fish with a heavy net
24 Come — (lures)
25 Genetic stuff
32 Orange juice stuff
33 Siesta takers
34 Ballet garb
35 Back part
36 Julia Child or James Beard
37 Nasal partitions
38 Some Alaska natives
39 Repeating polka sound
44 Dernier —
45 Non-Rx
46 "Pick me! I know this!"
47 Strong pain reliever
48 Architect I.M.
49 Little-seen instance
50 Outer: Prefix
52 In the military
53 Vitamin's relative
54 Heavy brass
55 Drought relief
62 Maui wreath
64 Worrywart's cry
65 Grammy-winning Beck album of 1996
66 Caesar of TV
68 Piper's skirt
69 Tortilla treat
70 Hershey chocolate bar with crisped rice
71 Vague idea
72 See 9-Down
76 Spurred (on)
77 Barley beard
78 Store proprietor
79 Cop's vehicle
81 Chi lead-in
83 Angle lead-in
84 Photo —
87 Lewd look
88 Texas city
89 This, to Jorge
90 1982 Disney sci-fi film
96 El — (city of legend)
97 African river
98 Exhausted
99 Reveled
100 Twanging spring sound
101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena
102 Frequently, in verse
103 Inn offerings
104 Raise
105 Deep blue
106 Makes mad
111 Talk like Daffy Duck
112 Vicinity
113 "Hey ... you"
116 Wiggling fish
117 Enzyme suffix
118 Diarist Anaís
119 Actor Butterfield of "Ender's Game"

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See solution on page B10

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Thursday, June 11, 2020

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Upper Milford Township Board of Supervisors will hold their regular meeting of May 7th via ZOOM at 7pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners will hold a virtual Workshop Meeting on May 4, 2020 and a regular Public Meeting via WEBEX on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss and take action on the below listed legislation.

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Late of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, PA, D.O.D. 1/7/20. Letters Testamentary on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed electronic bids will be received by the Lehigh County Schools Joint Purchasing Board, until 2:00 p.m., May 14, 2020 for the following: Athletic Fall Supplies

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of Betty Boyer, Late of Fountain Hill, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania...

ORDINANCES
1. BILL NO. 11-2020 (SECOND HEARING)
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DEED OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY DEDICATED FOR STORM WATER DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ESTATE OF MARY L. CLEMENTS a/k/a Mary Clements, Deceased, late of Coopersburg, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED
All bids will be exclusively received and processed through the eSchoolMail easyBid application process at www.eschoolmail.com; the failure to follow this process (no paper submissions will be considered) will disqualify the bid submission.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE
Estate of James J. Eline, Late of Whitehall, County of Lehigh, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the Executrix named below...

RESOLUTIONS
1. RESOLUTION NO. 3096
TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF 3614 LEHIGH STREET PROPOSED 5000 SF WAREHOUSE...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of PAUL J. SHANE, deceased, late of Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), Northeastern Regional Office, a Notice of Intent to Remediate and a Final Report for the Pennsylvania State Police Astor Drive mercury release...

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2. RESOLUTION NO. 3118
TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO LEHIGH COUNTY FOR SECURING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2020 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF ISAAC ANTHONY CARLETON, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice is hereby given that a Certificate of Organization was filed on March 30, 2020 with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania...

PUBLIC NOTICE
TRUST NOTICE
DONNA M. PIDCOCK, Deceased, late of Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. The Donna M. Pidcock Restated Trust Agreement dated August 2, 2001...

RESOLUTIONS
3. RESOLUTION NO. 3119
TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT OF HOOVER, LOCATED AT 4124-4128 SPRING MILL ROAD, INDEX #1952-19.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board of North Whitehall Township will be held virtually online via Webex on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30pm for the purpose of hearing the following Appeal:

PUBLIC NOTICE
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP
The regular monthly meeting of the Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held on May 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Municipal Building...

RESOLUTIONS
4. RESOLUTION NO. 3120
TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF MUHLBERG COLLEGE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS, LOCATED AT 1401 LEHNERT ROAD, INDEX #1954-20.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF PATRICIA M. CLARK, deceased, late of Macungie, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE
EXPERIENCED Help Wanted Managers, Hostesses, Waiter, Waitresses, Cooks, Dishwasher, Prep Cooks & Pizza Cook. Apply within Katie's Macalush Family Restaurant, 6397 Rte 309, New Tripoli.

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5. RESOLUTION NO. 3121
TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAN OF 1058, 1064 & 1070 THIRD ST., INDEX #1960-20.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE OF LYNN B. MOYER, deceased, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned...

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Lehigh Valley Press has immediate openings for reliable Newspaper Sample Drivers. Deliveries are made on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons each week in the Lehigh Valley area.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP WILL MEET ON THURSDAY MAY 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR AN AGENDA REVIEW, AND AT 7:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING...

RESOLUTIONS
6. RESOLUTION NO. 3122
TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 2363 MACARTHUR ROAD, INDEX #1955-20.

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN OF 4601 QUARRY ST., INDEX #1961-20.

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Use various natural remedies to keep insects from invading entertaining spaces.

# Address insects before entertaining season

Barbecues in the backyard or cocktails on the patio provide some fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors from the comforts of home. While friends and family flock to such entertaining opportunities, some unwanted guests may want to crash the festivities.

It's impossible to ensure a completely bug-free outdoor environment, but there are steps homeowners can take to reduce the amount of pests who want to join the party.

Western Exterminator Supply suggests first identifying which kind of insect infiltrations are most common where you live. House flies, fruit flies, mosquitoes, wasps, and bees tend to be abundant in spring and summer. Ants, termites and other bugs also can be prevalent. These insects, however pesky they may seem, often can be kept away without the use of pesticides and other chemicals.

• Lure away pests. Many insects will be happy to snack on a treat and leave you alone. Put out a dish of sugar water or slices of fruit for insects that feed on sweets and nectar, or a slice of sandwich meat for wasps and yellow jackets. Place these items a fair distance from your gathering.

• Install fans. A patio ceiling fan can blow away mosquitoes and flies relatively easily. And you and your guests will likely enjoy a nice breeze on sultry days.

• Use mulch wisely. Mulch will add to curb appeal, but having it too close to the house, according to the National Pest Management Association, can present an ideal environment for roaches and ants to nest and find their way

into a home. As mulch decomposes, it generates heat and a cozy spot for pests, including mice. Keep mulch 12 inches away from the home's foundation and entertaining spaces, or use inorganic mulch.

• Keep patios clean. Sweep up and clean away any spilled foods and beverages promptly. Even a tiny nugget of food can attract ants and other insects.

• Use natural pest deterrents. Citronella oils can drive away some insects, as can garlic and rosemary. Lavender, eucalyptus, marigolds, and other pungent aromas will naturally keep mosquitoes and other flying insects at bay. Some people also have luck with mint-flavored mouthwash misted on patios and furniture.

• Address standing water. Mosquitoes and some other insects lay their eggs in standing water. Routinely drain areas where water collects, including gutters and downspouts

• Use light colors. According to HouseLogic, studies show that bugs see dark and bright colors more easily than light colors. Choose lighter shades of paint for outdoor areas and it may make these spaces less attractive to some bugs.

• Leave those spider webs. Many people yell "eek" at the sight of spiders and spider webs. But those arachnids and their sticky webs can do a fine job of capturing many unwanted insects. Resist the temptation to tear down webs and shoo spiders away.

Addressing insects means employing various natural strategies to make outdoor entertaining more pleasant.



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Raised beds take very little space, and can be built right over a concrete patio. Drainage in a raised bed is superior to that in an in-ground garden bed. A 12"-deep bed provides ample room for most vegetable roots.

The bed may be made of wood, stone, brick, cinderblocks or any other material from which you can build a base at least 12" deep. Choose a location that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight each day.

### How to plant a raised bed:

1. Fill the bed with good-quality potting soil or compost, and rake the surface smooth and level. Remove any rocks or debris.
2. Plants in raised beds may be spaced a little closer together because fertilizer and manure can be concentrated in the small gardening area.
3. Plant lettuce by poking holes in the soil with your finger at 6" intervals, and sprinkle a few seeds into each hole. Once the seeds germinate, thin to one seedling per hole.
4. You can also broadcast seeds over the surface of the raised bed. If you plant carrots, apply fine-textured potting soil over the top of the seeds. Carrots will attract some species of butterflies to your raised beds.
5. Cucumbers may be planted along the edge of the raised bed, where they can trail over the side. Cucumbers will grow right on top of your patio.
6. Water the garden well immediately after planting.

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There are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

## Exterior renovations that can improve home value

Renovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

### Landscaping

Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71 percent of prospective home buyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream homes, there's no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can entice buyers to click and read more about a house.

### Address insects and minor repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before home buyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

### Improve the entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home's exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking color to add appeal.

Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value Report 2019" indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9 percent ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security - things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish, and decorative plants.

### Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, up-lighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve visibility, and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the property.

### Repaint (or reside) the exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9 percent ROI, says Remodeling. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI of all exterior projects listed on the "Cost vs. Value Report 2019." This improvement returns 97.5 percent when selling.

Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.

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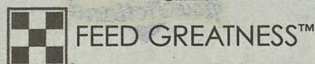


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Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

## Best methods to repair damaged driveways

Asphalt and concrete driveways are common throughout suburban neighborhoods. They are as much a part of a home as lawns, decks and other exterior elements. Regardless of how they're utilized, driveways need to be cared for and maintained to retain their appearance and function.

Even the most durable driveways can suffer from cracks and pits over time. As cracks form, they pave the way for more deterioration if they are not addressed. Water infiltration can break down the integrity of the driveway during freeze and thaw periods, and any little hole or crack can promote weed growth. Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to en-

sure the job is done right.

### Asphalt

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman says it is key to first repair cracks and pits in an asphalt driveway before planning to topcoat it, which is generally done every year or so to maintain its appearance and durability. A variety of topcoat products are available at various price points. Experts recommend investing in a quality product that will not shrink and crack. A melt-in material that is similar to products used by highway crews can be purchased for around \$100. This product also will require use of a pro-

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pane torch. Caulk-style crack repair products may not require as many tools, and are much easier to apply. They may not last as long, however. Homeowners must weigh the pros and cons to each before beginning.

The experts at Popular Mechanics say that there also are other asphalt patch mixes available at home supply retailers. Serious holes, rather than cracks, can be addressed with a coarse-aggregate filler commonly referred to as cold patch.

After cracks and holes are filled, use a sealer to lock everything in place and create a smooth topcoat appearance. Speak with a store employee if you are unsure which product is needed for your application.

### Concrete

The process is similar with concrete driveways, yet the products differ. Small driveway cracks can be repaired by scrubbing out the crack to remove debris and then filling using a mortar repair compound, suggests the repair advice site Home Guides. Larger cracks and potholes should be cleaned. Once that's done, apply a painted-in bonder to the crack or hole, followed by a dry concrete patching product mixed with water. The material can be worked into the damaged area with a trowel, and then leveled using a wood board. Afterward, a liquid concrete sealer can be applied to help prevent future cracks and holes.

Homeowners who are hesitant to fix their driveways can contact masons or asphalt specialists to perform the job. Keeping up on driveway repair can prolong the life of the surface and help delay a complete driveway replacement for several years.

### DID YOU KNOW?

When planning spring landscapes, homeowners should always group plants with similar water needs together.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, grouping plants with similar water needs together helps to conserve water, which can be an especially useful strategy if or when drought restrictions go into effect in summer.

Homeowners also can embrace additional strategies to landscape with water conservation in mind.

For example, aerating soil helps to improve water flow to plants' roots and reduces water runoff, helping to ensure that plants get all of the water they need while reducing the likelihood that homeowners will have to use excessive amounts of water to keep plants healthy.

In addition, using low-water-using types of grass can help homeowners who live in areas prone to drought conserve water while still maintaining lush, green lawns.



Overfertilization is an easy mistake to make, but it's a mistake that can have long-lasting consequences.

## What to do about an overfertilized lawn

Lush lawns are not achieved without a lot of hard work. That hard work often involves some trial and error, and one of the simplest errors a person can make is overfertilizing a lawn.

Overfertilization is an easy mistake to make, but it's a mistake that can have long-lasting consequences. According to the lawn care experts at Scotts®, overfertilizing a lawn can damage grass. Overfertilized lawns are subject to excessive leaf growth, which may require more maintenance, like extra mowing, in the interim. Over time, an overfertilized lawn can develop a sponge-like feel and may be increasingly vulnerable to fungal disease.

Of course, homeowners can only address an overfertilized lawn after they learn to spot signs that the lawn has been fed too much fertilizer. Brown and patchy grass is one of the telltale signs that a lawn has been overfertilized. This can occur because too much nitrogen has made its way onto the lawn. Scotts® notes that nitrogen greens up grass and helps it grow, but too much nitrogen can scorch the lawn, making it brown and patchy.

Minimal growth after fertilization is another indicator of overfertilization. Some lawns that have

been overfertilized may not grow at all afterward.

Blackened or limp grass and crusting of fertilizer on the top of the soil are other symptoms of overfertilization.

When fertilizing a lawn, it's important that homeowners recognize that many products are now slow-release fertilizers. Packaging will indicate if your fertilizer fits this mold, and if it does, don't be surprised if results are not immediate. Slow-release fertilizers can help with lawns where the soil does not drain especially well. Give these fertilizers time to do their job and resist the temptation to apply more fertilizer.

If a lawn has indeed been overfertilized, homeowners can remove any fertilizer they see on top on the soil. Once the fertilizer has been removed, water the lawn heavily, which can wash any remaining residue away. Watering daily in the ensuing days can remove any lingering fertilizer and reduce the likelihood that a lawn will develop issues with fungus.

Fertilizing a lawn involves carefully adhering to manufacturer instructions. If a lawn is overfertilized, removing fertilizer on the soil and heavily watering the lawn can help restore it to health and reduce the risk for disease.

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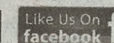
Of course, farmers have been planting and growing crops for many generations, but this was a way for everyone including urbanites to show their support of our countrymen and one another.

Today it's easy for us to walk to a farmer's market or grocery store to purchase our weekly food items and essentials but through this entire pandemic, our world has been challenged to change our daily routine and begin a new way of living.

The "Victory Garden" has reemerged once again. People are showing patriotism and solidarity among friends and neighbors. Many people are telling us that this is their first time ever planting a garden and are excited to spend time with their family and children and experience something they never had time for before.

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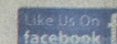
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Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each in-

dividual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

#### Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows.

What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs.

#### Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks.

What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

#### Project: Plant shade trees.

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

#### Project: Insulate the water heater tank

What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).

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Although pedestal style bird baths are attractive, baths closer to the ground tend to attract more birds.

## A guide to buying and setting up a bird bath

Warm weather means more opportunities to spend time outdoors while at home. Whether your favorite form of outdoor recreation includes sitting on the patio reading or digging in the garden, there's a good chance that you will be sharing the space with local wildlife. Optimizing opportunities to view and interact with backyard wildlife can make the great outdoors even more enjoyable.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology indicates that there are around 2,059 bird species on the continent of North America. Red-winged blackbirds, yellow-rumped warblers, American robins, and chipping sparrows are among the most commonly seen birds in North America.

Making a backyard hospitable to birds can increase the chances for sightings and hearing their sweet songs. Install-

ing a bird bath can be a step in the right direction.

Bird baths can make yards more attractive to birds. Birds require a supply of fresh, clean water for drinking and bathing. By setting up a bath, homeowners can attract not only seed-loving birds, but those that don't eat seeds and wouldn't normally congregate around feeders, indicates All About Birds. Experts surmise that birds may bathe to maintain their feathers.

Not all bird baths are constructed the in the same fashion. Many bird baths sold in stores are better suited for decoration than for serving as functional baths. There are four general types of bird bath: standing pedestal, hanging bath, deck-mounted, and ground-level. In general, the lower a bird bath is to the ground, the more likely birds are to use it. Most See **BIRD BATH** on Page 11

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# Great activities to embrace this spring

Spring arrives in the Northern Hemisphere on March 19, bringing with it visions of more hours of sunshine, warmer temperatures and ample opportunities to embrace the great outdoors.

Come mid-March, people who live in climates marked by cold winters have no doubt been anticipating spring fun in the sun for some time. Once spring arrives, the following make for some great activities.

## Sports

Come spring, various sports fill up afternoon and weekend schedules. Whether these are professional sports or youth sports leagues, the games can be a great way to spend time outdoors in the fresh, suddenly warmer air.

## Visit an orchard

Spring is a season when many berries, such as strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries, begin to ripen. Find your local pick-your-own establishment to spend a day having fun (and getting a little messy) grabbing sweet berries for salads, jams and pies.

## Hit the links

It's time to dust off the clubs and play the greens at any of the thousands of golf courses in North America. The National Golf Federation says the United States is home to around 15,000 courses. The warmer tempera-



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tures are ideal for practicing your short game on the putting green or for playing all 18 holes.

## Get the patio ready for entertaining

Clean off patio furniture or start shopping for new items if you didn't partake in end-of-season sales. This is just the start of the outdoor entertaining season, and it pays to refresh the deck or patio and invest in some quality furniture to keep guests comfortable.

## Plan a vacation

Many schools go on a hiatus for a week or two during the spring, prompting otherwise busy families

to get away for some R&R. Book early to score the best deals on hotel rooms and flights.

## Prepare gardening equipment

Before long, the grass will need mowing and the shrubbery will have to be pruned. Ensure that lawn and garden tools and equipment are in top form before they are called into action. Stock up on fuel for gas mowers and sharpen those pruning shears.

## Visit a local garden

Enjoy the sights at a garden when the first spring blooms start to peek out of the soil. Spring is known for tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and snowdrops.

## Give your bike a tune-up

Take your bike out of storage and give it a once-over. Now is the time to put air in the tires, grease the chain and make sure that the brakes and other equipment are working properly. Most bike helmet manufacturers recommend replacing helmets every three years, even if you haven't been in a crash. That's because the polystyrene foam can degrade over time from environmental exposure.

## Visit a farm

Many farm animals give birth in the spring. Children may be excited to see piglets, foals, kids, and all the other adorable young animals draw their first breaths.

Spring's arrival presents the perfect opportunity to acquaint oneself with the great outdoors.

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## BIRD BATH

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natural sources of water birds use are on or near the ground. Therefore, ground-level bird baths may be the best investments.

It is important to keep the water in a bird bath shallow (around two inches of water or less). This enables birds to splash around safely and wade in.

Birds do not want to slide around, so a material that is coated and slippery, like glazed ceramic or glass, may not be too popular. Rough stone or a bird bath modified with pea gravel or rocks can give birds steady footing.

Place the bird bath in the shade if possible to ensure the water is cool and fresh. Locate it by a tree so the birds can hop up to a branch and preen afterwards. All About Birds also says that a bird bath is more attractive if it has a dripping or moving water feature, as this is often irresistible to birds.

Another way to ensure the bath will be used is to keep it clean and maintained. Change the water every day or two. Rinse off the bath to remove droppings, bugs and other debris.

Once birds learn there is a comfortable bath nearby, they may be more apt to visit a yard and may even become frequent guests.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Many lawns contain a mixture of the roughly one dozen types of different grasses.

According to the lawn care experts at Scotts®, knowing which type of grass they have in their yard can help homeowners more effectively manage and care for their lawns.

But with so many lawns containing a mixture of grasses, how can homeowners know exactly what's making up that green carpet in their yards?

Scotts® notes that lawns typically fall into one of two categories: warm-season grasses and cool-season grasses.

Warm-season grasses are those that thrive in regions where the climate tends to be especially warm, such as the southern United States.

Cool-season grasses are those that are at their best in climates that experience extreme temperature fluctuations. For example, cool-season grasses are most likely to be found in the northern United States, as much of this area of the country experiences cold winters and warm, and in some places very hot, summers.

Homeowners who are uncertain about which type of grass they have can consult a lawn care professional for advice.

Homeowners who learn which type of grass is in their yard can use that information to determine how frequently they should mow and water their lawns and which type of fertilizer is best-suited to their lawns.

## Make your outdoor space the envy of the neighborhood

### Spring Landscaping Equipment Safety Tips from Hillside Small Engine

With spring just around the corner, it's important that homeowners recognize the potential dangers of lawn maintenance.

#### Understand the equipment

Homeowners should not assume they know how to use all of the tools necessary to maintain lush lawns and bountiful gardens. Familiarize yourself with the proper operation of manual and motorized equipment by reading the owner's manual thoroughly, making special note of recommended safety guidelines. Take some time to locate the power buttons and other parts by comparing them to illustrations in the guide. Once you feel comfortable handling the equipment, then you can begin to use it.

#### Wear appropriate protective gear

Failure to wear protective gear can lead to injury. Personal protective equipment includes gloves, eye protection, ear protection, boots, and a hard hat if necessary.

When working during poor visibility conditions or at night, wear a reflective vest.

#### Watch your surroundings

Thousands of injuries occur to children and pets who get hurt around mowers. It's best if children and pets remain indoors when homeowners are mowing or using other power equipment that may kick up debris. Children under the age of 12 may not have the strength or ability to operate lawn tools.

#### Unplug or turn off all equipment

When not in use, keep lawn equipment off. Do not try to repair or fix a snag or obstruction in equipment while it is on. Don't modify the equipment in any way, such as removing protective guards.

Maintaining the yard is both a necessity and a hobby. Homeowners who prioritize safety can greatly reduce their risk of injury. Hillside Small Engine is here to help, with 29 years of experience in all major brands of outdoor power equipment.

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Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed.

# 7 things to consider when buying a shed

Backyard sheds can be useful assets. Sheds can create storage space in the garage, basement or other areas of the house that have become gathering spots for gear typically used outdoors. Sheds are ideal for housing mowers, tools and even pool-care equipment. But they can be put to other uses as well, such as being key spots to engage in hobbies or even as a child's clubhouse.

Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed. A storage shed can be a significant investment. Once placed, sheds may remain in their dedicated spots for years to come. That means careful thought should go into the planning process.

**1** Check your local building codes first. Before you accumulate building materials or order a shed, be sure to know the ins and outs of shed codes. The codes may

impact the shed's placement, construction, the materials used, size, and numerous other factors. It's much easier to amend plans beforehand than to face the hassle and expense after learning you did things incorrectly.

**2** Choose placement wisely. Spend several days assessing the yard and thinking about the uses for the shed. If you plan to store pool floats and chemicals inside of the shed, it should be located close enough to the pool to be convenient. Look at the lay of the land. If there is a soggy patch of land that can turn swampy under the shed's foundation, that is a poor location choice. If you need access to electricity, placing it far away from the house could necessitate running expensive wiring.

See **SHED** on Page 14

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## Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

SPRING AHEAD WITH THESE HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Are you ready for spring? From cleaning out your gutters to inspecting your smoke detectors, use this checklist to help prepare your home for spring.

### Inside

- Check your electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose-fitting plugs. Make sure outlets, fuse boxes and extension cords are not overloaded.
- Move your multi-purpose fire extinguisher to an accessible place, and make sure it is filled and ready for operation. Have your air-conditioning system inspected by a professional as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Check your water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under the dryer. Remove all lint, dust, and pieces of material.
- Inspect your smoke detectors. Make sure there is one on each floor of your home. Test them monthly, and change the batteries annually or as needed.
- Check the light bulbs in all your fixtures. Be sure they are the correct wattage as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Replace all high-intensity bulbs with fluorescent bulbs. Other types of bulbs, like incandescent, produce more heat than fluorescent bulbs.

### Outside

- Check for damage to your roof.
- Clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating.
- Remove dead trees in your yard.
- Keep healthy trees and bushes trimmed and away from utility wires.
- Safely store oil and gas for lawn equipment and tools in a vented, locked area.
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## SHED

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**3** Consider the design. Just because a shed is for storage doesn't mean aesthetics should be overlooked. Choose a shed style that complements your home. You may also want to match certain architectural features, like arched doorways or dormers. De-

sign also may relate to practicality. For instance, storing a riding mower inside may necessitate dual doors that open widely.

**4** Invest in quality materials. Spending a little more and using quality materials can ensure it lasts long enough to be cost-effective. The right materials will be resistant to splitting, cracking, decay, and insect damage.

**5** Prepare the site well. A proper foundation for the shed is almost as important as the shed itself. You cannot just drop the shed on the lawn and leave it, as the shed can sink or structural issues may arise if it is placed on a weak base.

**6** Blend into the environment. Surround the shed with shrubs or plants so that it blends into the

yard and complements the space.

**7** Deck out the interior. Use every storage tool at your disposal to maximize floor, wall and even rafter space for storage. Plan where items will be kept and customize the storage options around those locations.

Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.

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# Tips when planting shade trees

Beautiful landscaping can add instant curb appeal to a property. But beauty isn't the only thing that makes idyllic landscaping attractive to homeowners. Some landscaping features, such as shade trees, save homeowners money while adding aesthetic appeal.

The U.S. Department of Energy notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce solar heat gain in a home. Shading also cuts air conditioning costs, which tend to be expensive in areas with warm, humid climates. In fact, the DOE notes that well-planned landscapes can reduce unshaded homes' air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

When planting shade trees, one of the first decisions homeowners will need to make is which type of tree, deciduous or evergreen, they want to plant. Deciduous trees are those that seasonally shed their leaves, while evergreens are trees that keep their leaves throughout the year. Deciduous trees can help keep homes cool in the summer by blocking sun, and those same trees can be beneficial in winter after they shed their leaves by letting the sun in and keeping homes warm. But evergreens also can be beneficial in winter by blocking wind, potentially preventing

cold air from making its way into a home through cracks in walls or around windows.

When planting shade trees, techniques vary depending on which type of tree homeowners ultimately choose to plant.

## Planting deciduous trees

The DOE says that deciduous trees that are between six and eight feet tall when planted will begin shading the windows of a home within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the plant and the home, those same deciduous trees may begin shading the roof within five to 10 years of being planted. When planting deciduous trees, homeowners should keep these tips in mind.

- Plant trees to the south of the home. When planted to the south of the home, deciduous trees can screen between 70 and 90 percent of the summer sun while still allowing residents to feel summer breezes.

- Consider sun angles. Homeowners who want to shade their homes from low afternoon sun angles should plant trees with crowns that are lower to the ground on the west side of their homes.

- Cool air before it reaches your home. Shrubs and groundcover plants can be planted to



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cool air before it reaches a home.

## Evergreen trees

Planting evergreens to block wind is known as "windbreaking," which lowers the wind chill near a home. Wind also can be used to cool a home in summer. But these ben-

efits can only be realized when evergreens are strategically planted.

- Location, location, location: The DOE advises planting evergreen trees to the north and northwest of the home to stop wind. In addition, to get the most bang for your windbreaking buck, the distance between the

home and windbreak should be two to five times the height of the mature tree.

- Plant trees on either side of the house. Planting trees on either side of the house will direct

cooling winds toward the home in the summer.

Shade trees can help homeowners reduce their energy bills, making them valuable and attractive additions to any landscape.

  
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