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DOUGLAS GRAVES PHOTO
Bethlehem City Council approved a mayoral appointment of Northampton County Councilman Ronald R. Heckman to the Redevelopment Authority.

Zoning changes

Districts would have similar rules, especially those about parking

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

At the top of the agenda for Bethlehem City Council April 6, Council President Adam Waldron conducted a public hearing to garner additional comments on legislation amending zoning provisions for multi-family dwellings in the Central Business District (CB) and Neighborhood Commercial District (CL) zoning districts.

The changes give CB and CL zoning districts similar rules, especially concerning parking, that now apply to Industrial Redevelopment-Residential (IR-R) zoning districts.

The main thing accomplished by the action is to lessen the requirement that developers in the CB and CL zones get Zoning Board relief for parking spaces.

The Planning Commission, according to a memorandum signed by Director of Planning and Zoning Darlene Heller, supports the change.

The amendment will be voted on at council's next regular meeting.

Councilperson Grace Crampsie Smith introduced a request that council support House Bill (HB) 988, which would amend Pennsylvania's 2017 state fireworks law, which she said allows residents to buy "larger and louder fireworks" than were previously available.

"Inappropriate use of fireworks is seriously and negatively affect-

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Independent Bethlehem Township drugstore Young's Pharmacy closed in December 2018, after 26 years in business.

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Too little, too late

Are pharmacy benefit managers driving independent Lehigh Valley pharmacies out of business?

BY THERESA O'BRIEN
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The second most important issue in the last presidential election – right after the economy, and ahead of the novel coronavirus outbreak, according to an August 2020 Pew Research Center survey – was healthcare. Key components of healthcare for Americans are prescription drug coverage, insurance costs and drug co-pay amounts.

According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly 70 percent of Americans aged 40 through 79 take at least one prescription drug daily; more than 22 percent take five or more drugs on a daily basis. Pharmacy costs are top-of-mind for both employers and employees, one reason that many employers have turned to pharmacy benefit managers.

Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are third-party administrators retained by health plans, including commercial plans, self-insured employer plans, Medicare Part D plans, and government employee health insurance plans. The first PBM was created in 1968 by Pharmaceutical Card System Inc. (which became AdvancePCS) as a benefit card, but the shift to what PBMs do today – negotiate prices



with pharmaceutical firms – happened in the 1970s.

Although healthcare industry analysts say PBMs are a necessary force – "If you didn't have an entity called a PBM, you would want to create one," according to Professor Geoffrey Joyce at the USC School of Pharmacy – they have come under scrutiny over the past 20 years. The Wall Street Journal noted in 2002 that PBMs had "quietly moved" into promoting expensive branded drugs. A bigger shift happened in 2007, when

CVS bought Caremark, a PBM, and the concept of the "formulary" (what drugs are covered by an insurer, in what order of preference, and at what price) was developed.

Today, PBMs wield a great deal of power in the marketplace. PBMs are also, practically speaking, a small group. Although there are 30 PBMs operating in the United States, the three largest PBMs (CVS Health, Express Scripts, and UnitedHealth Group's OptumRx) hold more than three-fourths of the market.

A brief history of PBMs in the Medicaid market
Because they exist at the layer of the drug supply chain between drug companies and insurers, and again between insurers and pharmacies, PBMs have been able to grab money by reimbursing pharmacies a lower amount than pharmacies typically pay to stock prescription drugs. When this happens, pharmacies swallow the uncovered cost – a cost that, over time, can add up, putting independent local pharmacies out of business.

One big market in which the reimbursement disparity was particularly egregious until recently was the Medicaid market. We spoke with Antonio Ciaccia, a health insurance consultant with 3 Axis Advisors who also gathers and analyzes data for nonprofit 46Brooklyn, about his observations on pharmacy reimbursements from the years he spent working for the Ohio Pharmacists Association (OPA). Ciaccia told us that in 2016, pharmacies participating in Medicaid saw 60 to 80 percent decreases in their gross margin – because of plummeting Medicaid reimbursement rates from PBMs – which threatened

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PEOPLE SAY
BY DANA GRUBB

If your town was going to receive \$33.7 million in federal COVID relief funds, how would you like to see it used?



"Probably just restore the downtown by helping local businesses."
Matt Lacko
Bethlehem



"Help small businesses that have been affected, the employees who couldn't work, and get schools open with all the kids back in school."
Erin & Gary Cintron
Rocky River, OH

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If your town was going to receive \$33.7 million in federal COVID relief funds, how would you like to see it used?



"Helping people get back to work and something to help the eviction problem when that moratorium ends."
Thomas Richardson
Denver, CO



"Insuring that everybody who couldn't access healthcare during COVID could receive assistance. A lot of people had to push things off."
Codi Dapper
Bethlehem



"In my opinion, we need what matters the most and that to do whatever it takes to get everybody vaccinated. Once that happens, everything else pales by comparison."
Hamoon Eshraghi
Jersey City, NJ



"Probably enlarge our hospitals, improve highways, address litter clean-up, and fund organizations like Habitat for Humanity."
Judy Lapos
Bethlehem

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ing the quality of life in our city," said Smith in the cover letter to her proposed change to the state law.
Approval of Smith's resolution expresses support for HB 988 in the Pa. House of Representatives and for a similar bill in the Pa. Senate.
In other business, City Council approved mayoral appointments Earl Bethel and Ronald R. Heckman to the Redevel-

opment Authority. Bethel was also appointed to the Blighted Property Review Committee.
Also appointed and approved were Rosalee Sabo and Shirley Morganelli to the Civil Service Board, and Ronald Heckman to the Redevelopment Authority.
Council passed a bill adopting policies and procedures for the determination of stormwater user fee credits and for appealing stormwater user fee determinations.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Not everyone is online or Internet efficient. Here are some phone numbers you can call for vaccination appointments. Please let us know of any additional sites offering shots. Email: gtaylor@tnonline.com.
Veterans Affairs
(Wilkes-Barre for appointments in Allentown) (877)-928-2621, Option 8, then Option 2 for agent
Allentown Health Bureau (610)-890-7069
Bethlehem Health Department (610) 865-7092
Northampton County Department of Aging, which will assist in making appointments with Bethlehem Health Department. However, "mail box is full and no space to leave a message."
St. Luke's University Health Network (866)-785-8537, Option 7, then Option 1
Lehigh Valley Health Network (833)-584-6283
Rite Aid (610)-437-7261 (refers caller to website)
Walmart and Sam's Club
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Walgreens Linden & E. Macada (610)-807-9045, Option 1, Option 1
Walgreens at Jacksonvillle and Schoenersville (610)-861-7494, Option 1
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Responsibilities of a PBM

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- Ensure Patient Compliance** so that medication is taken as prescribed.
- Manage Distribution** among a network of pharmacies.
- Negotiating** rebates to get the most affordable options.
- Process Claims** from patients and pharmacies.
- Manage Formularies**, so individuals know what medications are covered through their health plans.

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to close the doors of some drugstores with 70 percent or more of their customer base on Medicaid.
At issue was something called the Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC), which PBMs generated from the prices charged in the marketplace for all drugs with at least two manufacturers. PBMs refused to pay more than the MAC to reimburse pharmacies, even though pharmacies frequently couldn't find manufacturers willing to sell them drugs at MAC prices. When the Ohio legislature stepped in and required PBMs to hear appeals from pharmacies, PBMs responded by anchoring to a different metric – the Generic Effective Rate – effectively nullifying the legislation.
The situation continued to worsen, and pharmacies continued to complain to the OPA and to Ciaccia. With Eric Pachman, who would go on to co-found 46Brooklyn, Ciaccia analyzed reimbursements and compared them with publicly available data points known as National Average Drug Acquisition Costs (NADACs). The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) uses an actuarial firm to survey Medicaid-participating pharmacies about the prices they've paid for drugs in the past month. The figures from the 400 to 600 pharmacies who respond each month are the source for the NADAC for each drug.
Ciaccia and Pachman compared NADACs, drug by drug, quarter by quarter, with CMS State Drug Utilization data. This data set shows what drugs are being dispensed through state Medicaid programs, including

the number of prescriptions, the number of pills, and the reported cost to the Medicaid program. They found that there was a gap between the price pharmacies paid for drugs, the amount they were reimbursed by PBMs, and the amount that PBMs charged the Ohio Medicaid program – and that gap was growing over time.
As a result of a series of exposés by Robert Langreth of Bloomberg News and by Catherine Candisky, Lucas Sullivan and colleagues from the Columbus Dispatch, Ciaccia and Pachman's work drew the attention of the Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost. (Yost is now Ohio Attorney General.) Ultimately, Ohio changed the way it handles Medicaid drug coverage, switching to a straight pass-through arrangement, with a single PBM that has a contract with the state. The state's Medicaid program, which was underpaid \$244 million during a single year prior to the change, now pays just \$21 million to its PBM per year.
Similar changes are underway in California, Michigan and New York. Here in Pennsylvania, Lehigh County Controller Mark Pinsley released an audit arguing that improper management of county employees' health insurance drug coverage by Express Scripts – one of the largest PBMs – cost the county \$1.4 million. Pinsley also believes Express Scripts is sending drug beneficiaries to pharmacies outside Pennsylvania, creating a loss of tax revenue for the state. (Pinsley's report can be found here: https://www.lehighcounty.org/Portals/0/PDF/controller/General_Reports/Highmark%20Audit%20Final%20Issue%20Public%20Release.pdf)

One state at a time, PBMs are losing some of the power they have to set reimbursement prices arbitrarily.
Too afraid to speak to the press?
The change may not happen soon enough for local independent pharmacies, and they are treading carefully.
On Feb. 12, National Public Radio's Morning Edition aired an investigative report on PBMs featuring an interview, conducted over a period of months with an independent pharmacy owner who would not give his name out of fear of reprisals by PBMs. (The report can be heard in its entirety here: <https://whyy.org/episodes/the-hidden-force-shaping-drug-prices/>.)
When the Bethlehem Press contacted independent Easton pharmacy Bell Apothecary, we were quickly rebuffed. A polite offer to check with the manager about an interview was followed by a brusque, "No one's available to talk to you," and a lightning-fast phone hang-up that left no room for discussion.
It seems that for local independent drugstores, the choice is clear: Be quiet about PBMs.
Independent Bethlehem Township drugstore Young's Pharmacy closed in December 2018, after 26 years in business. Owner Jeanette Young went to work the next day at the CVS pharmacy location on Freemansburg Avenue, and Young's sold its assets, including customers' prescriptions, to CVS, as reported by Lehigh Valley Live (<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/2018/12/cvs-pharmacy-acquires-youngs-pharmacy-in-bethlehem-township-spokeswoman-says.html>). The listed num-

ber for Young's is no longer in service.
One group consistently advocating for lower, value-based drug prices is the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER). When we spoke with ICER President Dr. Steve Pearson, he told us that ICER has not explored the internal mechanics of the payment systems between PBMs and independent pharmacies, and recommended we speak with Dr. Adam Fein. Dr. Fein is the CEO of a consulting firm called Drug Channels Institute (DCI). Players in the pharmaceutical industry from drug manufacturers to PBMs to health insurers read DCI publications, and Dr. Fein's research is often cited by national news media.
DCI published its 2021 economic report on pharmacies and PBMs March 16. An advance copy of the topics to be covered notes, "Insurers, PBMs, and specialty pharmacies have combined into vertically integrated organizations [. . .] These organizations are [. . .] poised to exert greater control over patient access, sites of care, dispensing locations, and pricing" (<https://drugchannelsinstitute.com/files/2021-PharmacyPBM-DCI-Overview.pdf>). When we reached out to Dr. Fein, he also "didn't have time" to speak with us. Some of his clients include PBMs.
How much do patients benefit from rebates?
Some prescription drug customers might deem the loss of "mom and pop" stores a reasonable price to pay in exchange for lower drug prices. But is the PBM promise of savings being fulfilled? In many cases, the answer is "No."
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Sixty-one NCP corrections officers have tested positive for the virus since the start of the pandemic. Fifty-four have finished their quarantine periods and returned to work; seven are out on quarantine.

There are currently 549 inmates in residence at NCP. Twenty-nine non-violent offenders have been granted extended furloughs.

LEHIGH VALLEY

NEW LVHN VACCINATION SITES: LVHN will be transitioning the Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)-Cedar Crest and LVH-Muhlenberg clinics to two new larger locations in the Lehigh Valley that will complement the network's robust vaccination efforts throughout the region. In Lehigh County, LVHN is opening a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the former A.C. Moore store, 2633 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, and at Northampton Crossings shopping center in the former Sears Appliance and Hardware store, 3768 Easton Nazareth Highway, Palmer Township. Both locations opened April 12 and will provide COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment for any LVHN COVID-19 vaccination event including drive-through clinics, people in Phase 1A can sign in to MyLVHN, the health network's patient portal. You also can schedule an appointment by calling our COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD). However, because of large demand and call volume, you may be out on hold. MyLVHN will be your fastest and easiest way to schedule.

LVHN is committed to administering the vaccine as quickly as possible to those who are eligible at the time. LVHN will cover all costs. The LVHN plan for administering COVID-19 vaccines is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's phased approach to vaccination.

The best thing you can do to preregister for vaccination is to create a MyLVHN account. You'll be notified when you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and can schedule your vaccine appointment on MyLVHN.

For current vaccination information, visit LVHN.org/vaccines.

1B VACCINATIONS: As part of Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) commitment to vaccinate the most people possible, beginning today LVHN is opening vaccine appointments to educators and child care workers, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, grocery store workers, food and agriculture workers and everyone under Phase 1B. LVHN also will continue to expand eligibility over the coming weeks to additional phases as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

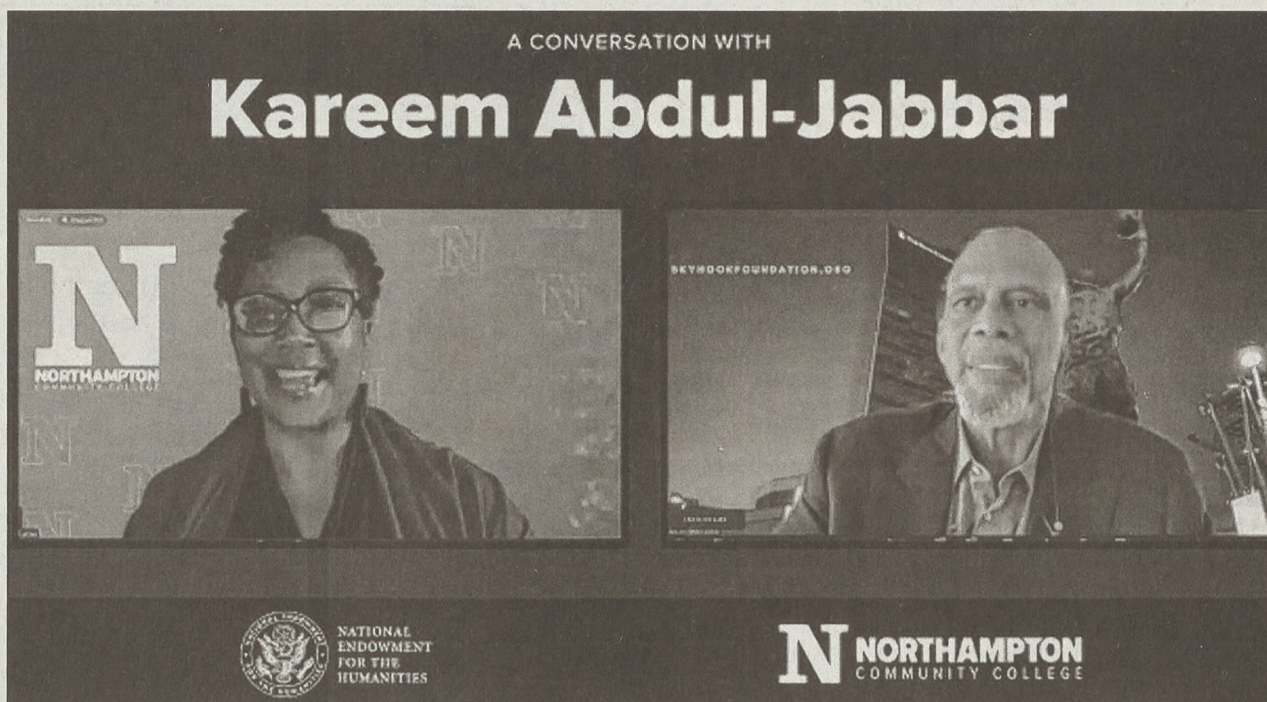
While they will continue to vaccinate people in Phase 1A, the state has expanded eligibility to these groups:

- Educators and child care workers, including pre-K through 12 teachers and other school staff.
- Law enforcement, including police, sheriffs and deputies, constables, corrections officers and staff, as well as probation and parole staff.
- Firefighters, including career and volunteer firefighters.
- Grocery store workers, including all workers in supermarkets and grocery stores.
- Food and agriculture workers, including all food-processing company employees, including meat, poultry and dairy processing, fresh fruit and vegetable packing operations, food manufacturing, and all farm workers, farm operators and farm managers, including at urban agriculture operations.
- Phase 1B, including people in congregate settings not otherwise specified as long-term care facilities and persons receiving home- and community-based services, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, clergy and other essential support for houses of worship, public transit workers and individuals caring for children or adults in early childhood and adult day programs.

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CDC GRANTS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded Pennsylvania \$101,363,520 to support local efforts to increase vaccine uptake by expanding COVID-19 vaccine programs and ensuring greater equity and access to vaccine by those disproportionately affected by SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The city of Philadelphia received an additional \$14,313,369.

The award is part of \$3 billion in funding that CDC has granted to 64 jurisdictions to bolster broad-based vaccine distribution, access, and administration efforts. The funding was made available by the American Rescue Plan and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and will provide critical support through CDC's existing immunization cooperative agreements in communities around the country.



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING
NBA legend and Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar joins psychology professor Dr. Gina Turner for Northampton Community College's annual Humanities Keynote Lecture.

NBA Hall of Famer shares wisdom from a life of activism

BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

As a six-time NBA champion and regular season Most Valuable Player, Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar knows a thing or two about basketball.

Diversity, equity and inclusion were the topics at hand, rather than his famous skyhook layup, however, as he joined psychology professor Dr. Gina Turner for Northampton Community College's annual Humanities Keynote Lecture, held remotely via Zoom the evening of April 8.

Abdul-Jabbar, who is also considered one of the greatest amateur athletes of all time for his success at UCLA in the late 1960s, is as well-known for his decades of activism and advocacy off the basketball court as his skill and dominance on it.

The session – conducted as more of an informal discussion than a lecture – opened with a question from Turner about his Skyhook Foundation, and its promotion of the 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Education and Math) disciplines. These fields are critical for all children, Turner said, but

especially those in Black and other underserved communities.

"STEM are the disciplines that will enable long-term employment in the science field," he said. "If we can get our kids to pay attention in chemistry, physics and math classes, they can go on to be scientists, engineers and technicians ... and that hasn't happened in the Black community."

Turner also noted that Abdul-Jabbar has pointed out in recent interviews that Black and brown communities have been particularly hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. He has been vocally supportive of vaccinations and has encouraged other popular Black athletes to publicly promote them as well.

Turner then asked him to address skepticism among some Black Americans who have, or know someone who has experienced racism or other trauma when seeking or receiving medical care.

These fears are not entirely unfounded, Abdul-Jabbar said, as he and Turner briefly discussed the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, in which Black men were essentially used as 'guinea pigs' by

the CDC from 1932-72, among other historical instances of documented medical racism.

"I think people who know and trust me will listen when I say that vaccines are safe," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Abdul-Jabbar, who was born and came to national prominence playing college basketball under his given name at birth – Lew Alcindor – also spoke of his conversion to Islam as a young adult and his experiences over the past several decades as a Muslim in America. When he first became Muslim, Islam was very much under the radar in America, he recalled. Things changed after the attacks Sept. 11, 2001 and Islam has increasingly been seen as threatening.

"Its association with terrorism and violence is contrary to what it supposed to be about," he said. He has worked over the past two decades to challenge Americans' assumptions about his religion.

Abdul-Jabbar also fielded questions from guests. He was asked about the societal backlash he felt during his playing career in re-

sponse to his activist work, and specifically what modern athletes such as Colin Kaepernick have dealt with more recently for their public support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

He praised athlete/activists who came before him, such as Muhammad Ali and Tommie Smith, as well as current NBA superstar LeBron James for carrying on their legacy. James could be on an island somewhere counting his money, but instead he's doing something else with it, Abdul-Jabbar said, by performing charitable acts and speaking out publicly on injustice.

With thoughts on the current political climate as well as the future, Abdul-Jabbar offered this advice for young activists, particularly those in the public eye as he has been for over half a century: "Most Americans will listen to you if you're sincere and have the patience and courtesy to address them politely. People don't want to be approached with anger."

More information on Abdul-Jabbar's charitable efforts can be found at www.skyhookfoundation.com.

McNeill announces \$50M in school funding

State Rep. Jeanne McNeill, D-Lehigh, has announced four school districts and two charter schools in the 133rd Legislative District are expected to receive federal funding totaling \$50.72 million to help

students return to the classrooms.

"One of the biggest priorities as we continue fighting COVID-19 is ensuring the safety of students and faculty when returning to school," McNeill said. "With depleted budgets, school districts need this critical funding to have programs and resources ready to get students back in their classrooms safely and provide ad-

ditional support to students who may have fallen behind."

McNeill said the breakdown of the federal funding for schools in the 133rd District is as follows:

- Bethlehem Area School District - \$32.12 million.
- Catasauqua Area School District - \$4.19 million.
- Salisbury Township School District - \$3.48

million.

- Whitehall-Coplay School District - \$7.18 million.

- Innovate Arts Academy Charter School - \$2.74 million.

- Arts Academy Charter School - \$1.01 million.

The funding is part of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
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POLICE OFFICER TEST

The Lehigh County Police Testing Consortium and thirteen area agencies have entered into an agreement to conduct a cooperative testing process for the position of police officer. The written exam will take place on Saturday July 10th, 2021 and the physical agility test will take place on Saturday, July 17th, 2021. The agencies participating at this time include: Alburts Borough Police, Catasauqua Borough Police, Coplay Borough Police, Coopersburg Borough Police, Emmaus Borough Police, Fountain Hill Borough Police, Macungie Borough Police, Salisbury Township Police, Slatington Borough Police, South Whitehall Township Police, Upper Macungie Township Police, Upper Saucon Township Police, and Whitehall Township Police.

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Betty Boyle

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Betty I. (Mast) Boyle, 84, of Hellertown, died April 5, 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. Born in Northampton, she was a daughter of the late Raymond W. and Evelyn M. (Bartholomew) Mast. She was the wife of the late Robert J. Boyle for 57 years.

She was a 1953 graduate of Nazareth Area High School.

She was a bank teller for First National Bank. She was a member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, Hellertown.

She contributed to many charities throughout the years.

She is survived by a daughter, Tamela A. Boyle; two sisters, Polly Ann Levis and Deborah J. Kroninger; nieces; and nephews.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Raymond W. Mast, Larry E. Mast and Robert Mast.

Contributions may be made to Animals in Distress, P.O. Box 609, 5075 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, Pa 18036; or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

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

Evelyn Durfey

worked at Cedarbrook - Fountain Hill



Evelyn Durfey, 93, of Fountain Hill, died April 3, 2021, while in the care of St. Luke's Hospice House. Born in Bally, she was a daughter of the late Erwin and Emma (Weiss) Moyer. She was the wife of the late Clifford L. Durfey.

She was a garment worker earlier in life. She worked later in housekeeping for Cedarbrook Nursing Home, Fountain Hill, until she retired.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fountain Hill.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Edwards and her husband Wayne of Bethlehem; a son, Robert Durfey and his wife Belinda of Whitehall; five grandsons, David Edwards, Scott Edwards and his wife Aurora, Michael Edwards, Kyle Durfey and his fiancée Brooke and Tyler Durfey; and a great-granddaughter, Mackenzie.

She was predeceased by five brothers, Homer, Clarence, Erwin, LeRoy and Raymond; and four sisters, Helen Barnett, Lillian Gottschalk, Mary Bader and Verna Slozat.

Contributions may be made to Cedarbrook Nursing Home Auxillary, 724 Delaware Ave., Fountain Hill, PA 18015; or to St. Luke's Hospice House, 2455 Black River Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

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

Gregory Junior Rodriguez IV

of Bethlehem



Gregory Junior Rodriguez IV, 32, of Bethlehem, died unexpectedly on March 31, 2021, in his home. Born in Bethlehem, he was a son of Rosa Rivera and Gregory Junior Rodriguez III.

In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Luis and Milagros Rivera; three brothers, Az-Zubayr Hayes, Christopher Rodriguez and Anthony Rodriguez; and six sisters, Lameera Brown, Daisha Brown, Cassie Rodriguez, Savannah Rodriguez and Anabella Rodriguez.

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

Sandra (Young) Borger

of Bethlehem

Sandra (Young) Borger, 81, of Bethlehem, died April 7, 2021 at Gracedale Nursing Home. Born in Bethlehem, she was a daughter of the late Milton G. and Amy M. (Lazarus) Young. She was the wife of the late Elwood Borger for 26 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Kalman and husband Charles and Debora Schnabel and husband Bruce; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice Development Office, 801 Ostrum St., Bethlehem, Pa 18015.

Arrangements were made by Cantelmi Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem.



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R.K. Laros Foundation Executive Director Sharon Jones Zondag with Foundation Trustees Robert Bilheimer and Scott Mardis; Foundation Chair R. Keller Laros III; Trustee Ann Laros Weaver; Vice Chair Laura Bennett Shelton; Trustees Diane Donaher, Ron Donchez, Laurie Gostley-Hackett, Robert Huth Jr., Dr. Michael Abgott and George Mowrer.

Laros Foundation makes local grants

The R.K. Laros Foundation announces the annual award of grants to 9 local non-profit organizations.

Grants approved by the Board of Trustees of the R.K. Laros Foundation at their annual board meeting Nov. 10, 2020, were awarded in December 2020 and January 2021 to the following nonprofit organizations:

ArtsQuest, \$7,000 in support of the HVAC updates in the ArtsQuest center to better control fresh air content; Ballet

Guild of the Lehigh Valley, \$3,500 for flooring to extend dance space and a portable barre to meet COVID-19 social distancing requirements and a laptop for virtual learning; Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering, Inc., \$10,000, for sheltering operating support for winter 2020-21; Kolbe Academy, \$4,000 for a packaged air conditioning unit for the Bethlehem Campus; Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, \$23,000 to provide support for playground renovations necessitat-

ed by COVID-19 requirements at the Fowler Center; Meals on Wheels, \$25,000 to contribute to the renovations of the new Lehigh Valley facility; Monocacy Farm Project, \$19,000 for the construction of a garage annex for storage of farming equipment; Touchstone Theatre, \$5,000 for HVAC replacement for the public spaces at the theater; Valley Youth House, \$10,000 grant for the replacement of a 5-ton cooling shelter at the Bethlehem Shelter.

The R.K. Laros Found-

ation provides grant support with a focus on enduring capital projects with significant community impact in the Bethlehem Area. The grant application for 2021 and additional details are available on the foundation website <http://www.larosfoundation.org>

For more information about grant opportunities or the R.K. Laros Foundation contact Executive Director Sharon Jones Zondag at larosfoundation.org

Contributed article

New Bethany board adds new members

New Bethany Ministries (NBM) strengthened its board of directors recently with the appointment of Robin Riley-Casey, director of Multicultural Life at Muhlenberg College, Brian Gates, director of Financial Planning at Air Products, and José Mendez, liaison to the board from the Episcopal Dioceses of Bethlehem and lead sexton at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity.

Riley-Casey seeks to provide opportunities for disadvantaged individuals by expanding New Bethany's connections to even more marginalized communities. COVID-19 reaffirmed Riley-Casey's belief that relationships and face-to-face interactions are the glue to building community, motivating her to join the organization's board. She is currently taking time to learn about New Bethany's services and determining where her time and connections will be most beneficial in the future.

Gates anticipates actively participating in volunteer opportunities with his family to work



Riley-Casey, director of Multicultural Life at Muhlenberg College.



Brian Gates, director of Financial Planning at Air Products.



José Mendez, lead sexton at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity.

toward consistently improving client life. Inspired by New Bethany's ability and passion to uplift the community, Gates joined the board to improve the organization's community reach, financial stability and perception.

After years of facilitating the relationship between New Bethany and the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Mendez officially joined New Bethany's board of directors. Mendez plans to take his management experience and help transform the organization's resources. In addition to launching a Latinx community at the Cathedral, he plans to expand New Betha-

ny's diversity, equity and inclusion practices by advocating for underrepresented voices in the Lehigh Valley community.

"New Bethany Ministries is very fortunate to have Robin, Brian and José join the board of directors," said Marc Rittle, executive director of New Bethany Ministries. "Their dedication, refreshing insight and desire to give back to the Lehigh Valley community is inspiring, and I am confident their support and that from their individual organizations will help us make an even greater impact."

New Bethany Ministries, in its 35th year of service to the Lehigh

Valley, encompasses programs that provide food support, clothing, referral services, showers, financial management, permanent housing for men and women, wellness services, and transitional and permanent housing solutions. Its mission is to offer hope and support to people who experience poverty, hunger and homelessness. NBM believes that all people, regardless of circumstances, should be treated with dignity and care without judgment. To learn more about New Bethany Ministries, check Facebook and Twitter @NewBethMin, or visit them on the web at www.newbethanyministries.org

PBMS

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Here is how the process works. In addition to setting prices and reimbursement rates, PBMs negotiate discounts (known as rebates) with drug companies. Sometimes PBMs pass the entire rebate on to the insurance company, but raise their own fees. In other instances, they keep a portion of the rebate as a reward for themselves, meaning that the manufacturer lowered the price, but the insurance company did not receive the full benefit of the reduction. Critics say PBMs' method of determining their commission is opaque, and the Trump administration mulled (but ultimately never made) a change in Medicare rules that would have compelled PBMs to pass the entire rebate on to Medicare.

What makes the situation frustrating for consumers is that pharmaceutical firms can help PBMs look as if they're negotiating successfully, without losing a dime, merely by raising the price of the drug and then handing the PBM what looks like a big rebate. The customer and the insurer pay the same amount they've always paid, but the PBM gets a fee for the "discount" it theoretically negotiated.

As reported in Time magazine in 2019 (<https://time.com/5564547/drug-prices-medicine/>), PBMs' contracts with pharmaceutical firms and with health insurance firms are confidential. Even after the passage of the 2018 Know the Lowest Price Act and Patient Right to Know Drug Prices Act, the only real recourse pharmacy customers have is to ask the pharmacist if their

out-of-pocket cost for a drug would be lower than their co-pay – a situation that University of Southern California researchers found is true 25 percent of the time (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/why-a-patient-paid-a-285-copay-for-a-40-drug/>).

'Clawbacks' mean plummeting reimbursements for independent pharmacies PBMs also allegedly engage in the practice of "clawbacks" when the covered patient is a Medicare participant, asserting that pharmacies owe them fees, and simply deducting these fees from pharmacies' reimbursements. One justification PBMs give for the fees they charge is that pharmacies have fallen short of Medicare quality metrics such as high patient medication adherence rates – metrics originally created by CMS to serve as incentives by generat-

ing bonus payments. The NPR report cited earlier noted that one former pharmacy owner saw his monthly fees escalate from \$20,000 to \$40,000 before he decided to sell his business.

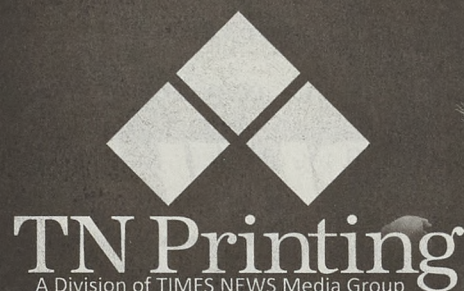
The problem with these so-called quality metrics, according to observers like Ciaccia, is that they are primarily incentives to fill more prescriptions, more regularly. After all, no one is at the patient's home watching him take his medication. "Medication adherence" just means "regular prescription drug deliveries" – something chain pharmacies do very well, particularly with mail-order subscriptions.

Change is happening in the way PBMs affect drug prices and reimbursements, but for many independent pharmacies, it may be too little, too late.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veronica Degraffenreid
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 9. Action on concurrent orders and resolutions.

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

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

§ 20. Disaster emergency declaration and management.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RELATING TO TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

Ballot Question

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

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ballot Question

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

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ballot Question

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

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

• NOTIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA •

ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE PENNSILVANIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veronica Degraffenreid
Secretaria de Estado en funciones

RESOLUCIÓN CONJUNTA N.º 2021 - 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sección 9. Acción sobre órdenes y resoluciones concurrentes.

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

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

Sección 20. Declaración y manejo de emergencias por desastre.

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

(b) Cada declaración de emergencia por desastre emitida por el Gobernador de conformidad con el inciso (a) deberá indicar la naturaleza del desastre, cada área en la que existe la amenaza y las

condiciones del desastre, lo que incluye si se trata de un desastre natural, una emergencia militar, una emergencia de salud pública, un desastre tecnológico u otra emergencia general, según lo definido por ley. La Asamblea General deberá, por ley, disponer el modo en que se deberá manejar cada tipo de desastre enumerado en este inciso.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL PROPUESTA - ARTÍCULO, III, SECCIÓN 9

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

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

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

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

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

• NOTIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA •

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

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

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

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

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

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

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

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

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

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

Si se aprueba, la enmienda transferiría ciertas autoridades existentes del Gobernador para responder y manejar emergencias por desastre a la Asamblea General. El Gobernador conservaría la autoridad de emitir la declaración de emergencia por desastre inicial pero la duración permitida de la declaración se reduciría de 90 a 21 días. La autoridad única de extender la declaración recaería en la Asamblea

General; actualmente, esta capacidad la tiene el Gobernador. Al vencimiento de la declaración inicial, la enmienda prohíbe al Gobernador emitir una nueva declaración basada en los mismos hechos o hechos similares sin la aprobación de la Asamblea General. El Gobernador dejaría de tener autoridad unilateral para manejar los desastres, pero tendría que hacerlo de manera consistente con las leyes aprobadas por la Asamblea General.

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

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

Pregunta para la papeleta electoral

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

Declaración en lenguaje simple de la Oficina del Procurador General

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

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

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

FUNDS

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passed by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden. The money can be used for food service; professional training; technology purchases; sanitation and cleaning supplies; summer and after-school programs;

mental health supports and more.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Students are encouraged to apply for the scholarships and submit their completed applications before 5 p.m. June 4.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to reward students that would like to pursue agriculture," says Ibolya Balog, Great Allentown Fair Foundation Trustee and Scholarship Committee Chair.

The Great Allentown Fair Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization chartered in 2019, as a separate subsidiary of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society.

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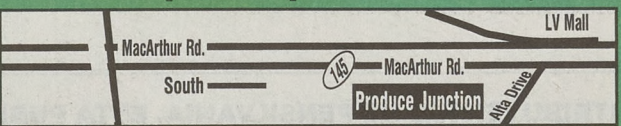
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Rich Mazza

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WESCOE RESIGNS

The Bethlehem Area School District and the Liberty High School Athletic Department is regretfully announcing the resignation of Veteran Head Girls Basketball Coach Andy Wescoe. Coach Wescoe has spent the better part of the last 4 years impacting and mentoring our girls in the Liberty Girls Basketball Program. We are thankful for Andy's service and wish him the best. Andy has left an indelible mark on both the school and the athletic program in his charge.

Applicants can submit a resume and letter of interest to AD Fred Harris.

BC CAMPS

Becahi girls summer camps will take place this June.

The Baby Birds Camp will run from June 14-16 and the Lady Hawks Camp will run from June 21-24.

The Baby Birds Camp is for grades K-3 and runs from 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$75.

The Lady Hawks Camp is for grades 4-9 and runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$120.

Camp will be lead by Coach Medina, players and staff. To register, go to <https://bcgirlsbball.sportngin.com/register/form/732857780>.

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Jaden Spigner races to first base during a recent game against Northampton. The team picked up its first win Saturday knocking off unbeaten Freedom.

Hawks get first victory, 2-1 win over Freedom

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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After an 0-4 start to the season, Bethlehem Catholic's softball team beat the undefeated Freedom Patriots, 2-1, on Saturday at Becahi.

"You know, we've had such fabulous innings, but then we've had some of the worst innings Becahi's ever played. Today, they were determined, and if a team ever needed a win, it was us," said Becahi head coach Rich Mazza.

With one out in the bottom of the third inning, Jordan Merklin walked, and Jaden Spigner's hit to right field fell for a triple. Merklin and Patriot catcher Brianna Cole collided as Cole was fielding the throw to home.

"She was playing in front of the bag, so there was really no way to get to the plate, so I was like, I can't get under her so I might as well just get through and maybe try and knock the ball out of her glove, which is

exactly what happened so it worked out," Merklin said. "It felt great to get on, and score, and be productive."

Ashley Judd followed up with a hit to second base, and Spigner beat the throw home to score the game winner.

"When it's hit to the opposite field, I know I have better speed and I can get there," said Spigner, who fouled off two balls before the triple. "[Freedom pitcher Jennifer Slanovec] was taking her time on the mound, so I called time, and then it was another outside strike so I took it to right field."

Merklin and Spigner got on base again in the fifth inning when Merklin's base hit went over the head of Corrin Gill at second, and Spigner also had a single.

"My first at bat I was dipping, so I told myself to keep my back shoulder up and just keep everything low because they're playing in, and I wanted to hit something by or through the infield," said Merklin.

"Anything to get on." Both the Hawks and the Patriots turned double plays in the sixth inning.

Freedom shortstop Julia Heineman had a double in the top of the seventh, threatening the Hawks' one-run lead.

"Freedom's a very good team, and they're known for hitting, so the last inning, I got definitely nervous, especially with a runner on second base," said Becahi pitcher Emma Bond.

But Bond struck out Abby Husser, who was short of hitting a home run in the fourth inning, for the final out, leaving Heineman on base.

"That felt probably the best out of every other strike I've thrown in my life," said Bond, who leapt out of the pitching circle after the top of the fourth inning. "After having a long strike two, I don't really get worried because it's another strike for me, but knowing it was a strike out and got us out of the inning felt really good."

The Patriots went up

1-0 in the first inning when Brenna Ortwein scored on an RBI by Matison Pirapavel.

The Hawks loaded the bases in the bottom of the first on singles by Abby Rodriguez, Spigner, and Judd but were unable to score.

Becahi's earlier losses were two games apiece against Northampton and Easton.

"We hung in with Northampton, I feel like, but sometimes our energy gets down and I personally feel like we should have won against Easton," said Spigner. "We just need to keep this energy and excitement and spark and anger or hunger."

This week, the Hawks will have had a rematch with the Patriots before taking on Liberty twice.

"We have coachable kids, and today, they didn't make the mistakes we've been making before," said Coach Mazza, "and that's because they listen, they work, and they're ready to handle a little bit of pressure."

LHS boys off to 4-0 start

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty baseball looks like they'll be one of the team's to beat this year, as the Hurricanes are off to 4-0 start following Monday's 14-4 thrashing over Nazareth.

Parker Frey had a home run and three RBIs in Monday's victory, while Eric Ludwick added four RBI for the 'Canes.

The win comes days after the Hurricanes knocked off Parkland last Saturday, 3-2 in an early season litmus test.

"Well, our start has been good, but our performance up until now is about a five on a scale of 1-10," said head coach Andy Pitsilos. "There is a lot we need to work on. For me, the Parkland win was a nonleague game which didn't really mean too much, but for the kids, it was a confidence booster. Parkland is always a talented, well coached team and a perennial powerhouse."

Liberty will have a full slate of action this week, as they battled Easton on Tuesday and then have contests against Bethlehem Catholic Wednesday and Friday.

For Pitsilos, it's all about managing the season at this point.

"Well we have another three-game stretch ahead," he said. "We are trying to keep arms healthy while trying to win one game at a time."

Freedom (1-1) has four games this week as well, starting with Tuesday's encounter against Bethlehem Catholic, followed by Northampton on Wednesday and Friday. They close out the week against Emmaus

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SPRING SPORTS: LACROSSE

Pate girls happy to be back

BY PETER CAR
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Charis Innarella is just happy to have her lacrosse team on the field this spring. The Pates are back after a year off and enjoying every moment.

"This season couldn't come soon enough," said Innarella. "We are grateful to be competing again and are making the best of everyday."

Returning players include senior captains Abby Burnette, Caitlin Donello and Kailey Turpening (junior).

Seniors Bailey Kollar, Madden Dudeck and Abi Sipel also figure to be prominent players.

Newcomers include sophomores Paige Telatovich and Paige Jenkins.

"We will come to compete and make each other better everyday," Innarella said. "Our team is built around a handful of elite lacrosse players and many talented athletes."

"Expectations will



FILE PHOTO

Abby Burnette is one of the key returning players for the Freedom girls lacrosse team.

be to attack every game with an intense urgency. Our head on and play with team chemistry is awesome and the expectations are high. It will be an exciting and successful season."

FHS softball wins 3

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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The Freedom Patriots picked up their second, third, and fourth wins of the season when they defeated Nazareth, 20-0, Emmaus, 2-1, and Liberty, 10-1.

The Emmaus game played last week at Freedom was a change of pace for the Patriots who won their previous games, including their first against Parkland, by large margins.

"Coming off two huge wins, we were really excited to play this game, and with the close game, it's more exciting," said

Freedom left fielder Natalie Stannard. "Everybody's into it. Everybody's paying attention."

Stannard had the RBI that scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning against Emmaus.

"My first at bat I struck out so I was trying to come into my second at bat positive, and then I was up in the box so that didn't have as much spin coming in on me, and then I saw that pitch come down the middle," she said.

Julia Heineman scored from third base.

Freedom pitcher Jennifer Slanovec struck out the side in order in the sixth inning.

"It really just comes down to the confidence we have in the players," said Freedom coach Michele Laubach. "We have a solid lineup, so it gets a little unnerving when you're not scoring the runs you're used to, but we don't get really excited about it because we have confidence in them."

This week, Freedom will travel to Northampton on Wednesday before hosting the K-Kids on Friday.



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Freedom's Gabby Glick races toward first base but is out after Liberty's Hannah Bosco catches the ball.

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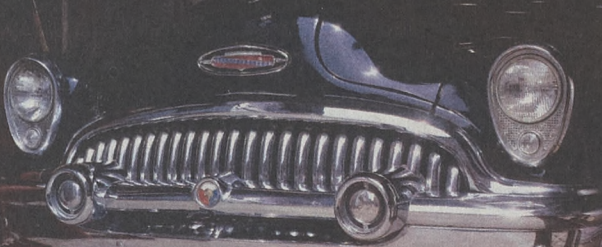
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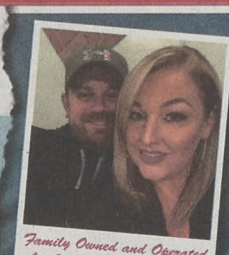


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Carson Vella, left, and Jesse Kolb, right, congratulate one another during a recent Liberty boys lacrosse game.

Liberty boys ready to play this spring

BY PETER CAR
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Playoffs is the goal for Liberty's boys lacrosse team this spring and second-year head coach Jim Martell hopes that can come to fruition in the coming months.

With spring sports back this season, each team will have their own learning curve from a canceled 2020 season, but Martell appears confident in the talent of this year's group.

"The team has been working diligently to get better everyday," said Martell. "They have been extremely focused since day one. They had their season taken away from them last year, so they are being extremely mindful of all the things they need to do to have a successful season. Our

motto is still accountability, enthusiasm and Calmness under Chaos. We are focusing on controlling the controllable. They are paying more and more attention to the little details of the game to execute live in competition."

Returning for the Hurricanes this season include Tommy Bothwell, Brennan McKeown, Carson Vella, Jesse Kolb, Matthew Schlegel and Ethan Sowinski. Newcomers are Lance Priestas, Matt Ingram, Mason Burger and Scott Trauger.

"The team's goal is to go as far into the playoffs as possible," Martell said. "Our players and coaches know we have the talent to do this. As long as we continue to focus on the little things

the rest will come."

All those goals come with the reminder that COVID is still lurking around every corner, so Martell is making sure his team is diligent in their safety.

"In general it's going to be tough for everyone this year," he said. "From postponements and limited time to make sure everyone's schedule fits to play a game. For us, we are not going to use COVID as an excuse. Our players know how serious it is, and know how serious the coaches take it. They have been very diligent with following all Liberty High School's policies. We will continue to do a fantastic job at this to make sure we can continue to play out our season."

Freedom boys have high expectations

BY PETER CAR
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The potential is there for Freedom's boys lacrosse team this season, the question is can they fulfill it?

The Patriots come into the spring with their undying passion to break into the upper tier of EPC lacrosse hierarchy and bring a roster that head coach Tony Fabrizio believes can do just that.

"This is the most talented team I've had at Freedom," said Fab-

rizio. "We are hoping this will lead us to wins over the big teams in the league. The players have put in a lot of hard work, and we're hoping it pays off this season."

This year's group is led by seniors Quin Hoke, Jake Ceirech, Matt Bargardo, Brooks Coyne, Marcus Kreidler, Jacob Schwind and Ethan Ferry.

Juniors include Connor Bevan, Adam DePolis, Jacob Perrault, Anthony Lyden and Brian Schaffer. The sophomores that can make

an impact are Ryan Hathaway, Eli White, Alex Hume and Jake Ballerini. Freshmen Jonah Ortwain and Jarred Karibunis could also make contributions.

"This year is unlike any other we've had," said Fabrizio. "I believe we can make a statement in the league and districts. We have the potential, we just need to go out and play to that potential every game. If we do that, I believe we will turn a lot of heads this season."



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Liberty's Natalia Leiria, right, establishes her position during a recent girls lacrosse game against Parkland.

Hurricane girls rebuilding this year

BY PETER CAR
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It'll be a rebuilding year for the Liberty girls lacrosse team this spring, but head coach Laurie Ann Muller is taking it day-by-day with this year's group.

"We have graduated over 20 seniors over the past two years, so we are rebuilding now with a solid base," said Muller. "Our senior class of players are strong in leadership and play. We have many incoming young players who will make their mark

on the varsity field. I am looking forward to playing and seeing what the girls can accomplish throughout the season."

Returning seniors this year include Brooke Veit (Midfield), Natalia Leiria (Defense), Savannah Wooten (Goalie), Victoria Alvarez (Midfield), Allison Kloiber (Midfield/Attack), Erda Nesimi (Defense) and Elizabeth Rodriguez (Defense).

Newcomers of note are sophomores Jillian Mayes (Defense) and Sarah Fitzpatrick (Mid-

field).

Muller is just hoping for the team to return to a sense of normalcy sooner than later, so they can work on being a better team.

"We could not have any practice until the season started, so no off season training," she said. "We also have had two weeks where we have not been able to practice due to COVID issues within the school. We are looking to have fun getting back on the field."



PRESS PHOTO BY ASHLEY HACKER

Abigail McIntyre and the Hawks enter their first season of lacrosse.

BC girls lax enters inaugural season

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic is opening this spring with a new varsity sport on the docket, as girls lacrosse officially jump into the landscape of the conference.

Head coach Taylor Ondrejca knows that patience will have to be key factor for her staff in an opening campaign, but she's also excited about the opportunity to lay the groundwork for the program.

"Our outlook for the year is to build a strong foundation for the program," said Ondrejca. "We welcomed many girls who are new to the sport. As a young team, we are working hard rising to the level of competition we see in our league. The girls bring 100% drive and

commitment to practice and games. We have seen great improvement early on and are excited for the remainder of the season."

Leading this year's team are captains Abby McIntyre (junior) and Julia Vorsa (senior), as both are experienced players and will be looked upon to guide the rest of the group.

Seniors Kelby McNally and Rileigh Cummings will also be part of the core group of players with lacrosse experience.

"These girls bring experience and drive and energy to the team," said Ondrejca. "We will definitely miss these girls next year, but look forward to watching their college careers begin."

"Look out for Grace Hartman and Taylor

Adams. Both are juniors and critical members of the team. You will find Grace leading the attack. Taylor is a strong midfielder, who excels at making ground balls her own and is a strong presence on both defense and attack."

While immediate results in the win column isn't the main focus for any new program, Ondrejca is looking more toward building blocks this season.

"Two big goals the team this year are to work through mistakes and not to let negativity and discouragement take hold," she said. "Second, to build a program we are proud of and create a fun environment where everyone wants to come back next year."

BETHLEHEM SOCCER CLUB TRAVEL SIGNUPS

Don't forget, now is the time to register for travel tryouts at Bethlehem Soccer Club. It's free to sign up.

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- U9 Girls (2013 birth year)

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U11 Boys (2011/2012 birth years)

U13 Boys (2009/2010 birth years)

U16 Boys (2006 birth year)

REUNION CANCELED

The 2021 Lehigh Valley Old Time Athletes & Friends Reunion has been canceled.

It was scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agri-Plex.

It has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 4 2022, at the same location.

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Outdoors: Another record PA deer harvest

BY NICK HROMIAK
Special to the Press

According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), the state recorded another high deer harvest during the 2020-21 hunting seasons. Pennsylvania hunters took an estimated 435,180 deer which topped the 2019-20 seasons total of 389,431 deer. The state's record overall deer harvest was 517,529 in the 2002 season.

In addition, the statewide buck harvest of 174,780 set a new record in the antler restrictions area, a seven percent increase over the previous season's 163,240.

The antlerless deer harvest was 226,400 that exceeded the 2019-20's harvest of 226,191, a 15 percent increase.

Unlike in 2019-20, when the antlerless harvest decreased in almost half of the state's WMUs, in 2020-21 antlerless harvests either increased or were similar to the previous year in all but

one WMU (3B). This decrease, says the PGC, was expected as the allocation was reduced in 2020-21. The largest harvest increases occurred in western Pennsylvania and in WMUs 1A, 1B and 2B.

The percentage of older bucks taken in 2020-21 remained high. About 64 percent of bucks taken were at least 2.5 years old with the remainder being 1.5 years old. The PGC attributes this to antler restrictions initiated by then deer biologist Gary Alt, who came under heavy criticism for doing that. But in retrospect, it paid off with hunters being able to take older, larger, big-racked bucks.

The harvest brakes down even further with about 68 percent of the antlerless deer taken being adult females; but bucks comprised 17 percent and doe fawns making up 15 percent.

Bowhunters took over a third of Pennsylvanians 2020-21 over-

all deer harvest with 160,480 of which 80,130 were bucks and 80,350 were antlerless deer and with either bows or crossbows. In comparison, the 2019-20 archery harvest was 145,908 (74,190 bucks and 71,718 antlerless deer).

As for the estimated muzzleloader harvest, there were 28,260 deer shot that is down slightly from the previous year's harvest of 29,604. And it included 1,140 antlered bucks compared to 1,260 in 2019-20.

For the local tri-county area around the Lehigh Valley, harvest numbers are as follows with 2019-20 figures in parentheses:

WMU 3D: 6,200 (6,000) antlered, 6,400 (4,900) antlerless

WMU 4C: 7,000 (antlered), 8,100 (8,300) antlerless

WMU 5C: 8,400 (7,600), 15,200 (14,427) antlerless

These figures break down even further:

WMU 3D: archery, 2,670 (2,250) antlered;



PRESS PHOTO BY NICK HROMIAK

Pennsylvania hunters harvested 435,180 deer during the 2020-21 hunting season, a 12 percent increase over the 2019-20 seasons.

2,240 (1,470) antlerless; muzzleloader, 90 (70) antlered, 990 (1,042) antlered

FREE FISHING DERBY

As a reminder from last week, for three hours on April 17, South Whitehall Township Parks and Recreation is hosting a Youth Fishing Derby beginning at 9 a.m. at Covered Bridge

Park, 2465 Wehr Mill Road, Allentown. The derby is for youths ages 15 and under, with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

The event is for youths only as no adults are allowed to fish for some of the 1,000 trout to be stocked in that portion of Jordan Creek. Prizes will be awarded for each age group of under 4, 5-8, 9-12 and 13-15. Check South Whitehall Township's website for further rules and regulations.

LEHIGH RIVER STOCKING

According to Willie from Willie's Bait & Tackle in Cementon, the Lehigh River Stocking Association stocked trout Saturday (Apr. 10) in the Lehigh River from the pavilion area on Canal Street in Northampton upriver to the gap. Consider joining this fine organization which will provide added trout fishing opportunities.

LHS tops BC twice

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic and Liberty's boys tennis teams went head-to-head twice in two days with the Hurricanes winning both matches, but it was the matches at two singles between Becahi's Armaan Makwana and Liberty's Shayann Farhad that were the most even.

Both hardworking, solid players at number two, Farhad won Friday's contest, 6-4, 6-2.

"In the first set, I was trying to do one-two punches and serve out wide and then just try to finish the ball in two points, and that was working," Farhad said. "I was up 5-2, but then he started to come up to the net himself and he got a few games off me. But then I kept everything cross and didn't try to do anything fancy, so I managed to win that one."

Farhad was down 0-2 in the second set when Liberty coach Chris Conrad stepped in.

"Coach Conrad came and told me to keep everything cross and come to the net when you can, and that strategy was working like a charm. I think he only got like six points after he told me that, and that's what got me the win," said Farhad.

The following day, Makwana knew he had to be more consistent in his play and make smarter decisions such as when and when not to come to the net.

The first set found Makwana going for too

much at times, or leaving the ball short when he could have gone deeper, and after Farhad won 6-3, Makwana knew he had to change something.

"In the second set, I tried to be more defensive. I tried not to leave the ball short and not go for angles. I waited till he missed," said Makwana, who won the second set, 6-3.

Becahi coach George Harmanos encouraged Makwana to mix it up and hit deep, then come to the net.

"In the third set, I played like I did in the second and mixed up my shot selection," Makwana said and won 6-2.

For Makwana, it was less about revenge and more about really wanting to win. Makwana and Farhad could meet again in the EPC Tournament scheduled for April 22.

Number one singles players Curt Gruber from Becahi and Anthony Ronca from Liberty also played a challenging match on Friday.

"He's a good player," said Gruber. "He got everything back, lefty serve, good spin. I had to fight for every point. If I was in trouble, I could throw up a lob to reset the point, and I had some good defense today, and I think that annoyed him and also got me a couple points at 30-all or something like that where I could then close out a game."

Gruber won the match 6-4, 6-2.

"I think if I served better, I could've put

it away much quicker," Gruber said. In the second set, I was a bit smarter, more patient. I think I played my forehand pretty well today and tried to mix everything up, so my slice was able to throw him off balance. I didn't come to the net as much as I intended to, but when I did, I think I won almost all the points at the net."

Gruber also won Saturday's match, 6-2, 6-0.

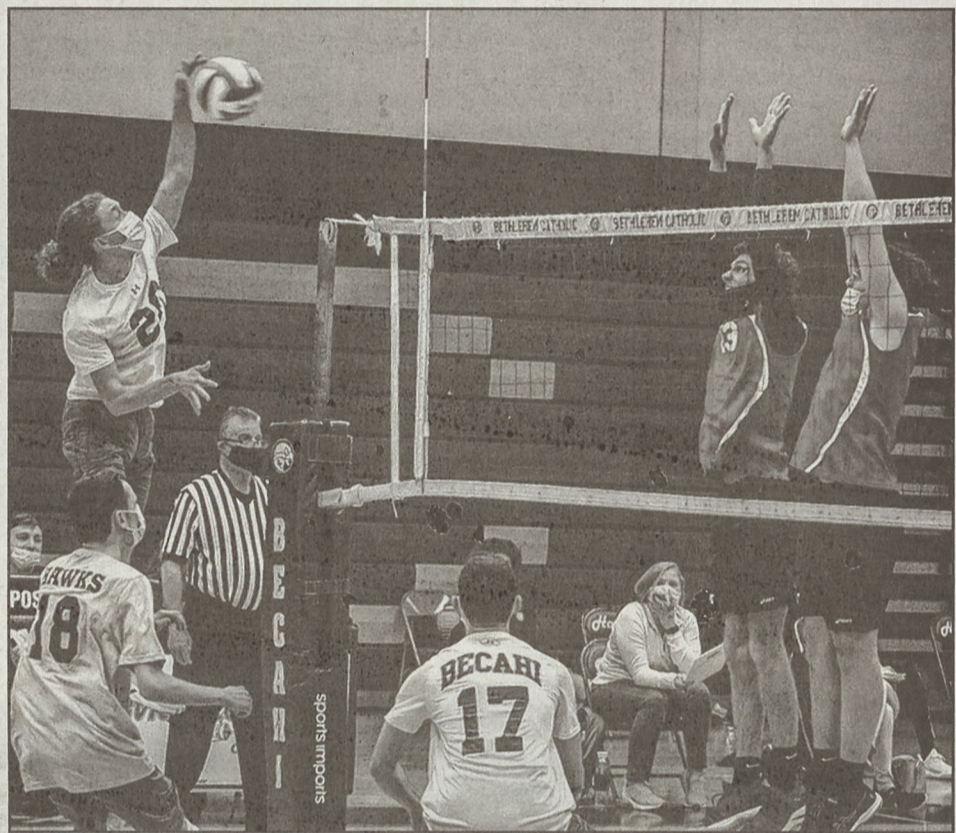
At three singles, Roman Farhad won both matches against Anthony Barczynski, 6-1, 6-1, and 6-4, 6-1.

At one doubles, Liberty's Will Lotto and David Broczkowski defeated John Valance and George Pavis, 8-7, and Liberty's Jackson Jobs and Leo Babbin defeated Zach Schmalz and Patrick Core, 8-0.

Liberty's Luke Appelman and Gavin Evans-Gartley won at two doubles, 6-3, 6-4, over Josh Maruscak and Dan Smith, and Evans-Gartley paired up with Sid Tekumalla to defeat Maruscak and Smith, 6-0, 6-2.

At three doubles, Tekumalla and Chris Giannaras defeated Valance and Schmalz, 6-0, 6-0, and Liberty's Matt Bilger and Tyler Markovich defeated Pavis and Ethan DiLello, 6-0, 6-0.

Bilger and Markovich won at four doubles against DiLello and Xavier Sanchez-Shive, 6-1, 6-1, and Liberty's Ben Pfeiffer and Chris Giannaras defeated Sanchez-Shive and Valance, 6-2, 6-2."



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Jacob Sledz and the Hawks, along with the other area volleyball teams, have a busy stretch of games coming up.

Volleyball action heating up for teams

BY PETER CAR
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It'll be a jam packed week of volleyball action on the calendar for local teams, as the season picks up with a full slate of on this week's docket.

Liberty (1-2) and Freedom (2-3) will have five and four matches respectively this week, as they look to build some momentum through the middle of the month.

The Hurricanes are coming off a three-game sweep to Parkland last week and a sweep to Nazareth on Monday, but head coach Mike Zile took positives away from their outing against one of the EPC's elite programs.

"The scores against Parkland (21-25, 13-25, 13-25) look lopsided especially in games two and three," said Zile. "We had some inconsis-

tencies with ball control that affected hitting in those games. I think we are a better team that."

"In the first game, we had a lead and were close with Parkland until about the 16 point mark. In the other games Parkland pulled away earlier around the 10 point mark. Parkland is always strong where it's a good measuring stick as to where we are at and where we need to improve."

The Hurricanes take on Emmaus Wednesday, followed by matches with Pocono Mountain West on Thursday, Whitehall on Friday and Freedom on Saturday.

"It's a short season where this week in particular we are going to have five matches," Zile said. "We have a good mixture of volleyball playing experience and some young talent

where I think we have the ability to make adjustments in between these matches with limited practice sessions. The challenge for all teams will be seeing who can adjust the fastest on limited practices due to reschedule matches."

Freedom (3-3) had dropped three straight to Northampton, Parkland and Easton after wins against Allen and Dieruff, but bounced back with a win over Pocono Mountain East on Monday. They look to keep the momentum going against Pocono Mountain West on Wednesday.

They then have matches with Nazareth and Liberty on Thursday and Friday.

Bethlehem Catholic (2-4) has a tough stretch with Emmaus, Whitehall and Dieruff this week.

Freedom tops Central

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom tennis player Gavin Labaddia has regained his footing after bouncing between singles and doubles play due to an early-season ankle injury and won his match at two singles, 6-1, 7-5, against Allentown Central Catholic's Dylan Alvarez last Wednesday at Freedom.

"A lot of games went to deuce, but overall I was making errors and he was doing a good job of pushing me side-to-side," Labaddia said of the close second set. "He was also a lefty and normally I would hit cross-court, but today I had to hit down the line. My coach was telling me to try and bring him into the net and maybe lob him, and I did end up lobbing him a lot."

Labaddia won the match on a deep shot to the back corner.

"I tried to get it in the general area. I didn't mean for it to be that precise," Labaddia laughed.

Patriot first singles player Noah Potts also won his match, 6-3, 6-0, against Jesse Coulter in Freedom's 6-1 team win over the Vikings.

"My energy level was too low at the start, but once it started to get close, I knew I'd have to pick it up a little," Potts said. "I went up early and then I got broken, and it was 4-3, and then at that point, I won the next eight games."

Freedom's Arun Chhughani defeated Charlie Long at three singles, 6-1, 6-1.

"I felt pretty good about today's match. I've been hitting better

since the beginning of the season," Chhughani said. "I think the match with Northampton was more challenging but it was more fun for me because I could play more offensive and attack the ball more."

In doubles matches, Freedom won the first three when Shivam Chand and Lance Aborde defeated Will McGlynn and Dan Wheeler, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, Advay Deshmukh and Fahim Parker defeated Jake Zeller and Alesio Flores, 6-0, 6-2, and Dylan Sarkozy and Tommy Potts defeated Dan Petruno and Enzo Fabrizio, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Central Catholic won at four doubles when Matt Hettan and Mack Zeller defeated Brian Gerra and Baptiste Boussageon, 7-5, 6-3.

BOYS

Continued from page A11 on Saturday, as they look to get in the swing of things.

Bethlehem Catholic (3-3) has scaled back after their quick start to the season, losing to Easton, Nazareth and Freedom since.

The Hawks took on Freedom yesterday past Press deadlines and then have back-to-back encounters with Liberty to close out the week.



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Wyatt Marshall and the rest of the Hurricanes are off to a 4-0 start

BRIEFLY

Spring brings library's first 2021 book sale

BRIEFLY

CITY

Week of April 12 street closures

The following road-work will occur beginning April 12 in Bethlehem:

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Residents search for old and new favorites at the Bethlehem Area Public Library's first 2021 book sale on the library's front porch March 27. Book sale coordinator Laurel Stone said the most frequently asked question was when the regular inside sales would return. The sale earned the Library \$2,193 and Stone said she was pleased with the turnout. All proceeds benefit the library. Dates for future sales will be announced as they are scheduled.

COPS 'N KIDS

April 17 celebration set

The annual Cops 'n' Kids free annual Celebration of Reading will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 17 at the Fowler Family SouthSide Center, Northampton Community College, 511 E. Third St. There will be food, music, crafts, face paintings, sports and cooking demonstrations; theater, singing and dancing performances, free books and visits with police and fire personnel. Children accompanied by an adult will be able to choose free books courtesy of Cops 'n' Kids.

The Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room is open to the public 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday and for special Saturday programs (register by calling 610-861-5526), also. If you have a children's group interested in visiting the Reading Room, or if you want to conduct a book drive, email lvccops-n-kids@att.net.

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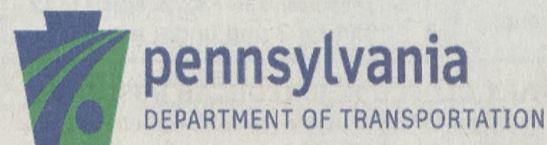
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Resolutions passed without dissent

BY DOUGLAS GRAVES
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Several resolutions in their first reading got Lehigh County Commissioners' unanimous approval at the regular meeting March 24.

Among those, which will be voted on at a subsequent meeting, are three professional services agreements with providers to support Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation at Allentown and Fountain Hill. Shepherd Hills Family Practice will provide medical services, while St. Luke's Physician Group, Inc. will provide both medical and, in a separate contract, psychiatric



PRESS PHOTO BY DOUGLAS GRAVES

services.

All three resolutions were sponsored by Commissioner Dan Hartzell.

LEHIGH COUNTY

The Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. will receive funding from money the county receives from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide assistance to victims of crime in Lehigh County. The resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dave Harrington.

In another resolution, the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley, Inc. will receive funding from the money the county receives from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide assistance to victims of crimes in Lehigh County. The resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dave Harrington.

The county has supplemented those funds in the past with tax dollars from the District Attorney's Victim Witness Fund in the amount of \$35,000.

Since 2019, the county has received additional grant funding from the Rights and Services Act (RSA) grant program for this program, which funds the services from Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.

Commissioners approved a County Department of General Services request that the county contract with TuWay Mobile Communications, Inc., also called TuWay Communications, for expansion of the county's EMS Radio Communications Network, including assembly, construction and installation.

In other business, the commissioners appointed Edward Schuch to the Aging and Adult Services Advisory Council.

BRIEFLY RED CROSS

April donors can win Indy tickets

The American Red Cross and Indycar are teaming up during April to encourage blood donations, especially of type O blood. Donors who come in through April 15 will have a chance to win a VIP trip for four to the 2022 Indianapolis 500. All who come in to give in April will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of five \$1,000 e-gift cards to a merchant of choice.

Schedule an appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor app and/or visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org; calling 1-800-733-2767; or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Additional details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Indy500.

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Digital and virtual events

Banana Factory online digital exhibitions and more: www.bananafactory.org.
 Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites digital programming: visit <https://historicbethlehem.org> or call 610-882-0450.
 National Museum of Industrial History virtual museum, 602 E. Second St. Visit <http://nmih.org/virtualmuseum>; call 610-694-6644 for schedules.

Through Sunday, August 29

Machines of Interest: two dozen original prints by photographer Stephen Mallon; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. National Museum of Industrial History, 602 E Second St. Information: visit www.nmih.org/machines-of-interest/

Through Thursday, April 15

Public spring student art exhibit, 6 to 8 p.m. Corpora Gallery, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 321 E. Third St.

Monday, April 26 through Sunday, May 2

SouthSide Bethlehem Arts District's 2021 Spring Restaurant Week. SouthSide Arts District, 324 S. New St. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/southside-arts-district/spring-restaurant-week/76572673771104/>

Wednesday April 14

Adult Bible study & Soup for lunch, 11 a.m. Modge Podge Bottle Craft with Scriptures, Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Thursday April 15

Author Sally Handlon: "Your Journey to Aging Well," seniors 50 and up, 10:45 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Saturday, April 17

Cops 'n Kids free annual Celebration of Reading, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fowler Family SouthSide Center, Northampton Community College, 511 E. Third St. Food, music, crafts, face paintings, sports and cooking demonstrations; theater, singing and dancing performances, free books, police and fire personnel. Information: visit www.copsnkidslv.org.
 Tails and Sales, furry friends welcome. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic District, downtown Bethlehem, is going to the dogs. Cocktail trails, sales, costume competitions, virtual dog run. Activities, schedules, other details: visit <https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/tails-sales/> Tickets sold only through website.

Tuesday, April 20

Bridge players, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

Wednesday, April 21

Adult Bible study & Soup for lunch, 11 a.m. It's for the Birds! Women's Ministries, 1 p.m. Salvation Army, 521 Pembroke Road. Call 610-867-4681 for details.

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LIBRARY NOTES

General information

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 BAPL Main, Southside and Coolidge are offering public computers in addition to limited and by appointment browsing. Masks are required, as is standard social-distancing protocol. The procedure is different at each location. For questions, call ahead of time.

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

No public reading areas or meeting rooms are available. All events are held virtually; refer to the BAPL calendar for details. All library locations continue to offer "grab and go" check-out, which means you can place books or other items on reserve and pick them up with your library card at the door if you do not feel comfortable coming in.

Fines and overdue updates: BAPL has not been charging overdue fines for any library items during the past year due to the difficulties caused by the pandemic. Going forward, as of April 5, any items checked out will be subject to overdue fines if returned late. The updated (and reduced from previous) overdue fees are: 20 cents per day on DVDs, video games (both formerly one dollar per day), books and other items. There is no reserve fee at this time. Library items will still be quarantined after being returned; this will not impact fines. They still may show up as checked out on your record until the quarantine period has ended.

Main Library - 11 W. Church St.

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

Hours. No appointment required for browsing; computer sessions limited to 30 minutes per day. First floor access only; children's books are available on the first floor. Second floor items may be retrieved by a librarian.

Through April 24

STEM project: make your own kite that will actually fly (grades K-5). Stop by the Main Library and pick up a kite kit with everything that you will need to make your kite. Kits are available while supplies last.

Celebrate Earth Day with inspiring stories and a take-away activity packet (grades K-5). Watch the story presentation on Bethlehem Area Public Library's Facebook or YouTube channel. Pick up your packet, while supplies last, in the Youth browsing area on the first floor of the Main Library.

Wednesday, April 14

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

Friday, April 16

Storytime on Facebook live. 10-10:30 a.m. for all ages every Friday. Search "Bethlehem Area Public Library" on Facebook and join for stories and songs.

Monday, April 19

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PRESS PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE SEXTON

The Easter Bunny received a warm welcome on a sunny but breezy day before Easter, Saturday morning, as he paraded through Hanover Township neighborhoods, escorted by a police, fire and township fleet.

Bunny hops into Hanover Township



Six-month-old Grayson Fondl wore his best blinking ears and furry white suit to get a first glimpse of the Easter Bunny. His parents Kaity and Adam Fondl joined other family members for the big drive-by.



The Kutz family knew the Easter Bunny couldn't be too far away when they heard the sirens and horns from the Hanover Township fleet of police, streets and fire vehicles on a breezy but sunny day before Easter. Seated from left are Dad Brian, Hayley, Bryce and Mom Gina Kutz.



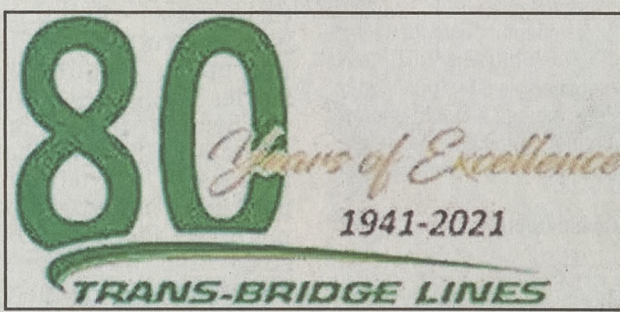
The Easter Bunny receives a warm welcome on a sunny but breezy morning as he parades through Hanover Township.

Trans-Bridge marks 80th anniversary

Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc. has transported millions of residents throughout the Lehigh Valley and northwestern New Jersey for 80 years. February marked this monumental milestone in what has been a bittersweet year for the Greater Lehigh Valley's leading motorcoach company.

Trans-Bridge has been family-owned and operated since 1941, and is in its third generation of ownership and fourth generation of management.

Founder A. J. Ferraro started in the bus business in 1917. He was a driver, manager, consultant, partner and owner of various bus companies in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. In 1941, Ferraro founded his Broadway, New Jersey-based Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc., when he took over the New Jersey Interurban Coach Company with members of his family. The company operated local transit service along the



Port Colden, Washington, Broadway and Phillipsburg corridor to Easton and grew to include Allentown. The company also ran some charters and tour excursions. Then in 1943, Delaware River Coach Lines, an affiliate of Trans-Bridge Lines, began operating local transit service between Easton and Phillipsburg. The companies moved to a new facility in Phillipsburg in 1946.

1969 marked the birth of Trans-Bridge Tours, a Trans-Bridge Lines affiliate, which started as Holiday Tours, conducting retail tours through the United States and Canada. The tours grew to include One-Day, Multi-Day, and Casino Tours, as well as Air and Cruise vacations. Trans-Bridge Lines and Tri-City Coach Lines, an additional family-owned charter coach company based in Bethlehem, merged and moved to a new facility in Bethlehem's Lehigh Valley Industrial Park in 1981. In 1991, the company purchased West Hunterdon Transit Company, which increased the service area and now covers the entire Lehigh Valley, New Hope, Doylestown and Quakertown, Pennsylvania; Clinton, Flemington, and Lambertville, New Jersey

regions. In 1997 Jim Thorpe Transportation was acquired.

Today Trans-Bridge Lines is facing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Portions of regular service have been suspended due to low ridership. The company continues to find ways to diversify by adding additional services, such as recreational vehicle service, repair and storage.

Trans-Bridge is no stranger to tough times, having survived financial struggles twice in the late 40s, in 1969, and again in 1987. It suffered along with the rest of the nation after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the New York City blackout, the financial crisis in 2008-2009, and Superstorm Sandy, all of which disrupted business.

Resilience is certainly a trait of this company whose management team is committed to providing area communities with safe and modern motorcoach transportation.

Contributed article

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As a service to our readers, Lehigh Valley Press weekly newspapers will print engagement, wedding and anniversary photos in the Focus Section.

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Unintended consequences

I recently started posting my columns to Instagram, in hope of growing my audience, and for the ease of adding them to Facebook simultaneously. This had a surprising result: A number of men started to follow me on Instagram.

At first it was intriguing. I tried following a few back. What I found, however, is men seeking relationships, from far away. I quickly discovered something else: I don't like online relationships.

I wasn't expecting that. After all, I use social media to keep in touch with a lot of friends, since I don't really enjoy phone calls. I talk more with my hands and eyes than my mouth, which is a real disadvantage on an audio call. And I use Zoom for my jobs, and that is enough online video communication for me.

The other thing I didn't enjoy was the demands of the guys online. "Where are you? What's taking you so long to reply?"

Uh, let's see. Two jobs. The responsibilities of single motherhood. I could go on, but that's really enough. Oh, and have I mentioned my lack of patience? There is also my ex. Our relationship is over, but he still manages to upset me often, and that skews the lens I view potential relationships through.

So I learned two things. Online dating is not going to work for me. Seeing someone in person matters too much to me.

The other thing? I am no longer adding my own picture to my columns on Instagram.



By Lani Goins

MEETING BOARD

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Bethlehem City Hall is open to the public and is fully operational. There is a drop box outside the Church Street entrance to City Hall to make bill payments; conduct as much business as possible via mail, email, online at www.bethlehem-pa.gov and by phone at (610) 865-7000. Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center will remain open unless otherwise advised. Critical situations, including in person services provided by the Health Bureau, will be by appointment only.

Wednesday, April 14

Northampton Co. Industrial Development Authority, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Northampton Co. Personnel and Finance committees, 4 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Northampton Co. Karst Geology Advisory Council, 4:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 Northampton Co. Capital Projects and Operations Committee, 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.
 BASD Facilities & Board Curriculum committees, 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.
 Bethlehem Twp. Municipal Authority, 6:30 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Hellertown Borough Water Authority, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.
 Lehigh Co. Commissioners, 7:30 p.m. Public hearing room, Gov't. Center, 17 S. Seventh St., Allentown.

Thursday, April 15

Northampton County Council, 6:30 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton. Live streamed: www.northamptoncounty.org/COUNCIL/Pages/CouncilMeetings.aspx
 Northampton Co. Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee, 5 p.m. Northampton Co. Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton.

Monday, April 19

BASD Finance and Human Resources committees, 6 p.m. Edgeboro Room, Education Center, 1516 Sycamore St.
 Historic Conservation Commission, 6 p.m. Banana Factory, 25 E. Third St.
 Bethlehem Twp. Commissioners, 7 p.m. Municipal building, 4225 Easton Ave.
 Fountain Hill Zoning (as needed), 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
 Hellertown Borough Council, 7 p.m. 685 Main St.

Tuesday, April 20

Bethlehem City Council, 7 p.m.; Live stream, past meetings: visit www.youtube.com/channel/UCRFLG5Y9U0jADKARE1W3xw. Accessible by phone, computer or mobile device. The public may participate in public comment sessions through a call-in phone number. Instructions: <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Calendar>
 Freemansburg Council, 7 p.m. 600 Monroe St., Freemansburg. (as needed)
 Hanover (LeCo) Twp. Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown

Wednesday, April 21

Fountain Hill Council, 7 p.m. 941 Long St.
 Hanover (LeCo) Twp. Council, 7:30 p.m. 2202 Grove Road, Allentown
 Hellertown Borough Zoning Hearing, 6:30 p.m. 685 Main St.
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ELECTION POLICY

A message to candidates, readers:

As we approach the May 18 municipal primary, the Press newspapers, in the interest of fairness, will halt the publication of columns by local government officials and letters to the editor submitted by those running for office.

The last week for publication of columns by local government officials is the April 14 edition.

We will, of course, continue to cover the local races, in news stories generated by our own reporters.

Letters to the Editor supporting a candidate need to be received by the Press no later than by 5 p.m. April 30.

George Taylor, Bethlehem Press editor

ATTENTION CANDIDATES

Our primary election coverage will run in our May 12 issue. We invite all candidates in contested races to send us a photo with their 150-word response to this question: What qualifies you to serve in the post you seek? Separate stories for Bethlehem city races – council, mayor and school board – are planned, but candidates for those offices are encouraged to send us a photo and their response to the same question. Responses must be received by April 30.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

The approved "Edible Arrangements" sign design for 11 E. Third St

'Edible Arrangement' sign palatable, 13-story high-rise hard to swallow

BY ED COURRIER
 Special to the Bethlehem Press

Brittany Storz received a certificate of appropriateness to replace her "Edible Arrangements" sign with a new one the Bethlehem Historic Conservation Commission found palatable at the Feb. 22 virtual hearing. The off-white opaque signboard for 11 E. Third St. features a colorful basket of fruit in a red circle logo, followed by the word "Edible" in a red sans serif font. Although it fits into an existing internally-lit box sign frame above the store entrance, only the corporate logo and lettering will be illuminated.

The circa 1920, glazed terra-cotta building is owned by MB & DJ LLC.

Having their proposal tabled at the previous meeting, Rafael Palomino and Jeffrey Quinn returned with revised plans for 317-327 S. New St. Demolition approval for existing buildings with replacement by a 12-13 story mixed use building was denied. The decision was unanimous among the six members who voted. Ken Loush recused himself from this agenda item.

The directors expressed support for potential demolition of select existing non-contributing structures and developing the project's location. They commended the applicant's incorporating the façade of the one contributing building into the new design.

The board choked on the idea of replacing the existing one-story and three-story buildings with a structure reaching up to possibly 13 stories tall. They cited the Secretary of the Interior's Standards that new work "will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment."

Several Bethlehem residents weighed in with their opinions on the project prior to the vote.

Dan Church said while he supports the proposal's retaining portions of existing historical structures, he dislikes having high-rises like the nearby "Rooney Building" located within the historic district.

South Bethlehem resident Anna Smith encouraged the Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM HCC



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Although Palomino and Quinn incorporated the façade of one of the existing buildings along New Street in this rendering of their proposed new structure, the commissioners considered the 12-13-story replacement too high.



Brittany Storz was granted a COA to replace her "Edible Arrangements" sign with a new one for 11 E. Third St.

HCC not to compromise with developers on planning measures that protect South Bethlehem's identity. She expressed appreciation for the "affordable housing" facet, but did not support exceeding the four/five story height limit for new projects.

Rachel Leon expressed concern about the potential for compromised air quality during demolition of so many structures. She wryly commented that "affordable housing" does not necessarily mean affordable to current residents of South Bethlehem.

Having previous professional involvement with the City of Beth-

lehem when the original historic district ordinance was passed, Dana Grubb opined such a tall building "does not fit" within the surrounding neighborhood. Grubb predicted it, combined with the nearby six-story office building and parking garage, would create a "building canyon" along South New Street.

Others speaking out in favor of adhering to HCC guidelines and restricting building heights were Kim Carrell-Smith, Breena Holland, Seth Moglen, Peg Church and Al Wurth.

Lehigh University Assistant Vice Presi-

dent Public Affairs Adrienne McNeil rebutted the applicant's claim that their proposed project would address a student housing shortage. She explained that Lehigh has responded to an increased student population by constructing additional residence halls.

The row of buildings is owned by 325 S. New Street Development LLC.

Assisted by architect Elliot Nolter, developer Larry Eighmy scored a COA to construct a flat-roofed penthouse at the West Fourth Street façade at 327 Broadway. The new three-bay rooftop apartment, measuring 10 feet high by 43 feet wide, aligns with the reconstructed central portion of the brick masonry parapet. It's to be set back four feet from the parapet.

Flanking the penthouse are a 9-foot-high by 13-foot-wide addition with front-facing terrace doors and screening for rooftop mechanical units set back six feet.

Voting was 5-2, with Beth Starbuck and Seth Cornish opposed, commenting it was too tall and not set back far enough.

Two additional proposals for the project were unanimously tabled, including a rooftop biergarten solar shade structure and revised garage openings for the first floor of the West Fourth Street façade.

Starbuck said she wanted to see the canopy set back more from the building's outer walls.

During public comment, Peg Church supported the rooftop biergarten, but expressed concern about patrons knocking items from atop the parapet onto the street below.

The applicant's choice of aluminum cladding and screening materials for the street level of the building's Fourth Street façade was not well received. Starbuck and Vice Chair Craig Evans found it "incompatible" with the materials and styling of the upper floor.

The property, wedged between Broadway and Fourth Street, is owned by Sycamore Hill Farm Development.

ZEST Bar & Grille owner John Trapani received permission to amend a previous COA regarding an extended time frame for seasonal use of his rooftop terrace awning at 306 S. See **BHCC** on Page A20



Developer Larry Eighmy scored a COA to construct a penthouse apartment atop the West Fourth Street façade at 327 Broadway.



Bethlehem HCC denied approval for Rafael Palomino and Jeffrey Quinn's demo proposal for 319, at left, through 327 S. New St.

Audrey Dai
Moravian Academy

Grade: 12

Family members: My family consists of my mom (Jane Zhang), dad (Jeff Dai), who works in Shanghai, and my younger brother Jonathan, an eighth-grader at Moravian Academy. We also adopted an 11-year-old cat Stripes earlier this year.

Favorite subject: My favorite subjects are my English and science classes. My English classes throughout my high school career, especially senior year, have helped me develop and pursue a lot of special interests, such as my graphic novel and film analysis electives. Science classes have allowed me to explore my interests in not only biology and environmental science, but also social sciences.

Activities: Yearbook staff-Editor of 2020-21 book; member of Green Team; vice president of Special Needs Awareness Club; Pride Mentor (selected by school/administration to help facilitate freshmen and new students' transition to the Upper School); volunteering at local Chinese school

Next steps: I hope to pursue a career in either behavioral sciences or go the pre-law track.

Career goals: I want to have a job I am passionate about that also allows me to help others.

Heroes: A lot of people in my life are heroes. When I think of a hero, I think of someone who has their own moral values at heart but also listens to and acknowledges everyone's voice. By doing so, the hero puts those values into actions that contribute to overall good.

Hobbies: My hobbies include watching movies, listening to music, drawing/painting and grocery shopping.

Current Job(s): I started working as my school's swim team manager in my sophomore year.



Volunteer and community work: I volunteer at the local Lehigh Valley Chinese School every weekend and I was a cofounder of The Lion's Clubhouse, a virtual volunteering opportunity to connect Moravian Academy's Lower and Upper School students through various activity sessions during our summer in quarantine. I previously volunteered at Third Street Alliance and Wildlands Conservancy.

Likes: I love watching movies, listening to music, drinking coffee, going to grocery stores and traveling/learning about different cultures.

Dislikes: I dislike olives, pickles, stereotyping/type-casting, and people who feel entitled.

Greatest accomplishment (so far): My greatest accomplishment so far was stepping out of my comfort zone (I'm not the best public speaker) and presenting my op-ed on climate justice and the importance of education at a Festival Unbound event.

Advice for peers: Make sure to carve time out to relax and have fun, especially as a high schooler. Pursue and develop your interests - don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.

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

MORAVIAN ACADEMY
By Neha Skandan

Sounds of spring

Moravian Academy welcomed spring with bright green grass, a blooming magnolia tree on the center of campus, and a vibrant community with students and faculty spending time outdoors. Instead of a daily option of either attending school in-person or virtually, Moravian has transitioned to a weekly basis of in-person or remote learning in order to increase the number of individuals who are physically present in school.

The competitive sports spirit was loudly heard as both the girls and boys swim teams secured bronze medals at Districts, with individual swimmers and divers qualifying and placing at the PIAA State Championships. The varsity boys' tennis and Moravian baseball teams are swinging into action, with boys' tennis once again striving for a District title. Both the boys and girls varsity lacrosse teams have been experiencing close matches, and even though the boys team lost 4-3 to Freedom, the girls team beat Northampton in overtime.

Sweet musical sounds are displayed in Moravian Academy's Theater Department, which plans to present a unique winter production. Through solo and small group musical numbers, the production will highlight a sketch of musical theater history from 1920 to 1999. Performers have been researching and collaborating with the directorial team to present a three-minute preamble to their musical offering and have been coached through the rehearsal process with a final goal of a filmed performance. Moravian Academy Performing Arts also plans to showcase the Red & Gold Dance Recital, where dancers of all styles will record performances of themselves to be streamed later in the spring.

In addition, students have been selected for the PMEA All-State Orchestra. Senior Krysta Nichols and sophomores Elena Capobianco and Yan Yu will virtually rehearse and perform with the orchestra on April 14 - 17.

"I am glad to be able to participate at State Orchestra this year even though it is virtual, and I would like to thank Ms. Morrison for her work with us," said Krysta Nichols.

Activities and clubs are also full of cheer and excitement. Moravian's Business Club, the Speech & Debate Team and the Quiz Bowl Team have been hard at work, as they all qualified for their respective national competitions. Moreover, students placed at the National History Day Contest.

Community service is a crucial element at Moravian as well, and the Moravian Academy Green Team has initiated a policy to make the upper school Merle-Smith Campus a single-use, plastic-bottle free zone.

In addition, Moravian Academy was extremely fortunate to have Jared Issacman virtually visit the school and present an assembly about Inspiration4, the first all-civilian space mission that he is leading. Issacman is the founder and CEO of Shift4 Payments, a visionary philanthropist, a seasoned pilot, a soon-to-be space explorer, and also a dad to Moravian Academy students in the Lower School. In September 2021, Issacman and the crew aboard the Dragon SpaceX rocket will embark on the adventure of a lifetime, filling the air with the sounds of the rocket launch that will pave the way for future civilian air travel.

When listening to Issacman in the assembly about his journey to outer space, Moravian Academy students were inspired to embody the values of curiosity and perseverance and are now ready to look up at the stars and embark on their own exciting adventures in the final stretch of the school year and beyond.



Skandan



PRESS PHOTOS BY LANI GOINS

Mordechai (Martin) Schweid sought approval for two units in his property at 808 Broadway.

One denial, two approvals for plans

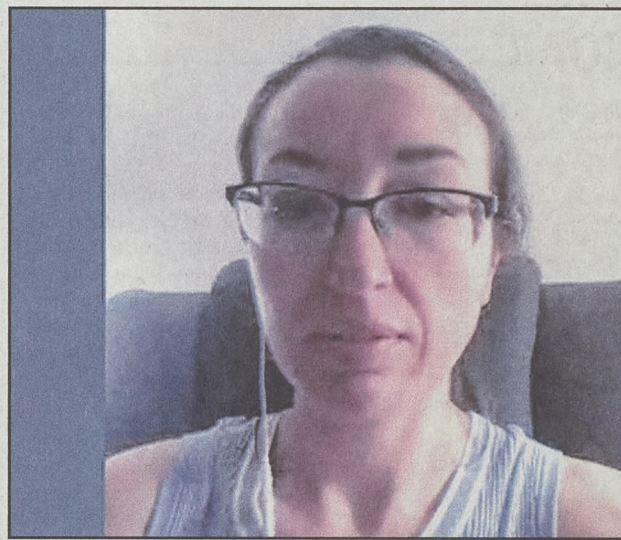
BY LANI GOINS
Special to the Bethlehem Press

BETHLEHEM ZONERS

Buyer beware would be a good way to describe Tatiana Arolli's request to the Zoning Hearing Board Feb. 24. The owner of the property at 1137 East Third St., Arolli, represented her LLC, Silver Maple Enterprises, in a bid to convert an existing garage into two rental apartments with parking. There were several immediate issues raised. A parking spot between the garage and her adjacent rental property was illegal. The garage did not have interior access to the second level, nor did it offer a necessary second point of egress.

While Arolli highlighted the demand for affordable housing as a reason for approval, her application was denied, in consideration of the above issues and no coherent plan for resident parking. When the board asked Arolli if she had purchased the property with the intention of converting it to multiple apartments, she agreed. This highlighted the need for buyers to do research and to consult the Zoning and Planning department to inspect a site before purchase.

935-945 Monacacy St. was similar, in that the owner was seeking to convert a space into a rental apartment. The property address is 935-945 Monacacy and 207 Fairview St., and is at



Tatiana Arolli sought to convert a two story garage to create two apartments on the upper story. Her application was denied.

the corner of Monacacy and Fairview Streets. The unit has been vacant for about 15 years. Parsamian has not attempted to rent the space as it is.

Parsamian testified he felt that the apartment would improve the neighborhood. He also mentioned the need for more housing in the area. The appeal was approved, with the considerations that parking would be as presented, and that the exterior design would conform with the existing neighborhood.

parking requirements.

A third case also brought up affordable housing. Owner Mordechai (Martin) Schweid sought to turn a single family residence

at 808 Broadway into a two family residence. The house already has two kitchens, eight bedrooms and three bathrooms. There is also parking on site for four cars. Also, there are separate utility meters, and separate exterior entrances for each unit. Schweid testified these conditions existed when he purchased the property about five months ago, and he has only painted and redone some floors.

James Shantz asked if the home was purchased as a single family home or a multi family home. Schweid replied he had purchased it as a single family home.

Chairman William Fitzpatrick explained that Schweid would need approval from the fire department, and a review from the zoning department for a second point of egress from the second floor.

Zoning Officer Criag Pfeiffer noted the rear stairs are metal fire escape stairs. He asked if this was the main entrance for the second floor. Schweid said yes, but he could build new stairs. Pfeiffer asked if a design professional had been retained. Schweid replied one had.

The approval was granted, with the conditions of a second point of egress for the second floor, and continued oversight by the Zoning and fire departments for the conversion.



The house on the left is owned by Arolli. She also owns the garage on the right, the subject of the conversion request. She was informed the parking spot between the buildings is illegal.

Pool opens this summer; staffing needed

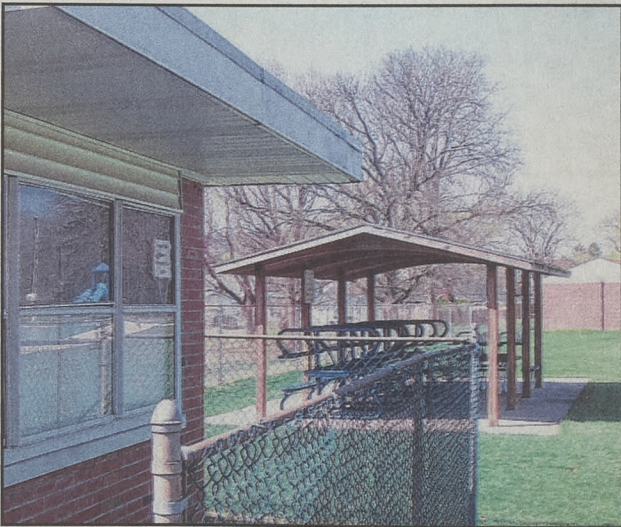
BY CHRIS HARING
Special to the Bethlehem Press

HELLERTOWN

Outdoor activities were on the docket at the April 5 Hellertown Council virtual meeting. Borough officials took up discussion on several upcoming events planned for both the near future, as well as later in the year.

There was discussion about swimming pool operations for the 2021 season. The pool was not open in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A management position was advertised and received little interest, Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft said, leading her to consider contracting the Greater Valley YMCA to manage the aquatic operations of the pool. The organization replied with a



PRESS PHOTO BY CHRIS HARING

The concession stand at the Hellertown Pool. While borough officials decided to contract the YMCA to operate the pool itself for the 2021 season, staffers are needed for both the concession stand as well as the entry booth.

proposal, she said, with a maximum expected cost to the borough of \$66,631.

The borough would retain responsibility for non-aquatic operations at the pool, she added, and employees will be needed to work concessions and ticketing. The motion passed, contingent upon review by Hellertown solicitor Michael Corriere.

Mayor David Heintzelman and councilman Gil Stauffer praised the recent drive-thru Easter Egg hunt. "I want to thank the Hellertown Historical Society and all those that attended. Volunteerism [is] at an all-time high," Heintzelman said. "Whenever there's something going on in Hellertown, they See **POOL** on Page A20

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POOL

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all come out and help. Thank you.”

Stauffer, who also serves as treasurer of the HHS, added, “I can tell you that 500 children and their families participated. Every one of the cars, other than three, were pre-registered and scheduled for time slots. The Lower Saucon Fire Police did an excellent job” directing traffic, he said. Stauffer also thanked the Hellertown Library and Honest Imprint for putting up story boards and other decorations along the route. “It was a great success,” he said.

Hartranft was again positive about Hellertown’s financial situation, despite economic impacts from the

COVID-19 pandemic. “The borough seems to be holding our own, steady or even exceeding last year at this time,” she said.

She also provided an update on COVID mitigation restrictions at Borough Hall, saying the municipal building is still closed to the public, but plans on opening June 1.

Halloween was a topic of discussion, as the borough’s Trick-or-Treat schedule has been the subject of debate over prior years and came up once again.

Despite borough officials noting that it was supposedly decided “once-and-for-all” following a 2019 poll that the popular event would always take place on Halloween evening, regardless of what day of

the week the holiday itself might fall on in a given year, the timing of this year’s edition was questioned by Stauffer.

The 2019 poll, held to determine residents’ preference, showed a 70 percent to 30 percent spread in favor of the Halloween evening option over a permanent Sunday afternoon solution.

For the 2021 edition, however, Stauffer shared his disagreement with the majority opinion, saying “(when) it was on a Sunday prior to Halloween between the hours of 4-6 [p.m.]... it became a social event. If you hold it on Halloween in the evening, it’s dark and you don’t have that social element to it.”

Although Council President Thomas

Rieger Jr. agreed with Stauffer’s point, saying “my personal opinion, I think that time was better, it did create a type of event that worked for everybody,” he was quick to reaffirm the borough’s adherence to the results of the 2019 poll.

“The people have spoken on this one, and Halloween from 6 to 8 [p.m.], it is,” he said. “When it’s on a Friday or Saturday night it’s perfect, but unfortunately it doesn’t work out like that every year.”

Council took no action on the issue and Stauffer jokingly said, “I’ll never bring it up again.” Halloween falls on Sunday, Oct. 31, this year, and Trick-or-Treat remains tentatively scheduled from 6-8 p.m. that evening.

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needed. For information, visit www.bapl.org

Tuesday, April 20
Registration required by April 20 for the Thursday, April 22 BAPL Film Series: *Ikiru* (1952). View on Kanopy, discussion via Zoom. A bureaucrat tries to find a meaning in his life after he discovers he has terminal cancer. Directed by Akira Kurosawa. Email invitations for Zoom will be sent out the day prior to the event. Check spam folder or call the library if you do not see the invitation. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21
Virtual Homework Help, grades K-12, Moravian College America Reads program tutors. 4 to 6 p.m. Click on <https://moravian.zoom.us/j/94245474243> to be placed in a waiting room, then moved to a break out room to work with a trained and cleared as per required tutor for a 30 minute session. No registration is needed. For information, visit www.bapl.org

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society: S.O.S. Save Our Swifts by Saving their Urban Habitat: Modeling a Solution of Cooperation between Conservation and Development panel discussion, 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information or to make a booking for April 21, visit <https://www.bapl.org/saveourswifts/> for more information about the series.

Through May 10
PBS Smart Sacks monthly family virtual learning series. Take-away sack of crafts, videos, games, apps and offline activities for various ages. Registration for the May series, *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That*, ages 3-5, runs through May 10. To register for a series, visit <https://forms.gle/A9ERJX6VHQdnCxR9>

BHCC

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New St. Presented by Mike Simonson, Trapani received the approval in absentia to install seasonal awning April 1 through Dec. 1 or until the first snowfall of the season. The previous

allowable installation date had been May 1.

The decision was unanimous among the six members who voted. Citing a conflict of interest, Chairman Gary Lader abstained.

The building is owned by Greenway I Inc.

The Bethlehem HCC is charged with the

task of determining if new signs or other alterations to a building’s exterior would be an appropriate fit for the neighborhood in one of three designated historic districts.

Obtaining a certificate of appropriateness is only a first step for business owners and

residents in a designated historic district who wish to make alterations to a building’s exterior. The commission’s recommendations are later reviewed, then voted on by city council before any project is allowed to proceed.

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April 1 through 30
Spring Has Sprung for ages eight and under. Stop by the SouthSide branch, pick up a kit (while supplies last) and locate the signs of spring in the children’s department. Complete the tic tac toe and win a prize.

Thursday, April 22
Crayola art supplies for Family Fun Night. Pick up a kit (while supplies last) at the Southside branch.

Coolidge Building - 2740 Fifth St.
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Thursday, April 22
Earth Day moss ball squishy, earthy outside fun activity for all ages. Outside, rain or shine. Stop by the Coolidge Branch in Bethlehem Township between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Northampton Community College
Opioid epidemic program April 19

Northampton Community College will hold an online program on understanding the opioid epidemic and the disease of addiction from 10 a.m. to noon April 19. The highly accredited instructor has a private practice for 20-plus years and speaks at Lehigh and Rutgers universities on the topic.

For the link to class, for registration and more information: northampton.edu/lifelearn. Click on Adult Personal Enrichment, Prime Time, and Browse Catalog.

Dual enrollment information sessions offered

Northampton Community College is holding dual enrollment information sessions via Zoom at 6 p.m. on April 14, 15, 19 and 21. The sessions cover jump starting a college career and earning transferable credits toward a future degree.

The presentations include information about the benefits, costs, application process, how to register for classes and scholarship opportunities for current high school students taking college prep, honors/AP or career/technical coursework. To register, visit info.northampton.edu/de-info-sessions.

Financial aid sessions offered

Northampton Community College will hold a free, virtual financial aid information session at 4 p.m. April 21 and 7 p.m. May 6. The about one hour event highlights understanding options when it comes to paying for college, from filling out the FAFSA application to different scholarship opportunities available. For information, visit <https://info.northampton.edu/virtual-admissions-events#financial-aid>

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A lot of brass

Allentown Band quartet steps into stream with two concerts

BY LEAH FULS
 Special to The Press

The Allentown Band, America's oldest civilian concert band (since 1828), is going with the flow.

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic protocol, the band is live-streaming a Brass Quintet and Pipe Organ concert from St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown, 7 p.m. April 19 and 26.

The concerts are being presented free.

Although the quintet will be performing live, there will be no audience in the church sanctuary during the concert.

The quintet of Allentown Band members includes DeVaughn Roberts, trumpet; Caitlin Heckman, trombone; Jeffrey Wohlbach, trumpet; Nancy Meckstroth, horn, and Allentown Band Conductor Ronald Demkee, tuba, accompanied by St. John's



PRESS PHOTO BY LEAH FULS

Allentown Band Brass Quintet, from left: DeVaughn Roberts, trumpet; Caitlin Heckman, trombone; Jeffrey Wohlbach, trumpet; Nancy Meckstroth, horn, and Ronald Demkee, tuba.

The program includes works by Johann Christoph Pezel, Antho-
 See **BAND** on Page B2

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

ARTICLES AND PHOTOS BY ED COURRIER

The State Theatre Center for the Arts, Easton, and WFMZ-TV will present "Freddy Awards: A Television Special Celebrating the High School Musical Class of 2021," 7 p.m. May 27 on 69-WFMZ and online.

Some Lehigh Valley high school theater departments are producing spring musicals in various formats.

The Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "High School Musicals" series is previewing the productions.

LV CHARTER ARTS 'Earthland'

"Earthland" introduces terrestrial audiences to a long abandoned planet repurposed as an alien museum with a recording produced at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts, 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem.

Screening times for the original musical are 2 and 7 p.m. April 25, Musikfest Cafe, ArtsQuest Center, Steel-Stacks, Bethlehem; 29 p.m. April 27, 28, 29, Becky's Drive-In, Le-

high Township, and on-demand April 30-May 1.

Tour guides Floopa and Caaade from Alpha Centauri explore the earthling phenomena of "song" while visiting "stations."

The musical's book and lyrics are by J. Gu-lotta, a 2007 Charter Arts graduate. Music is composed by Charter Arts Music Director Erica Dickson.

Producer Rae Labadie and Director Ashley



From left, Tessa Seals (Caaade), Jolie Lanning-Werkheiser (Floopa), "Earthland," Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts:

Weller are assisted by Editor Carlo Acerra. Choreographer Jennifer Dite-Weaver, Set Designers Peter Wrenn-Meleck and Kyra Zimmerman, and Videographer and

Tickets: www.showtix4u.com/events/charterarts

SALEM CHRISTIAN 'Cinderella'

The iconic fairy tale gallops to the stage in "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella (Enchanted Edition)," 7 p.m. April 22, 23, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 24, auditorium, Salem Christian School, 8031 Salem Bible Church Road, Macungie.

Live-stream passes are available for 7 p.m. April 22 and 24.

With music by Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, the

musical, inspired by the 1997 ABC-TV teleplay by Robert L. Freedman, was adapted by Tom Briggs.

Director Yana Reinhard is assisted by Music Director Jane Rivera and Student Choreographers Madison Evans and Cadie Geyer.

The musical received a 1997 Primetime Emmy Award of seven nominations.

Musical numbers include "The Prince Is Giving a Ball," "Ten



From left: Alyssa Vella, (Cinderella), Gage Slack, (Prince Christopher), Macy Beres (Stepmother), Ana Zetterberg (Stepsister Grace) and Rileigh Hoffner (Stepsister Joy), "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella (Enchanted Edition)," Salem Christian School.

Minutes Ago," "Impossible" and "Stepsister's Lament."

Ticket information: <https://saalem.booktix.com/>

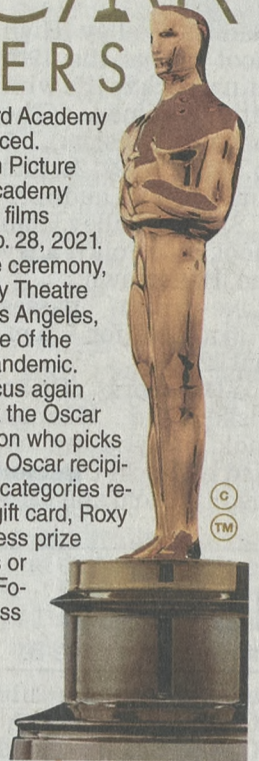
READERS PICK THE OSCAR WINNERS

Nominations for the 93rd Academy Awards have been announced.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences 2021 Academy Awards ceremonies are for films released Jan. 1, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021.

The ABC telecast of the ceremony, 8 p.m. (EST) April 25, Dolby Theatre and Union Station, both Los Angeles, is two months later because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Lehigh Valley Press Focus again presents the "Readers Pick the Oscar Winners" contest. The person who picks the most correct number of Oscar recipients in the contest's seven categories receives a \$50 Penn's Peak gift card, Roxy Theatre movie tickets, a Press prize package, and may have his or her photo published in the Focus section of the eight Press newspapers and websites.



See Oscar contest entry form on Page B6

NCC spring musical streaming a Go-Go's

"Head Over Heels," a show based on a 16th-century fable and featuring the songs of The Go-Go's is the spring musical at Northampton Community College Theatre Department, live-streamed, 7:30 p.m. April 15 - 17 and 2 p.m. April 18.

The jukebox musical is inspired by the prose pastoral romance written by English poet Sir Philip Sidney in 1593. It was adapted to music and lyrics from the catalog of The Go-Go's by Jame Magruder and opened on Broadway in 2018.

The musical features renditions of hits from the 1980s all-female rock band, including "We've Got the Beat," "Mad About You," "Vacation," "Our Lips are Sealed" and "Heaven is a Place on Earth."

"If fun rehearsals are a sign of a fun show, then we can guarantee 'Head Over Heels' will delight," says Bill Mutimer, head of Northampton Community College Theatre Department, who directs the show.

"The show is full of sight gags, running jokes and music from The Go-Go's. It will definitely be a dynamic show," Mutimer says.

The cast of Northampton Community College students, graduates and community members started with online rehearsals and continued with socially-distanced rehearsals on the stage of Lipkin Theatre on the NCC Bethlehem Township campus. The show will be performed without an audience in the theater.

"With all of our protocols in place, the process is going really well and we can't wait to open," says Mutimer.

It's the third live-streamed show NCC has produced this school year, after successful productions of "Junk" in November and "How I Learned to Drive" in March.

Mutimer calls "Head

CURTAIN RISES

By Kathy Lauer-Williams



Over Heels" a "hilarious, exuberant celebration of love."

The show follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their kingdom from extinction, only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts.

When the royal court of Arcadia is threatened by the mystical Oracle of Delphi with the loss of its "beat," the divine power that ensures the kingdom's prosperity, King Basilius finds his own title at stake.

He forces his queen Gynecia, two daughters Philoclea and Pamela, along with his court on a journey into the woods in an attempt to escape the Oracle's seemingly unavoidable prophecies. Along the way, there is usurped kingship, unlikely lovers, and gender-fluid disguises.

Mutimer says "Head Over Heels" deals with themes of unconditional love and acceptance of oneself and others no matter the gender or sexual identity, with a soundtrack of some of the greatest pop-rock hits of the late 20th century.

Music direction is by Lucille Kincaid and choreography is by Tina Williams.

The royal couple is played by Steven Fuquay and Hannah Cummings.

Fuquay of Nazareth is a senior theater major at NCC and last appeared as junk-bond trader Boris Pronsky in NCC's "Junk." He also was seen in the Northampton Community College Summer Theatre production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Cummings is a Bethlehem

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS

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SAUCON VALLEY 'Little Women'

Saucon Valley High School brings the 19th century back to life with "Little Women (The Broadway Musical)," 7 p.m. April 22, 23, 24, and 2 p.m. April 25, auditorium, Saucon Valley High School, 2100 Polk Valley Road, Hellertown.

Live-stream passes are available for 7 p.m. April 22-25.

Co-Directors Brian Welsko and Hannah Arnold Welsko are assisted by Vocal Director Abigail Arnold and Cho-

reographer Alanna Van Kampen.

The musical is based on "Little Women," the semi-autobiographical novel by Louisa May Alcott. Sisters Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March experience heartache, hope and love growing up during the Civil War in the United States.

With music by Jason Howland, lyrics by Mindi Dickstein and book by Allan Knee, the 2005 Broadway musical was nominated for one Tony



From left: Alana Weirbach (Jo March), Jaylen Lesser (Beth March), Kayla Lubyli (Amy March) and Evan Hawk (Theodor "Laurie" Laurence), "Little Women," Saucon Valley High School.

Award. "Astonishing," "Five Forever," "Some Things are Meant to Be" and "I'd Be Delighted" are

among featured songs. Tickets: www.svpantners.org/Page/3573

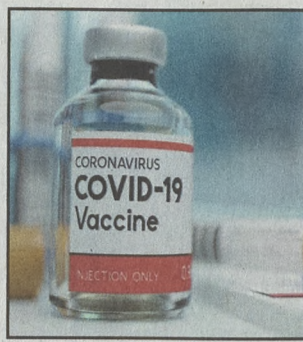
LVHN scheduling Phase 1B vaccine

LVHN has opened COVID-19 vaccine appointments to educators and child-care workers, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, grocery store workers, food and agriculture workers and everyone under Phase 1B.

LVHN also will continue to expand eligibility over the coming weeks to additional phases as outlined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The Pennsylvania Health Department has expanded eligibility to:

- Educators and child care workers, including pre-K through 12 teachers and other school staff
- Law enforcement, including police, sheriffs and deputies, constables, corrections officers and staff, as well as probation and parole staff
- Firefighters, including career and volunteer firefighters
- Workers in supermarkets and grocery stores
- Food and agriculture workers, including food-processing company employees, including meat, poultry and dairy processing, fresh fruit and vegetable packing operations, food manufacturing, and farm workers, farm operators and farm managers, including at urban agriculture operations



- Phase 1B, including people in congregate settings not otherwise specified as long-term care facilities and persons receiving home- and community-based services, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, clergy and other essential support for houses of worship, public transit workers and individuals caring for children or adults in early childhood and adult day programs.

First-dose appointments can be scheduled at clinics located at the former A.C. Moore store, 2633 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, and at Northampton Crossings shopping center in the former Sears Appliance and Hardware store, 3768 Easton Nazareth Highway, Palmer Township. Both locations opened April 12.

To schedule an appointment for LVHN COVID-19 vaccination, sign in at www.MyLVHN.com; 833-584-6283 (833-LVHN-CVD).

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lehem native and a 2018 NCC theater graduate. At NCC, she has appeared in "Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Heathers," "Collision" and "Amadeus." She also has been seen in NCC Summer Theatre's "13" and "Ragtime" in 2017, "Newsies" and "Buddy Holly" in 2018 and "Jesus Christ Superstar" in 2019.

The other principals are Samantha Prentice (Philoctetes), Katelyn Morgan (Pamela), Carter Reichard (Pythio), Max Wetherhold (Musidorus),



Steven Fuquay



Hannah Cummings

Sieanna Rahatt (Mopsa) and Brandon Costanzo (Damasetas).

The ensemble includes Griffin Boyle, Olivia Byrne, Tamara

Decker, Rebecca Docteroff, August Gaumer, Kevin Hernandez, Amelia Illingworth, Cam Kunsman, Marcell Mckenzie, Maggie Toner, Mi-

lajah Torres and Elijah Vazquez.

NCC is using a new streaming platform, Broadway on Demand, for the four live-streamed performances. A ticket provides access to a specific performance.

Tickets: www.nccitx.org/tickets

"Curtain Rises" is a column about the theater, stage shows, the actors in them and the directors and artists who make them happen. To request coverage, email: PaulWillistein@focuseditor.com

BAND

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ny Holbourne, George Gershwin, W.C. Handy, Scott Joplin and John Philip Sousa.

The concert, part of the "Arts at St. John's" series, is presented by the Music Performance Trust Fund administered locally by the Allentown Musicians' Association, Local 45, and

produced by Hesse Creative.

The streaming will go live several minutes before the concert start so the audience doesn't miss a beat.

The quintet has been practicing at the Allentown Band rehearsal hall, the former Keystone Fire Station, Allentown.

The program is: Fanfare from "La Peri,"

Paul Dukas, Barrington; two pieces by Anthony Holborne, King; "Honie-Suckle," "Night Watch"; "Sonata No. 22," Johann Pezel, King; Organ selection, Eric Gombert;

Also: "The Roaring Twenties," Paul Nagle; "Strike Up the Band," George Gershwin, Holcombe; "Love is Here to Stay," George Gershwin, Holcombe; "Nice Work if You Can Get It," George Gershwin, Holcombe; Organ interlude; And: "St. Louis Blues," W.C. Handy, Holcombe; "The Entertainer," Scott Joplin, Frackenhohl; Organ selection, Eric Gombert: "America the Beautiful," Samuel A. Ward, Marianne Kim; "National Emblem March," E.E. Bagley, Gore; "The



PRESS PHOTO BY LEAH LULS

Allentown Band Brass Quintet rehearses for live-stream concerts, 7 p.m. April 19 and 26.

Armed Forces Salute," arranged, Jari A. Villa-

neueva, and "Stars and Stripes Forever," John Philip Sousa, Holcombe.

While the Allentown Band typically performs an estimated 50 concerts a year, Demkee only conducted two invitation-only band concerts in 2020 outdoors at the Lehigh Parkway North, Salisbury Township, home of Joan Miller Moran and the late William J. Fenza.

"We are very pleased to be doing these live-stream events as a means of staying connected, but nothing matches the experience

of live, in-person concerts," Demkee says.

"We are eagerly looking forward to being with our audiences soon," says Demkee.

The Allentown Band has received numerous awards, most recently being named a National Semi-Finalist for the 2021 American Prize in Performance in Band-Wind Ensemble Performance, Community Division, 2021. The American Prize finalists in the Community Band Division are to be announced.

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RESPECTFULLY YOURS
By Jacquelyn Youst



you say "Hello" at the podium.

Prepare and know your material. This can make or break your presentation. Be so well-prepared that cue cards and notes are unnecessary. Own your material.

Present your material as if it were the first time. Even if you have given this presentation previously, these people have not been in your audience and this is brand new to them. Be mentally prepared to make this your best presentation ever.

Keep in mind your

presentation is largely visual. Be aware of the image you present. Dress appropriately and be mindful of your body language.

Your eyes are a key asset. Use your eyes to directly connect with the eyes in your audience. Start from the person at the farthest part of the room.

Your goal is to make each person feel as though you are speaking directly to him or her.

While the visual aspects for your presentation make the most impact, the second most important element is verbal, what the audience hears. Therefore, it is not as much what we say rather how we say it. Be aware of your voice, volume, tonal quality and inflections.

Each audience is different. Therefore, each presentation will be different. You need to completely customize and adapt your presentation to each audience. What remains a constant and is critical out of the gate is projecting energy and enthusiasm.

Respectfully Yours,
Jacquelyn

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Tired of this seesaw

When I was a kid I never enjoyed the playground seesaw.

I was such a featherweight that I could never get down when a kid kept the seesaw up in the air.

Now that I'm a mature adult, I still don't like being on a seesaw, especially the coronavirus seesaw.

I finally had the first and second vaccine and waited for enough time to pass to be what they call "fully vaccinated."

I looked forward to that for months, thinking it would dramatically change my life. It didn't.

I'm still on a seesaw, stuck in the air waiting to feel safe. Every time I think I'm going to have a safe landing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issues another "not so fast" warning.

If it isn't the CDC playing doomsday scenarios, it's the media. I noticed when they talk about new strains of COVID-19 spreading, they don't use qualifying words like "might" or "could." They make it sound like that new strain is sitting at your next destination just waiting for you to arrive.

Then I'm on the seesaw again, wavering between "ignore it" and "better pay attention."

It gets tiring. This week the CDC reiterated enough people have been vaccinated that we can get back a little bit of our old life. Very little, it seems.

Avoid indoor activities, it advises, even in your own home with friends. And keep your socializing to a few people. Very few, they advise.

There's that confounding seesaw again.

This week's paper said our local Moose Lodge was offering outdoor music in their tiki hut. That sounded like the starting gun for us getting out and starting to enjoy life.

The last time we were at the Moose tiki hut it was before the pandemic, and there were only four couples in the entire place.

We figured they wouldn't have much of a crowd for a Saturday afternoon with 89 degree temperatures.

When we got there it looked like a used car parking lot. Every available spot was taken and the grass was also filled with cars.

You know what we saw when we got to the tiki hut dance floor? It was equivalent to spring break for seniors. People were squashed together at picnic tables like sardines in a can. Several hundred friendly people frolicked with bodies pressed together because of the crowd.

It was senior spring break for sure. This week's paper warned COVID-19 numbers among the young set were escalating in the aftermath of college spring break.

I don't know what it is about the kind of people who go to our local Moose, but I'm always amazed at how friendly everyone is to strangers.

WARMEST REGARDS
By Pattie Mihalik
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It was so tempting to join the friendly revelers enjoying bean bag toss and other games in the glorious sunshine. They were having a ball and I wanted to have fun, too.

But I knew the aftermath of fun with so many people jammed together could have disastrous results. While I resisted the urged to join in, I felt like the kid left behind in the schoolroom while others had fun on the playground.

I just bought a sunny yellow teapot with the message: Life is short. Live it.

When, I wonder, can I start to live without worrying about COVID-19?

Every time I'm geared to start enjoying life like I used to, a friend tells me a COVID-19 story that stops me.

My friend Kay only left her home to go to two places: Church and to volunteer at our food pantry. It was enough to give both her and her husband COVID-19, even though she said she had the vaccine. She was told she didn't wait long enough after her second shot. While she is fine, her husband is still struggling to survive.

Today, COVID-19 struck close to home. My 20-year-old granddaughter came down with it.

It's irony that she and her college friends stayed away from spring break activities yet all seven of them tested positive this week — all because one of them was exposed and brought it back to the others.

My neighbor says that proves we shouldn't stay home to be safe. She is enjoying life, going to concerts, working out at gym and eating inside at restaurants several times a week.

Her Facebook page often has group photos of their fun happenings.

Meanwhile, I sit here on my confounded seesaw, going up and down in confusion. Do I join the happy crowd? Or, do I just loosen my COVID-19 shackles a little bit?

I don't want to be a fraidy baby. On the other hand, I don't want to take unnecessary risks.

What's the middle ground? Is there one?

Everyone has a different opinion, even married couples. My husband has gone back to the gym, an activity COVID-19 experts rate as high risk.

He's right when he says inactivity and its resulting obesity is high risk, too.

So there I am, stuck up in the air on the COVID-19 seesaw, waiting to see if I remain there or if I can hit the ground running.

Why do I feel like it's one of life's tests with no easy answers?

What's your opinion? Contact Pattie Mihalik at newsgirl@comcast.net.

Son, 13, wanting to be a loner may be OK

Q. My son, who is 13, tells me that he does not want friends. He has plenty of teens who like him, but he tells me that he doesn't want to put in the effort of maintaining friendships. He has never been one of the popular kids, but until COVID-19, he liked hanging out with some other kids. He isn't into video games so won't even join online, and he hates sports. Any advice?

"Every child and every person on earth has experienced the Covid Virus," panelist Mike Daniels said, opening the discussion.

"When Covid hit, it probably was a good excuse for the boy to transition into being by himself. When he was 12-years-old, he was learning about friendships and trying to decide who he wanted to

THE FAMILY PROJECT
By Carole Gorney



hang out with. He could have experienced kids arguing and fighting, beginning to figure they don't know how to communicate," said Daniels.

"There are a wide range of personalities," panelist Joanne Raftas said. "The mother seems to enjoy socializing very much, but the child doesn't have the same values as the mother, and he doesn't have to have the same values."

"Trying to force mom's values on the son causes such problems for the child," Raftas continued. "It is still his personality and it is normal behavior for a 13-year-old."

"I agree that the behavior may be normal," panelist Chad Ztefanyak

said, but added that the mother may be "pushing."

Panelist Wanda Mercado-Arroyo said, "Mom might want to change this approach because she wants her son to be social, but she needs to be respectful of his position. The son in turn needs to assure his mom that he is OK."

"We actually don't know if the boy is OK. We have so few details," said Raftas. "If they are concerned, the parents should go to a pediatrician."

This week's panel: Pam Wallace, program coordinator, Project Child, a program of Valley Youth House; Denise Continenza, extension educator; Joanne Raftas, Northampton Community College, independent counselor; Chad Stefanak, school counselor; Mike Daniels, LCSW, and Wanda Mercado-Arroyo, former teacher and school administrator.

Have a question? Email: projectchild@projectchildlv.org

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

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High blood pressure can be very sneaky

Q. Why do they call high blood pressure the silent killer?

High blood pressure, known as hypertension, is very sneaky. It's called the silent killer because it usually has no symptoms.

Doctors say you have high blood pressure if you have a reading of 140/90 or higher.

A blood pressure reading of 120/80 or lower is considered normal.

Prehypertension is blood pressure between 120 and 139 for the top number, or between 80 and 89 for the bottom number.

The first number represents your systolic pressure when the heart beats.

The second number represents the diastolic pressure when the heart rests.

If only one number is elevated, you still have high blood pressure with all of its dangers.

Isolated systolic hypertension (ISH) is the most common form of high blood pressure for seniors. When you have ISH, only the top number is too high.

About two out of

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three over age 60 with high blood pressure have ISH. About one in three American adults has high blood pressure. In the United States, high blood pressure occurs more often in African-Americans.

High blood pressure can ravage your body. It can enlarge the heart, create small bulges (aneurysms) in blood vessels, damage the blood vessels in the kidneys, harden arteries, produce bleeding in the eyes.

The possible consequences are heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and blindness.

Your chances of getting high blood pressure are also higher if you are overweight, don't exercise, eat too much salt, drink too much alcohol, don't consume enough potassium and/or endure stress for too long.

Obviously, changing your diet, exercising

and altering your lifestyle will help.

When you go to your doctor to have your blood pressure taken, there are a few things you can do to get an accurate reading.

First, don't eat, drink coffee or smoke cigarettes for an hour before your pressure is taken. (What are you doing smoking anyway?). Empty your bladder, because a full tank can affect the reading. Sit quietly for five minutes before the test.

If you're like me, you have white-coat syndrome. That means your blood pressure jumps as soon as a doctor or nurse approaches you. If your doctor knows this, he or she may recommend a home blood-pressure monitor or ambulatory monitor that is worn around the clock and takes your pressure every half hour.

If you have high blood pressure and lifestyle changes don't reduce it, there are medications to treat the problem.

Often, two or more drugs work better than one. Some drugs lower blood pressure by re-

moving extra fluid and salt from your body. Others affect blood pressure by slowing down the heartbeat, or by relaxing and widening blood vessels.

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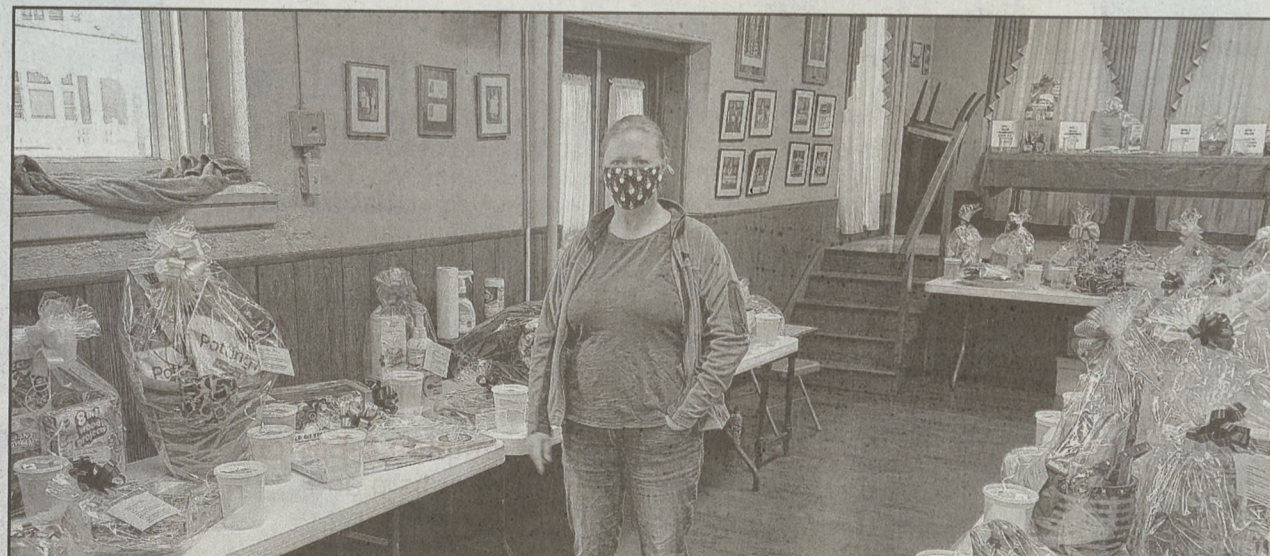
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Susan Paone, raffle director, shows the goods available at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church basket raffle, held March 26-28 at the 122 Union St., Catasauqua, church.

Baskets fill the tables in the church hall in anticipation of the event.

St. Mary's, Catasauqua, holds basket social

BY BILL LEINER JR.
Special to The Press

Like many area churches, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua, had a tumultuous 2020 and early 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite virtual Masses and major curtailment of social and fundraising functions throughout this difficult period, the church made exemplary efforts to demonstrate resiliency.

Church members held drive-thru dinners, a reimagined OktoberFest and other socially distanced activities, which all had limited attendance. Hours of operation were also shortened to preserve the safety of the congregation.

St. Mary's held its basket raffle March 26-28 with palpable optimism, thanks to the dissemination of vaccines the past couple months and continued virus mitigation efforts like masking and social distancing. There was a sense among volunteers

and attendees that things are finally changing for the better.

Baskets filled the tables in the church hall. Basket raffle director Susan Paone was excited at the prospect of a large turnout of parishioners. The baskets contained a wide range of items, including cooking tools, bath and beauty products, household goods and kids' toys.

Sharon Hontz and Kathy Moyer staffed the ticket selling table. They were organized in anticipation of a

busy day. Another volunteer was at the entrance to help guide patrons and make sure everyone was properly masked.

The goal of these types of events are to raise funds, as much as possible. But this year, to be sure, holding this event was important for the social component of togetherness and a sense of victory over the COVID-19 virus.

Better see 'Nobody'

"Nobody" is really something.

It's an ultra-violent movie about a family-in-peril where the mother and their two children are defended by a father in the midst of a mid-life crisis played by none other than Bob Odenkirk.

"Bob, who?" you might ask?

Bob Odenkirk, the "Better Call Saul" guy of "Breaking Bad" fame. That's who.

Odenkirk emerges as the latest most unlikely action-hero, right up there with Liam Neeson and Bruce Willis (especially the first "Die Hard," 1988).

You might also wonder why you would want to watch a movie of near-relentless violence where the protagonist repeatedly gets beaten to a pulp. And that's no fiction.

It's because of Odenkirk's normalcy, his "everyman" appearance, and his seemingly inherent integrity, or at least his ability to project that.

If you're a guy, you might imagine yourself in his shoes. You root for him. And wince.

If you're a gal, you might imagine him as a steadfast partner. You root for him. And wince.

"Nobody" proves the adages that "No good deed goes unpunished" and "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

In "Nobody," Hutch Mansell (Bob Odenkirk) intervenes on behalf of a young woman who is being harassed by a group of young men on a city bus. Hutch puts the young toughs in the hospital.

It turns out that the gang works for a Russian mobster, Yulian Kuznetsov (Aleksy Serebryakov), who is apparently running a money-laundering operation at a nightclub.

Hutch messed with the wrong guys. So did they. Hutch is a former hired assassin, a so-called auditor, a one-man special-ops team.

The screenplay by Derek Kolstad (screenwriter, "John Wick" movie franchise) establishes characters economically and rather brilliantly. The reference to "the kitty-cat necklace" is priceless. I will leave it at that.

The direction by Ilya Naishuller (Rus-

AT THE MOVIES

By Paul Willistein
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sian film-maker and musician, who directed "Hardcore Henry," 2015, and is in the band Biting Elbows) is similarly efficient, with one scene building into the next, with escalating tension, and cascading violence, at every turn.

"Nobody" draws favorable comparisons to director Danny Boyle's "Trainspotting" (1996) for its stunning cinematography (Director of Photography Pawel Pogorzelski), fast pace and quick-cut editing (Evan Schiff, William Yeh); the Coen Brothers' "Blood Simple" (1984) for its redemption for the little guy or gal, and Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction" (1994) for its quirkiness in scene setups and soundtrack placement of popular songs in action scenes for ironic contrast ("Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood," Nina Simone; "I've Gotta Be Me," Steve Lawrence; "The Impossible Dream," Andy Williams).

Odenkirk (TV's "Better Call Saul," 2015, and "Breaking Bad," 2009-2013; and movies, "Nebraska," 2013, "The Post," 2017, and "Little Women," 2019) has a placid expression nearly throughout the entire film. His sandpaper-voiced pronouncements are quiet and deliberate. He's unruffled. But when he gets ruffled, look out. A slight shift of his mouth. A grimace. Clenched teeth. A steelyness in his eyes. And he's off and running like Daniel Craig's 007 in the James Bond films.

Supporting roles are well-cast, including Hutch's wife, Becca (Connie Nielsen); their children (Gage Munroe, Paisley Cadorath); Hutch's father (Christopher Lloyd, "Back to the Future" 1985, 1989, 1990), a delightful surprise, and RZA (Wu-Tang Clan), who brings it to his role of Harry.

"Nobody" is a very entertaining and satisfying film for all the me's that nobody knows. Don't miss it.

"Nobody," MPAA rated R (Restricted Under 17 requires accom-

panying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.) for strong violence and bloody images, language throughout and brief drug use; Genre: Action, Crime, Thriller; Run Time: 1 hr., 32 min. Distributed by Universal Pictures.

Credit Readers

Anonymous: The previews for "Nobody" feature Louie Prima's and Keely Smith's "Just A Gigolo, I Ain't Got Nobody" medley (1956), which I didn't hear in the film. "Nobody" was filmed in Los Angeles and Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. A scene during the end credits seems to foreshadow a sequel.

At The Movies: "Nobody" was seen at AMC Center Valley 16, the Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley, Upper Saucon Township, with COVID-19 mitigation health protocol observed.

Movie Box Office, April 9 - 11: "Godzilla vs. Kong" continued to stomp the competition, at No. 1 for two weeks in a row, with \$13.3 million, on 3,084; \$69.5 million, two weeks.

In its first weekend,



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Bob Odenkirk (Hutch Mansell), "Nobody."

April 2 - 4, "Godzilla vs. Kong" broke the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown records of "Tenet," which grossed \$20.2 million during the Labor Day 2020 weekend, and "Wonder Woman 1984," which grossed \$16.7 million in the first three days of its release during Christmas 2020.

2. "Nobody" moved up one place, \$2.6 million, on 2,400 screens, \$15.6 million, three weeks. 3. "The Unholy" dropped one place, \$2.4 million, on 1,850 screens, \$6.7 million, two weeks. 4. "Raya and the Last Dragon" stayed in place, \$2.1 mil-

lion, on 1,941 screens, \$35.2 million, six weeks. 5. "Voyagers," \$1.3 million, on 1,972 screens, opening. 6. "Tom and Jerry" stayed in place, \$1.1 million, on 1,826 screens, \$41.1 million, seven weeks. 7. "The Girl Who Believes in Miracles," \$576,744, on 900 screens, \$1.2 million, two weeks. 8. "The Courier" dropped one place, \$436,560, on 1,007 screens, \$4.9 million, four weeks. 9. "Chaos Walking" dropped one place, \$265,000, on 1,300 screens, \$12.6 million, six weeks. 10. "The Croods: A New Age" dropped one place, \$245,000, on 1,139 screens, \$56.7 million,

20 weeks. 19. "The War with Grandpa," co-starring Allentown's Oakes Fegley, moved up four places, \$25,155, on 255 screens, \$21.1 million, 27 weeks, the longest-running movie in the Top 25.

Box office figures from Box Office Mojo as of April 11 are subject to change.

Unreel, April 16: "Monday," R: Argyris Papadimitropoulos directs Sebastian Stan, Denise Gough and Dominique Tipper in the Drama-Romance. A Friday night date leads to a Monday morning regret.

See "NOBODY" on Page B6

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Ben Franklin LifeAire in COVID air-filtration

BY ED COURRIER
Special to The Press

LifeAire, a Ben Franklin Technology Partners client and healthcare technology company, is utilizing its innovative air filtration system to help mitigate the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The air-filtration system protects dental practices, commercial office spaces, transportation spaces and educational facilities.

With the assistance of BFTP/NEP, LifeAire adapted the technology for hospitals and senior-living facilities to reduce infections, illness and length of stay in response to the pandemic.

LifeAire applied the technology to create portable, rapid decontamination units for N95 masks that kill COVID-19 and other pathogens within all layers of the mask, supporting sustainability and helping with PPE shortages.

While able to kill anthrax spores and other infectious airborne pathogens, the already-existing tech-



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

LifeAire CEO Dr. Kathryn C. Worrilow explains how the company's air-filtration system can kill infectious airborne pathogens, including COVID-19.

nology was found to be effective against COVID.

LifeAire CEO Dr. Kathryn C. Worrilow, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BFTP/NEP) Chief Marketing Officer Laura Eppler and BFTP/NEP Lehigh Valley Regional Manager Doug Engler participated in a press conference about the air filtration system, presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Eppler and Engler de-

scribed how Ben Franklin Technology Partners supports the efforts of tech companies like LifeAire with grants and mentoring services.

Worrilow explained that LifeAire's air filtration system was originally developed to protect embryos in highly-sensitive in vitro fertilization facilities.

The press conference about LifeAire Systems, 1275 Glenlivet Dr., Allentown, was held Jan. 5.

Information: www.lifeaire.com

'Stitching' an artist 'Feminist' statement



By Ed Courrier



PRESS PHOTO BY ED COURRIER

Barbara Schulman with "I Am Everyone" (2019, dyed, painted, machine-stitched fabric, mirrors, 30 in. x 30 in. x 1.5 in.).

"We Can Do It!: Feminist Stitching by Barbara Schulman" defiantly graced the walls at the Fine Art Gallery at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown.

The exhibition was a casualty of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shutdown. Many of the works can be viewed on the artist's website.

"Launched during Women's History Month, this exhibit presents empowering works of art that challenges misogyny and sexism," says Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center Executive Director Adrian Shanker.

With "We Can Do It" (2018, painted, dyed, machine-stitched fabric, digital images, commercial badges, mirrors, 37 in. x 37 in.), Schulman in-

corporates patches that feature World War II's Rosie the Riveter with "We Can Do It!" throughout the boldly colorful crazy quilt of parallelograms, as well as patches featuring mermaids, women, small circular pieces that resemble merit badges, and railroad-themed cloth patches.

Her graphic artist husband is a "railroad man," whom Schulman says was the inspiration for the train-themed im-

ages. "I don't plan anything," says Schulman. Her quilted collages are often assembled with leftover fabric, pieces of Indian mirrored fabric, or cast-aside former projects.

"It's supposed to keep away the 'evil eye,'" says the artist about the tiny circular mirrors sewn into the cloth.

"I'm obsessed with braids and hair and big hair," Schulman says, referring to her self-portrait, "I Am Everyone"

(2019, dyed, painted, machine-stitched fabric, mirrors, 30 in. x 30 in. x 1.5 in.).

The five women's faces with braided and flowing hair are intertwined in the complicated, heavily-sewn textile art piece that appears to be in perpetual motion.

Hidden in plain sight is the face Schulman identifies as hers. Look closely and one can also see eyes staring back in unexpected places. This work had previously hung in the Rotunda Gallery during the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission's "The Last Picture Show" exhibit in 2019.

"Lacemaker's Daughter" (circa 2005, hand embroidery on dyed industrial wool felt, 2.5 in. x 15 in. x 13 in.) is an example of Schulman's "textile vessels." The three-dimensional work

of a black and red dress with white hand stitching that resembles lace strikes a dance pose with its invisible wearer.

"I Am the One" (2016, dyed cotton, painted, altered commercial badges, quilted, machine stitched, 31.75 in. x 21.75 in.) features decorated sugar skull images, fire, and a ghostly figure flipping the bird with a bony hand. The images are framed by the words, "I am the one who loves changing from nothing to no one..."

Its companion, "Bullies in Hell" (2017, dyed cotton, painted, altered commercial badges, quilted, machine stitched, 29 in. x 21.5 in.), is another darkly political work depicting melting male bodies with burning skulls and flaming hair.

Schulman says her fabric pieces were cre-

ated in protest of the results of the 2016 presidential election.

The Bethlehem-based artist received an M.F.A. from Kent State University and has taught design, weaving, and other textile techniques at Kutztown University, as well as other colleges, including Kent.

The exhibit was curated by Deborah Rabin-sky.

The Fine Art Gallery at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, 522 W. Maple St. at Bayard Rustin Way, Allentown, Gallery hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, Closed Saturday and Sunday. www.bradbury-sullivancenter.org; 610-347-9988; www.barbaraschulman.com

READERS PICK THE OSCAR WINNERS



This is the entry form for the Lehigh Valley Press Focus section "Readers Pick The Oscar Recipients Contest" for the 93th Academy Awards.

LEAD ACTOR

- Riz Ahmed
"Sound of Metal"
- Chadwick Boseman
"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
- Anthony Hopkins
"The Father"
- Gary Oldman
"Mank"
- Steven Yeun
"Minari"

SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- Maria Bakalova
"Borat Subsequent Moviefilm"
- Glenn Close
"Hillbilly Elegy"
- Olivia Colman
"The Father"
- Amanda Seyfried
"Mank"
- Yuh-jung Youn
"Minari"

LEAD ACTRESS

- Viola Davis
"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
- Andra Day
"The United States v. Billie Holiday"
- Vanessa Kirby
"Pieces of a Woman"
- Frances McDormand
"Nomadland"
- Carey Mulligan
"Promising Young Woman"

DIRECTOR

- Thomas Vinterberg
"Another Round"
- David Fincher
"Mank"
- Lee Isaac Chung
"Minari"
- Chloé Zhao
"Nomadland"
- Emerald Fennell
"Promising Young Woman"

SUPPORTING ACTOR

- Sacha Baron Cohen
"The Trial of the Chicago 7"
- Daniel Kaluuya
"Judas and the Black Messiah"
- Leslie Odom Jr.
"One Night in Miami"
- Paul Raci
"Sound of Metal"
- Lakeith Stanfield
"Judas and the Black Messiah"

BEST PICTURE

- "The Father"
- "Judas and the Black Messiah"
- "Mank"
- "Minari"
- "Nomadland"
- "Promising Young Woman"
- "Sound of Metal"
- "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

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'NOBODY'

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"Trigger Point," No MPAA rating. Brad Turner directs Laura Vandervoort, Barry Pepper, Nazeen Contractor, Greg Bryk, Jayne Eastwood and Eve Harlow

in the Action-Thriller. A retired United States special operative becomes part of an undercover military group that takes out villains around the world.

"Vanquish," R: George Gallo directs Ruby Rose, Morgan Freeman, Patrick Muldoon

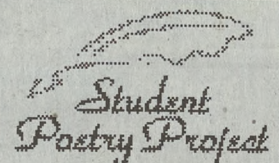
and Ekaterina Baker in the Action-Crime-Thriller. A mother tries to escape her past as a Russian drug courier.

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Apr. 14

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IN RE: ERNEST H. KELLER III and NIKOLETA KELLER

No: C-48-CV-2021-02006

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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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

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Tasha Jandrisovits, Borough Secretary

Apr. 14

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See solution on page B9

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals N

PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

HAVING FLITTING THOUGHTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of Chrysler's K-cars
 - 11 Imaginary
 - 21 Lack of refinement
 - 22 Open to discussion
 - 23 * Golf format not based on the number of holes won
 - 24 * Part of an internal-combustion engine
 - 25 Take an ax to
 - 26 Ornate wardrobe
 - 28 Nice 'n Easy product
 - 29 Shin locale
 - 30 Stumblebum
 - 33 Austrian cake
 - 34 Up on the latest
 - 37 "Binary" singer DiFranco
 - 39 S. Amer. country
 - 40 Much like
 - 41 Calculus pioneer Leonhard
 - 42 Hot temper
 - 43 Scanned ID in a market
 - 44 Cartoon pic
 - 45 Twist, as in a hose
 - 47 Dark deli loaf
 - 48 City haze
 - 49 The Browns, on sports tickers
 - 50 Volunteer's response
 - 52 Star pitchers
 - 54 Getz of jazz
 - 55 List-curtailling abbr.
 - 56 Brief letter
 - 57 Roofing material
 - 59 Like an old apple's consistency
 - 60 Bit of a script
 - 61 Fear greatly
 - 63 Longtime operating system
 - 64 Spanish pot
 - 65 Blackthorn fruits
 - 66 Supplement
 - 67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues
 - 69 Trousers
 - 70 Car navig. aid
 - 72 Owner of WordPerfect
 - 73 Cato's "I love"
 - 75 Brainteaser
 - 79 Sacred spots
 - 81 Soviet spacecraft series
 - 86 "Lord Jim" novelist Joseph
 - 87 * Buyer's final figure
 - 88 Membrane covering a lung
 - 89 Creole cooking pods
 - 90 Temporarily stylish thing
 - 91 Take to court
 - 93 Leash, e.g.
 - 94 Tony winner Schreiber
 - 95 Roofing material
 - 96 "It's so-so"
 - 99 Winter illness
- DOWN**
- 1 Talk smack to
 - 2 Like official public statements
 - 3 Freed from federal restrictions
 - 4 Give off light
 - 5 "Look, mice!"
 - 6 Ripen
 - 7 Lil Jon's genre
 - 8 Around H' wood, e.g.
 - 9 French card game
 - 10 Actress Jane
 - 11 One asked to attend a party
 - 12 Less remote
 - 13 Eye creepily
 - 14 Thanksgiving mo.
 - 15 Summer, to Jeanne
 - 16 Form a lap
 - 17 Tough
 - 18 Many a virtual bidding event
 - 19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac
 - 20 Lion's home
 - 27 Paris airport
 - 29 "Righteously" singer Williams
 - 30 Desk wood
 - 31 Pseudonym
 - 32 Groups for devotees
 - 34 Vast Asian mountain system
 - 35 Satirical device
 - 36 Tent sealer
 - 38 Straight up, in a bar
 - 46 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 48 Fair booth
 - 51 Straight up, in a bar
 - 53 Sutured
 - 54 Like altruists
 - 55 Singer Fitzgerald
 - 58 Obtain by threatening
 - 59 Singer Rita
 - 62 Church teachings
 - 65 Film holders
 - 68 Rock's Clapton
 - 71 Launching platform
 - 74 Star athlete, for short
 - 75 Place to learn, in Lyon
 - 76 Smartphone company
 - 77 The opposite way
 - 78 Cemetery plot
 - 79 Animal trap
 - 80 Pack full
 - 82 Information group for analysis
 - 83 Big name in car cleaning products
 - 84 Speechify
 - 85 "Thwack!"
 - 90 Remote
 - 92 Moniker for a Yale student
 - 95 Coverer of a bald spot
 - 96 Unlike gods
 - 97 Brian of Roxy Music
 - 98 Pipe with a flexible tube
 - 100 Open, as a Ziploc bag
 - 108 Band blasters
 - 109 Renege (on)
 - 110 Drug bust unit
 - 112 Mgr.'s helper
 - 113 "Wait a —!"
 - 114 "In your face!"
 - 115 Actor Saget
 - 116 Singer Rita
 - 118 Topping sort
 - 119 That girl
 - 120 Supped
 - 121 "Definitely!"

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- 101 Director Preminger
- 102 Roof part
- 103 Mine car load
- 104 Yoko of art
- 105 Shark part
- 106 Sped
- 107 Genesis twin
- 109 Small stream
- 111 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 113 * Vessel for crustacean fishing
- 117 * Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears
- 122 City in central Illinois
- 123 Hawaii's nickname
- 124 Super-corny
- 125 Occupancy levies

See solution on page B10

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ESTATE of Bruce D. Bear, deceased, late of Emmaus Borough, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payments without delay to:
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Estate of Timothy P. Brady, late of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Martin Brady, Jr.**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 or his Attorney, Robert B. Roth, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
ESTATE NOTICE**

Estate of Virginia G. Zito, deceased, late of 4390 Bayard Street, Bethlehem Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to **Harold Z. Zito**, c/o The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102, or his attorney, Robert Van Horn, Esquire, The Roth Law Firm, 123 North Fifth Street, Allentown, PA 18102. Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14

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Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq.
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Mar. 31, Apr. 7, 14

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Emily A. Zettlemoyer, Esq.
53 North Third Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
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Estate of Sandra J. Bolton, deceased, late of Emmaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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CIVIL DIVISION - LAW**
JOHN A. MARINA, Plaintiff
v. **KEMEIL FOTHERGILL MARINA,** Defendant
No.: 2018-FC-0862
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Estate of JOHN HENRY SCHROEDER a/k/a JOHN H. SCHROEDER, deceased, late of Washington Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to:
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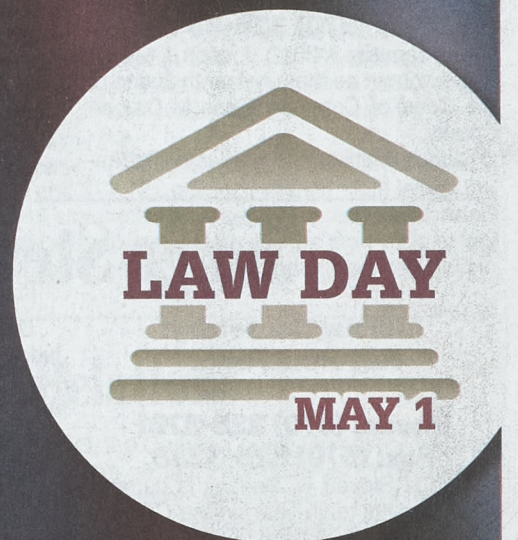
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President Judge Roger N. Nanovic

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

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

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

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

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

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



Nanovic

Judge Joseph J. Matika

Judicial Secretary: Carla Hill

Phone: (570) 325-9419
Fax: (570) 325-9449

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

Judge Matika is a graduate of Pan-

ther Valley High School and King's College. He obtained his juris doctor degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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

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

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



Matika

Judge Steven R. Serfass

Judicial Secretary:
Rayonna Fedor

Phone: (570) 325-3791
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Judge Steven R. Serfass is currently serving his tenth year on the Court of Common Pleas, having been elected by the voters of Carbon County in 2009. He became Carbon County's eighteenth Judge when he was sworn into office on January 4, 2010.

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

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

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

He served as Carbon County Solicitor from 2000 to 2004.

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



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The office of the District Court Administrator assisted by his experienced staff is responsible for the day-to-day non-judicial operations of the Court of Common Pleas and the Magisterial District Courts. He is responsible for fiscal administration, case-flow management, policy development, personnel, facilities, jury and information technology management and acts as liaison for the Court.

Implementing the annual Court calendar is a major responsibility of Court Administration. This office schedules all hearings, arguments, pre-trials, jury trials, non-jury trials, master hearings, arbitration, management conferences and orphans court matters. Court Administration receives and monitors civil and criminal motions, petitions, stipulations and continuance applications.

The District Court Administrator oversees the following departments: Court Administration including Judicial Chambers Staff, Court Reporters and Tipstaves; Adult Probation; Juvenile Probation; Domestic Relations; Court Computer Information Systems and the Magisterial District Courts. A close working, cooperative relationship exists between the Court Administrator and the Court-Related Offices which include Children and Youth, Prothonotary's Office, Register of Wills/Orphans' Court, the Clerk of Courts/Bureau of Collections, District Attorney, Public Defenders Office and Sheriff's Office.

Carbon County Prothonotary

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KAYLA SEMMEL

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Melissa S. Armbruster

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In November of 2019, Kayla Semmel was elected as Prothonotary of Carbon County.

Family matters of Divorce, Custody, and Protection from Abuse account for the largest areas of case filings. Passport applications and notary affidavits are part of the daily process that takes place in this office. Electronic imaged documents are available to the Court since 2000. Since December 2014, all civil cases can now be viewed on the internet for a yearly fee.

In 2018, a total of 60,764 docket entries, 23,431 pleadings imaged, and 142,121 scanned pages, 1795 letters imaged and 1919 scanned letter pages were processed. Attorneys and interested persons can contact the Prothonotary or go to www.carboncourts.com for subscription information.

Carbon County Domestic Relations

Domestic Relations Director: Pierre Guichardan

Domestic Relations Assistant Director:

Bridget Johnson

Domestic Relations Officer I: Teah Reichard

Domestic Relations Officer I:

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IV-D Attorney: Cynthia Dyrda-Hatton, Esquire

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Mission Statement

The functions of the Domestic Relations Office are to:

- Establish paternity
- Establish and maintain Support Orders
- Enforce financial and medical Orders
- Locate absent parents.

Since July 1, 1998, the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office has been a part of the Pennsylvania Child Support Enforcement System, known as PACSES. All counties in Pennsylvania are a part of this statewide-computerized system. As of October 1, 1999, a centralized office in Harrisburg, known as the State Collection and Disbursement Unit (SCDU), handles all support payments and check processing. This has changed the way support money is collected and disbursed in Carbon County. All other services are still provided through the Carbon County Domestic Relations Office.

The Domestic Relations Office does not address problems with custody and visitation. The appropriate legal authority to handle these matters is either an attorney or the Court. You can contact the Prothonotary's office for more information at (570) 325-2481, or click on the CUSTODY link here for forms and instructions on filing a custody complaint.

How to Contact Us

The Carbon County Domestic Relations Office is located at 76 Susquehanna St., 2nd floor, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 30, Jim Thorpe, PA. 18229. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You can contact the office by phone at (570) 325-2179 or (570) 325-2681 or by fax at (570) 325-2443. You can contact SCDU for payment information at their toll free number, 1-877-727-7238. You can also access your case through the Internet by using the PACSES portal at www.support.state.pa.us.

Office of the District Attorney

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Carbon County Courthouse,
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Carbon court reporters

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Fax: (570) 325-5031

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The office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. The Office of Public Defender provides legal representation to adults and juveniles who are charged with a crime and are unable to afford private counsel.

Eligibility is based on indigency standards established by the Health and Human Services.

Victims Resource Center

If you are a victim of sexual assault or abuse, help is available at the Victims Resource Center in Carbon County

VRC SERVICES INCLUDE:

- * A 24 hour hotline
- * Information about the criminal justice system
- * Advocacy for victim's rights
- * Accompaniment to hospitals, police stations, and Courts
- * Assistance in filing for Crime Victims Compensation
- * Counseling to handle the fear, anger and depression
- * Emotional support
- * Referral to community resources and social service agencies for additional help

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

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

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

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

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

Carbon Co. Clerk of Courts office/staff

Tyra L. Boni – Clerk of Courts

Karen Sweeney – First Deputy

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Jennifer Flexer and

Adam Nevenglosky – Deputy Clerk

Krista Lopata, Angela Heffley and

Jennifer Heffelfinger – Clerical Specialists

Carbon County Magisterial District Courts

Jurisdiction of District Justices

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

Civil Cases:

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

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

2. Claims under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Criminal Cases:

1. Summary offenses, including motor vehicle violations.

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

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

They also issue Emergency Protection from Abuse Orders on nights, weekends and holidays when the Court of Common Pleas is closed.

**District Court
#56-3-01
340 Center Avenue
P.O. Box 356,
Jim Thorpe, PA
18229-0356**

Boroughs of Jim Thorpe, Lehighton and Weissport; Packerton, Jamestown and Penn Forest

Phone: (570) 325-2751
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District Judge: Eric M. Schrantz

Office Supervisor I: Wendy Smelas

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Secretary I: Susan Joyce

**District Court
#56-3-02
401 Delaware Avenue
2nd Floor,
Palmerton, PA 18071**

Boroughs of Palmerton, Bowmanstown and Parryville; Townships of Towamensing, Lower Towamensing, and Franklin

Phone: (610) 826-3707
Fax: (610) 826-6914

District Judge: William J. Kissner
Office Supervisor I: Gail Berger

Secretary II: Jamie Graver
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**District Court
#56-3-03
417 East Ridge
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P.O. Box 203,
Lansford, PA 18232**

Boroughs of Lansford, Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, Township of Mahoning, and East Penn

Phone: (570) 645-3024
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District Judge: Casimir Kosciolk

Supervisor I: Donna Peck
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Secretary I: Vacant

**District Court
#56-3-04
200 Carbon Street,
Weatherly, PA
18255-0017**

Boroughs of Weatherly, Beaver Meadows, and East Side; Townships of Packer, Lausanne, Lehigh, Banks and Kidder

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Business Hours:

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 Monday through Friday**

"Building Stronger and Safer Communities"

Carbon County Adult Probation and Parole Department provides community supervision for criminal offenders who have been placed on bail, probation, parole, or intermediate punishment under the jurisdiction of the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas Courts. The department also prepares reports for all criminal matters to aid the Court in sentencing. The Department currently supervises over 1,800 offenders.

The primary mission of the department is to partner with the community in providing evidence-based and appropriate supervision to enhance public safety through holding offenders accountable while providing offenders with the tools to make positive change and to become productive members of society.

Pretrial Services: The Department currently supervises offenders ordered by the Magisterial District Judges to supervised bail. Offenders must comply with standardized con-

ditions. This allows lower risk offenders to be released from the jail and to address any treatment needs.

Presentence Investigations: When requested by the Court, the Department prepares a report that is biographical in nature. It covers such areas as prior criminal record, family history, educational and employment history, as well as prior treatment history for any type of addiction or illness. The report also includes recommendations for appropriate sentencing. The Court uses the Presentence Investigation Report as a tool in determining the appropriate sentence for that offender.

Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) Program: This program is only available to defendants recommended by the District Attorney. The department supervises all offenders placed in this program. This program is designed to divert first-time DUI or minor offense offenders from having a criminal conviction. Upon successful completion, the program allows for the dismissal of criminal charges and the expungement of their criminal record.

Community Supervision: The Department has geographically assigned Officers who provide general supervision services to offenders who reside in Carbon County. General supervision requires the officer to meet and counsel offenders in a variety of settings, which include the Adult Probation Office, the offender's home and various community settings. As part of the supervision, the officer assesses the offender risk and needs, determines the level of supervision and recommends placement in the appropriate programs and/or services when deemed necessary. In the event an offender violates any of the conditions of supervision, the officer will file a petition to revoke the sentence.

Intermediate Punishment: The Department is currently responsible for the supervision of those offenders sentenced to Intermediate Punishment. This program is partially funded through a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. This program includes house arrest, home electronic monitoring, intensive supervision and residential inpatient treatment. These sentencing options divert offenders from incarceration.

Specialty Courts: The Department provides support and supervision to both the Veterans Treatment Court and the Drug Treatment Court. Specialty Courts represent a collaborative effort with Veterans and those with substance abuse disorders to promote sobriety, recovery and goals toward giving each participant the opportunity to become a healthy, productive member of society.

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Website: <http://www.northpennlegal.org>

Legal Services currently provides help in the following types of cases:

- * Spousal Abuse
- * Tenant Evictions
- * Social Security/SSI
- * Public Assistance, Food Stamp, Medical Assistance
- * and Unemployment Compensation problems
- * Mortgage Foreclosures
- * Tax Sales
- * Sheriff's Sales
- * Child Custody
- * Bankruptcy (limited service available)

Income Limitations

Generally, you are eligible to receive legal aid if your household income does not exceed the following limits:

Family Size	Gross Annual Income
1	\$15,175
2	\$20,575
3	\$25,975
4	\$31,375
5	\$36,775
6	\$42,175
7	\$47,575
8	\$52,975

Please note that the types of cases handled by Legal Services and the income guidelines change annually.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (877)-515-7628. You can also visit our website: www.northpennlegal.org to apply for services online.



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JURY DUTY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

SELECTION FOR JURY SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR JURY SERVICE:

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

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

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

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

* **PLEASE REMEMBER: WEAPONS, INCLUDING PEN KNIVES, CUTTING INSTRUMENTS, PEPPER GAS AND MACE ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING AND WILL BE CONFISCATED AND NOT RETURNED. CELLULAR PHONES ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED IN THE COURTHOUSE. IF YOU REQUEST AN EXCUSAL:**

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

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

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

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

All qualified prospective jurors are placed on a stand-by list. A stand-by postcard is mailed to each juror about 2 weeks before your service date. The postcard reminds you of your jury duty and instructs you to call a pre-recorded message the weekend before your service for stand-by instructions.

JURY SERVICE IN THE COURTHOUSE

* **DRESS CODE:** Proper attire is required in court. Individuals wearing shorts, tanktops, swimwear, and any other inappropriate garment will not be allowed into the courtrooms.

* **INCLEMENT WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS:** If driving conditions are hazardous on your jury service day due to inclement weather, please call Court Administration for instructions.

* Prospective jurors view a video orientation, complete a Questionnaire, and are assigned a badge and juror number. Show juror badge (for the questioning of voir dire process).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Nearly a century later and after the courthouse had experienced a number of historical events, which included being used as a barracks by Revolutionary troops, a group of citizens petitioned for a new County Courthouse at a different location. On August 23, 1860, the County Commissioners decided to accept land offered at a price of \$1.00 that was located several blocks west of the original facility. A new brick structure was later built on a steep hill at

a cost of \$53,000. The first term of court was held in the new facility on June 18, 1861.

Since then, two additional wings were constructed to accommodate the growth of Northampton County and satisfy the judicial needs of the expanded population.

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